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Grobman Addresses Past, Future Of UMSL Campus

Arnold B. Grobman, Chancellor of the University of Missouri-St. Louis, told an audience of more than 675 community leaders and educators that he believes UMSL is on the verge of a "decade of maturation." His remarks were made during the annual Chancellor's Report to the Community luncheon held at the Clarion Hotel on May 9.

Grobman observed his 10th anniversary as UMSL's sixth chancellor on April 1. During his presentation, he reflected upon both the accomplishments and frustrations of his administration. "What I regard as the single most important occurrence during those 10 years has been the preservation and improvement of the quality of the university," Grobman said. He cited a "young, vigorous and highly qualified faculty" and "a substantial group of our students who are working adults" as contributing to UMSL's educational excellence.

Grobman announced that the luncheon guests would receive a copy of a new history of the UMSL campus, "The Emerging University," written by Blanche Touhill, a historian and UMSL's associate vice chancellor for academic affairs.

A major accomplishment cited by Grobman was an increase in the

number of programs the university offers to residents of the metropolitan area. Among the new programs offered at UMSL during the last decade are undergraduate degrees in social work, anthropology, applied mathematics, computer science and public administration, and masters degrees in accounting, management information systems and psychology. UMSL also added a doctorate in education and schools of optometry and nursing which confer professional degrees.

Despite this growth, however, Grobman said that St. Louis still ranks 25th out of the 25 largest urban areas in the number of programs available to their residents through their state universities and colleges. Another frustration during the past decade was the university's stringent fiscal situation, which coincided in part with a national economic recession. "We have been forced to increase student fees rapidly in order to maintain the quality of our instruction," Grobman said, "and now UMSL students pay 40 percent of the cost of their instruction. That is too high a proportion for students at a university

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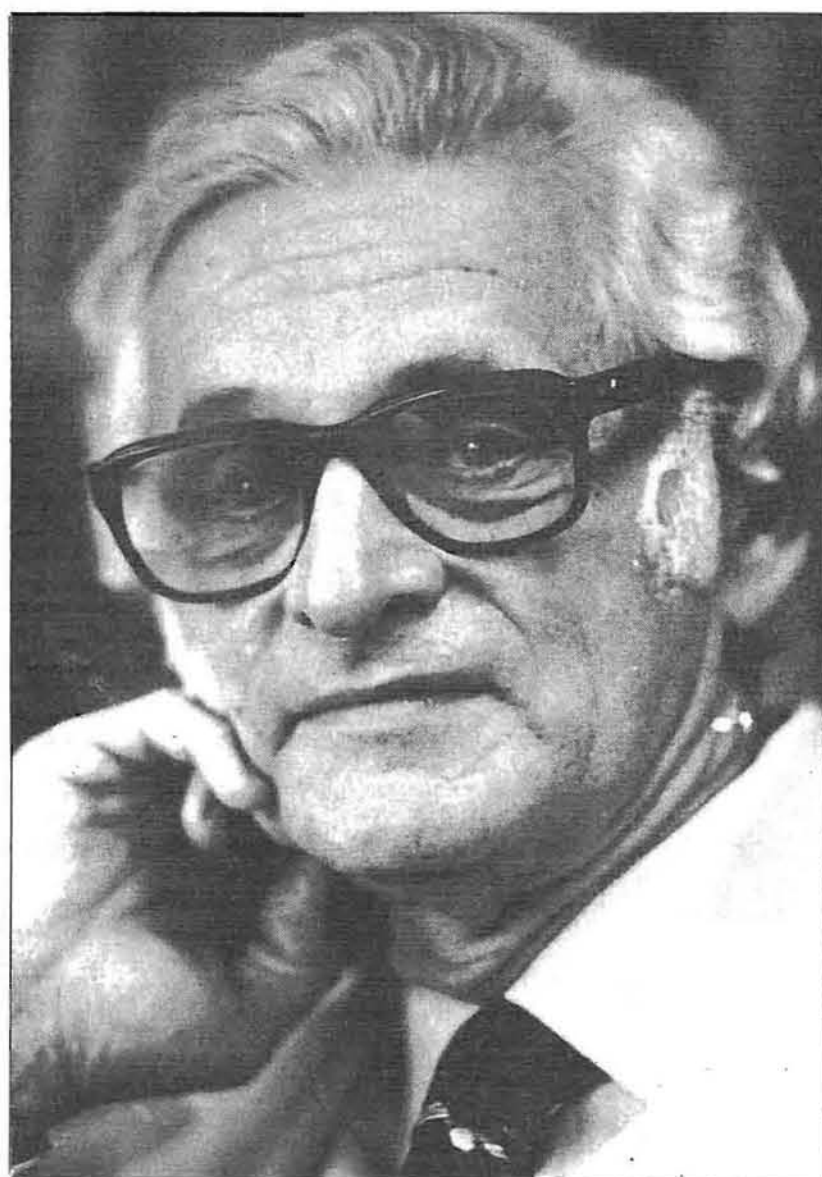
Committee Set To Screen Applications

COLUMBIA, Mo. — UM President C. Peter Magrath has named a 12-member committee to seek and screen applications and nominations for chancellor of UMSL. Chancellor Arnold B. Grobman has announced that he will retire from his administrative position Dec. 31, but will remain on the UMSL faculty.

The committee consists of five faculty members, two administrators, and a student from UMSL, two representatives of the UM system, and two representatives of the public. Magrath is asking the committee to develop a list of five to eight "top-notch" candidates from the national pool of available talent.

The UMSL faculty members include Susan M. Hartmann, a professor of history, who will chair the committee, James

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Grobman To Retire

After Ten Years, Chancellor Plans Return To Lab

Chuck Wiethop
news editor

On May 9, during the annual Chancellor's Report to the Community luncheon which was held at the Clarion Hotel in downtown St. Louis, it was announced that UMSL chancellor Arnold B. Grobman would resign from the chancellorship effective Dec. 31, 1985.

Grobman said that the main reason for resigning is his desire to do research at the university before he reaches the UM mandatory retirement age of 70. He also said that 10 years as chancellor was an adequate amount of time. He cited that the national average for chancellors and university presidents was only 4.4 years.

Grobman said that he had waited until UM President C. Peter Magrath had assumed his office before submitting his resignation.

Earlier this year, Grobman had denied rumors that he would retire on June 1, 1985. At that time he said that when the time came for him to retire, he would announce it well in advance so that an orderly transition

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STEPPING DOWN: After 10 years as UMSL chancellor, Arnold B. Grobman will return to biological research. Grobman announced his resignation in early May during his report to the community.

Magrath Names Hussey Interim VP

COLUMBIA, Mo. — University of Missouri President C. Peter Magrath thanked Vice President for Administrative Affairs James R. Buchholz for his many "contributions" and service and named L. Thomas Hussey, assistant vice president for business services, interim vice president.

