

Creating a new set of visions

Gift endows MU photojournalism center.

By ABRAHAM MAHSHIE of the Tribune's staff

Angus McDougall reprimands photojournalists for being too emotionally attached to their photographs, but even at age 91 he radiates enthusiasm about the profession and photographs he took a half-century ago that are regarded as groundbreaking in his field.

McDougall recently donated his life's work in photography and \$846,000 to the photojournalism department at the University of Missouri School of Journalism to create the McDougall Center for Photojournalism Studies. His goal is to preserve and give access to great documentary and newspaper photographs that have passed through the school.

The McDougall Center will be dedicated in the fall at the journalism school's centennial and the dedication of the new Donald W. Reynolds Journalism Institute.

"I just know how many have gone through the program whose work should be preserved, and that's the hope that I see," McDougall said, seated in his Columbia home beside his wife, Betty, who shared in the donation.

Sitting against a background of photography books on shelves, with striking black-and-white framed images on the walls, McDougall spoke proudly of the education at MU's photojournalism department, which he led for 10 years in the 1970s and early '80s.

"In that decade he trained a lot of the top-flight photographers and photo editors in the country today, and his impact on their careers was tremendous," said David Rees, chairman of the MU photojournalism department and one of "Mac's" former students.

"He just stressed excellence and encouraged people to reach down deeper and to live up to his expectations, and they realized they could do more than they thought they could do," Rees said.

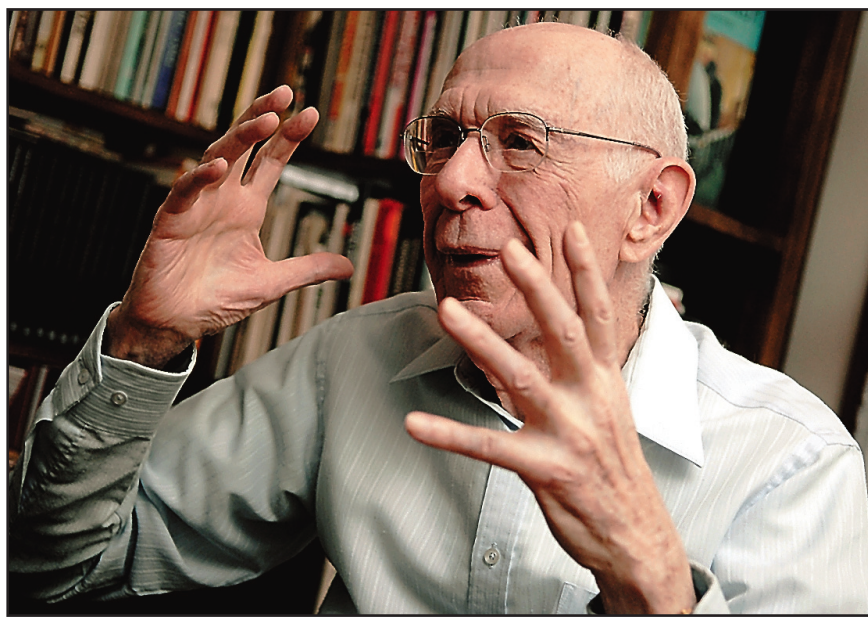
McDougall said his contemporaries on the staff of the old Milwaukee Journal went on to help redefine photojournalism. After moving to Life magazine and National Geographic, they developed techniques that McDougall and others had pioneered — such as using portable strobe lights to freeze images in low light or using a trail and sharp image to create the effect of motion.

McDougall left the Journal and developed his ideas about photo editing as associate editor of the International Harvester World, a Chicago-based corporate magazine. Later he joined MU.

"For a long time, the attitude of course was, 'Give me the return of Christ in one picture.' You know? That's all they wanted, one picture. One picture to go with



Gerik Parmele photos



Above, former MU photojournalism chief Angus McDougall looks at a John Vachon photograph from a gallery of images in a stairwell Wednesday in his south Columbia home. McDougall and wife Betty McDougall have given \$846,000 to create the McDougall Center for Photojournalism Studies. Top, McDougall points to an early self-portrait. Left, McDougall recalls changes he's seen in photojournalism.

the story, whether it fit or not. One picture to break up the type," McDougall said. "There needed to be a revolution, really, on the part of photographers."

"A good photographer will be able to take a picture of an everyday situation and someone will look at it and say, 'Gosh, I've seen this a hundred times, but I've never seen it like this,'" he said. "Pictures can say an awful lot ... if

they're perceptively taken."

Funds from McDougall's donation also will help collect images from contests including Pictures of the Year International, the College Photographer of the Year, and the Missouri Photo Workshop, which each have a history of 50 years.

Rees said McDougall's influence on photo editing is unrivaled in America,

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and his book "Visual Impact in Print" is considered a definitive work.

"It wasn't one little thing," Rees said of McDougall's talent. "It was a whole approach to work, of being critical and of having a larger idea in mind of really trying to influence the course of journalism rather than respond to the daily needs. And he was able to help people make that connection with the principles of what makes good photojournalism."

