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Gift to MU medical school will boost research

By Janese Silvey

A Warren County woman with no direct ties to the University of Missouri has left the MU School of Medicine part of her estate in honor of her husband.

Combined with an earlier gift, Melna Bolm contributed a total of \$1.3 million to MU in honor of George Bolm, a postal worker and hobby farmer who died in 2000. The money will be used to further research into cardiovascular issues, which plagued George, and the macular degeneration she suffered from.

Melna Bolm shed some light into reasons for her gifts in a statement she wrote in 2003 after contributing the first \$550,000 to the medical school.

"Too many people continue to die from heart attacks, and I wanted to support the type of basic research that could help everyone suffering from cardiovascular disease," she wrote in a statement provided by MU.

Bolm loved research, her cousin, Bonnie Vahle, told a group of administrators and relatives gathered this morning at the Reynolds Alumni Center to honor the contributions.

"If there was something she wanted to know, she would research it until she found the answer," Vahle said.

After her husband died after a series of strokes, she began to research cardiovascular disease.

Through the family attorney, Melna worked with William Crist, former dean of the medical school, to establish the George L. and Melna A. Bolm Distinguished Professor in Cardiovascular Health. Bolm's estate has added \$550,000, elevating the position, held by Ronald Korthuis, to a distinguished chair.

The money will be used to support his salary as well as research endeavors, said Tom Hiles, vice chancellor of development and alumni relations.

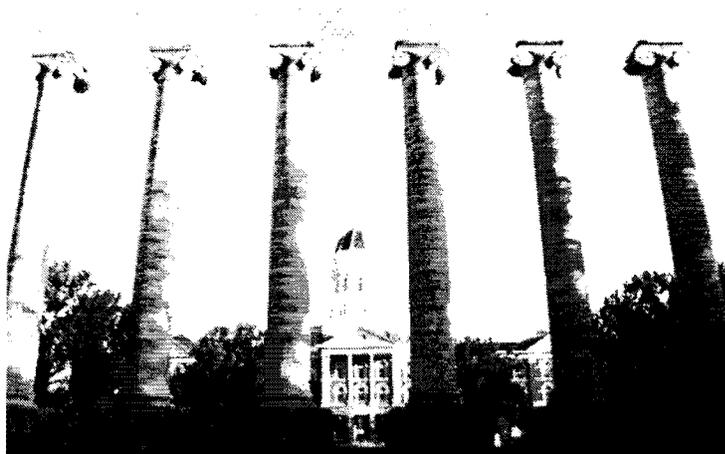
Another \$250,000 from the estate establishes a faculty scholar in ophthalmology, also named in the couple's honor. Professor Dean Hainsworth, who researches macular degeneration, has been tapped for that position.

That the Bolms were not MU alumni and did not have other connections to the university shows they understood the importance of investing in foundational research for future generations, Chancellor Brady Deaton said.

"She was committed to the idea of turning money into miracles," he said.

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

Warrenton woman leaves \$1.3 million to MU School of Medicine



COLUMBIA, Mo. • An eastern Missouri woman has left \$1.3 million to the University of Missouri School of Medicine in honor of her husband.

The late Melna Bolm, of Warrenton, first gave \$550,000 to the medical school in 2003. She later added \$550,000 to establish the George L. and Melna A. Bolm distinguished professorship in cardiovascular health. Her husband died in 2000 and Melma Bolm died in 2011.

Another \$250,000 from her estate established a distinguished faculty scholar program in ophthalmology, also named for the Bolms.

Several administrators and relatives gathered Thursday at the Reynolds Alumni Center in Columbia to honor the contributions.

The Bolms were not Missouri alumni. A cousin, Bonnie Vahle, said the couple suffered from several health problems and Melma Bolm wanted to support medical research.

COLUMBIA MISSOURIAN

\$1.3 million gift will support MU cardiovascular, ophthalmology research

By Lizzie Johnson

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COLUMBIA — George and Melna Bolm had little in the way of connection to MU.

They did not attend the university. They were not treated at University Hospital and Clinics. They did not live in Columbia.

