



QUESTIONS?: University of Missouri-Rolla graduate engineering extension at UMSL recently held an information session for prospective students [photo by Dan Swanger].

Curators agree to sell land tract

Rick Jackoway

The UM Board of Curators has agreed to sell most of the University's Weldon Spring property to the Missouri Department of Conservation for \$12.4 million.

The University will sell 7,230 acres of the almost 8,000 acre land tract. The 700 acres the university will retain is located on the east side of the property. The land is being withheld as a possible future site for educational programs for the St. Louis area.

The decision was announced by Board President Rex Williams at the Board meeting held at UMSL June 29-30.

There are still several contingencies before the land sale may be finalized. Under Missouri law both the General Assembly and the governor must approve the sale. The General Assembly cannot meet to approve the sale until January, 1979.

The sale is also contingent on the university officials being able to stop the citizens of Weldon Spring Heights from annexing 3,000 acres of the property. The St. Charles Administrative Court approved the annexation request June 22.

University officials said that they believed the sale of the land would help convince the Heights citizens to drop the annexation, and that they would try to settle the matter out of court.

The Weldon Spring agreement ends a long series of negotiations between the university and the conservation department. Last September the university rejected a 13.6 million

offer from the conservation department. The university then created a 13 member Weldon Spring land-use committee and stopped negotiations with the department.

Then in February, the committee made their recommendation to the Board. The Board rejected the four-faceted proposal because of the expense. The Board then reopened negotiations with the conservation department.

"It was the best decision that could be made under the circumstances. I am glad to see that the area is still going to open for student use," said UMSL Chancellor Arnold B. Grobman.

Under the agreement the University may continue agronomy experiments for up to five years on 40 acres. The university will also be able to continue archaeological work with permission from the conservation department.

"I am very pleased with the agreement," Williams said. "It is in the best interest of the university, the department, and the state of Missouri."

"The purchase now gives the conservation department a 17,000 acre tract of land around St. Charles County. It is almost impossible to find that large a property so close to a major metropolitan area anywhere in the country," said Larry Gale, director-designate of the conservation department. The purchase is being financed by a sales tax passed by voters in 1976.

"I think this was a very good example of a department and the university working together," UM President James C. Olson said.

Muller takes student affairs post

Donna Denner

Julia King Muller has been appointed Assistant Dean of Student Affairs.

Muller is presently the student life coordinator at Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIU-C) and received her doctorate in Academic Administration of Higher Education in 1976.

"I was fantastically impressed," Muller said after visiting the UMSL campus. "I was impressed with the people and facilities that the university has to offer. Everyone seems interested and dedicated to the university."

As Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, Muller will be dealing directly with the students. "I hope to have a friendly relationship with students and to create a feeling of mutual respect," Muller said.

Conney Kimbo, Dean of Student Affairs, was impressed with Muller's ability to relate well with students.

"Dr. Muller is knowledgeable in student affairs," Kimbo said. "She is experienced, meets all

required criteria and has additional skills beyond these requirements," he said.

"Because of academic experience, I expect her to relate well with faculty and administrators, also."

Muller is active in professional organizations. "Dr. Muller is very active in her profession," Kimbo said. "For example, she is a member of the Editorial Board of the National Association of Women Deans, Administrators, and Counselors."

Muller feels that the transition from a residential campus to a commuter campus will pose no problems for her. "I tend to deal with people as individuals rather than as a resident or a commuter," Muller said.

"Of 23,000 students attending SIU-Carbondale, only 6,000 are residents of the university."

The search for a new Assistant Dean began after Dennis Donham's resignation in September of 1977.

Jan Sanders, assistant professor of speech-communications, has served as interim assistant dean since September.

The filling of the position was prolonged because of an appeal

Dean Kimbo filed in September. The appeal asked that a doctorate be required. This qualification made a difference in salary.

"The duties of assistant dean have always been extensive. The assistant dean is also responsible for the office in my absence. I feel these duties make a doctorate necessary," Kimbo said.

The appeal was accepted and a doctorate was required.

Many of the applicants were disqualified for the position because they did not have doctorate degrees.

Muller will begin her work the first week of August.