Magrath also appointed search advisers and a screening committee to seek a successor for Buchholz, who will leave the University of Missouri in August to become administrative vice chancellor of Washington University in St. Louis.

Richard L. Wallace, associate vice president for academic affairs, will chair a three-member committee of search advisers to expedite the search process by combing the national pool of talent for outstanding prospects. He will work with former curator David W. Lewis of St. Joseph and Guy Horton, executive assistant to Magrath.

The advisers will also be members of a screening committee, which will interview top prospects

and prepare a recommendation for Magrath. Others in the screening group are Edwin R. Bailey, UMKC professor of education and member of the Inter-campus Faculty Council; Donald S. Holm Jr., UM assistant vice president/treasurer; Neil K. Smith, UMR vice chancellor for administrative services; Arvarh E. Strickland, UMC professor of history; Blanche M. Touhill, UMSL associate vice chancellor for academic affairs and professor of history; and Barbara S. Uehling, UMC chancellor.

"Under Jim Buchholz's leadership the University of Missouri has attained an outstanding record, reallocating millions of dollars of resources from support programs to its primary missions while creatively improving its administrative services," Magrath said.

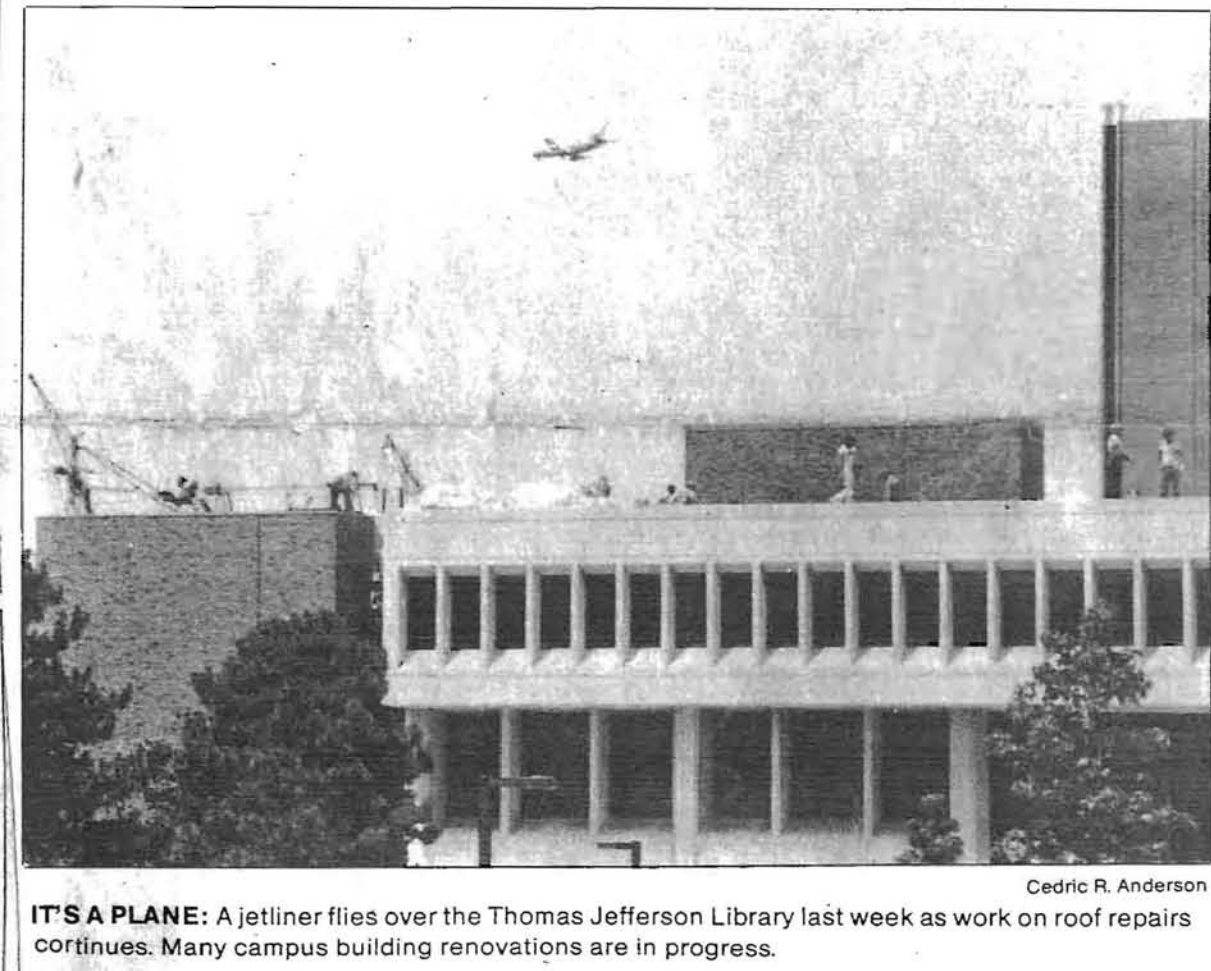
"His guidance has led the University of Missouri through very difficult economic times with a minimum of damage to its teaching, research and service programs. We are sorry to lose him but at the same

time we congratulate him on this exciting new opportunity. I'm sure it will be another successful chapter in his very distinguished career in higher education administration."

When Buchholz leaves the University of Missouri, Hussey, one of his closest associates, will take over until a new vice president can take up his duties.

"I'm very grateful that Tom Hussey has agreed to take on this additional assignment. He is extremely capable and can provide much needed continuity as we develop our budgets and appropriations requests for operations and capital needs," Magrath said.

Hussey came to UM as assistant vice president for business services in 1978 from the Rochester Institute of Technology, where he was director of campus services. At UM, he is responsible for facilities design and management; purchasing services and operations; plant operations; security, risk avoidance and safety; records management; and auxiliary enterprises.



Cedric R. Anderson

IT'S A PLANE: A jetliner flies over the Thomas Jefferson Library last week as work on roof repairs continues. Many campus building renovations are in progress.

Student Fees Policy To Undergo Change In 1986-87 School Year

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — A new policy used to set student fees at the University of Missouri was approved by the Board of Curators at its meeting in Kansas City on June 14.

A study of the university's student fee policy was recommended in the long-range plan adopted by the curators last year. A task force of faculty, students and administrators, appointed in October, recommended changes last month in the policies used to set fees, in the principles underlying the current fee structure, and in the timing for setting student fee levels each year.

Based on his study of the task force recommendations, UM President C. Peter Magrath recommended that the board adopt new policies for setting student fees, beginning in 1986-87.

New student fee policies adopted by the board include:

—Annual percentage increases be determined by projected inflationary increases in the university's costs, with adjustments to this rate based on unusual changes in student financial ability to attend

the university and in the average level of fees at peer institutions.

—Differences in student fees for different programs of study should reflect broad and significant differences in the costs to the university.

—Since the university is supported in part by appropriations of state revenue, those who do not pay Missouri income taxes should pay higher fees.