But the Warren County couple knew they wanted to support MU medical research.

Family of the Bolms presented a \$1.3 million gift to the MU School of Medicine on Thursday morning in the presence of university and MU School of Medicine leaders.

"It is a very compelling story," said Thomas Hiles, vice chancellor for development and alumni relations. "They had humble lives and could have used this money to live in the Ritz-Carlton. Instead, it will help research. It is very inspiring."

MU Chancellor Brady Deaton, MU School of Medicine Dean Robert Churchill and MU Ophthalmology Department Chair John Cowden spoke at ceremony in the MU Reynolds Alumni Center.

Melna Bolm died in 2011 and her husband passed away in 2000, according to MU.

Melna's gifts were a memorial to her husband. An initial gift of \$550,000 in 2002 established the George L. and Melna A. Bolm Distinguished Professor in Cardiovascular Health.

An additional \$550,000 from the Bolm estate elevated the professorship to a chair, which is held by Ronald Korthuis. The estate also provided \$250,000 to establish the George L. and Melna A. Bolm Distinguished Faculty Scholar in Ophthalmology. Dean Hainsworth was recently named to the position.

Part of the gift will support cardiovascular research. The other part will support ophthalmology research, particularly macular degeneration, which Melna suffered from.

"The most common cause of vision loss is macular degeneration," Hainsworth said. "Your grandma is going to want to know how she is going to see. The gift allows us to have funding that we would otherwise have to go through grants to get."

Family members at the ceremony said George and Melna Bolm would be pleased with the results of their gift.

"She would be so happy," cousin Bonnie Vahle said. "She was such a gracious and generous person. She would be tickled."

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\$1.3 million gifted to School of Medicine

More than \$1.3 million worth of estate gifts have been bequeathed to the School of Medicine by George and Melna Bolm, Chancellor Brady Deaton announced Thursday.

The gift includes \$250,000 as an endowment for the George L. and Melna A. Bolm Distinguished Faculty Scholar in Ophthalmology, and \$550,000, which is added to a previous donation of the same amount in order to elevate a professorship in their name to a distinguished chair.

"The humbleness of George and Melna speaks to me," Deaton said. "George worked as a postal worker and a farmer and yet he and his wife were still able to donate more than a million to the university."

The donation process was started by Melna Bolm and the family's attorney following the death of George Bolm in 2000. The recent donation was awarded following the death of Melna Bolm in 2011.

"Melna suffered from macular degeneration (a disease causing loss of sight) and George had several cardiovascular problems," said Bonnie Vahle, a cousin of the Bolms. "We are so grateful that we can help and do as much as we can for finding cures for cardiovascular and ophthalmology diseases."

School of Medicine Dean Robert Churchill said the donations would help further an already impressive cardiovascular research program.

"Cardiovascular disease is the number one killer in the nation," Churchill said. "With gifts such as this, the school of medicine has established themselves as having one of the nation's best cardiovascular programs and it is recognized as such internationally."

Deaton said neither of the Bolms were alumni of MU and that no record exists of them being treated by MU physicians.

"(Melna) wrote in a letter to a family member, 'I decided to support MU because it was close to home and needed support for its efforts to serve people in my area,'" Deaton said.

The award for the distinguished faculty scholar award in the Bolms' name was given to Dean Hainsworth, a professor of ophthalmology.

"My mother has macular degeneration but she loves to read and enjoy her grandchildren," Hainsworth said when accepting the award. "She may be older but she still has much love and good to offer to those around her. She says her biggest fear is that she will no longer be useful."

This is echoed by the many patients with macular degeneration that I see throughout the year. With this award, Mrs. Bolm is still doing much good. She has been and will continue to be very, very useful.”



City announces new air service to Dallas, Chicago

By Jacob Barker

A tentative agreement with American Airlines could effectively double passengers at Columbia Regional Airport and connect the major hubs of Chicago and Dallas to Mid-Missouri.

