Grobman appointed chancellor

Arnold B. Grobman, Special Assistant to the President of the University of Illinois-Chicago Circle, has been appointed chancellor of UMSL by university president C. Brice Ratchford.

This announcement was made today, Friday, Feb. 28, 1975, at the Board of Curators meeting held in Columbia. Grobman will take over April 1, 1975.

Grobman leaves the post he has held at the University of Illinois since 1973. In this position he was developing a system to handle personnel at the commuter university. Prior to this he was academic vice chancellor for the campus.

Much like UMSL, the University of Illinois-Chicago Circle is an urban commuter campus with a large student population.

Formerly, Grobman was the dean of Rutgers College, the predominantly male resident division of the state university where he was active in dissolving racial problems.

Grobman received his Ph.D. in zoology from Rochester University in 1943. The 57 year old prize winning author is known nationwide for his work in biology and herpetology.

He has written numerous books and articles among which the BSCS publication "Biology Implementation" is used as a textbook in area high schools. He is a past president of the National Association of Biology Teachers.

Associates at the University of Illinois described Grobman as business-like yet warm and friendly. According to Chancellor Warren Cheston, Grobman is a well-respected member of the community.

"Although he has not taught for ten years," said Cheston, "he has occasionally lectured for the university in biology and zoology."

Mike Goldstein, Associate Chancellor of the University of Illinois said, "Grobman is one of the most delightful persons that you're ever going to run across. You're university will come out with a real plus."

The announcement of a new chancellor ends a ten month search which began when Joseph Hartley announced his resignation in March, 1974. The interim chancellor's position has been held by Emery C. Turner, formerly dean of the business school.

UMSL chancellors in retrospect

UMSL, in its past eleven years of existence, has been under the direction and guidance of several chief administrators.

James L. Bugg, Jr. was chief administrative officer and dean of faculties at UMSL until his appointment as chancellor in 1965. He announced his resignation Oct. 18, 1968, and left campus June 30, 1969, to become president of Old Dominion College in Norfolk, Va.

Glen R. Driscoll was dean of the school of arts and sciences in 1965 and dean of faculties in 1968. He was appointed acting chancellor May 15, 1969 and received a permanent appointment Nov. 7, 1969. Driscoll announced his resignation Aug. 3, 1972 to become president of the University of Toledo, effective Oct. 1, 1972.

Everett Walters, dean of faculties since 1971, was appointed interim chancellor Aug. 16, 1972. He is currently dean of faculties. Joseph R. Hartley came to UMSL as chancellor and professor of business administration Sept. 1, 1973. He resigned from the position of chancellor March 7, 1974.

Emery C. Turner was appointed chairman of the division of business administration in 1965. When the school of business was founded in 1967, he was appointed dean. He was appointed interim chancellor March 7, 1974.