

Curators approve contract for J-School addition

With additional private gift funds on hand to supplement state appropriations, the Board of Curators on Jan. 20 approved awarding a contract to construct an addition to a School of Journalism building on the Columbia campus.

The \$1,338,000 contract was awarded to B. D. Simon Construction Co. of Columbia, which submitted the lowest of seven bids received Dec. 8.

The addition, a three-story structure to be attached to the west side of Neff Hall, will contain more

than 20,000 square feet and help meet increased journalism school enrollment.

Built with materials which will blend with other buildings in the area, the addition will house a lecture hall with 298 seats, laboratories for newswriting, radio and television and KBIA news facilities. The move of KBIA news from its present location in the Neff Hall annex will provide additional space there for the *Columbia Missourian*. Television activities in the new addition will be confined to teaching and laboratory work.

When bids were opened in December, all were substantially above the architect's estimate, so it became necessary to raise an additional \$187,000 in private funds before a construction contract could be

awarded. Roy M. Fisher, dean of the School of Journalism, led the successful drive.

Total funds available for the project amount to \$1,520,563, which includes the construction contract plus other expenses such as architect's fees, furnishings and landscaping.

Funding is made up of \$765,000 in state appropriations, along with private gifts of \$660,563 in Gannett Co. stock from the Gannett Newspaper Foundation, \$25,000 from the William Tucker Memorial Fund, \$20,000 from Fred and Becky Hughes and the *Joplin (Mo.) Globe* and \$50,000 from the UMC development fund.

Actual construction of the addition will start early in February and is expected to be completed in the late summer or early fall of 1979.



Curators Marian O. Oldham and William A. Doak concentrate on an agenda item.

Curators adopt resolution on optometry proposals

(Editor's note: the Board of Curators adopted the following resolution at the Jan. 20 meeting in Columbia.)

Whereas, there are pending in the Legislature bills relating to the establishment of a regional School of Optometry at the University of Missouri-St. Louis; and

Whereas, this Board has not requested funds for such a school because of the concern that funding which is adequate for such a school would adversely affect the maintenance of the ongoing programs of the University; and

Whereas, it would appear that there are not now available resources of the State to adequately support the current requirements of the University;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved:

1. That the Board recognizes that there is not now available in the state a facility for citizens of Missouri to study optometry,

2. That states near Missouri appear also to lack facilities for such study and therefore a fully-accredited regional School of Optometry would appear to be a method to meet such need, and

3. That if and when the people of the State of Missouri determine that

such a school should be established in this state, this Board believes that it should be located at UMSL, however,

4. This Board respectfully invites attention to the fact that there are not now sufficient resources being made available to adequately support the present programs of the University, and therefore

5. This Board urges caution in the establishment of a School of Optometry until such time as adequate funding for existing programs as well as for the proposed School of Optometry can be provided.

Board endorses exchange plan

The curators approved an exchange program of faculty and students between the University and Chonnam National University in Korea upon recommendation of UMC Chancellor Herbert W. Schooling.

The exchange program was arranged during a recent visit by Chancellor Schooling and UM Vice President A. G. Unklesbay with President Min Jun-Shik of Chonnam.

Under the proposal, the two universities may exchange one or two teaching or research professors; up to 10 Chonnam professors may be sent to Columbia for research or study toward Ph.D. degrees; and a limited number of students may be exchanged at both undergraduate and graduate levels each year.

Board authorizes architects to develop plans for projects

At a Jan. 20 meeting, the curators approved employment of architects to develop plans for four UM projects. Construction funds for two of the projects still are awaiting approval by the legislature.

Architects employed and their projects are:

- SRT/A, Architects, of St. Louis, for design work on the proposed library storage building, to be located in Columbia but serving all four UM campuses. Last year the General Assembly appropriated \$60,000 in planning funds for the facility, and UM has asked the present legislative session to provide \$3,940,000 for construction.

- Neville, Sharp and Simon, Architects, of Kansas City, for design services for general renovation of the 85-year-old engineering building on the Columbia campus. Planning funds of \$28,500 for the project were appropriated by the legislature last year. UM is asking the legislature for \$1,871,500 this year for construction.

