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UMR SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH UNIVERSITY IN CHINA

UMR agreed April 21 to establish a program of academic cooperation and educational exchange in the environmental discipline with Tongji University, which was founded in 1908 in the People's Republic of China. Full story: <http://news.umn.edu/news/2006/TongjiUniversity.html> .

TRANSPORTATION CENTER TO RECEIVE FEDERAL FUNDS

UMR's National University Transportation Center (NTC) will receive \$1.5 million in federal funds for transportation research. The research center was one of 10 in the nation to receive "national" status under last year's federal highway bill, which was authored by U.S. Sen. Kit Bond as chair of

the Senate Environment and Public Work's Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee. Full story: <http://news.umar.edu/news/2006/NUTC06.html> .

'WE LOVE YOUR CLASS'

UMR freshman engineering students were recently given the opportunity to cast a vote for their favorite teacher. A total of 25 instructors in eight departments were nominated. The top two vote-getters, Dr. Martin Bohner (mathematics) and Dr. Petra DeWitt (history), have been selected to receive the first annual Freshman Engineering Program WE LOVE YOUR CLASS award. Congratulations to these outstanding teachers and a sincere thank you to all who devote large amounts of energy and enthusiasm to educating freshmen engineering students.

PATENT LAW IS IMPORTANT TO RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES

The office of technology commercialization and economic development (OTCED) at UMR is offering a free series of seminars on intellectual property issues, beginning with "The Importance of Patent Law to Research Universities" at noon today in the St. Pat's Ballroom of the Havener Center. Full story: <http://news.umar.edu/events/2006/OTCED0406.html> .

DONATION BOLSTERS PETROLEUM ENGINEERING PROGRAM

Petroleum engineering students at UMR have a new state-of-the-art place to study, thanks to a gift of more than \$150,000 from Robert Brackbill, Cay Brackbill, Mary Hargis and Mark Hargis. Full story: <http://news.umar.edu/news/2006/petrodonation06.html> .

LIBRARY WANTS PERSPECTIVES ON LEARNING

UMR's Wilson Library is conducting a survey of faculty and staff perspectives on learning at UMR. The objective of the survey is to enhance the connection between the library's resources/services and student learning on the UMR campus. Here is a link to the survey: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=788032088815> .

If you have any questions, contact the UMR Library reference desk at library@umar.edu .

TESTING CENTER SEATING LIMITED

Seating in the Testing Center is expected to be limited at the end of the semester. Faculty members wanting students to take exams in the Testing Center are asked to submit a Faculty Test Request Form at least seven days before the exam so adequate space and proctors can be arranged: <http://campus.umar.edu/testctr/forms/testrequest.html> .

If the Faculty Test Request Form is not received seven days in advance of the desired exam date, the request may be declined. Exams may be submitted to the Testing Center separately from the Faculty Test Request Form. Your cooperation is appreciated. The Testing Center is a division of counseling (<http://campus.umar.edu/counsel>) and academic support programs (<http://campus.umar.edu/learn/>).

BULLMAN AWARD WINNERS RECOGNIZED

Tyrone Smith, who has posted the some of the best long jumps in the NCAA Division II ranks

during the 2005-06 season, and Ashley Weiss, the standout catcher on the Lady Miner softball team, were named as the recipients of the 2006 Gale Bullman Awards during the M-Club Awards Banquet Tuesday night at Havener Center. Full story: <http://campus.umar.edu/sports/> .

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR JIM HUFHAM SCHEDULED

A memorial service for Dr. Jim Hufham, associate professor emeritus of biological sciences at UMR, will be held at noon Saturday, May 6, at James & Gahr Mortuary, 1651 Highway 72 East, Rolla. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon. Sue Hufham requests that, in lieu of flowers, memorial gifts be made to the Gale-Hufham Scholarship in honor of her late husband, Professor Jim Hufham.

FORMER ENGLISH PROFESSOR PASSES AWAY

Dr. Jim C. Pogue, professor emeritus of English at UMR, died Saturday, April 29. Dr. Pogue joined UMR in 1964 as professor of English and chair of the humanities department. He retired in 1992. His wife, Marilyn, was also a member of the UMR English faculty for many years. A private graveside service is planned later this week in Fulton, Mo.

