

# State of the University

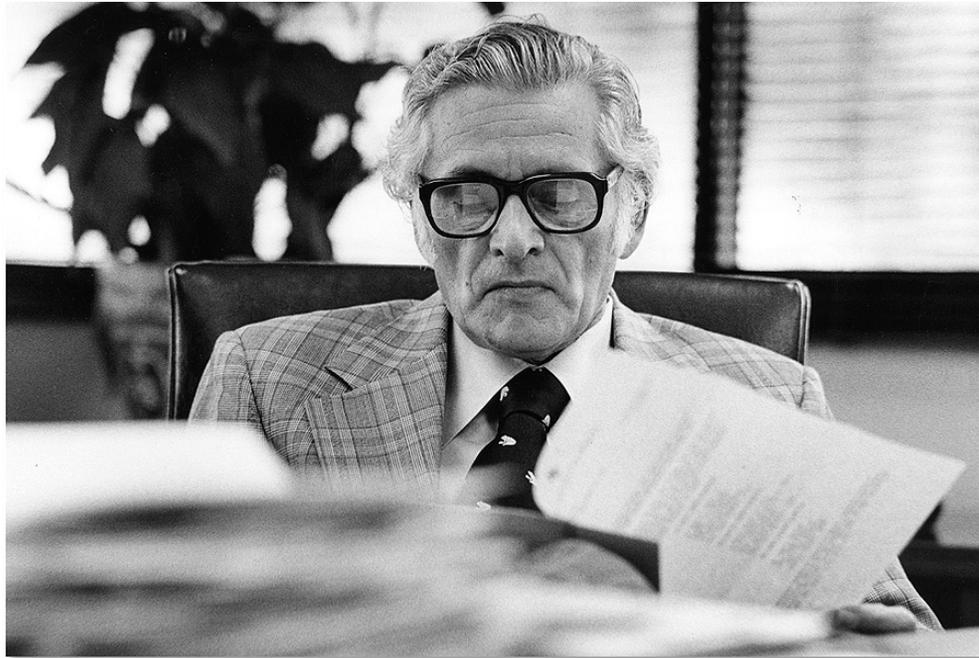
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# Chancellor Emeritus Arnold Grobman

1918 - 2012



UMSL's 4<sup>th</sup> chancellor (1975-85), Grobman died July 8 at age 94.



# International Business retains lofty status in latest *U.S. News & World Report* survey

- Undergraduate International Business ranked 15<sup>th</sup> nationally in report issued last week ... 10<sup>th</sup> year in top 20.
- Doctoral Criminology program remains ranked 4<sup>th</sup> nationally.



Total enrollment could reach 17,000 – establishing a new campus record.

- Undergraduate enrollment is up 2%.
  - 20% in nursing.
  - 11% in engineering.
  - 3% in business.
- Up 10% in Advanced Credit Program.
- Gains offset somewhat by decline in graduate programs – a national trend that includes UMSL.

# Largest incoming class of new students – freshmen and transfers – since 1999.

- Nearly 2,000 transfer students is second largest class in campus history.
- Up 5% in freshmen at 535.
- Average ACT score of 24 is a campus record.



Honors College is busting at the seams – which is a good thing. Enrollment is nearing 600.

- Steady enrollment increase has led to improvements in ACT scores, class rank and core GPA.
- More than 120 students this past year earned an Honors College certificate at graduation.



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## Missouri legislators show strong support for higher education.

- Began 2012 facing a 12.5% reduction in state support:
  - \$54 million UMSL allocation would have dropped to \$47 million.
- Projected reduction was revised to 7.8%:
  - Campus made \$4.3 million in cuts to accommodate projection.
- But Missouri General Assembly essentially held higher education harmless in its budget, and Governor reduced the cut to only 1%.

So, what did UMSL do with the funds it cut from the budget? Good question.