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Relief from utility bills gets a boost

Federal funds to bolster aid for heating assistance.

By T.J. GREANEY of the Tribune's staff

Hoping to provide a shot in the arm for customers struggling to pay heating bills, the Bush administration this week released \$450 million in emergency relief funds.

Missouri will receive \$11.6 million, but it is unclear how much of the money administered by the state Department of Health and Senior Services will make its way to Central Missouri.

"We don't know yet how it will be dispersed," said DHSS spokeswoman Sara Anderson. "We had no idea it was coming, so it'll take some serious thought and planning."

Anderson said there were no statewide figures available of people seeking energy assistance this winter, but requests have risen sharply for "crisis funding," or money given out to people who have received a shut-off notice from an energy provider.

For Columbia-based Central Missouri Community Action, which distributes energy assistance money to an eight-county area including Boone County, the funding couldn't come at a better time.

"The feds are recognizing there's a problem here," said Darin Preis, CMCA director. "The increase in energy costs in general are killing people, and it seems that people are also making less money, or at least more people are stretched thin this winter."

Preis said the center has been seeing "lots of people we've never seen before" as it's helped pay bills for more than 5,000 people this winter. Of those folks, 1,524 qualified for crisis funding. Those totals are about twice last year's figures.

"They just keep coming and coming, and we're processing forms as fast as we can," CMCA Energy Assistance Coordinator Melody Rodriguez said.

Under state guidelines, CMCA can give customers facing utility shut-off as much as \$600 a season through its Energy Crisis Assistance Program.

"We'd like to be able to pay more per household," Preis said. "Six hundred dollars gets maxed out so quickly, and once they hit that max, they're stuck."

Gas heating prices in Columbia rose by 3 percent this winter, but officials said the economy also is affected by \$3 per gallon gasoline, costly propane fuel and the price of groceries.

"A lot of people came into this winter with shut-off notices starting out," Rodriguez said. "It doesn't just hit with the rising cost of heating. It's from driving back and forth to work, the cost of food, the overall cost of living."

A conference call with state officials Thursday led CMCA workers to believe the agency would receive about \$100,000 in extra funding, Rodriguez said.

CMCA officials also were encouraged to hear Gov. Matt Blunt ask for \$6.4 million in additional funds for the state's Utilicare program during his State of the State address. Utilicare helps low-income families pay for energy assistance and energy efficiency measures.

Another local organization, the CASH and HELP program, is also experiencing a pinch but says it can't rely on government assistance. The local utility assistance program for elderly, disabled and low-income families relies exclusively on donations from Boone Electric Cooperative and Columbia utility customers. Steve Hollis, Columbia's community service manager, said requests for assistance are up about 20 percent this winter, though donations have slightly declined.

"We're slammed. We've been tapped out very early in the month for a while now," said Hollis. "It's very tough when you rely on donations and the people who make donations are struggling, too."

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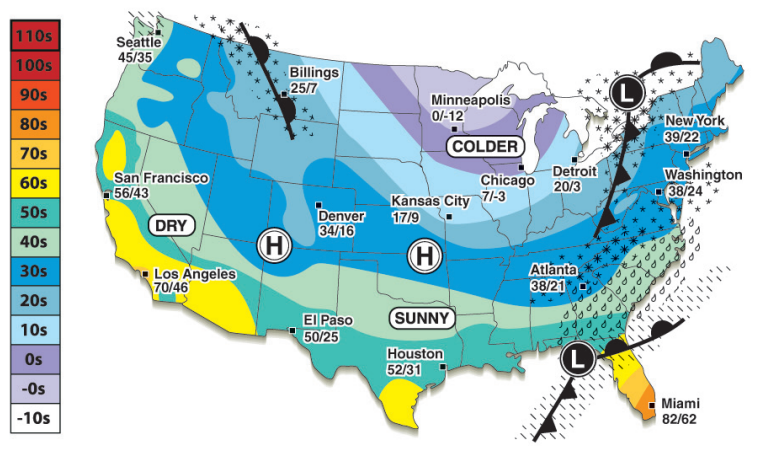
KMIZ WEATHER FACTS

On this day in 1995, Columbia was covered with 19.7 inches of snow within a 24-hour time span! This is the greatest snow amount record for that period of time in Columbia.