Under the agreement, announced Thursday by Columbia City Manager Mike Matthes and Mayor Bob McDavid, American would begin offering two daily flights to Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport and one daily flight to Chicago O'Hare International Airport. All flights would be on 50-seat regional jets and are scheduled to begin in February.

The announcement is the culmination of 18 months of work to boost service at the airport, which city leaders worried could lose commercial service altogether if passenger boarding numbers stayed below 150,000 per year by 2020. If ratified by the Columbia City Council, the deal with American could double air service at Columbia Regional Airport and provide service out of the airport to "three of the four busiest hubs in the U.S.," McDavid said.

To ratify an agreement, the city will insure American against potential losses from low demand, a tactic most small airports have taken to lure airlines. A revenue guarantee fund, which currently has about \$3.3 million in commitments, McDavid said, has received pledges from the University of Missouri, Mid-Missouri businesses, Boone County, Jefferson City and Cole County. The City of Columbia has pledged about half of the amount in the fund.

Complete financial details were not available Thursday, but McDavid said the agreement calls for a guarantee of \$4,403 per flight to or from Chicago and \$5,010 for each flight to or from Dallas. The city already subsidizes the airport to the tune of about \$1 million a year, he said, and the agreement with American "is a commitment you can't

afford not to take."

The arrangement must be approved by the city council, and the airline would like to make its formal announcement about the agreement Oct. 22. Details on the terms of the agreement will be available tomorrow, when the city will hold a special council meeting to introduce a bill ratifying it. A second reading will occur at the regularly scheduled council meeting Monday, and a special meeting to approve the announcement is scheduled for Oct. 22.

Right now, Delta Air Lines provides two flights to international hubs in Atlanta and one per day to Memphis. Frontier Airlines announced in August that starting Nov. 2 it would provide two flights a week between Columbia and Orlando, Fla., using 138-seat jets.

The Frontier flights, though, represent less frequent service and it is geared toward vacationers. McDavid said Dallas and Chicago are important to the University of Missouri, which has been increasingly focused on recruiting out-of-state students, many from Illinois and Texas.

“Chicago is important to the University of Missouri,” he said. “Their strategy is to increase the number of out-of-state-students coming to the University of Missouri, and they have a really strong foothold in the Chicago area.”

The additional flight options are more than a convenience to prospective students. Companies also have told economic development officials that a lack of air service options was a factor in their decisions to bypass Columbia as a place to set up operations.

“I think” Regional Economic Development Inc. “and our economic development programs helped demonstrate the need our community had for air service,” REDI President Mike Brooks said. “The additional service in air really gives us a much better transportation picture.”

Although Thursday’s announcement is just the latest example of the improving fortunes of the airport, it also portends tough decisions ahead. City officials have warned that the airport does not have the capacity to handle many more passengers and have called for upgrading the facility. McDavid said funding mechanisms have not been decided on yet, but he said the terminal would need space for at least 300 passengers and, at a minimum, three gates.

“We are woefully under capacity at the airport,” he said. “We will need a substantial expansion at the airport terminal.”

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Thirteen MU faculty, alumni to be honored at awards banquet

By Janine Brownridge

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COLUMBIA — Thirteen MU faculty and alumni will be honored Friday at the 45th annual Faculty-Alumni Awards Ceremony.

The highest honors awarded at the private banquet are the Distinguished Service Award and the Distinguished Faculty Award. This is 57th year the service award will be given and the 53rd year the faculty award will be given, according to a news release from the MU News Bureau.

The service award will go to John Campbell, a well-known animal and dairy scientist, and the faculty award will go to Randall Prather, a curator's professor and a professor of reproductive biotechnology, according to the release.

On Friday, 11 people will receive faculty-alumni awards. Professors earn this award based on their accomplishments as teachers and researchers and their relationships with students. Alumni earn this award based on their professional accomplishments and service to their communities and the university.

