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## UMKC prof wins award from NEH

Robert Farnsworth, UMKC professor of English, is the first member of the Kansas City campus faculty to receive a "senior humanist" award from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

This award program of the NEH provides support for two consecutive months of full-time, approved study or research.

As a "senior humanist," Dr. Farnsworth will receive a summer stipend of \$2,500. He will use the funds to continue his study of the life of black poet Melvin B. Tolson, who died in 1966. Mr. Tolson, a native of Moberly, Mo., graduated from Lincoln High School in Kansas City in 1918. Dr. Farnsworth is the editor of a collection of Mr. Tolson's poems titled "A Gallery of Harlem Portraits." The book will be published by UM Press this fall.

Dr. Farnsworth is now working on a biography of the poet. He will spend part of the summer visiting the two



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colleges where Mr. Tolson taught—Langston University in Langston, Okla., and Wiley College in Marshall, Texas.

After his return to UMKC, Dr. Farnsworth plans to study microfilm of Mr. Tolson's *Washington (D.C.) Tribune* column "Caviar and Cabbage."

## Extension changes announced

UM President James C. Olson has announced plans to modify the administration of the University's extension service.

At the UM system Board of Curators meeting, Dr. Olson said he intends to replace Carl Scheneman, the current vice president for extension who plans to retire Aug. 31, with a director of extension. The director will also serve as an associate vice president for academic affairs. Once selected, that person would report to Melvin D. George, vice president for academic affairs.

Commenting on his reason for not having an extension vice presidency, Dr. Olson said he has operated "on the principle that vice presidents should be few in number and have broad line and staff responsibilities and should not represent specific functions." Dr. Olson also indicated that the search for such a person will begin in the immediate future.

He also told the board that he recognizes that most of the academic programs involving cooperative extension activities, such as agriculture and home economics, are located on the Columbia campus. Therefore, he plans to assign system responsibility for cooperative extension to a person who would also have the system title of "director of cooperative extension" and would report in that role to the vice president for academic affairs through the associate vice president.

He explained that the cooperative extension director's assignment would

continue to involve all campuses—Columbia, St. Louis, Kansas City and Rolla—and Lincoln University, the other land-grant institution in Missouri.

Dr. Olson indicated that in the selection of both the associate vice president and the person to carry the title of director of cooperative extension, he intends to involve representatives of groups within and outside the University.

The administrative changes are part of what Dr. Olson described as the "evolutionary changes" he expects to occur in the statewide extension program.

Once the two appointments are made, he plans to consider implementation of program improvements suggested by groups which have spent several months reviewing extension. The final set of recommendations came from a comprehensive review team, comprised of agriculture leaders, businessmen, UM staff and others.

The set of principles, he said, set forth by the comprehensive team "are sound ones and we will be guided by them." He stressed that each of the groups recognized that Missouri "has a quality extension program" and "our goal will be to improve an already good extension program."

"Moreover, because society is dynamic, the University is dynamic and extension is dynamic," he added, "we will be constantly alert to new ideas to improve extension as we do all aspects of the University."

## Board lists plans for UMSL

The Board of Curators sitting as a Committee of the Whole on May 24 in Columbia voted to adopt the following statement regarding the UMSL campus:

The Board of Curators of the University of Missouri, in the Academic Plan adopted in 1974, recognized that the St. Louis campus should have a broad spectrum of programs in the arts and sciences, several professional schools, and programs unique to a metropolitan campus. In accord with that plan, the Board recently approved a Ph.D. in Political Science and it now reaffirms its intent to continue to expand program opportunities on the St. Louis campus for the residents of the metropolitan area.

The University has attempted to implement a regional School of Optometry in St. Louis under HB 1691. Unfortunately, the lack of federal funding and the failure to arrive at contracts with other states apparently make it impractical to proceed on optometry at this time.

The Board will request appropriations for additional programs on the St. Louis campus in the following areas:

1. Health Sciences, including programs in the allied health areas such as nursing and medical technology. The Board of Curators reaffirms its commitment to establish a regional School of Optometry as provided in HB 1691 when adequate federal funding becomes available.
2. New areas of instruction in the School of Business Administration, such as Finance and Hotel Management.
3. Expanded teaching and research in Labor Relations.
4. Fine and performing arts.

We understand that the administration is developing a budget request for 1980-81 that contains some of these programs and that others will be included in the near future. It is understood that specific program proposals will be reviewed in accord with established University procedures and will be subject to approval of the Board of Curators and adequate funding.

Sen. Harriett Woods of St. Louis, and Rep. Wayne Goode, also of St. Louis and chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, appeared at the committee meeting. The legislators called attention to a \$200,000 special appropriation amendment attached to the Senate Committee version of the appropriations bill. The amendment is proposed for the "Department of Higher Education for UMSL for the establishment of a School of Optometry pursuant to HB 1691 of the 79th General Assembly."