- \$2 million in M&R (Maintenance & Repair) – primarily to support bonds for an addition to Benton and Stadler halls:
  - Peabody Energy gift to help renovate two existing labs.
- Remainder will be used for scholarships, the salary raise pool and strategic initiatives supporting student recruitment and retention, including:
  - Advisors
  - Safety officers
  - Marketing

# Gateway for Greatness Campaign comes to a hectic, successful conclusion.

## ➤ \$154.2 million

- Seven-year campaign started July 1, 2005.
- Goal increased to \$150 million from \$100 million in July 2010.
- \$22 million per year average – less than \$7 million a year prior to campaign.
- \$28 million raised in final year – campus record!
- 31 Partners for Greatness (\$1 million-plus donors) and 257 members of Auguste Chouteau Society (\$100,000-plus donors).

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# Gateway funding is creating excellence at UMSL

- \$60 million targeted for faculty, academic programs, libraries and research.
- Five endowed professorships or chairs.
- Peter G. Schick Professorship in Finance filled July 1 by Yiuman Tse.

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# Funding also is creating access to excellence.

- \$20 million earmarked for scholarships.
- Six individuals or corporations gave in excess of \$1 million for scholarships, among them:
  - Emerson Charitable Trust.
  - Enterprise Holdings Foundation.
  - Estate of Eugene and Alice Meehan.

## Faculty continue to attract support for meaningful research

- UMSL received \$41 million in external funding awards, including:
  - College of Arts & Sciences: \$10 million.
  - College of Education: \$2 million.
  - Missouri Institute of Mental Health: \$9 million.
- Funding was received from several sources, including:
  - Federal government: \$25 million.
  - State of Missouri: \$7 million.
  - Industry: \$2 million.

# Technology transfer remains a vital link to regional economy

- UMSL launched chapter of the National Academy of Inventors:
  - 17 inventor members and 20 honorary members.
- UMSL brings research discoveries to market:
  - 13 new invention disclosures submitted.
  - 3 US patents issued; 3 patent applications filed.
  - 24 technologies licensed.
  - 1 new startup company established (6 total).
- Oklahoma Economic Development Council.

# UMSL@Grand Center becomes a reality – grand opening ceremony this past weekend

- Three-story, 27,000-square-foot facility next to the Nine Network – KETC.
- Houses UMSL offices and classrooms.
- New home to St. Louis Public Radio.



Real Deal



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# Recreation and Wellness Center gains student, curator approval.

- Cannon Design of St. Louis has been retained as architect of record.
- Begin construction summer 2013 – opening in fall 2015.
- 94,000 sf building to include:
  - 3-court gym.
  - Elevated jogging track.
  - Swimming pool.
  - Weight and cardio rooms.

# Marguerite Ross Barnett Plaza nears completion.

- Plaza for former chancellor will be located between SSB, Express Scripts Hall and Lucas Hall.
- Began construction this spring with completion set for later this fall.
- Alumni-led steering committee has raised nearly \$200,000 to date.



Student, faculty and alumni highlights ...  
mostly since May

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**Athletic teams combine for 144-113-4 record – making this avid fan very happy.**

- 22 student-athletes named to the All-GLVC team for their excellence in competition.
- 55 student-athletes named to the Academic All-GLVC team for their excellence in the classroom.
- Women's tennis and golf teams received GLVC Academic Team Awards for best collective GPA.



# Engineering students travel 16,000 miles to help on construction projects in rural Africa.

- Seniors Todd Bergman and Christian Glock were part of an effort to repair a water tower near Mekele, Ethiopia.
- Sponsored by Engineers Without Borders USA.



# Niyi Coker's film "Pennies for the Boatman" wins international acclaim.

- Coker received award for best script at this summer's Madrid International Film Festival.
- His locally produced film received 4 nominations, including for best film.



# Margaret Barton Burke becomes fellow with the American Academy of Nursing this October.

- Fellows are nursing's most accomplished leaders in education, management, practice and research and have been recognized for their extraordinary nursing careers.
- Fellows help develop strategies to influence national health care policy.