Curators discuss '79 - 80 UM budget

Rick Jackoway

Student fees will increase \$34 in 1979-80 for full-time students, if tentative budget plans are approved by the UM Board of Curators. Preliminary plans for the increase were reviewed by the Board at its meeting at UMSL June 29-30.

Included in the budget was a 9-9.5 per cent increase in the salary and wage base for university employees. Funds were also included in the budget plans for university-wide improvement of instruction.

"I recognize that the students will not be in favor of this five

per cent increase," UM president James C. Olson said, "but we see no alternative but to recognize the effects on inflation."

Olson said that the proposed increase is less than it could have been. The budget provides for two per cent of the increase to be financed by the state. Students will not be asked to pay the entire inflationary increase because the student share of cost at the University of Missouri is four per cent higher than at most universities. This proposal will cut that figure in half, according to Olson.

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IT'S LIKE THIS: Jeannie Williams and other advisors discuss the academic opportunities offered at UMSL in a recent meeting of the arts and science school advisors. The advisors help students plan their academic careers [photo by Dan Swanger].

Boal appeals contract decision

Earl Swift

Dean Boal, general manager of UMSL radio station KWMU, has been denied the renewal of his contract for the 1978-79 academic year by Everett Walters, vice chancellor of Community Affairs.

Boal is currently appealing the decision before the UMSL Senate's Welfare and Grievance Committee. If he loses the appeal, he must resign his post August 30.

"He has a contract with the university which expires on August 30," said Blair Farrell, director of the office of University Relations. "That's an annual contract. Dr. Walters sent him a letter saying that the contract would not be renewed. To my knowledge, that contract can be discontinued with no reason given."

Several members and former members of KWMU's student and professional staffs said that they felt Boal's departure, if it happens, would benefit the station.

Most of those contacted said that since Boal's appointment to the position of general manager in summer, 1977, the station has lost some of its most proficient employees.

"The radio station has gone completely downhill," said Michael Murphy, a former member of KWMU's professional staff and now a reporter/announcer for KSLQ. "My own observation is that it's obviously slipped, and that's evidenced by the loss of so many of the good people there."

"I don't know anybody here who thinks he's doing a good job," said a member of the student staff. "The personnel losses are more than coincidental."

"I really can't say that we'd benefit all that much by his staying, because we didn't make any great moves toward improvement," said Romondo Davis, former general manager of the station's student staff. "I got along with him very well. Dean was very concerned about student participation at the station, and promoted the idea of having as many students as possible at the station."

"I think overall that Dean Boal drove away or fired the people who were good at doing what was needed at a station like KWMU," said Michael Charles, a former program host there, and now president of Terrestrial Recording

Services. "When he came to the station, Boal inherited some key people. And he fired them."

"The show that I did, the 'Morning Show,' which aired from 6 a.m.-9 a.m. every morning, I was told, had high ratings," said Charles. "Apparently quite a few people liked the show."

"I was also told — I wish I knew names — that someone in the UMSL administration or on the board that runs the station didn't like the brand of program I was doing. Boal told me to back off. He wanted no humor in the show. My show was personal. It was human. He wanted it to be very formal."

"Most of the mail that I received was very favorable," said Charles. "Once, however, I received some very negative mail. Dean Boal made copies of the letter and distributed it to all of the personnel at the station."

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AWAITING A DECISION: Dean Boal is now appealing a decision to not renew his contract [photo courtesy of OPI].

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A spokesperson for the Missouri Student Union said, "We have not yet decided whether the students could afford even this increase. But we know the increase could have been a lot more."

Olson said that, "the most important budgetary problem is still that of salary and wages." The proposed increase in the salary and wage base is less than the ten per cent raise expected for the three-year effort to increase salaries up to a level comparable to other Big

Eight schools.

"The increase is less because the university is catching up more quickly than had been expected," Olson said.

The tentative budget request includes \$1.3 million for improvements of instruction. For UMSL, this money may be used to establish programs such as a bachelor of arts degree in nursing and electronics and a doctorate in clinical psychology.

The board also passed 16 physical facilities allocations. The group approved a parking fee increase and shuttle bus

service for UMC, the leasing of space by the university from the Tiger Hotel in Columbia, bituminous paving and sealing of driveways and parking lots at UMC, a new roof for the UMKC biology building, and allocating money for the purchase of dual viewing microscopes and accessories for UMC.