In discussing the statement regarding UMSL programs, President James C. Olson stressed that "what we are proposing would accelerate but not go beyond the Academic Plan."

Earlier the board met with representatives of medical schools at UMKC and UMC to discuss the need for additional physicians in rural areas of Missouri. Mike Maslowsky, a member of Gov. Teasdale's staff, outlined the state's need for rural physicians before the session called by Curator Robert Dempster of Sikeston.

At the conclusion of the session, UM President James C. Olson indicated that UM would be willing to meet with state officials to discuss specific steps that might be taken jointly to address rural health needs.

## Reduced gas usage urged

In a May 22 letter to members of the University Cabinet, President James C. Olson urged that all four campuses and UMca units comply with Gov. Joseph Teasdale's order that state agency gas consumption be reduced by a minimum of 10 percent.

Dr. Olson suggested the following ways of reducing gas usage:

- Strict scheduling of vehicles, including those privately owned which require reimbursement by UM;
- Reduction of passenger fleet by 10 percent;
- Strict compliance with the 55 mph speed limit;
- A phaseout of all vehicles over six cylinders;
- Limiting new purchases of passenger vehicles to 4 or 6 cylinders;
- Scheduled van or mini-bus service for inter-campus transportation;
- Reduction of maintenance and service vehicles by 10 percent; and
- Appointment of a staff member to coordinate with the UM assistant director of transportation.

Dr. Olson noted that since documentation is necessary to substantiate the results of UM's efforts, monthly gas consumption reports should be made to the assistant director of transportation.

## Board approves grievance policy

The Board of Curators approved the final draft of the UM system's Faculty Grievance Procedures at a May 25 meeting in Columbia.

The document, which outlines a basic three-step grievance procedure for faculty members, has been reviewed and approved by UM system President James C. Olson. To be adopted, the procedures required the approval of the full board.

The new procedures, which were described in the May 2 issue of *Spectrum*, replace those outlined in the UM Plan for Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action.

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## Avakian appointed to UMSL post

A. Nancy Avakian was recently appointed assistant vice chancellor of academic affairs at UMSL. Her appointment followed a five-month national search which attracted 66 applicants.

Prior to assuming her new position this month, Dr. Avakian served as director of academic affairs for the Missouri Department of Higher Education in Jefferson City. She was responsible for recommending to the Coordinating Board for Higher Education all certificate and degree programs offered by two- and four-year institutions in the state.

Before coming to Missouri, Dr. Avakian was with Empire State College (Rochester) of the State University of New York, where she had both faculty and administrative responsibilities.

She received her Ed. D. degree in higher education administration from the State University of New York at Albany. An accomplished pianist, she



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holds an undergraduate degree in music from Manhattanville College (Purchase, N.Y.) and has studied at the Paris Conservatory in France.

## Curators OK major projects

Approval of a bid for renovating the Arts and Science Mall on the Columbia campus was among several items acted upon at a May 25 meeting of the UM system Board of Curators.

In addition, the board approved final design plans on another proposed construction project and the rejection of bids on two other projects.

A low bid of \$199,381 for redeveloping the UMC mall was submitted by Knipp Construction Co. of Columbia. One other bid was received.

The project, to be paid entirely by UMC student fee capital improvement funds, will entail extensive revamping and improvements to the mall between Brady Commons and the General Classroom Building (GCB). Work will extend from Rollins Street north to the west entrance of the Arts and Science Building.

The mall will be raised about six feet at the south end to make the area level. Wheelchair ramps will be installed at the sidewalk bordering Rollins Street, in addition to wheelchair entrances being provided at the north and south ends of the GCB and the northwest corner of Brady Commons. Installation of planters and benches, along with landscaping, also will be part of the project.

Other board actions include:

- Approval of final plans for remodeling and modernization of the neo-natal care unit on the seventh floor and the surgical thoracic care unit on the third floor of UMC Hospital. In addition, two additional stairwells will be installed from the ground floor to the seventh floor of the hospital to meet safety code requirements. The work will be funded by \$1.1 million in state funds appropriated last year by the General Assembly.

- Rejection of bids for construction of a hazardous chemical storage building on the Rolla campus, and for installing an emergency generator and improvements to the patient communication system at UMC Hospital. In both instances, bids exceeded funds available. The projects will be redesigned in an attempt to lower costs. Bids will be asked for again.

The General Assembly appropriated \$304,000 for the hazardous chemical storage building last year, but the low bid received for the project was \$388,694. Since the appropriation was received, several things—including inflation, new safety regulations and accommodation of environmental factors—have increased the cost of the project, UMR officials said.

For the hospital project, the General Assembly last year provided \$475,000 for the emergency generator, but the low bid received for the work was \$537,000. The low bid for improving the patient communication system was \$215,000, but only \$143,000 was available for the project.