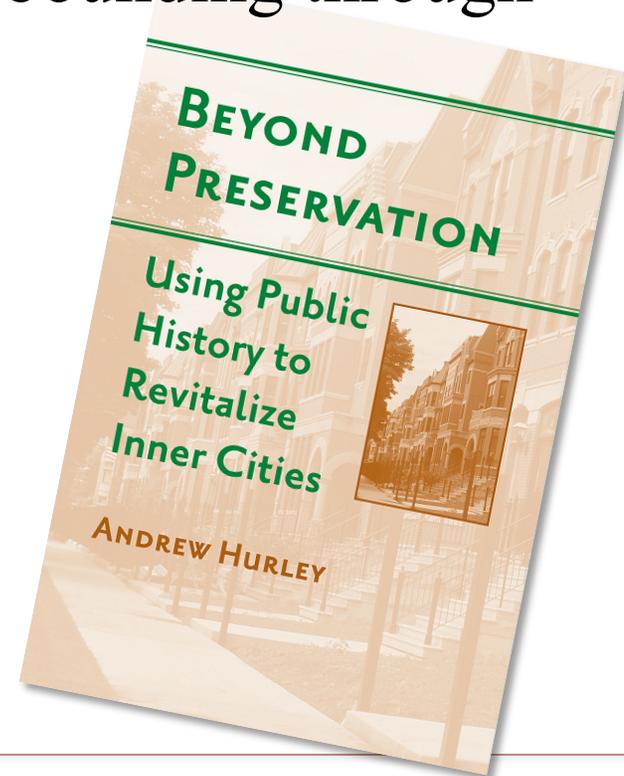
## Joseph Pickard becomes fellow with the Gerontological Society of America.

- Fellows work to promote scientific study of aging, promote educational programs in gerontology and foster the application of research in the development of public policy.



# Andrew Hurley receives National Council on Public History Book Award.

- His book, “Beyond Preservation: Using Public History to Revitalize Inner Cities” focuses on dilapidated neighborhoods rebounding through regeneration.



# Cathy Cartier wins Missouri Teacher of the Year Award.

- Affton high school English teacher has two degrees from UMSL – bachelor's in psychology and master's in secondary education.
- Credits success to building strong teacher-student relationships and stressing achievement.



Looking ahead ...Updating the Gateway for  
Greatness Strategic Plan.

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Phase 1

## Renewal process for G4G

- Set structure to receive initial feedback from greater number of constituents.
  - Steering committee, planning committee & subcommittees.
  - Campus-wide assessment of mission, vision and values.

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- Early results include “tweaked” mission statement.
  - The University of Missouri–St. Louis provides excellent learning experiences and leadership opportunities for a diverse student body. Outstanding faculty and staff, innovative research and creative partnerships foster synergies that advance the welfare of our students and other stakeholders and benefit the global society.

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- And ... narrowing of our areas of focus to 3 from 5.
  - Enhance the academic enterprise.
  - Recruit and retain quality diverse student population.
  - Enhance campus community engagement.

Phase 1

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- UM System strategic plan update started in June:
  - Innosight is the system's planning consultant.
  - UMSL reps were Provost Glen Cope, Education Dean Carol Basile, Graduate Dean Judith Walker de Felix and Tom George.
  - One exercise resulted in a campus strategic statement.

Phase 1

## Renewal process for G4G

- UMSL strategic statement.
  - Utilizing our reputation, influence and engagement in the St. Louis region, UMSL will increase its community engagement index by being engaged and recognized as an integral resource to the community through mutually beneficial partnerships that address community needs.

## Phase 2

# Renewal process for G4G

- Expand dialogue about campus and system planning efforts:
  - Budget and Planning, Provost Council, Staff Association, Student Government Association, Chancellor's Cabinet, Chancellor's Council & University Assembly.
  - State of the University Address.
- Upcoming seminar with Innosight to fine tune UMSL planning as it relates to the development of the UM System plan.

Now ... the highlight of today's event ...  
faculty and staff recognition

Congratulations!

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