This year's recipients are:

- William M. Crist, physician
- Fritz W. Cropp, associate professor at the Missouri School of Journalism
- Jan L. Dauve, professor of agriculture and applied economics
- Diane Glancy, professor of English at Azusa Pacific University
- Sheila Ann Grant, professor of biological engineering at MU
- Timothy M. Karcher, colonel and director of Army Wounded Warrior Program
- Harold L. Lowenstein, attorney for the Armstrong Teasdale Litigation group.
- James Madison Miller IV, professor of theater at MU
- Etti Naveh-Benjamin, teaching assistant professor of psychological sciences at MU and director of the Multicultural Certificate Program

- Thomas M. Scott, former area chairman for Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.
- Deidre d'Amour Wipke-Tevis, associate professor of nursing at MU

The recipients of the awards were chosen last spring by a committee from the Mizzou Alumni Association, which was made up of faculty and alumni — some of whom have already received the award, Carrie Lanham, senior director of alumni relations, said.

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GEORGE KENNEDY: Proposed tobacco tax increase offers chance to improve Missouri

NO MU Mention

By George Kennedy

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Chris Kelly is not given to understatement. So when he says, as he did at Tuesday's campaign forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters, that Proposition B, the tobacco tax increase, "is the most important question on the state ballot" and "the way to the future for education and smoking cessation," you might be tempted to apply a substantial discount factor.

I wouldn't recommend that. Especially for voters here in a community that lives by education, in the heart of a revenue-starved state, he just might be right.

There are, of course, other important issues we have to resolve Nov. 6, to say nothing of the filling of Missouri's and the nation's top offices. The right-wingers who dominate our state legislature are trying to thwart a key provision of the Affordable Care Act and to politicize the judicial selection process. That means we have a ballot proposition and a constitutional amendment to oppose.

By contrast, Prop. B gives us a chance to do ourselves, our kids and our state some good. (That's also true of Boone County Prop. 1, which would impose a quarter-cent sales tax to create a Children's Services Fund to address the unmet needs of troubled and troubling children and teenagers.)

It's no news that Missouri has the lowest tobacco tax of any state. It's no surprise that the association representing service stations and convenience stores wants to keep it that way. Ron Leone, the lean and dapper spokesman for that group, was eloquent Tuesday in arguing its case.

Mr. Leone, whom Rep. Kelly claimed as a friend, seemed a smart and reasonable fellow — until I reminded myself that what he really supports is addiction and disease. His most plausible argument, that the new revenue for education might enable legislators to redirect some current funding, was, I thought, both true and irrelevant.

As Rep. Kelly rebutted, the education lobby in Jeff City is powerful enough to protect itself; and a few dollars redirected to mental health or another underfunded but important state service wouldn't be such a bad thing.

The proposition would impose a tax increase from 17 cents to 90 cents per pack of cigarettes. (The national average is \$1.49.) The revenue from that higher tax is estimated to be between \$283 million and \$423 million a year. That revenue would be allocated: 50 percent to K-12 education, 30 percent to higher education and 20 percent to smoking cessation programs.

When the foundation formula for the public schools is short by millions and state support for the university is at historic lows, those numbers look awfully good.

The smoking cessation programs could be equally important. Rep. Kelly pointed out that research shows teenagers — the age when smoking typically becomes habit-forming — to be uniquely sensitive to price. A major increase would keep many from the addiction that has been shown to shorten lives and drive up medical costs.

True, he admitted in response to a question, in a perfect world the regressive tobacco tax would not be the best source of funding. But in the real world, and the real Missouri, it's the best source that has even a remote chance of adoption.

That chance is better this time than when a similar proposition was defeated in 2002 and 2006. A key difference this time, as the Kansas City Star reported Sunday, is that the big tobacco companies aren't pouring money into the campaign as they did before. That's because, Mr. Leone told the Star, the proposition would close a loophole that allows off-brand cigarettes to be sold for a lot less than major brands in Missouri.

"Big Tobacco" actually supports Prop. B, Mr. Leone said, "because it reduces their competition."

It would also reduce Missouri's attractiveness to bootleggers, who now buy here and sell in states where taxes and therefore retail prices are higher, Rep. Kelly said Tuesday.