—Consistency and simplicity in the student fee schedule is desirable.

—The university should devote a portion of its student fee income to provide student financial aid.

—The Board of Curators will approve student fees with the appropriate budget request at least one year before such fees take effect.

The Academic Affairs Committee of the board will review existing practices in regard to fee differentiations by campus and by school and college and will make recommendations to the board no later than March 1, 1986.

Magrath said that for 1986-87 he is recommending a differentiated

fee structure for undergraduates, with freshmen and sophomores paying lower fees than juniors and seniors. Consistent with current practice, graduate students would pay higher fees than undergraduates, and fees for professional students would also continue to be determined on an individual program basis in accordance with program costs. He said that he did not accept a task force recommendation that the differentiated fees be determined by course number because it was easier to differentiate by class rank.

Magrath said the fee schedule for 1986-87 will be simplified by combining the present incidental, supplemental and non-resident fees into a single educational fee. He also recommended ending the present plateau fee structure, which provides semester hours of credit in excess of 14 at no charge, and replacing it with a linear schedule that would charge for all credit hours taken. Greg Barnes, UMSL Student Association president, said that this will probably benefit many

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Lepow Captures First Annual Lecturer Laurels

Lauren Lepow, a lecturer in the English department at UMSL, has been awarded the first Lecturer of the Year Award by the University's College of Arts and Sciences. The award carries a \$500 stipend.

The selection committee for the awards included several past recipients of the Amoco Outstanding Teaching Awards from the UMSL campus. "Lecturers are extremely important part of the college's teaching and service mission and I am delighted that we are able to have this award for them," said E. Terrence Jones, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Lepow, who came to the UMSL campus in 1980, received both her master's and doctorate degrees in English from the University of Connecticut. Her areas of teaching interest include medieval literature, drama and English literature surveys, women in literature, and writing. She is also a member of Womens Studies Faculty.

Canteen Corp. Wins Food Services Contract Here

Chuck Wiethop
news editor

At the June 14 meeting of the Board of Curators a recommendation was made that UMSL contract with Canteen Corporation for the operation of University Food Services in both the Underground and the south Campus cafeterias. The Canteen Corporation will assume control of food service operations on Monday, July 1, 1985.

In order to facilitate a smooth transition, both the Underground and the south Campus cafeterias will close at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 25 and remain closed until 8:30 a.m. on July 1.

The Canteen Corporation will bring in staff members from its other operations when it initiates its control of the food service. Robert Schmalfeld, director of the University Center, said, "All employees in food operations are laid off effective June 30." He said that the Canteen Corporation had indicated that it would give preferential treatment in interviewing and hiring to the current employees of the University Food Service. He said that anyone

hired for this location would be trained at other Canteen Corporation operations and then brought back to work at the UMSL locations.

Schmalfeld said there should not be any major changes in the type of food service available. He also said that he believed that the Canteen Corporation was committed to keeping price levels the same. Initially, the food service hours will remain the same, though they may be changed based on the Canteen Corporation's experience here.

Schmalfeld said that the schematic set up of the Underground will not be changed, but that the cafeteria on the South Campus will probably take on the characteristics of other Canteen Corporation operations.

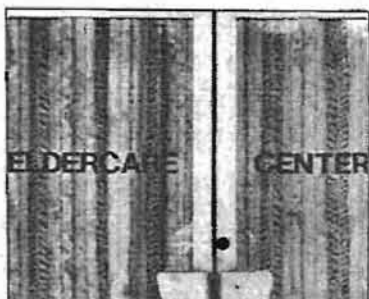
Schmalfeld added that the most visible changes will probably be in the way the food is marketed. He said that there will be much more aggressive marketing. He also added that there would be a greater emphasis on diet and nutrition with calorie amounts and nutritional information available on many food items.

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ELDERCARE

Following two years of legwork by center director Marilyn Maguire, the UMSL Eldercare Center will open its doors July 2.

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BOOK REVIEWS FOR SUMMER READING

Current reviewer Loren Richard Klahs takes a look at two books this week for your summer enjoyment. Klahs reviews a rock-and-roll rehash, along with a book encompassing the works and wordly ideas of many science fiction authors.

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DALLAS IS BACK

Riverman soccer coach Don Dallas, after bouncing back from heart surgery last spring, returns to guide his team for the 18th season.

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Awards

Pearson Wins Fulbright Award

Frederic Pearson, professor of political science and associate director of the Center for International Studies at UMSL, has been awarded a Senior Fulbright Research/Lectureship Award at the University of Lancaster, United Kingdom, for 1985-86.

About 10 awards are given in the United Kingdom, but Pearson's appointment reflects a special allocation for international studies and the appointment was given specifically for the University of Lancaster.

Pearson will spend a year in England studying the arms importing policies of various countries. He will research the decision making processes that countries use in selecting their suppliers, see how they balance their suppliers, and find out how they set their priorities. He also will teach a course on "The Superpowers."

Pearson has been a member of the UMSL faculty since 1969. He earned his bachelor's degree from Oakland University in 1965. He received his master's degree in 1966 and his Ph.D. in 1971 from the University of Michigan. He is the co-author of a recent book, "International Relations: The Global Condition in the Late Twentieth Century."

Sork Awarded Professorship

Victorie Sork, associate professor of biology and coordinator of the Women's Studies Program at UMSL, has been awarded the National Science Foundation's Visiting Professorship for Women.

The award, now in its third year, awards only 25 professorships nationally. The purpose of the award is to increase the visibility and promote the careers of women in science and to provide good role models for undergraduate and graduate science students.

Sork will use the grant for a research project at the University of Chicago. She will study the reproductive biology of the partridge pea, a prairie annual plant. She will perform both greenhouse and laboratory experiments.

Sork received her master's degree in zoology and her doctorate in biological science from the University of Michigan. Her areas of teaching interest include population biology, general biology for non-majors, and female sexuality.

Bohan Receives Fellowship

Ruth Bohan, assistant professor of art and fellow in the Center for Metropolitan Studies at UMSL has received the J.Paul Getty Post-Doctoral Fellowship in the arts and humanities.

Bohan will spend one year at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C., studying American art. The focus of her research will be "Walt Whitman's Impact of American Avant-Garde, 1900-1925." She will research Whitman's impact on painters, writers, little magazines and exhibitions during the period.

Bohan received both her master's and doctorate degrees in American studies from the University of Maryland. She is the author of "The Societe Anonyme's Brooklyn Exhibition: Katherine Dreier and Modernism in America," which discusses the massive Brooklyn Exhibition of 1926-27 that presented the works of 106 artists from 23 countries representing almost all of the "isms" that the term modernism covers. She is also a contributor to "The Societe Anonyme and the Dreier Bequest at Yale University: A Catalog Raisonne," edited by Robert Herbert, Eleanor Apter and Elise Kenney.