VISITING PROFESSOR SEEKS ACCOMMODATIONS

The department of English and technical communication is hosting Washington University Irish studies scholar Dillon Johnston during the spring 2007 semester. Professor Johnston and his wife would like to locate housing in or around Rolla for that semester. They will not have pets or children. If you know of a home being vacated for that time, please contact the English department, 341-4681, or e-mail Anne Cotterill, cotteril@umar.edu .

RETIREMENT PARTY FOR FANNIN IS THURSDAY

A retirement reception for Dr. Ron Fannin, chair of interdisciplinary engineering, is set for 2-4 p.m. Thursday, May 4, in Room 202 of Interdisciplinary Engineering.

PREVIOUS NEWS:

COMMENCEMENT SET FOR SATURDAY, MAY 13

Spring commencement at UMR is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, May 13, in UMR's Gale Bullman Multi-Purpose Building. Faculty and administrators are encouraged to stay after commencement to mingle at the reception in the Student Recreation Center immediately following the ceremonies. There will be photo opportunities for the students, their families and faculty. Full story: <http://news.umar.edu/events/2006/commencespring06.html> .

YEAR-END PROCUREMENT DATES

May 19 -- last day to enter AND approve a requisition for purchases requiring a bid.

June 23 -- last day to enter AND approve requisitions for purchases not requiring a bid.

June 23 -- last day to enter a receiver for a purchase order with an FY06 budget (all purchase order lines less than \$1,000 with 2006 budget periods will be paid automatically if an invoice has

been received and a voucher prepared).

Noon, July 3 -- last day for departments to edit purchasing card transactions in PaymentNet for the June 2006 billing cycle.

Departments will still have until July 10 to get signed Statements of Accounts to Procurement.

PeopleSoft access: Purchasing Requisitioning, Approving and Receiving will be unavailable June 30 and July 3.

Requisitions for FY07 may be entered at any time beginning immediately, but requisitions entered for FY07 prior to June 24 must include a statement in the comment field that the requisition is intended for FY07.

Note: The requisition must be entered AND approved by the above dates for the PO to be issued with FY06 funds. All requisitions entered after June 23 will default to FY07. Requisitions created but not approved by this date will be deleted from PeopleSoft and will need to be re-entered after July 5.

These requisitions will be created with a FY06 budget date and will be turned into a purchase order and dispatched to suppliers on July 5. The budget dates/encumbrances will be rolled from FY06 to FY07 during year-end processing.

OPENING WEEK A TIME TO PROMOTE PROGRAMS, ORGANIZATIONS

Get new students involved in your organization or program with flyers, pamphlets, cards, coupons or fun items for their goodie bags during Opening Week, Saturday, Aug. 12 through Friday, Aug. 18, 2006. New Student Programs will be making 1,200 goodie bags, so please supply enough items for all students (freshmen and transfer students). The deadline for dropping off materials is Aug. 1. Send your materials to: 101 University Center. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Suzi Schroer at (573) 690-6892 or sksd49@umr.edu .

SOMEER ANNOUNCES TEACHING AWARDS

Thirteen faculty members in the UMR School of Materials, Energy and Earth Resources (SoMEER) received teaching awards during a ceremony on campus April 28. Full story: <http://news.umr.edu/news/2006/someerawards06.html> .

RETIREMENT NEWS: DEKOCK, KLUCZNY

Dr. Arlan DeKock, dean of the UMR School of Management and Information Systems, has announced his retirement. DeKock, who will be leaving in August, has been dean of the school since its inception in 2001. Full story: <http://news.umr.edu/news/2006/dekockretire.html> .

A retirement party for DeKock and Dr. Ray Kluczny, professor of business administration, will be held from 2-4 p.m. Thursday, May 11, in the Carver-Turner Room of the Havener Center.