If the tax increase passes, Missouri's tax would still be lower than in Illinois, Arkansas, Iowa and Oklahoma but higher than in Kansas.

More than 9,000 of our fellow Missourians die every year from diseases related to smoking. The American Cancer Society, the Missouri Budget Project and the state League of Women Voters all support Prop. B.

So should we all.

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City gears up for Tigers game against No. 1 Alabama

By Andrew Denney

Despite Missouri's tough home loss last weekend, crowds are expected to be big for Saturday's matchup against the No. 1 Alabama Crimson Tide, and the average ticket price is the highest of the season.

Judging by hotel room reservations, there is some evidence of waning interest, said Amy Schneider, director of the Columbia Convention and Visitors Bureau. She said of the city's 35 hotels, four reported yesterday that they had fewer reservations than they had last week. That was before Missouri lost 19-15 to Vanderbilt, which is not considered to be a football powerhouse in the conference.

"In my opinion, Alabama fans are not falling off," Schneider said. "If anyone falls off, it would be Missouri fans falling off."

The second edition of the North Village Arts District Arts Huddle is scheduled to take place tomorrow night and will feature live musical performances at The Bridge on Walnut Street and on a closed-off Orr Street. At the first edition of the arts huddle, held before the Tigers' Sept. 8 matchup against Georgia, musical acts had been moved inside for rain.

"It will be bigger and better than last time," said organizer Jennifer Perlow, co-owner of Perlow-Stevens Gallery.

Shannon Barbara, a spokeswoman for ticket site StubHub, said in an email that the average price for a ticket is \$177, the highest for a Missouri home game so far this year. Prices range from about \$30 for seats on the hill in the north end zone to \$1,000 for seats in the Tiger Lounge. The average price for a ticket to the Georgia game was \$164, the second-highest average ticket price.

Don Elliott, manager of Columbia Regional Airport, said two privately chartered Boeing 757 jets — one carrying the Alabama football team and another with team supporters — are scheduled to fly into the airport. He said Central Missouri Aviation also expects 200 landings and takeoffs for other private jets. On a typical Saturday, he said, there are 50 to 60.

Steve Sapp, a spokesman for the Columbia Public Works Department, said unlike Missouri's game with Georgia, Delta Air Lines has not added any additional flights for this weekend.

The University of Alabama's National Alumni Association plans to set up a tent on Lowry Mall at the University of Missouri campus. Calvin Brown, director of alumni affairs for the

association, said it will feature food, drink and at least "a few hundred" Alabama fans. He said Missouri fans can purchase tickets to the tent for \$40 apiece.

Kickoff is scheduled for 2:30 p.m., and the game will be broadcast on CBS.

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Open Column

MU fans should be respectful at games

Editor, the Tribune: I am a University of Missouri alumna living in Chicago. A co-worker graduated from South Carolina, and as soon as the SEC move was announced, we made a pact to attend the first game, no matter which Columbia it was in. The schedule came out, and that day we booked our trip. We arrived at the parking lot for tailgating at 8 a.m. sharp and had a great morning chatting with our new conference mates and fellow Mizzou fans. Everyone was cordial, and I was very impressed with the famous "Southern hospitality" we were shown.

I was not so impressed, however, with several Mizzou fans we saw there. They obnoxiously belted "MIZ" at every South Carolina fan who dared enter the restroom facility adjacent to their setup, made crude remarks to women and yelled curse words near families with children who were tailgating nearby. Alcohol was involved, but these guys seemed intent on starting trouble from the very beginning, well before the drinks were flowing heavily. I tried my best to apologize to nearby fans on Mizzou's behalf, but eventually it became so embarrassing that we abandoned our setup and stood near the stadium for the final two hours before kickoff.

I realize those fans are not representative of the Mizzou crowd, but all it takes is one bad example to spoil it for everyone. I hope those guys and anyone else intending to go to an away game in our new conference will represent Mizzou with pride next time around.