Leonesio Wins Essay Award

The Department of Economics has announced the winner of the fifth annual Thorstein Veblen Economic Essay Award. The award is presented for the best undergraduate essay on economic subjects and includes a \$100 prize.

This year's award was given to Judith Leonesio for her essay "The Economic Vote: An Econometric Analysis." Honorable mentions were awarded to Jeanne Finke for "An Analysis of the Phillips Curve" and Judith Rosner for "Abortion in the United States: A Demand/Supply Model."

The award is named in honor of Thorstein Veblen, an economist who worked for the University of Missouri before the second world war.

Newsbriefs

Sullivan Chosen For Council

Eleanor Sullivan, associate dean of the School of Nursing at UMSL has been chosen to participate in the 1985-86 American Council on Education Fellows Program.

The program, which was established in 1965, is designed to strengthen leadership in American higher education by identifying and preparing faculty and staff for responsible positions in college and university administration. The award is based upon the nominee's academic credentials and potential for administrative leadership, the recommendations of professional colleagues, the judgment of interviewing teams of administrators, and overall qualifications as measured against the standards of the program.

Sullivan received her Ph.D. from Saint Louis University in 1981. She has served on the faculties of Maryville College, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, and St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing, before joining the UMSL faculty in 1981.

The American Council on Education, composed of national and regional education associations and institutions of higher education, is the nation's major coordinating body in post-secondary education.

Time Management Course Offered

A course on time management will be presented by University of Missouri Business Extension on July 2, 9, 16, and 23 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at UMSL in Room 78 of the J.C. Penney Building.

The course is designed to assist owners and managers of small businesses, as well as others, in using their time more effectively and profitably.

This is an equal opportunity presentation and anyone in business who is interested in improving the management of their own time is invited to attend.

The fee is \$40 and \$35 for second and subsequent registrations from the same company.

For further information please call 889-2911.

Storytelling Course Offers Credit

Storytelling will be the subject of a three-credit-hour course offered by UMSL's Continuing Education — Extension on June 21, 22, 24-28 and July 1 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The seminar will feature trips to Shaw's Garden, the Arboretum and the Arch to discover new stories. Participants will explore storytelling through definition, selection of materials, and methods and techniques of presentation.

The instructor will be Lynn Rubright, who designed and directed "Project Tell", a federally funded program to motivate children to read, write and develop oral language skills.

For further information, contact Brenda Shannon at 553-5961.

Strassenfest Corp. Donates

Students here will have increased opportunities to study the German language, both on campus and abroad, as the result of a recent gift of \$10,000 from the St. Louis Strassenfest Corporation.

The contribution will be applied to UMSL's German Scholarship Fund. The fund provides scholarships covering full incidental fees for qualified juniors and seniors majoring in German.

Day Care Will Be Provided For Elderly

The University of Missouri-St. Louis Eldercare Center will open July 2, with dedication ceremonies scheduled for July 1 at 3 p.m.

The center, an adult day health care center for frail or isolated persons, is located in the lower level of UMSL's North Campus at 8351 UMSL's north campus at 8351 Florissant Road in Normandy.

The center, sponsored by UMSL in association with Cardinal Ritter Institute, the Mid-East Agency on Aging and the Sisters of Divine Providence, is intended to serve, "elderly people who may need some type of health care or supervision during the daytime," said director Marilyn Maguire.

"People automatically think it is for the physically disabled, which, certainly, it is," Maguire said. "But it's also for persons suffering from mental disability such as Alzheimer's Disease. Also, it serves a need for those people who are socially isolated."

Maguire, who initiated proposals for the center, has been a member of the UMSL School of Nursing faculty since 1981. The idea for the facility, she said, came after a visit to Southeast Missouri State University which has its own center.

"One of the main goals of the center is to prevent premature institutionalization, to avoid nursing homes," Maguire said. "Perhaps we can get to the point where the elderly at the center can go to a senior center — a place for persons in much better health."

The center will serve a maximum of 20 persons daily, operating from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Estimated cost of services is \$20 per day, with funding available through Mid-East Area

Agency on Aging. The center also has applied for Medicaid funding, Maguire said.

"It is very therapeutic for the elderly to interact with their own age group and find friends who can be a source of support," Maguire said. "It is hard for younger people to know what older people are going through."

Maguire began researching the project two years ago.

The program of the center will include recreational activities, nursing, supervision, physical therapy, and speech therapy.

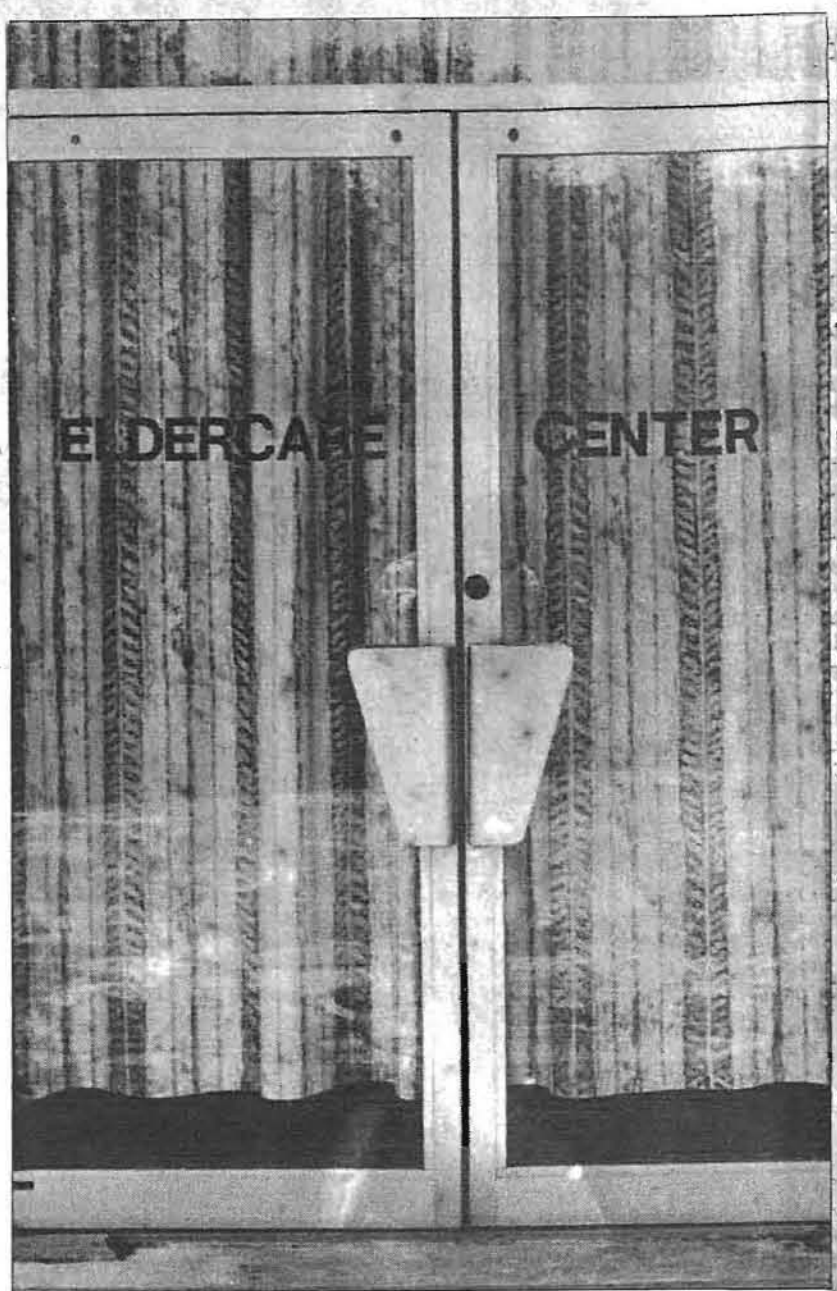
Included in a number of community groups which have assisted with the project are The St. Louis Community Foundation and the Raskob Foundation providing funding for renovation of the lower level of Mount Providence, therapy and furniture. Volunteers from McDonnell Douglas Corp.'s Community Health and Involvement Program drew up plans for remodeling, while Emerson Electric Co. donated office furniture.

