Professor, 52, dies of cancer

Funeral services were held May 31 for Alan F. Berndt, professor of chemistry at UMSL. Dr. Berndt died of cancer May 29 at Jewish Hospital, following a five-month illness. He was 52.

Dr. Berndt joined the UMSL faculty in 1965. He was promoted to the rank of professor in 1971 and in the period between 1975 and 1978 he served as assistant dean of the graduate school.

Before joining the UMSL faculty, he worked at the Argonne National Laboratory in Argonne, Ill., the Monsanto Co. of St. Louis, and the RCA Laboratory in Princeton, N.J.

A physical chemist with interests in solid-state chemistry and X-ray crystallography, Dr. Berndt published 43 papers in chemical journals and was co-author of a book titled "Dental Fluoride Chemistry."

"All had a reputation as a fine teacher and research chemist," said Lawrence Barton, chairperson of the chemistry department at UMSL. "He was a good friend and colleague to all of us and will be sadly missed."

Dr. Berndt is survived by his wife, Marion, and children Sarah, Joseph and Harold.

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The baseball Rivermen finished out their season with a 29-15 record and a big second-place finish in the NCAA Midwest Regional Tournament.

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SPOR TING SCHOLAR: Baseball great Stan "The Man" Musial waits to receive his honorary doctor of laws degree at commencement ceremonies May 13.

Stan Musial given an honorary degree

UMSL's spring 1984 graduates received degrees and a plea: a plea to support UMSL in its time of financial need.

Some 753 UMSL students were awarded degrees, along with baseball Hall-of-Famer Stan Musial, who received an honorary doctor of laws at the commencement exercises May 13.

Degree recipients included four Ph.D.s, three Ed.D.s and 31 students, in the first class to receive the doctor of optometry degree, which required four years of study beyond undergraduate college education.

The graduating students, four "g" with family and friends, heard the commencement address, given by Ward E. Barnes, retired superintendent of Normandy School District and a founder of UMSL.

Barnes was a leader in the "Committee of 28" which led the Normandy School Board to purchase the 135-acre Belleville County Club property on which UMSL now is situated. In his remarks, he recalled the events leading up to that sale 20 years ago and lauded the progress of the university over the past years.

But he also asked the recent graduates to consider what UMSL has done for them, and to give the university their support in the future.

"Hopef ully, UMSL alumni serve more effectively as individuals in the business and cultural life of the community because of their total education at UMSL, general, professional and extracurricular," Barnes said. "As you join your fellow graduates you can play a very important role in the future of UMSL. May I challenge you to give your dedicated support in helping to see that the second 20 years are as brilliant and successful as have the first 20 years proven to be."

Barnes said that UMSL "is now sharing the plight of all state supported institutions of higher learning - the burden of reduced federal and stagnating state financial support. This has placed UMSL in an arrested state of growth."

"He added that the effectiveness of UMSL's future would rely heavily on the support of citizens and the legislature.

Musial's career in baseball began with the Cardinals with a pitching role, but after a few years he was converted to an outfielder-first baseman because of an arm injury. His major-league career, all with the Cardinals, stretched from 1941 to 1963. He was named Most Valuable Player in the National League in 1943, 1944 and 1946, and was a member of the National League All-Star Team in 1943, 1944 and 1946.

He received several other awards and in 1969 was named to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Since his retirement in 1963, Musial has been a business executive, civic leader and general manager and senior vice president of the Cardinals. Currently, he is president of Stan Musial and Biggie's Inc. and president of the St. Louis Steamers indoor soccer team.

Franzel to head optometry's continuing education program

Gerald A. Franzel, O.D., has been named Director of Continuing Education programs for the School of Optometry at UMSL. The appointment, which was effective June 1, was announced jointly by Jerry Christensen, dean of the School of Optometry, and Wendell Smith, dean of the Continuing Education-Extension division.

Franzel, a practicing optometrist, will develop continuing education programs for optometrists, optometric technicians and assistants throughout the state.

He also will retain his faculty position at the school.

Franzel holds a bachelor of science degree and doctor of optometry from the University of Houston.

He has been an active supporter of continued professional training for optometrists throughout his career, originating the St. Louis Optometric Institute in 1964. From 1962 to 1972 he served as chairman of the education committee for the Missouri Optometry Association, and was elected president of the association in 1972.

From 1977 to 1978 he served as a member of the American Optometric Association task force which developed the initial position paper on the role of optometry as a primary health care profession for the American Academy of Science's study.

