Greetings from the President . . .

Dear Fellow Retirees,

At our March 17 meeting in Columbia, President Elson Floyd committed to a 1% pension adjustment, which will go into effect this September. Although it is a small increase, it comes in a financially difficult year for the university and the state of Missouri.

Our annual meeting and luncheon was held on campus in the beautiful St. Louis Mercantile Library in June. The revised constitution and bylaws were ratified and five board members were elected to two-year terms. The revised C&BL and minutes of that meeting can be found on our web page (go to www.umsl.edu and look under R). One immediate consequence of the new C&BL is the election of a nominating committee. If you wish to be a member of that committee, or to be considered for position on the board, please contact me at (314) 725-5653 or Shirley Martin at (314) 878-6697 as soon as possible.

I hope to see you at our holiday luncheon scheduled for Dec 8th and please bring a book for the book exchange.

David Garin, President
UM-St. Louis Retirees Association

LUNCH BUNCH — A downtown walking tour to two of St. Louis’ architectural gems—
the Campbell House and the St. Louis Public Library
(approx. walking distance six blocks)

Wednesday, October 12, 2005

10:00 a.m. Free parking in the St. Louis Public Library lot at 15th Street and Olive. Marilyn and Mike Maguire will be waiting for the group in that lot. (They can also pick up individuals at UMSL if that is more convenient).

10:30 a.m. GUIDED TOUR OF THE RECENTLY RESTORED CAMPBELL HOUSE (1508 Locust Street). It is one of the most accurately restored 19th Century homes in America, because of an 1885 album of 60 photos of the house. The lavish parlor contains dozens of original Campbell family furnishings. Cost of tour is $6 per person.

11:30 a.m. LUNCH AT THE SEN THAI-ASIAN BISTRO (1221 Locust). Approximate cost $12.

12:45 p.m. ARCHITECTURAL TOUR OF THE IMPRESSIVE ST. LOUIS PUBLIC LIBRARY (1301 Olive Street), including two of their rarely seen rooms that house rare books.

Christ Church Cathedral is also along the route for anyone who would like to view this beautiful building following the library tour.

Money will not be collected in advance.

To participate, call Marilyn Maguire at (314) 434-9591 or mhmaguire@earthlink.net

The restaurant and library are handicapped accessible.
Scholarship report:
A Great Boost for the Campus
Thank you to the people who sent scholarship donations. While the Retirees Association didn’t generate enough money to receive the UM match, the contributions were put into the general scholarship fund. Every little bit helps!

As a whole, UMSL raised money for 54 new scholarships at $15,000 each that the UM System then matched at $15,000 each. Those 54 scholarships are all endowed at $30,000 and will each generate a scholarship for approximately $1,500 each year.

What’s new on campus!
North Campus:
• The last of the “temporary” parking garages is gone - Garage N on West Dr. was demolished this spring and is being replaced by a surface lot.
• West Dr. from SSB to Mark Twain Dr. has been redesigned and resurfaced. Parking along West Dr. is now a combination of “head-in” and “parallel” parking.
• A sidewalk has been constructed along East Dr. from Florissant Rd. to the Touhill entrance drive.
• The Gateway Foundation has donated a large modern sculpture to the campus. It has been installed just off the grand terrace at the Touhill Performing Arts Center.

South Campus:
• A new residence hall is well underway.
• The new entrance drive to the Honors College is complete.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OCT. 12 LUNCH BUNCH (see article)
OCT. 13 DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES
featuring retired Edward Jones CEO John Bachmann, Lee Theater, Touhill Performing Arts Center.
5:30 p.m. - program
6:30 p.m. - reception
DEC. RETIREES’ ASSOCIATION HOLIDAY LUNCHEON
11:30 a.m., Millennium Student Center, Century Rooms.
Guest Speaker: Mike Paden, UM System
Invitations will be sent in November.
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., STAFF ASSOCIATION HOLIDAY BAZAAR to benefit the John Perry Scholarship in Century Room A, Millennium Student Center.
If you would like to donate items to the bazaar, please contact, Margaret O’Connor, 516-6071, Doris Licklider at 516-6355 or Debra Braun at 516-5919.

For more information, or if you would like to arrange a campus tour, call Cindy Vantine at (314) 516-5442, or e-mail cindy_vantine@umsl.edu

DON’T FORGET
to check out the Blanche M. Touhill Performing Arts Center website for the listings of upcoming events at www.touhill.org, or call (314) 516-4100 if you would like to be on their mailing list.

Are you looking for a little something extra?? Check out Volunteer Services.
Elizabeth Pawloski, volunteer coordinator, is working hard to create a strong Volunteer Services program at UMSL. The offering of volunteer opportunities spans a wide variety of interests, from tutoring and mentoring to assisting in athletics or in campus art galleries.
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