"We have had outstanding community support," Maguire said. "A year ago I had no idea if this would ever become a reality. Now it's to the point where it can become successful and something the university can be proud of."

"The center will be a site for research and study concerning the elderly in a natural setting."

Students in nursing and optometry programs at UMSL will provide health and vision screening. Also, activities in music, physical education, psychology and social work will be led by students.

The center's staff is currently interviewing and assessing clients and their families.



OPENING SOON: The UMSL Eldercare Center will begin operations July 2, with dedication ceremonies set for July 1. The center is located across Florissant Rd. at Mount Providence.

Commencement Sees 783 Graduate

Challenges Graduates To Support UMSL In Future

Only three days after he announced his plans for retirement, UMSL Chancellor Arnold B. Grobman told the UMSL spring graduating class that he felt that he had a special kinship with them since this will be one of the last commencements at which he will be presiding.

The 783 spring graduates heard a message that reflected the chancellor's hopes for UMSL's future. In his commencement address Grobman told the audience that the future of the university was in their hands and he emphasized that their support in the future would be vital to the university.

Grobman told the graduates that the St. Louis community has fewer opportunities for higher education than many other urban areas across

the nation. He said, "I hope you keep that situation in mind as you gain greater influence in the community and use that influence to work with other caring persons."

Three St. Louisans in the audience were rewarded for using their influence in the community.

Honorary degrees were conferred on Robert Hyland and Leon and Mary Strauss for their efforts to improve life in the St. Louis region.

Robert Hyland was awarded the degree of Doctor of Laws in honor and appreciation of his personal and

professional contributions to broadcasting and to his community. Hyland was the first person to be designated a regional vice president of CBS radio in 1973.

The degree of Doctor of Laws was awarded to Leon R. Strauss for his work in the rejuvenation of commercial development in St. Louis. In 1972, Strauss formed the Pantheon Corporation, which has played a major role in many renovation projects in the St. Louis area.

Mary Burnett Strauss was awarded the Doctor of Fine Arts degree. She has worked with her husband, Leon Strauss, in the restoration of the Fox Theatre and she is credited with its re-opening in 1982.

Grobman's address accompanied these three honorary awards by its emphasis on working together. Grobman said, "I do hope you will consider thoughtfully what I have suggested are your newly assumed obligations as you leave this public institution."

"I hope you will join me and others in working for the betterment of this university in order to increase the educational competence of our St. Louis area citizens."



HONORED: Kathleen Haywood (left) helps Robert Hyland who received an Honorary Degree from UMSL. Jay Barton, UM vice president, offers congratulations.

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tion of the chancellorship could take place.

"If the new chancellor is selected before December 31, I will do everything in my power to make him or her comfortable with the job," Grobman said. If a chancellor is not in place as of Dec. 31, Grobman will not continue in the office. "If that situation should occur, the univer-

sity president would probably appoint someone from UMSL to be interim chancellor until a new chancellor is available," he said.

Grobman said that he will not be involved in any way with the activities of the search committee which has been set up to find a new chancellor.

After Dec. 31, Grobman will hold the position of research professor. He will do research in the biological

sciences and education. He said that he will not be teaching, but he may give occasional lectures. He said that he did not know if he would be involved in any other role at UMSL.

"If the new chancellor would want me to do anything that would be of benefit to UMSL, I will be glad to help," Grobman said. He added that Magrath had indicated that he will ask Grobman to undertake some

special assignments for the university because of his relationship with the community.

Grobman said that he and his wife, Hulda, will be moving out of the chancellor's residence and into an apartment in the downtown area which they have already secured. Grobman said that his wife was looking forward to the cessation of her duties as the chancellor's wife which occupied much of her time.

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Also, our special Preregistration/Orientation Issue is August 12 with an advertising closing date of August 6. Ask us about our special rates for this issue.

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such as ours, that had been established to provide high quality education at low cost."

Grobman also said that he had been discouraged by the recommendations of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education, released in the fall of 1984, calling for the separation of UMSL from the University of Missouri system. The CBHE also recommended eliminating any new graduate or professional programs at UMSL and merging UMSL and Harris-Stowe State College. Grobman said that he could not understand the CBHE staff recommendation to downgrade public university education in St. Louis when exactly the reverse was needed. "What we did learn, however, was the tremendous breadth and depth of support that exists for the University of Missouri-St. Louis."

In detailing areas of possible future growth for UMSL, Grobman emphasized programs which he said would enable the university to be of greater service to the St. Louis metropolitan area. "The accessibility

of educational services is the key concern for us — not the aggrandizement of the UMSL campus," he said. Areas of "missed opportunity" he mentioned include mass communications, undergraduate engineering, hotel management, and law. Grobman also said that physical facilities at the campus needed to be upgraded. He cited the need for specialized buildings such as a Fine Arts and Communications Building. He emphasized the priority needs of a new Science Building with adequate laboratories and the need for expanded library facilities.

In closing, Grobman called for greater recognition of the importance of UMSL to the commercial, civic, and cultural life of St. Louis by the area's influential citizens. "I think our past decade of modest progress constitutes a solid and firm foundation upon which to build an improved community resource, in public higher education, to serve the St. Louis metropolitan region," he said. "We are not there yet, but we do appear to be on the verge of a resurgence of university service to St. Louis."

Curators Review Long-Range Plans

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—The University System Board of Curators reviewed a report on achievement of three long-range planning objectives that affect programs and student development. The reports were heard during a meeting of the board's Academic Affairs Committee.

"Toward Excellence: The Next Decade of the University of Missouri," the long-range plan adopted by the Board of Curators in October, outlines dozens of goals for improving the University and objectives designed to meet those goals in the areas of programs, student development, research, extension and service, faculty, staff, finances and administration, organization and support services of the four campus system.