The board also approved buying blood bank supplies and reagents and leasing gas-liquid chromatographs for the UMC medical center. In addition, money was allocated for the

Medical Center's lease of a data acquisition and analysis system, hemodialysis unit supplies and materials, and a delivery system for medical supplies.

The board also accepted research equipment for a wood energy research center at UMR from the Adolph Coors Brewing Company, changed the university policy on purchasing insurance, and arrived at an agreement on a patent licensing. None of the physical facilities allocations directly affected UMSL.

Career planning now available

Jan Bartels

The UMSL Career Placement Office provides valuable help in finding a job to the graduating senior.

Located in Woods Hall, the Career Planning and Placement Office offers tips on all aspects of finding a job. The advisors there have suggestions on how to dress for an interview, prepare for the interviewer's questions, write resumes and prepare for on-campus interviews.

For a \$5 fee, an UMSL student can take advantage of the Career Placement's system for locating job openings in a particular field or in a specific company that he might be interested in working for.

There is also a service provided by the Career Placement Office in which a file is kept of

the letters of recommendation from professors on campus. With this system there is no need for the individual professor to re-write a new letter of recommendation for each company that requests one with a resume.

The Career Placement Office will also assist interested students in writing a clear and effective resume, which is important in finding and applying for jobs. The Career Placement advisors stress that the resume should be kept brief and to the point, generally not more than one to two pages long. The average interviewer sees many resumes and usually does not want to spend too much time reading a lengthy, wordy resume, according to placement advisors.

The office also offers suggestions on how and where to

look for information on various companies in St. Louis. They have a bibliography of references located in UMSL's library that may help the student find out more about a specific company. The placement advisors also have a packet of handouts on how to research a company.

In addition to helping the student seeking full-time employment, the Career Placement Office provides students with information on part-time, summer and internship positions. They stress that students can gain invaluable experience through summer jobs if they apply themselves and look for the job openings.

The Career Planning and Placement Office at UMSL offers a wide range of services to the UMSL student who is willing to take the time to ask for help.



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Personnel helps handicapped employees help themselves

Shirley Hanheide

A recent federal law requiring universities to make their campuses accessible to the handicapped and preventing discrimination against the handicapped has created an increased awareness of the problems encountered by handicapped employees and job applicants at UMSL.

The UMSL personnel office which hires both full-time and part-time non-academic staff members, is making a revitalized effort to help the handicapped help themselves. The person spearheading this effort is Wyndel Hill, director of personnel, who came to the UMSL campus five months ago.

Hill said he does not feel harmed or hampered by the government's regulations regarding the handicapped. Rather, he said, they have increased his consciousness of the difficulties faced by the handicapped worker. "I am not sure that we have been creative enough in our approach to hiring the handicapped," he said, but he

plans to remedy the situation.

Handicapped job applicants are not consciously screened out, Hill said. On the contrary, they are given every opportunity to prove that they are qualified and able to handle a job. If an applicant has a disability, Personnel will consider special concessions, such as job modification.

Many things can be done to make it possible for a handicapped person to perform certain job functions. For example, a wider work table or desk can be used to accommodate a wheelchair. Special equipment can be attached to a typewriter to aid a person with a sight problem or motor function disability. A two-drawer file cabinet can be used by a person who cannot reach a three- or four-drawer cabinet. Moveable equipment can be placed on rollers to reduce stress for a person with a heart condition. Specially-equipped telephones can be installed for the hard-of-hearing.

The attitude of the Personnel Office is that if a handicapped person has the basic ability to do the job, the expense necessary for modification is a good financial investment. In most cases, handicapped workers prove to be valuable employees, Hill said.

Alcoholism and drug-abuse are also considered handicaps, and Hill pointed out that the UMSL employees' health insurance covers necessary medical procedures to treat these problems. If an employee has one of these handicaps, Personnel is willing to give that person a second or even a third chance if the employee makes a sincere effort to be rehabilitated.