- Jenkins and Fleming, Architects, of St. Louis, for designing a hazardous chemical storage building on the Rolla campus. Funds for planning and constructing this building already are on hand since the last session of the General Assembly appropriated \$304,000 for the project.

- Architects Partnership of Columbia, for preparing schematic drawings for improvements to the

UMC football practice dressing rooms located west of the intersection of Providence Road and Stadium Boulevard. The project will be paid entirely from UMC intercollegiate athletic funds. No tax monies or other general operating funds are involved.

Variance asked

The Board of Curators has authorized the UM system administration to seek an environmental variance for the heating plant on the Columbia campus.

Dale O. Bowling, vice president for business management, said the request for the variance will be filed immediately with the Missouri Air Conservation Commission, a division of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

In its application for a variance, UM will ask that the UMC heating plant be allowed to continue operating until needed improvements can be made to bring the plant into compliance with state and federal regulations regarding particulate emissions.

The variance application will point out that UM presently has a request before the legislature for \$7.9 million to correct the deficiency. The funds would allow construction of two 400-foot high chimneys and the building of two "baghouses" which would bring UM into compliance with clean air rules.

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Jobs

The following administrative, professional and academic vacancies were listed with *Spectrum* as of Jan. 19, 1978:

UMC: Instructor, agronomy, animal husbandry, extension education, human nutrition, foods and food systems management, recreation and park administration, speech and dramatic art;

Assistant professor, agronomy, anesthesiology, art, child health, civil engineering, computer science, economics, forestry, fisheries & wildlife,

Board confers emeritus title

The Board of Curators, at their Jan. 20 meeting, changed the title of Daniel S. Eppelsheimer to UMR professor emeritus of metallurgical and nuclear engineering, effective Jan. 1, 1978.

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geography, geology, history, hospital school, housing and interior design, medicine, nursing (9), psychology;

Associate professor, geology, human nutrition, foods and food systems management, law, library science (2), nursing (3);

Professor, business administration, Law (2), vet anatomy-physiology; Librarian I, Librarian II, Librarian III, Librarian IV and law librarian; occupational therapist and clinical

instructor; assistant dean and lecturer in law.

Assistant editor, business policy & procedure manual; electronic engineer; health physicist; manager, printing production; reactor manager; research specialist; sr. methods & procedure analyst; sr. research chemist (3); systems analyst.

UMC MED CENTER: Assistant caseworker; computer programmer/analyst; computer project manager;

head nurse (4); manager, malpractice & general liability; nurse practitioner; reg. medical technologist; sr. systems analyst; staff nurse (29);

UMSL: Information specialist (2); manager, constituent relations; supervisor, payroll & student loans.

UMR: Assistant professor, mining engineering (2), petroleum engineering (2); lecturer in life science (part-time); assistant director, alumni relations.

UMKC: none.

Olson outlines student fee proposals

In a recent letter to the UM campus chancellors, President James C. Olson reviews three possible student fee structure proposals for adoption June 1, 1978.

The proposed 1978-79 UM budget, as approved by the Board of Curators on Sept. 10, specifies that about \$4.5 million in additional revenue will come from a 12.9 percent increase in student fee income. Any of the three models would generate this amount. A fee structure recommendation will be presented to the Board of Curators Feb. 24.

The proposals include some recommendations from a study by a system task force committee concerned with possible inequities in fees. Also reflected are suggestions from others, including the University Cabinet, on the specific application of fees to generate the \$4.5 million.

In the letter, Dr. Olson encourages the chancellors to discuss the proposals with campus representatives and notes that he is "... particularly anxious that appropriate student leadership have an opportunity to review these options. ..." Dr. Olson has requested that the chancellors respond to the proposals by Feb. 10.

