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Nash met with Gov. Carnahan in his office in Jefferson City, Mo., to discuss Nash's new position on the Board of Curators. "Troy is a proven leader," said Carnahan.

Nash Appointed to Board of Curators

By Stephanie A. Hall

When he talks, his words flow from his mouth like a stream. When he stands, his body is never quite still - he shifts his weight from side to side. When he sits, and that is rare, he taps his feet, or raps his pen on his desk. And, always his mind is at work. His energy and dedication are what drive him, and they have landed him on the Board of Curators for the University

of Missouri System as its student representative.

Troy Nash, a 26-year-old from Kansas City, was appointed to the two-year position by Gov. Mel Carnahan in January. A second-year law student at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, who is also pursuing a Ph.D. in Economics, Nash is the first African-American to hold the position.

The curators, appointed

Nash

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by the governor and confirmed by the state senate, serve as the governing body for the University of Missouri System. With total assets of \$3.3 billion as June 1995, the System includes the campuses at Columbia, Kansas City, Rolla and St. Louis. Nash's primary duty will be to present student concerns to the nine-member board.

A former airman in the United States Air Force, who recently served as a summer associate at the Gage & Tucker law firm in Kansas City, Nash said he planned to be responsive to the 53,000 students he represents.

"I plan to be highly visible over the next two years by traveling extensively across the state of Missouri to each campus to listen to the needs and concerns of the students," said Nash. "Also, I intend to take advantage of the Information Superhighway by using the Internet.

"For example, students will be able to E-mail me 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year," said Nash. "This will allow me to more effectively communicate with the students within the University system, improving both their academic and social lives."

Nash said he planned to be an active student representative, with one goal in mind.

"At the end of my term, it is my hope that I would have contributed to moving forward an agenda on behalf of the students that will make each campus in the University of Missouri System a world-class institution," said Nash.

One of six siblings, Nash said he is accustomed to the responsibility his new position will bring because "representing nearly 60,000 students within the System is simply an extension of the work I've been doing for a number of years.

"When I was in the Air Force, I was able to encourage a large number of my colleagues to go back to school," said Nash. "That work has continued: today my brothers are pursuing their bachelor's degrees, while my younger sister is pursuing her Ph.D. in Economics, all at UMKC," said Nash.

"Essentially," said Nash, "the work has remained the same, the family has just simply expanded."

So as Nash prepares for this new challenge, embarking on a journey that will take him to the far reaches of the state, he will rely on the energy and dedication that have brought him this far, and that will carry him to even greater things.

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