THE NATION TODAY

Shown are today's noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

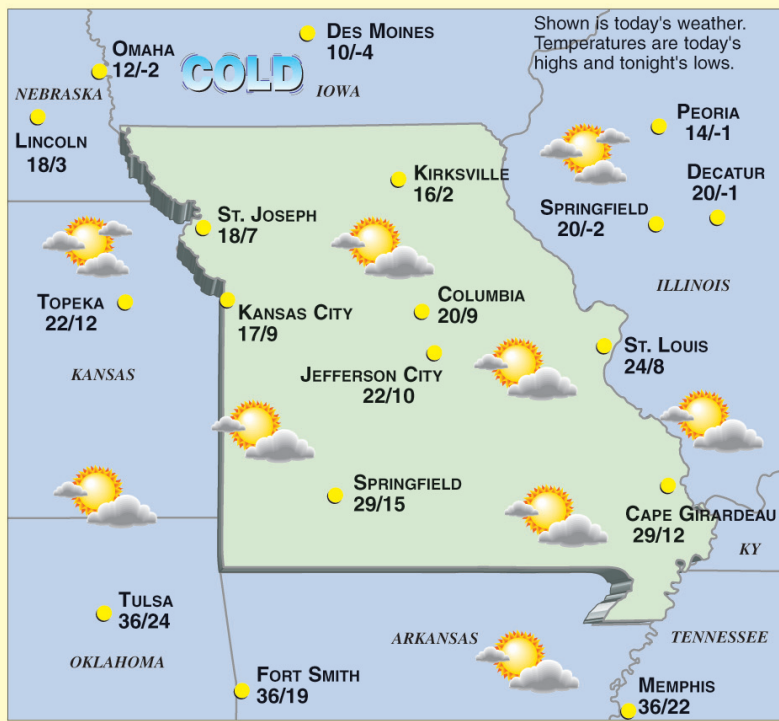


FORECAST FOR COLUMBIA

TODAY		TONIGHT	
Partly sunny and colder.	HIGH 20	Very cold with a moonlit sky.	LOW 9
Winds: WNW 7-14		Winds: SSW 4-8	
COLUMBIA 3-DAY FORECAST			
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	
Mostly cloudy and breezy.	Cold with snow or flurries possible.	Colder with clouds and sunshine.	
31/21	31/12	21/11	
Winds: SE 8-16	Winds: SE 8-16	Winds: NNW 8-16	

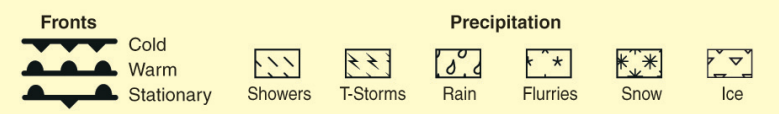
COMFORT INDEX™ TODAY
An indication of how it feels based on humidity and temperature where 0 is least comfortable and 10 is most comfortable for this time of year. **0**

MISSOURI TODAY



NATIONAL CITIES

Today		Sunday		City	Today		Sunday	
Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo		Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
41	20	46	25	Charleston, S.C.	48	30	40	21
22	19	29	21	Charleston, W.Va.	34	15	19	11
38	21	36	22	Cheyenne	30	15	29	1
53	23	59	48	Chicago	7	-3	12	9
25	7	9	-8	Cincinnati	24	8	22	12
8	-10	5	-12	Cleveland	29	4	14	10
38	23	26	14	Dallas	46	25	57	44
26	9	12	9	Denver	34	16	36	7



LOCAL ALMANAC

Statistics for Columbia through 7 p.m. yesterday.		Predicted Wind Chill Today	
Temperatures		8 a.m.	-4
High	38 (2:26 p.m.)	Noon	3
Low	12 (1:43 a.m.)	4 p.m.	8
Normal high	37	8 p.m.	6
Normal low	18	Precipitation	
Year ago high	37	24 hours ending 7 p.m. yest.	trace
Year ago low	25	Month to date	2.49"
Record high	65 (1894)	Normal month to date	0.97"
Record low	-16 (1930)	Year to date	2.49"
Peak wind speed	16 mph	Normal year to date	0.97"
High relative humidity	81%	River & Lake Stages As of 7 a.m. yesterday	
Low relative humidity	48%	Kansas City	7.18, +0.03
High barometric pressure	30.22"	Boonville	6.27, -0.38
Low barometric pressure	30.04"	Jefferson City	6.45, -0.44
Hourly Temperatures		Lake of the Ozarks	658.60, -0.30
4 a.m.	1/18 .. 15	Mark Twain	605.25, -0.27
5 a.m.	16	Truman	706.94, +0.03
6 a.m.	16	Sun & Moon Today	
7 a.m.	17	Sunrise	7:25 a.m.
8 a.m.	19	Sunset	5:15 p.m.
9 a.m.	24	Moonrise	2:02 p.m.
10 a.m.	29	Moonset	4:59 a.m.
11 a.m.	33	Snowfall	
24 hours ending 7 p.m. yest.		Full	Jan 22
Month to date		Last	Jan 29
Season to date		New	Feb 6
		First	Feb 13

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Yesterday's National Extremes High 85, Opa Locka, Fla.; Low -33, Gunnison, Colo.
National Summary A vast expanse of frigid air will stretch across the Midwest, central and northern Plains and northern Rockies today. Before this air reaches the East, one more storm will affect the Southeast with rain on the coast and snow and ice along the northern and western flank from Alabama to Delaware.