Outlined briefly, the three proposals are:

- (1) Approximately a 12.9 percent increase in the current student fee rates for all students. As a result, the following fee categories would increase accordingly: part-time, from \$34 to \$39 per credit hour; full-time resident, from \$300 to \$339; and full-time non-resident, from \$600 to \$678. Under this proposal, full-time means enrollment in nine credit hours per semester.
- (2) Maintenance of present part-time rate of \$34 per credit hour for students taking nine hours or less. An increase of 14 percent for full-time students, raising the amount from \$300 to \$342 per semester for residents. Under this proposal, full-time status requires enrollment in 12 credit hours per semester. In addition, non-residents' fees would increase from \$600 to \$684, and supplemental fees for medical students would rise from \$270 to \$540 per semester.

- (3) An increase of 20 percent for those students taking 12 or more credit hours (full-time status under this proposal.). This would mean an increase from \$300 to \$360 for residents, and an increase from \$600 to \$720 for non-residents per semester. In addition, students enrolled in fewer than 12 hours would only pay \$30 per credit hour, a reduction of \$4.

Each of the three alternatives would include the elimination of several of the miscellaneous fees for diplomas, petitioning, reinstatement, duplicate IDs, transfers of division and transcripts.

A supplemental fee for law students also has been suggested as a possible addition to any of the proposals. This would entail \$8 per credit hour for students enrolled in fewer than 12 hours or \$96 per semester for students enrolled in more than 12 hours.

The increase in supplemental fees for medical students, which is part of the second proposal, could also be added to proposals one and three, thus resulting in a modest reduction of the proposals' full-time and part-time rates.

Recommendations list Doctoral Faculty duties

Recommendations outlining the functions and responsibilities of the UM Doctoral Faculty and the Doctoral Council have been approved by President James C. Olson and the University Cabinet.

The Doctoral Faculty consists of faculty members who are eligible to direct doctoral dissertations on each of the campuses. The 12-member Doctoral Council consists of elected faculty members and the graduate deans from all four campuses. The council's major function has been to review applications to the Doctoral Faculty and make recommendations to the chancellors.

Last spring the Doctoral Council appointed a subcommittee to help define the role of the Doctoral Faculty and the Doctoral Council. The recommendations approved by the council and subsequently by the University Cabinet, are:

- The Doctoral Council advocates the pursuit of economies through cooperate efforts within one or more disciplines among the campuses. However, it does not offer this goal as justification for

the continuation of the Doctoral Faculty, and proposes that it no longer be considered as part of the formal charge to the Doctoral Faculty. Although all members of the University community have the responsibility to pursue such economies, the Doctoral Council believes that they can best be achieved through regular administrative channels.

- The dissolution of the discipline coordinating committees of the Doctoral Faculty is appropriate because of the economies of time, energy and money. The council encourages and strongly supports arrangements for intra- and interdisciplinary contact between campuses and would be happy to receive recommendations at any time growing out of such contacts.
- Insofar as faculty have, rightly or wrongly, come to anticipate improved access by students to doctoral programs, the Doctoral Council feels the pursuit of this objective through the Doctoral Faculty structure to be

unsatisfactory. The council encourages an increase in access by students on one campus to doctoral programs on other campuses, but believes that such access is better sought by particular professors and graduate students through the existing agencies of department chairmen, divisional deans and graduate deans. In this connection, the council supports the concept of the Intercampus Doctoral Activities Fund, established to help achieve this objective, which is to be administered through the graduate deans' offices.

- The Doctoral Council recommends that the University continue to have a separate body of doctoral dissertation advisers (Doctoral Faculty).
- The initial selection process of candidates for the Doctoral Faculty should be continued within campus graduate faculty structures, thereby maintaining both fiscal economy and campus autonomy.

- Appointment to the University Doctoral Faculty shall be by the campus chancellor, for a fixed term, of faculty recommended by the Doctoral Council following its review of campus selections.
- Reappointment to the Doctoral Faculty, upon expiration of term, shall be by the appropriate chancellor of faculty selected by the campus graduate faculties under procedures approved by the Doctoral Council.
- Finally, the Doctoral Council believes that the difficulties and opportunities facing the University in doctoral education require that there be within the University a joint faculty-administrative agency for sustained deliberation about doctoral matters. Hence, it is recommended that the Doctoral Council become more a deliberative body and be charged with advising the president and his staff on selected and appropriate aspects of doctoral studies in the University of Missouri.