LIBRARY TO HOST RECEPTION HONORING NENA THOMAS

You are invited to a reception honoring Nena Thomas for her 13 years of dedicated service to UMR's Wilson Library. The reception will be held from 2-4 p.m. Friday, May 5, on the first floor of Wilson Library. Thomas is currently the library's head of collection development and government

documents librarian. Please come and join us in wishing her much happiness in her retirement.

CELEBRATE SEMESTER'S END WITH JAZZ

The UMR Jazz Band and UMR Jazz Combo will perform in concert Friday, May 5, to mark the end of the current semester. The performance begins at 8 p.m. in Leach Theatre of Castleman Hall. Full story: http://news.umn.edu/events/2006/Jazz_5-06.html .

UMR'S DOTY NAMED ENGLISH CHAIR

Gene Doty, associate professor of English and technical communication, was named chair of that department. The appointment took effect Jan. 1. Full story: <http://news.umn.edu/news/2006/DotyChair06.html> .

UMR TO AWARD HONORARY PROFESSIONAL DEGREES

UMR will award 11 honorary professional degrees during its spring commencement Saturday, May 13. Full story: <http://news.umn.edu/people/probios06.html> .

SUBMIT PHOTOS FOR STUDENT HANDBOOK

Would you like your photography work to be included in next year's UMR Student Handbook? The department of student life is now accepting photo submissions to be included in the 2006-2007 Student Handbook. The handbook is given out to all new students and most current students. Submissions can be any photograph taken related to UMR. All submissions need to be in a jpeg or gif format, and handed in on a CD, or you can email them to stulife@umn.edu ; no hard copies accepted. Please include your name, major (or campus department) in your submission (this information will be included in the publication).

Due to size restraints, not all submissions may be included. The deadline for submissions is Friday, May 12. For more information, contact Student Life at 341-4329. All submissions become property of the department of student life.

STAFF DAY STUFF FOR SALE

The deadline to order your staff day shirt or hat is Friday, May 12. Staff Day is Wednesday, June 7. This year's theme is "Miner Idol." T-shirts are selling for \$10-12. Hats are \$10. The T-shirts are available in white, hats in navy. More information and pictures are available at <http://campus.umn.edu/staffco/staffday2006.html> .

Lunch is included in the price, if you wear your 2006 Staff Day shirt or hat. To order a shirt or hat, contact Melissa Folsom at 341-4954 or mfolsom@umn.edu , or talk to the contact person in your building.

STUDENTS TO SHARE RESULTS OF COMMUTER BUS STUDY

UMR students will present the results from their commuter bus system feasibility study to representatives of Fort Leonard Wood and the Meramec Regional Planning Commission (MRPC) on Thursday, May 4. Full story: <http://news.umn.edu/research/2006/commuter06.html> .

PARTICIPATE IN GRADUATION JUBILEE

In conjunction with the 2006 May Commencement, the campus is again hosting the semi-annual Graduation Jubilee. The event is scheduled for 4:30-6:30 p.m. Friday, May 12, in the atrium of the Havener Center. The invitation list includes all faculty and staff, the graduating class and their families and friends, as well as honorary and professional degree recipients and their guests. The event is a celebration, designed to honor not only the graduates, but also the faculty and staff who have contributed to their success at UMR. Through displays and exhibits, we want to feature student projects and activities and the contribution of the faculty and staff to their success.

We would like to offer an opportunity for parents of our graduates to talk with the faculty and staff and hear first-hand about the environment at UMR and how this has impacted the success and achievements of their sons and daughters. That is why we are asking for your help. Please contact Connie Goodridge as soon as possible at 341-4114, or email goodridg@umr.edu , if you are willing to participate in the Graduation Jubilee as an exhibitor, or are able to provide us with the name of a student project leader we should contact. Exhibitor space is limited.

COMING UP AT UMR

For a look at upcoming campus activities -- or to add your department or organization events to the public calendar -- visit the online calendar at <http://calendar.umr.edu> .

GOT NEWS?

We want to hear from you. Submit your departmental news, events open to the campus community, or other announcements to news@umr.edu . To ensure your event is listed in the eConnection, please submit it at least three days in advance. Events submitted with little or no advance notice may not make it into the eConnection.

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