When considering a handicapped applicant, Personnel must use caution so as not to completely change the job function, Hill said. He recalled a recent case where a handicapped person applied for a job which required a certain amount of typing. The individual was unable to type and therefore was declared unqualified, just as a non-handicapped person who could not type would have been, he said.

When trying to place a handi-

capped person, Personnel must consider its obligation to both the applicant and the department seeking an employee, Hill said. The employee needs a job for which he or she is qualified, and needs to know what is expected. The supervisor needs to know his responsibility and his liability regarding the employee.

Sometimes an employer can be over-protective toward a handicapped person and inadvertently keep that employee from reaching his or her full potential. Conversely, an employer's good intentions may place the handicapped employee in an unsuitable or even dangerous situation.

Hill mentioned an example he had observed on another campus. A person confined to a wheelchair had been given a job on the eighth floor of a building. Signs posted near the elevators stated, "In case of fire, use stairs." The tragic possibilities of this circumstance illustrate how important it is to use good judgement when placing a handicapped worker.

There are 1,000 persons on the full-time UMSL staff, including academic and non-academic members. At present there is no way of knowing how many of these employees are handicapped. Many handicaps are not visible; some are not noticeable. Frequently a handicapped person will not indicate his disability on the employment application form. In addition, federal regulations forbid trying to identify the handicapped. Currently 15 staff members are listed as handicapped on the Affirmative Action Office records. However, this number identifies only those employees who have requested handicapped parking permits or special facilities.

Any person who feels that he or she has been denied a job at UMSL because of a handicap can initiate a grievance with either the Personnel Office or the Affirmative Action Office.

Hill summed up the policy of the Personnel Office by saying, "Only one person will be selected for a given job, but everyone who is qualified has an equal chance."

EMPLOYMENT

Applications are now being accepted for part time positions in the UMSL University Center for the Fall '78 semester.

The University Center hires students to assist in University food services, Information Desk, Fun Palace [recreation center], typing services, audiovisual and other programming support services.

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Cheng to head physics

Dr. Ta-Pei Cheng, associate professor of physics, has been appointed chairperson of the physics department.

Before joining the UMSL faculty in 1973, he worked as a research associate at Rockefeller University and spent two years at the Institute for Advanced Studies. During summers, he has worked at various physics research centers in this country and abroad.

Cheng completed his undergraduate work at Dartmouth College, where he graduated with honors, and he received his Ph.D in 1969 from Rockefeller University.

Berkmeyer elected president

Mrs. Barbara A. Berkmeier of Chesterfield, Mo., has been elected president of the Board of Curators for the coming year. She assumed her new duties after being elected at the board's June 30 meeting in St. Louis.

Mrs. Berkmeier, a 1966 graduate of UMC, succeeds Rex Z. Williams of Rollas as president. She served as vice president last year. She has been a member of the board since 1975.

A graduate of the College of Education, Mrs. Berkmeier formerly taught in the Ferguson-Florissant school district for four years and in the Riverview Gardens school district for three years.

Dr. Wallace R. Stacey of Independence, Mo. was elected vice president of the board for next year. Dr. Stacey, also a member of the board since 1975, is engaged in the practice of obstetrics and gynecology. He received his B.S. degree in medicine from the UMC in 1943 and his M.D. degree from Washington University in St. Louis in 1945.

Re-elected as officers of the board were Jackson Wright, general counsel and assistant treasurer; Donald S. Holm, treasurer; and Miss Catherine Hunt, secretary.

Women's Center provides information to shoppers

The UMSL Women's Center will be one of several organizations that assist women gathering at West County Center Wednesday, July 12 between 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Medical, legal, and psychological service members will also be available to provide information to shoppers. The shopping center is at Ballas and Manchester roads.

Archaeology course offered

"Field Study in Archaeology" is a course being offered at UMSL July 12-July 27. Participants in the course will help to excavate a St. Charles County North American Indian Village thought to have been inhabited as early as 2500 B.C.

The course is a three credit hour course and costs \$115. For more information call Ken Kinchelae at 453-5655.

Farrell resigns Alumni post

Kathy Farrell, director of UMSL's Alumni Association, resigned July 10. Farrell, who held the position for two and a half years, plans to pursue a career in freelance public relations work.