- Employment of Becker and Flowers, Architects, of St. Louis, to provide professional design services for interior improvements to Ellis Library on the Columbia campus. The project, estimated to cost \$200,000, will include an additional elevator, enclosing of stairwells and improvements to fire alarm systems and exit lights and signs. The project is designed to meet fire safety regulations.

## Committee considers requests

A joint House-Senate conference committee of the Missouri General Assembly on May 29 had under consideration the higher education appropriations bill which contains operating funds for the UM system for fiscal 1979-80.

The 10-member committee is seeking to resolve differences in the amounts of funding voted by the two houses of the legislature.

The House approved \$152,472,565 and the Senate voted \$152,919,223. The difference was in the amounts allowed for salaries and wages, with the House approving a 6.5 increase in the UM salary and wage base and the Senate an increase of 7 percent.

Under a joint rule of the legislature, appropriations bills for this session must be approved by midnight, June 8.

Also going to the joint House-Senate conference committee were the two capital improvement bills containing proposed state appropriations for the UM system for 1979-80.

Several differences need to be resolved between the versions passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate.

For the general University, the House approved capital funds of \$13,400,332 and the Senate approved \$13,364,932. However, the Senate approved more projects than the House.

Both the House and Senate approved the following projects:

- \$1,589,032 for repair, maintenance and energy items for the four campuses; \$7,640,000 for improving the heating plant at Columbia; \$950,000 for an addition to the cooling plant at Kansas City; \$2,314,800 for an addition to the Animal Science Research Building at Columbia; \$61,500 in planning funds for an Agricultural Engineering Building at Columbia; and \$120,000 in planning funds to complete the UMC Animal Science Research Building.

Differences between the House and Senate passed bills are:

- The House approved \$225,000 for the UMC Agricultural Experiment Station, while the Senate approved \$250,000.

- The House approved \$500,000 for improvements to the Columbia campus to provide better access for the handicapped. The Senate did not approve funds for this work.

- The Senate approved funds for three projects which were not included by the House. They are: \$300,000 to remodel the Truman campus building at UMKC; \$84,600 in planning funds for a Mineral Engineering Building at Rolla; and \$55,000 to light the soccer field at St. Louis.

Both the House and Senate approved \$371,250 in repair and maintenance funds for UMC Hospital.

## Jobs

The following administrative, professional and academic vacancies were listed with *Spectrum* as of May 23. Those interested in a position should contact the appropriate academic department or personnel office.

**UMC:** Assistant professors: anthropology, child health, civil engineering, family and community medicine, forestry, fisheries and wildlife (3); nutrition, foods, and food system management; athletics (women's basketball), nursing (8), social work, speech and dramatic art, surgery, veterinary medicine; accountant; administrative associate I-medical school; computer programmer/analyst II (2);

Engineer-Physical Plant; fiscal analyst; head resident (4); managers, academic and financial aid services, accounting-medical school, learning lab-ASC; research specialist (4); scientific programmer/analyst I&II; sr. research specialist. **UMea:** administrative assoc. I; architect; computer programmer/analyst I (2); computer project manager; coordinator, budget development and planning; directors, energy conservation engineering, property risk management; senior personnel associate (2), senior research scientist.

**UMC Hospital:** Asst. directors, outpatient services, personnel; asst. manager, central services; assoc. director, nursing; assoc. hospital directors, outpatient services, professional services, support services; buyer; computer programmer/analyst I&II; computer project manager; director, computer center; head nurse (4); manager, respiratory therapy; nurse anesthetist; register medical technologist (6); staff nurse (56); systems analyst.

**UMKC:** Admin. assoc. III; electronics engineer; medical illustrator;

**UMR:** Graduate intern; sr. information spec.; special services counselor; mgr., electronic instruction/research services; mass spectrometer operator, chemistry; specialists, Rock Mechanics and Explosives Research Center; research asst. professor, materials research; faculty position, electrical engineering.

**UMSL:** Sr. information specialist; postdoctoral research assoc.; chemistry; visiting asst. professor; economics (2); training coordinator, business development center.

## Weldon Spring sale endorsed

Gov. Joseph Teasdale has approved the proposed sale of 7,320 acres of UM system's Weldon Spring property in St. Charles County to the Missouri Department of Conservation.

The measure earlier was passed by the Missouri General Assembly. Under a 1977 state law, sale of 2,500 acres or more of UM land requires approval of both the legislature and the governor.

Under the proposed sale, UM will retain 700 acres of the tract for educational purposes. The conservation department has agreed to pay \$12.4 million for the land. The sale is contingent upon UM being able to resolve the proposed annexation of 3,000 acres of the tract by the community of Weldon Spring Heights.

UM system President James C. Olson has suggested that monies from the sale be used to establish an endowment, the income from which would support faculty research and creativity.

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