Jay Barton, UM vice president for academic affairs, presented status reports on objectives at each board meeting. His report focused on

objectives that call for evaluation of the university internal academic program review, that ask that appropriate policies exist for transfer credit and that suggest resources be allocated for incentives to reward teaching.

Barton outlined existing internal program review processes used by the campuses and the external reviews done annually or periodically by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education and accrediting agencies.

Barton recommended that there be no changes in the university's procedures for reviewing academic programs, but the effectiveness of the processes will be monitored continually.

No new policies were recommended for the objective that requires that each campus insure appropriate policies and procedures exist for handling transfer credit.

Book reviews

"Faces" Looks At Major Sci-Fi Writers

Loren Richard Klahs
book reviewer

Writers by their nature are private people. Inventors of their own subjective worlds, they tend to look inward. Both subjective and introspective, this professional group is often considered "strange."

Perhaps the most strange is the group of writers who band together under the science fiction category (don't call it Sci-Fi in their presence). Science fiction not only is the best-selling category of writing, it is also the genre dubbed with the worst press. The literature of science fiction has been termed sophomoric and unprofessional by the "serious writers of fiction," little more than pap churned out en masse to be consumed by semi-literate readers, science fiction has had to bear the brunt of intellectual criticisms.

To the science fiction writer, none of this rationale makes much difference. Recent history has shown that science fiction makes excellent fodder for blockbuster motion pictures.

An acquaintance of this reviewer grew weary of the college professors who tried to critique his writing. In desperation he left college for Los Angeles. He later penned one of the most successful science fiction films of all time, "Alien." Later he wrote the screenplay for "Blue Thunder." To this day, I am certain that Dan O'Bannon has not looked back in anger.

"The Faces Of Science Fiction" by Patti Perret (Bluejay Books, \$11.95) focuses on many of today's top writers of science fiction. Basically a collection of short narratives, "Faces of Science Fiction" serves as an introduction of sorts. The writers profiled here are

both candid and unique. Some of them are irreverent. All of them are commercially successful.

My favorite is Robert Bloch who wrote the book, "Psycho." I shall never forget a segment on a talk-show where he was defending his book. He talked about the many who had written him letters complaining after they had seen "Psycho" they were unable to take a bath. They claimed that Bloch had instilled a great fear of the bathroom shower in them. Bloch's reply was simple. He told the complainers to be grateful that he did not write the grisly murder scene with the victim perched upon a commode.

Other colorful writers included in the book have equally colorful stories to tell. As for Bloch, he simply states that "If science fiction writers are members of one big family, then I am an illegitimate son."

A rather husky-looking David Gerrold says, "I get some of my best ideas by thinking up terrible things to do to people I know." Posing with his pet dog, Gerrold confesses that he has lost track of the number of ways he has dreamed up to kill off the old pooch.

Ray Bradbury another globally famous science fiction writer refers to himself as "not so much a science fiction writer" but more "an idea beast." He goes on to say, "Any idea that nags or bites or waves at me, I respond to with a yell and a dash for the typewriter."

It goes without saying that writers of science fiction (along with writers of romance novels) are considered second-class in the literary world. Still, if we are to believe the worlds of "The Faces Of Science Fiction," not too many of these writers seem to care.

"Rock Stars" Surveys Of Music's Greats

Loren Richard Klahs
book reviewer

In a book marketplace already over-crowded with rock titles, what can an author do to make his book stand out from the rest? Well if your name is Timothy White and you are a former senior editor at "Rolling Stone" and you want takers at \$35 bucks a shot — you need to do two important things. First you get your hands on some of the best photographs ever taken of the current crop of rockers. Second you come up with interesting anecdotes about these rock personalities. If some of those short narratives sound suspect or even downright silly, write them anyway.

"Rock Stars" by Timothy White (Stewart, Tabori & Chang, 285 pages, \$35.00) follows this blueprint. White not only offers an occasional oblique commentary, he seems to dwell on the ambiguous notion and obscure fact.

A few examples are in order.

Most of us, tuned in to the behavior of rock star, Prince, will not be surprised by the news that Prince use to perform "...naked, but for a loose fitting mackintosh." Only later did he opt for "...a studded purple greatcoat, black Lycra jockey

shorts, legwarmers and knee-length, black boots."

Not content to share with his readers the wardrobe of Prince, White provides a bit of background gossip: "...a total recluse when not performing, Prince shuts himself away in his lakeside mansion in northern Minnesota." The author tells us that Prince is deathly afraid of bathtubs.

Enough about Prince. This is information I simply cannot use.

Let's move on to one of rock's more feminine stars—Stevie Nicks. Not only does Stevie Nicks love fairy tales, but she also believes in spirits. Her favorite night of the year is Halloween, and her secret desire is to "...live in a little 'witch house' on a cliff overlooking a turbulent sea."

It has been said, according to the author, that immediately after recording her debut solo album "Bella Donna," Stevie was visited by "things that go bump in the night." It happened at Le Chateau (an ancient chateau outside Paris). Just as Stevie was preparing to retire for the night...POOF!

"The sounds of rapidly flapping wings" came at her from out of the darkness. Then came "the queer whir." Something brushed against

'Stevie's cheek, and to have Timothy White tell it. "...she just froze!"

Whew! It's tough to be a rock star.

Stevie Nicks is convinced she was a monk in one of her other lives. She'd like to talk to a few ghosts if ever the occasion should arise. Apparently a "queer whir" and "the flapping of invisible wings" were not quite enough. Stevie said, "...If ghosts are friendly and willing to talk, I am ready to sit down at any time. I would love to."

Moving right along... Timothy points out that many of today's rock stars are about 37 years old. Stevie Nicks, Bruce Springsteen, and others were born in 1948.

The following facts however impressed me more: Older than 37 years Mick Jagger once had to flash his American Express card before "beefy security guards" would let him backstage. The security guys kept literally throwing Mick out. After a lot of cursing and pacing, Mick produced his American Express card thoroughly embarrassing the rent-a-cops.