"The Enchanted Island" here

The University Players will present their annual children's theatre production this summer from July 20 through July 23.

This year's production will be "The Enchanted Island," a musical adaptation of Shakespeare's "The Tempest." The performance is free of charge and open to the public as well as the UMSL community. All performances will be 2 p.m. matinees.

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"I think he inherited a lot of good people and a good station. If he'd been smart, he could have done something with it," he said.

"Now that the so-called pro-

fessionals have had six years at the station, and have done so poorly," said Charles, "I think the students should be given the chance to have a shot at it."

Boal and Walters refused comment.

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A NEW STAR: Debi Brown, an UMSL student, has the starring role in a locally produced film. [photo courtesy of Debi Brown].

Brown stars in local film

Andrea Haussmann

An audition was held. Two hundred actresses tried out for the one lead female role. For Debi Brown, an UMSL student, it was the chance of a lifetime.

Brown plays the lead female part in "Delirium", a movie being filmed locally in St. Louis. A senior majoring in speech communications, Brown has had a lot of acting experience. "My acting experience definitely got me the part," Brown said. "I've got the UMSL speech department to thank for that."

According to Brown, the reason the movie is being filmed in St. Louis is because the story happened here. "The original story occurred in the 40's in St. Louis," Brown said. "It's been revised and stretched some but it's basically true."

The movie is about a group of businessmen who felt that too many criminals were getting away with murder. They decided to take the law into their own hands and formed a murder-vigilante group.

Brown comes into the picture as "Susan Norcross" when her roommate gets murdered. "I play a sort of Nancy Drew figure," she said with a laugh. Her role is fictional.

Apparently the movie is pretty gory. "The leader of the group is a war veteran," Brown said. "There is a lot of blood and violence in the film."

Brown, as Susan Norcross, meets a detective who is investigating her roommate's death and helps him solve the murder which ends up solving the other murders. "I risk my neck helping the police, but they benefit from it," she said.

"'Delirium' could be classified as a murder mystery," Brown said. "It has a touch of romance in it but it's mostly violent." The movie is scheduled for release in November.

The movie is being filmed all over St. Louis. "We're using buildings, cemeteries, and other locations all over the city," Brown said. "The reason more movies are being made in the Midwest is that it is cheaper to go on location here than to build sets in California," she added.

Brown is also involved with the University Players, of which she is the Vice-President and occasional set designer.

Brown speaks of the influence the speech department has had on her. "The instructors are great — they've taught me so much. The department is like a big family."

Brown mentioned the differences between stage acting and film acting. "Film is totally different — I think it's a lot harder than stage. On stage there's a progression, character development."

"You have to rely on method for film. We did the ending first," she said. "It's really weird to see yourself on film. I really prefer acting on stage — I like the feedback from the audience that you don't get on a closed set."

Acting in "Delirium" has changed Brown's life considerably. "I don't have time to do anything anymore! We shoot ten to twelve hours a day, 6 days a week. It's rough."

But when asked if she'd do it again, Brown replied, "In a minute — it's been great experience. I'm not only getting experience, I'm learning sound and lighting techniques. This has been an experience I'll never forget."

Brown, however, does not plan on being a full-time actress after graduation. "I want a normal life. I plan on teaching acting full-time, perhaps acting on the side," she said.

"I think about it though — everybody has a dream of being famous."

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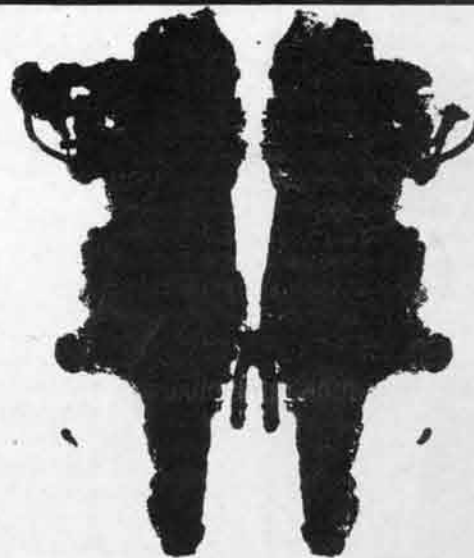
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