

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-ST. LOUIS

## RETIREES ASSOCIATION

**President's Message**

On March 23, association officers met with UM System President Elson Floyd and representatives from other retirees associations in the system. President Floyd told us the merger with Northwest Missouri State University was currently being considered in the legislature. He assured us that if the merger happened, it would not affect the benefits of UM System retiree's. We then discussed the possibility of the consolidation of the positions of president and chancellor of the Columbia campus. In recent newspaper accounts, it seems this proposal has been dropped. President Floyd then told us that, due to the financial difficulties of the university system, there would be no increase in the retirees pension for this year. He noted this is the third year we have received no increase even for the "cost of living" factor. He projected there would be a possible 5 percent increase in the cost for medical insurance, but no increase for the dental insurance.

Shirley A. Martin, *President*  
UMSL  
Retirees Association

**Other News**

Roland Champagne sent in the following:

In my retirement as professor emeritus of French, I have just had an article published that reflects the discussions of the last seminar I taught at UMSL in Fall 2002. The article is entitled "The Devil's Advocate: Baudelaire's Cat as the Daimon of Erotic Mysticism in *Les Fleurs du mal*" and appeared in the latest issue of *Romanic Review* published by Columbia University. I am particularly proud of the four graduate students I cite in this article. One of them, Amy Reiter-McIntosh, is now Amy Lorenz and is a professor of French at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa after having earned her doctorate in French at the University of Chicago. She will be presenting a paper at a conference in Florence, Italy in July where I will also be presenting my own paper on Alain Finkielkraut. I have not seen Amy since she received her Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in the mid-1980's. I am particularly proud of giving a paper at the same conference where one of my own students also will present. The other three graduate students (Allen Pickett, Tracy Turnage, and Jennifer Walkowiak) are now earning graduate degrees from St. Louis University and Northwestern University.

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**—Spring Luncheon and Annual Meeting—**  
*Hosted by Chancellor Tom George and Dr. Barbara Harback*

**11:30 A.M.  
Friday, June 4, 2004  
Century Room A  
Millennium Student Center**

**Schedule:**   **11:30 a.m. - reception**  
**Noon - buffet lunch**  
**12:45 p.m. - short business meeting and election of 2004-05 officers.**

**Tours:**   **1:15 p.m. - The St. Louis Mercantile Library will offer tours of the main collection and the special exhibit *The Art of Bronze***

**R.S.V.P. to (314) 516-5789**

The following slate of officers will be presented at the meeting – nominations will also be accepted from the floor that day. If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact one of the officers.

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## **Our Sympathy....**

THADENE DORN, 86, died on Dec. 22, 2003. She worked in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures from 1975 to 1985. "I have not met a woman more compassionate and dedicated than Thadene was during her lifetime," said Dr. Roland A. Champagne, chair of the department, 1980-83. Dorn served as a mentor at a local elementary school, a volunteer at the airport USO, and president and board member of the local chapter of PEO. She was dedicated to the education of women at UMSL and in her positions with PEO she was able to offer scholarships to deserving female students at UMSL. Dorn was an active member of the UMSL Retirees Association, serving as treasurer and she was instrumental in the success of the association. She is survived by her daughter, Karen Riemer and son, Ron Dorn.

ARTHUR SMITH, 78, died on March 2, 2003. After 30 years of service, he retired from UMSL in 1998 as professor emeritus of behavioral studies in the College of Education. Smith received his general equivalency degree from the U.S. Navy. He completed his bachelor's degree in education by taking evening classes and working during the day. He first taught at Humboldt School near the Anheuser-Busch brewery in St. Louis. Smith received his master's and doctoral degrees in guidance from Saint Louis University. While working for the St. Louis Public School District, he became director of the Saint Louis University College of Arts and Sciences Evening Division. Upon completion of his doctoral degree, he joined SLU fulltime as associate professor of education. Smith later became chair of the Counselor Education Program as well as a counselor and social service director at the SLU Guidance Center. In 1966, he moved to South Bend, Ind., where he began a new graduate program as graduate dean of St. Mary's of Notre Dame. In 1968, he returned to St. Louis and became associate dean and chair of the newly formed Department of Behavioral Studies at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. He is survived by his wife, two sons and two daughters.

JOE WILLIAMS, 63, died in Nov., 2003. He was a coordinator for Continuing Education and Outreach for more than 20 years. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. In addition to his work at UMSL, he was a coordinator and counselor for Inroads, Inc. and was the general administrator and first registrar of the Laclede School of Law. He retired from UMSL in March 2000. After his retirement, he returned to teach part-time and taught adult basic education for the St. Louis Public School District. Williams also remained an active member of The Earles, a Motown-style vocal group that he and his friends started in 1964. He is survived by his wife, Deborah; son, Daniel; and daughter, Candace.

## **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **SPRING COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES**

**MAY 15 &16** All ceremonies are open to the public. No tickets required

**MAY 15 10 a.m. – Mark Twain Building**

*Bachelor or General Studies, Barnes College of Nursing and Health Studies, UMSL/WU Joint Undergraduate Engineering Program, College of Fine Arts and Communication, Master of Public Policy Administration, Master of Gerontology Speaker – Stanley Proctor, chemical engineer and president of Proctor Consulting Services.*

**2 p.m. – Mark Twain Building**

*College of Arts & Sciences*

*Speaker – Roger Beachy, president of the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center*

**6 p.m. – Blanche M. Touhill Performing Arts Center**

*College of Optometry*

*Speaker – UM System Curator Anne Ream, O.D.*

**MAY 16 2 p.m. – Mark Twain Building**

*College of Education*

*Speaker – Lynn Beckwith Jr., interim E. Desmond Lee Professor of Urban Education*

**6 p.m. – Mark Twain Building**

*College of Business Administration*

*Speaker – Thomas Schlafly, attorney at law and owner of Saint Louis Brewery, Inc.*

*Honorary Degree Recipient – Sandra VanTrease, B.S.B.A. '82, president of UNICARE*

**MAY 17 Red and Gold Golf Tournament**

*St Albans Country Club. For information, contact Colleen Watermon, director of Alumni and Constituent Relations at (314) 616-5777.*

**Other Events** – Center for International Studies at UMSL has a wide array of speakers and performers. To see the schedule, go to the UMSL home page ([www.umsl.edu](http://www.umsl.edu)), click on A-Z, then click on C and Center for International Studies. Also visit [www.touhill.org](http://www.touhill.org) to see a wonderful selection of concerts and programs at the Blanche M. Touhill Performing Arts Center.



### **REMINDER!**

**Once again it is time to pay your dues!**

Lifetime dues – \$100.00 (This makes it easy!)

Annual dues – \$10.00

**Checks payable to:** UMSL RETIREES ASSOCIATION

**Send to:** Dr. Sandy MacLean, 202 N. Brentwood Blvd.,  
St. Louis, MO 63105-3903

**Benefits:** Campus parking sticker and 10% discount at the Bookstore.

TEAR OFF

We hope to assemble a UMSL Retirees Association Directory and an email list serve.

To assure our information is up-to-date, please fill out this form and return it to: (NOTE ADDRESS CHANGE)

Retirees Association, 440 Woods Hall, UMSL, One University Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63121.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to also make payment for dues. \_\_\_\_\_ Annual (\$10) Lifetime (\$100)

Anything else you would like us to know! \_\_\_\_\_