Another vignette concerning the older-than-37, Rod Stewart says: Rod immortalized his affections for has-been movie star Britt Ekland with lyrics "I took her to an

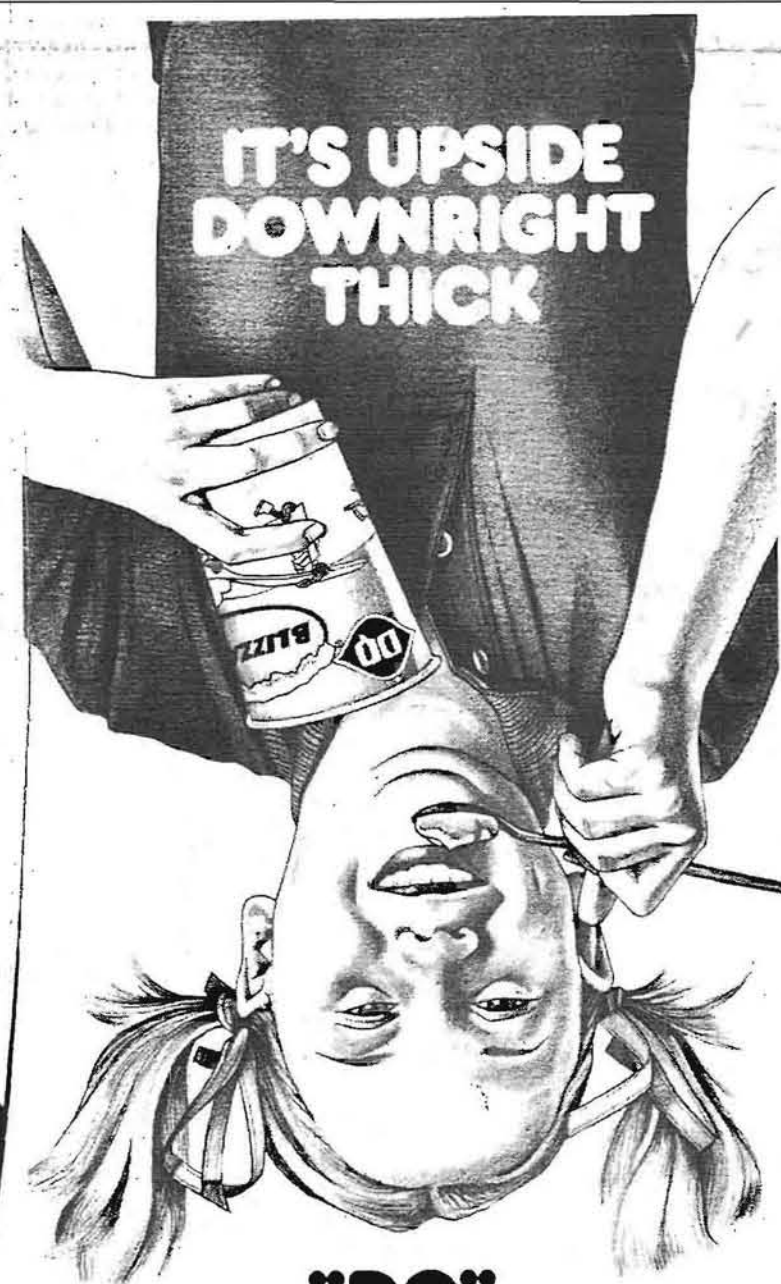
all night laundry; We watched her bra go 'round the machine..." Later Ms. Ekland "...slapped 'Rod the Mod' with a \$15 million dollar palimony suit." The author dubs this scenario a Hollywood horror show that might have been called "It Came From Beneath My Kilt."

Oh sure, "Rock Stars" is a fun book. It's sort of like "The National Enquirer" with glossies. I'm just wondering if \$35 is just a little steep?

The pictures are great. But there is the problem with the narrative. Do I really want to hear about James Taylor's addiction to heroin, again? I realize that Bob Seeger once worked on the assembly line at Ford. But is he really know in Detroit as "The Keeper Of The Gearbox"? Do I need to hear about Carly Simon's series of psycho-therapies, her failed marriage and her love-hate relationship with her father?

And poor, poor, Michael Jackson. Painted by Timothy White as a tragic figure, Michael Jackson is characterized as isolated and "alone."

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Oren Named Vice Provost For Extension

Columbia, Mo. — John W. Oren of Las Cruces, N.M., will become University of Missouri associate vice president for academic affairs (extension) and director of the Missouri Cooperative Extension Service, Jay Barton, UM vice president for academic affairs, announced recently. In addition, Oren will become vice provost for extension on the UM-Columbia campus.

Missouri Cooperative Extension Service programs served more than 1.87 million people last year. The University of Missouri and Lincoln University cooperate in providing educational programs in agriculture, home economics, business, industry, community development, 4-H youth and continuing education to the people of Missouri through extension centers in each county.

Oren will assume his new post July 1 at an annual salary of \$72,000. He succeeds Leonard Douglas, who retired Feb. 28. James Summers, MCEs associate director, currently serves as acting director and vice provost.

Oren, 48, comes to Missouri after five years as director of the New Mexico Cooperative Extension Service and as associate dean of the College of Agriculture and Home Economics at New Mexico State University.

"We are extremely fortunate that a person of Dr. Oren's ability and experience has agreed to accept the important role of directing Missouri's cooperative

extension staff and programs at such a critical time," Barton said. "With the recent completion of the University's long-range plan and its implications for the University's basic missions — teaching, research, extension and public service — Dr. Oren, along with his staff, has a tremendous opportunity to shape the way Missouri Cooperative Extension will serve the state and its people as we approach the 21st century."

UM President C. Peter Magrath will introduce Oren to the UM system Board of Curators at its May 2 and 3 meeting in Rolla.

Oren, who farmed until 1965, began his professional academic career in 1958 as a vocational agriculture teacher with the Buckeye Local Schools in Ohio. He joined Ohio State University in 1965 as a county agricultural extension agent and county chairman. In 1969, he became administrative associate to the extension dean and director at OSU. Two years later he was named assistant professor and program leader for agricultural industry at OSU.

In 1974, Oren was appointed head of the agricultural and extension education department at Mississippi State University, where he served for five years until moving to New Mexico State University to become associate director of the New Mexico Cooperative Extension Service. A year later he was named director.

Phi Kappa Phi Initiates New Members

The UMSL chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, national honor society, initiated new student and faculty members in J.C. Penney auditorium May 2. Joseph McKenna, professor, spoke at the initiation which was followed by a reception in the Hawthorn Room of University Center.

Phi Kappa Phi recognizes scholarship in all parts of the university.

The new members are Mary E. Abkemeier, Dixie L. Adamson,

Susan S. Andresen, Rita M. Antonacci, Janice M. Atkinson, Susan H. Bannon, Howard Benoist, Douglas C. Braibish, Alice Brueggemann, Gary Burger, Robert Calsyn, Sarah Crocker, Joyce Davis, Marla Drewl-Lynch, Charlene Ebert, Neal Farron, Victoria Volonino, Edwin Fedder, Virginia Gasen, Patricia Grant, Lee Guelbert, Daphne Hainlin, Laura Hall, Jennifer Hempel, Sandra Hirsch, Krista Hunt, John Hylton, Susan Iannicola, Barbara Jacobs,

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UMSL students since a large number take fewer than 14 credit hours per semester and since this is likely to lower the per hour rate.

Magrath recommended use of the Higher Education Price Index to estimate the inflationary increase in the University's costs for purpose of adjusting the average level of fees. Barnes said that tying fee levels to the inflation rate would be favorable because it would control increases. He added that fee increases over the past years have been well above the rate of inflation.