From 1967 to 1980 Franzel served as the director of a task force to establish a School of Optometry in Missouri. That project came to fruition in 1980 when the UMSL School of Optometry was founded. The doctor of optometry degree was awarded to 31 students in the school's first graduating class during commencement exercises May 13.

753 graduate in spring ceremony
Grobnom honored for work in science

Chancellor Arnold H. Grobnom has been named recipient of the 1984 Distinguished Service Award from the American Institute of Biological Sciences, a federation of 35 professional societies representing more than 60,000 biologists nationwide. The award will be presented at a meeting Aug. 6 at the institute's annual meeting in Fort Collins, Colo.

Grobnom, a herpetologist and professor of biology, has published 129 articles, written 15 books or monographs, and published a number of texts on biological topics. The award is being presented primarily for his year-round efforts in developing a new undergraduate curriculum (1959 to 1965), which produced new biology textbooks for secondary schools. Those books, or adaptations of them, are used in more than 300 Colombian schools today. In 1975, the university created a new Post-Graduate School of Natural Resources, with Grobnom as chancellor. In 1984, Grobnom became involved in urban education, first as dean of Rutgers College in Rutgers University, N.J., and later as vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle in Chicago, Ill., and as chancellor of UMSL, in April 1975.

Grobnom belongs to more than two dozen biological societies and has served as president of the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists and the National Association of Biology Teachers. He also has served on the American Institute's Governing Board and was a member of its executive committee. Grobnom's numerous awards for his work in the biological sciences include the Fred H. Stroye Prize (from the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists in 1941), the Macalaster Award (from the National Association of Biology Teachers in 1965), membership in Sigma Xi and Phi Beta Kappa, and honorary membership in the Asian Association for Biology Education.

ARTFUL MEDIATOR: Sociology professor James H. Laue has been selected to head the Conflict Clinic Inc. The clinic's main offices will be located at UMSL.

Laue named president of Crisis Conflict at UMSL

James H. Laue, professor of sociology at UMSL, has been named the first president and executive director of the Conflict Clinic Inc., an independent institution working in collaboration with the University of Missouri-St. Louis. The clinic's main offices will be located at UMSL, with additional facilities at Harvard Law School in Cambridge, Mass.

The purpose of the clinic, founded in 1983, is to improve the theory and practice of negotiation and mediation through direct involvement in selected national and international disputes of significant public concern. For the past year, the work of the Clinic has been directed by managing executive director John Murray, professor of law at Texas Tech Law School in Lubbock.

Laue's appointment, which is effective June 1, was announced by the clinic's board of directors, chairman of the board, chairman of Stoner Broadcasting Systems Inc. and chairman of the board, chairman of Stoner Broadcasting Systems Inc. and chairman of the board, chairman of Stoner Broadcasting Systems Inc. and chairman of the board, chairman of Stoner Broadcasting Systems Inc. and chairman of the board, chairman of Stoner Broadcasting Systems Inc. and chairman of the board, chairman of Stoner Broadcasting Systems Inc. and chairman of the board, chairman of Stoner Broadcasting Systems Inc. and chairman of the board, chairman of Stoner Broadcasting Systems Inc. and chairman of the board, chairman of Stoner Broadcasting Systems Inc. and chairman of the board, chairman of Stoner Broadcasting Systems Inc. and chairman of the board, chairman of Stoner Broadcasting Systems Inc. and chairman of the board, chairman of Stoner Broadcasting Systems Inc. and chairman of the board, chairman of 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Get caught up in the Current!

The Current is now accepting applications for the 1984-85 school year. The following positions will be available to any student taking one or more classes at UMSL. Some positions are paid; in those cases that is noted by the job description.

The Current is a great way to meet fellow students, get to know the campus and the administrators, and learn the hows and whys of publishing a college newspaper. Next year's staff will participate in training sessions, lectures by area newspaper professionals and more. In addition, the Current offers social events for its members.

Get involved in the award-winning newspaper at UMSL. Get caught up in the Current!!

We are seeking students to fill the following positions:

**News Editor**
This salaried position requires a student with good writing skills, a general knowledge of the campus and its functions, and a "nose for news." The student will help to recruit a staff of writers and production persons to assist in the development of the news section. This student will work primarily on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The news editor needs good leadership and organizational skills.

**Photography Director**
The photo director will coordinate a staff of photographers in regards to shooting schedules and darkroom work. This student must possess an excellent knowledge of black and white photography and darkroom work and a creative eye. The photo director works primarily on Friday, Monday and Tuesday. This is a salaried position.