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Drug arrests

By Henry J. Waters III

University of Missouri police recently arrested football star Dorial Green-Beckham and two other freshmen on suspicion of possessing less than 35 grams of marijuana and processed the three at police headquarters before issuing a summons, a different degree of emphasis than given by the city of Columbia, where the ordinance says marijuana enforcement "shall be among the lower priorities of law enforcement."

MU police were following state guidelines and were not aware of city procedure, MU police Chief Jack Watring said.

It's surprising MU and city police were not on the same page enforcing marijuana laws. MU promises to rethink its approach.

Marijuana laws should be repealed altogether, but lacking action by the Missouri General Assembly, city law is the next-best thing, reflecting the community's attitude. MU enforcement practices should be the same.

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The person who gets ahead is the one who does more than necessary — and keeps on doing it.

MU Voice Symposium stresses importance of vocal health

By Allison Lewis

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COLUMBIA —There's an important statistic many people aren't talking about.

Voice disorders affect up to 10 percent of the United States population, according to the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, and the risk increases for those who use their voice professionally.

Dr. Matthew Page sees between 80 and 100 patients per month at the MU Voice, Swallow and Airway Center. He treats common disorders related to misuse or overuse, voice infections and nodules.

"You need your voice your whole life," Page said. "It's our identity."

Most of Page's patients are young or middle-aged. During MU's sorority fall recruitment, Page sees more women from sororities. His middle-aged patients include MU professors, performers, smokers and teachers.

The No. 1 problem Page sees is reflux laryngitis.

"Stomach reflux problems have voice consequences. It causes laryngitis," Page said. "Often, it occurs in people who don't have traditional symptoms of heartburn."

Not everyone needs medical help with voice problems, many of which can be prevented with education. **Protecting the human voice was the focus of the MU Voice Symposium and Vocal Arts Festival, held Sept. 29 at the Missouri Theatre , which Page helped organize.**

Using a flexible laryngoscope, or video camera for the throat, and a willing volunteer, Page used a projector to show images of the vocal cords as he fed the tiny camera through the nasal cavity.

The symposium was designed to raise awareness about the consequences of improper use of the voice and provide tips on care and prevention. Several physicians and professors talked about the mechanics of the human voice and ways to keep it healthy.

Emily Riesen helped Ann Harrell, associate professor of the MU School of Music, demonstrate proper posture for singing.

Riesen took private voice lessons in her younger years and participated in musicals, festivals and vocal contests. She majored in music business at Southern Illinois University and began performing once a week after she moved to Nashville. After Riesen increased performances to three or four times a week, the routine began taking a toll on her voice.

"When I slowed down a bit, I became aware of how raspy my voice was and I couldn't hit higher notes," Riesen said.

Riesen recently moved to Columbia to start her own music therapy business, Bluebird Music Therapy Services, which opened in July. She limits vocal performances to once a week and has noticed a change in her voice during the past year.

"If I hadn't become conscientious of my voice, I would have ended up in a doctor's office," Riesen said. "The voice needs exercise. It's kind of like stretching. If you don't do proper warmups, you'll injure it."

Teachers, vocalists, broadcasters and other public speakers are more at risk of developing voice problems.

Voice overuse is a problem, especially for Lorie Francis. She teaches five classes and directs two choirs at Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla. She notices her voice gets hoarse often.

"It's just gone at the end of the day," Francis said.

Francis plans to share what she learned at the symposium with students in the two choirs she directs.

"I think they'll like it," Francis said. "They're looking for ways to get better."

She persuaded her husband, John Francis, to tag along for the event in Columbia. John Francis hosts the National Public Radio's "All Things Considered" at KMST Public Radio in Rolla. During the station's fundraising week, John Francis talks almost all day.

"I don't drink enough water and talk too much," John Francis said.

Since the symposium, John Francis said he's been drinking more water and less coffee.

Darren Facen, director of music at New Dimensional Christian Ministry in Rolla, plans to use the information he learned at the symposium to teach better vocal techniques, especially for the praise and worship team he directs.

"It's a huge help in terms of ministry," Facen said.

There are plans to make the symposium an annual event, Page said. The feedback from an estimated 125 participants was positive.

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