Magrath urged that three other

recommendations by the task force be given further attention. "First, I share the concern of the task force that costs to presently enrolled students not be disproportionately increased as we seek to improve our fee structure. We will be mindful of this as we develop the 1986-87 fee schedule. Nevertheless, change of this magnitude will be hard to accomplish without adverse effects for some students. Second, the task force recommends full or partial fee waivers for graduate assistants. Third, I will probably commission a study of the determinants of enrollment as recommended in the task force report," Magrath said.

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Breaugh, associate professor of business administration, Deborah Tepper Haimo, professor of mathematics, Kathleen Marie Haywood, associate professor of physical education, and W. Glenn White, associate professor of behavioral studies. The UMSL administrators are Shirley A. Martin, dean of the School of Nursing, and John P. Perry, vice chancellor for administrative services. The UMSL student on the committee is Hilary Shelton, Student Association vice president.

The UM system represen-

tatives are Jay Barton, UM system vice president for academic affairs, and Karen Cottledge-Touzeau, UM system director of affirmative action. The two representatives of the public on the committee are Donald E. Lasater, chairman and chief executive officer of Mercantile Bancorporation, and Jon Thompson, systems analyst with the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis and president of the UMSL Alumni Association.

Magrath noted that the development of UMSL as a vital part of the higher education scene in Missouri during the past two decades has been truly remarkable.

Newsbriefs

Writing Seminar To Be Held

The Gateway Writing Project, in cooperation with the UMSL's Continuing Education-Extension, will offer a one-day seminar called "Writing Improvement Teams" for school administrators on June 26.

The topic of the seminar will be effective leadership in improving writing instruction with computers. The seminar will help participants develop "Writing Improvement Teams" at the school building level.

The Gateway Writing Project is one of the nearly one hundred centers across the country affiliated with California's Bay Area Writing Project which was begun in 1978 for to train outstanding teachers as writing specialists. Funding for the project comes from the UMSL Alumni Association, the National Writing Project, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Monsanto Fund.

Shannon Earns Appointment

Brenda Shannon has been named Senior Continuing Education Coordinator for off-campus credit Continuing Education — Extension programs at UMSL. The appointment was announced by Wendell Smith, dean of Continuing Education — Extension.

Shannon's job responsibilities will include the coordination of all off-campus credit courses. Primary off-campus sites include: UMSL Lindbergh (4900 S. Lindbergh Blvd.), Barnes and Jewish Hospitals Schools of Nursing, several school districts plus other convenient locations.

Prior to joining Continuing Education — Extension, Shannon served as the assistant director of admissions at UMSL.

Further information on UMSL Continuing Education — Extension credit programs may be obtained by calling 553-5961.

Conference Discusses Firing

Proper procedures for hiring and firing employees is the subject of a conference to be held July 30 from 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. in Room 222 of the J. C. Penney Building.

The conference is designed to assist owners and managers of companies and organizations in understanding and complying with the legal requirements involved when employing or discharging people. The fee is \$45.

For additional information call 889-2911.

Sports News

Dallas To Return After Surgery

Jim Goulden
sports editor

UMSL soccer coach Don Dallas witnessed perhaps the most heartbreaking Riverman loss last season when his club fell to Seattle Pacific University in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II playoff quarterfinals.

A victory would have sent UMSL to the semis for the fifth time in Dallas' 17-year coaching career. But Seattle midfielder Kevin O'Keefe beat goaltender John Stahl on the final shot to bump the Rivermen from the playoffs.

Many players admitted they were pushed to the edge in the game. But Dallas stood, arms crossed, accepting the 2-1 defeat.

That's not to say Dallas doesn't fight back. He will come back swinging this season after beating a quintuple bypass operation that held his job in question last spring.

That can be nothing but good news

for the UMSL soccer program. Under Dallas, the Rivermen have compiled an overall 149-65-25 record. UMSL has qualified for the NCAA Division II tournament the past 13 seasons, last winning the national championship in 1973 during Dallas' sixth season as mentor.

"With the season we had last year and with all the guys coming back this year (just three scholarships were left open after last season's graduation)," Dallas said, "I think we can go all the way."

It's the players returning which give the Rivermen pop in their guns this season. Dallas, who handles much of the team's recruiting chores, admits his health problems could have hurt the team's outlook.

"I found out in February that I needed the operation," said Dallas. "I went back to work May 29 so I'm doing all right."

"The recruiting may have hurt a

little, but not too much. We had already made contact with those players we were interested in (before his surgery). We were mostly interested in junior college players this season."

Dallas does not plan to let his weakness restrain him during the season. Though assistant coaches Tim Rooney, Gary LeGrand and Dan Muessenfechter do much of the practice and game work with the players, Dallas will relinquish no more authority than previously.

Dallas isn't looking to give up anything. He's ready to fight back.

Soccer Notes: The Rivermen will begin workouts August 13, competing in several exhibition games with area junior colleges. Also, UMSL will play in the annual Our Lady of Loretto soccer tournament during the preseason.

The Rivermen will open the regular season at home Sept. 3 against McKendree College.



Don Dallas

Garbutt Vacates SID Position After One Year

Sports Information Director Terry Garbutt announced his resignation May 31, holding the position for just one year. Garbutt became the second director to resign in the last two years.

Athletic Director Chuck Smith hopes to fill the position by early August.

Garbutt replaced Frank Viverito who left after the 1983-84 school year to take a promotional position with the Civic Center Redevelopment Corp.

"We don't plan on having the position filled for long stretches of time so it is not surprising when someone finds a better job," Smith said. "The sports information director position is an entry level job. If you have a family you can't afford to stay at the position too long."

Garbutt announced he was leaving to get into public relations work and cited the inability to "get by." He also was looking to the chance to return home to Florida for a position.

Hyde Drafted By Oakland



Scott Hyde

University of Missouri-St. Louis Riverman catcher Scott Hyde signed a professional baseball contract two weeks ago with the Oakland Athletics after being selected in the 18th round of the June amateur free-agent draft.

Hyde, the only UMSL player selected this year, hit .294 for the Rivermen and tied a school record with eight home runs during the 1985 season. His eight homers equal outfielder Dan Geary's home run production this season.

Hyde, 6-foot-0, 200 pounds, ended his collegiate playing career and was playing summer baseball in the CYC Senior Major Baseball League with the Vess Redbirds before being drafted.

UMSL coach Jim Dix, who announced his resignation at the end of the season, and Redbirds coach Spencer Dickinson, each expected Hyde to be drafted.

Said Dix: "He had a good season, but it wasn't outstanding as far as statistics go. But the scouts are looking for the physical tools. Hyde has the physical tools."

One of Hyde's main attributes is his strong throwing arm. And with his bigger-than-average frame he has the potential to produce some power at the plate.

"Hyde is one heckuva catcher," Dickinson said. "He's a good receiver and works with the pitchers well. His arm is terrific."

"I've coached him for three years (two seasons in the Metro Collegians Instructional League and one year in the CYC) and he's a fine young man. He comes to play baseball."

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