**Assistant copy editor and photo director**
Also salaried positions, these assistants will help in organization of the departments and will do some of the groundwork associated with each. They should each possess the same skills as their respective managers.

**Sports Editor**
The sports editor will also work with a team of writers and production assistants to produce a sports section each week. Good writing skills, creativity in designing the section and organizational skills are very important. A basic knowledge of UMSL athletics is necessary. This student will work primarily on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. This is a salaried position.

**Assistant news, features, and sports editors**
These salaried positions offer less work hours but the same advantages: technical training and experience. The assistants will write and/or work on layout. At least two assistants will be selected in each area. The assistants generally work the same days as do the editors.

**Typsetter**
A good typist can be trained to work with the computer typesetting system at the Current. Typing skills of 55 words per minute are necessary. Typists work some or all of the following days: Friday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Typists are salaried positions. At least 4 will be hired.

**Assistant copy editor and photo director**
Also salaried positions, these assistants will help in organization of the departments and will do some of the groundwork associated with each. They should each possess the same skills as their respective managers.

**Features Arts Editor**
This student will be responsible for developing and carrying through on story ideas, working with writers and production assistants will help develop the feature section under the guidance of the features editor. This student will work primarily on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. A good grasp of the campus events and good writing skills are necessary. This is a salaried position.

In addition to the above positions, reporting, assistance will be given. Students interested in the work described are encouraged to contact the director.

Current positions are free to UMSL students, but part-time students will be paid for all hours worked. If a position is not filled by June 22nd, the position will be available for the summer semester.

Applications are available at the Current, #1 Blue Metal Office Building. For more information about working for the Current, call Sharon Kubatky, assistant editor, at 553-5174.
Several area standout athletes have announced their intention to attend UMSL in the fall.

UMSL swim coach Rich Fowler has announced the signing of distance freestyler Tom Lombardo of Vianney High School, butterflyer Steve Pummer of McCluer North H.S., sprinter-backstroker Jay Pape of Lindbergh H.S., and diver Alan Woodhouse of Hazelwood West H.S.

Lombardo is a three-year high school state meet qualifier who finished eighth in the 500-yard freestyle competition his senior year, and Woodhouse finished second in the Suburban North Meet and 13th in the state meet this past season.

"They'll give us some much needed depth, and all four can become very competitive college swimmers," said Fowler, who led the Rivermen to a best-ever 9-3 season.

Head basketball and softball coach Mike Larson has announced that Grace Gain, a two-sport star at Hazelwood Central High, has signed a national letter of intent to attend UMSL next fall.

Gain, a 5-foot-10 forward, averaged 12.0 points per game and 3.9 rebounds per contest as the Hawks compiled an outstanding 30-2 record, and finished third in the AAAA state tournament in Columbia last season.

In softball, Gain played first base and batted .444 with two home runs and 30 runs batted in to lead Hazelwood to the AAAA state championship.

Larson feels that Gain, a two year All-Suburban North selection in both basketball and softball, is a quality athlete and a quality person. "She'll be a real addition to both programs at UMSL," Larson said.

In addition, Larson also announced the signing of Wendy Peterson, 5-foot-10 forward from Keokuk High in Keokuk, Iowa. Peterson averaged 16.8 points per game and had a single game high of 44 points. She was captain of her team and an all-conference pick.

"Wendy is a very fine scorer and will help us replace our leading scorer, Kandy Cassidy, who has graduated," Larson said. "She is very aggressive and averaged nearly seven free throw attempts per game, which shows she really worked. She also lettered two seasons in volleyball and was a member of the Society for Academic Achievement."

UMSL's baseball team recently completed its season with a 29-15 record and a second place finish in the NCAA Division II Midwest Regional Championships at South Dakota State University.

UMSL set an impressive 26-13 record and the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association championship to earn an invitation to the Midwest regional playoffs.

In the opening game of the tournament, UMSL defeated Sam Houston State University by a 5-2 margin. The win pitted the Rivermen against host team South Dakota State in the second game. Losing 11-6, the Rivermen found themselves having to work their way through the loser's bracket. A 15-4 victory over Lewis University advanced the Rivermen into the semfinals where they met undefeated host team South Dakota State once again. In this, their second meeting, the Rivermen turned the tables and won 7-2. This win set the stage for the third encounter between UMSL and South Dakota State. However, UMSL came out on the losing side by a 15-3 margin.

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