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Administrative and Staff Changes Announced in Student Affairs Area

Administrative and staff changes affecting student affairs area functions on both sides of Forsyth Boulevard were announced today by Harry Kisker, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs. The reorganization includes the consolidation and redefinition of student programming services into a new Office of Student Activities (OSA). The Office of Residential Life will also be expanded with the addition of two residential area coordinators.

JoHanna S. Potts will become director of the Office of Student Activities. In this role, Potts will coordinate overall student activities and advising.

Kisker said that over the past year, student programming coordinators have been engaged in often narrowly defined programming projects, whether for Mallinckrodt or Wohl centers, women’s or media programs.

“While a workable system in some respects,” Kisker said, “we have found that the interests of many students fall between the cracks of such a departmentalized structure.” Designating the area as the Office of Student Activities better describes its goals as an advisory resource serving a broad range of student interests rather than a programming office for particular projects, he said.

The search for a new director of Residential Life will begin shortly because of the recent resignation of Director Michael Strait. The director’s duties include supervising staff and residence advisors, housing assignments, maintaining facilities, providing resources for resident activities, and developing opportunities for interaction between students and faculty.

Strait, who resigned from the directorship to devote more of (continued on page 3)

Six To Receive Honorary Degrees At WU’s 117th Commencement

Commencement speaker John J. McCoy, attorney and former president of the World Bank, will join two graduates of Washington University and one former and two current St. Louisans in receiving honorary degrees at the University’s 117th Commencement exercises Friday morning, May 19.

The processional of some 2300 graduate and undergraduate degree recipients will begin at 8 a.m. with ceremonies following at 8:30 a.m. in the University Quadrangle. Ceremonies will be held in Francis Field House in the event of rain.

Receiving the Doctor of Laws Degree will be: Margaret Bush Wilson, an attorney with the St. Louis firm of Wilson, Smith, Wunderlich and Smith, and chairperson of the board of directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP); Robert Halladay Dean, chairperson of the board of theRalston Purina Company; Ralph Follen Fuchs, University Professor Emeritus of Law at Indiana University and a Washington University graduate; and McCoy.

Dr. Alton Ochsner, founder of the Ochsner Clinic and Ochsner Foundation Hospital in New Orleans, La., and a graduate of the Washington University School of Medicine, will receive the Doctor of Science Degree.

Charles Guggenheim, a former St. Louisan and an award-winning filmmaker, will be awarded the Doctor of Humanities Degree.

Degrees will be conferred by Chancellor William H. Danforth. (continued on page 2)
Research Office Helps Faculty Wade through Red Tape to Grants

During the 1976-77 fiscal year (the most recent for which statistics are available), WU was awarded $45 million for externally funded research projects ranging from science to the arts. Of this, $40 million came from the federal government and $5 million came from various private health organizations like the American Heart Association and the American Cancer Society, as well as other nonmedical philanthropic foundations. But regardless of the money's source, all project proposals, grants and contracts flow through WU's Research Office under the direction of Edward L. MacCordy, associate vice chancellor for research.

In the processing of research monies, the Research Office has several functions, but MacCordy insists the primary function is to assist the faculty. "Our main job is to help faculty members find acceptable ways to fund their research proposals, given all the rules and regulations that must be followed, and to represent them to sponsors when the bureaucracy goes haywire," he says.

These rules and regulations can be formidable, especially when dealing with the federal government. According to MacCordy, federal regulation is the major reason for the growth of the Research Office over the past 10 years—even more responsible than the increased number of research programs undertaken.

MacCordy says that 10 years ago the National Institutes of Health or the U.S. Navy would award a grant and that was the end of it. Today, medical researchers with hundreds of thousands of dollars in annually funded research must request permission from Washington to buy a refrigerator in which to store perishable items.

Handling this type of detail is a daily task, but is only part of the Research Office's total responsibility, which can be divided into five major functions.

First is fund searching, looking for all possible ways to get external support for faculty research. "Requests For Proposals" (RFP) come from the federal government and outline specific research it would like to see performed. Among other sources, standing programs, such as the National Science Foundation's biology program, allow researchers to make unsolicited proposals.

Second is proposal and award processing, which takes the greatest number of manhours, because it involves the most paper pushing. Each proposal must be checked for compliance with University and government or other sponsor regulations.

For successful proposals, awards are reviewed. Problems involving detailed agreements with sponsors must be worked out before the award can begin.

Third is contract and grant administration. This day to day chore involves solving problems arising during the life of a grant or contract, which could be for several years. Correspondence to secure permission to buy refrigerators and investigation into the delay of continuation funds that have been promised by the sponsor but not received by the researcher are part of this function. These funds should be received at regular intervals, but the bureaucratic machinery does not always work smoothly.

Fourth is technology transfer, including WU's patent program. Through this function, the Research Office seeks to make the results of research available to society by licensing industry to convert those results into commercially available products. A recent example is the University's licensing of Abbott Laboratories to produce and market an assay process developed at the WU Medical School that determines if a person has had a heart attack.

Fifth, a direct result of government regulation and the University's desire to safeguard the rights and privacy of others, is the program for protection of human subjects used in research. MacCordy is the executive secretary of the Hilltop Human Subjects Committee; a similar committee exists at the Medical School. These committees make sure that every project, funded or unfunded, that involves the use of human subjects is reviewed for protection of those subjects, whether students, people in mental institutions or primitive peoples in foreign lands are being studied.

The operation of the eight-member Research Office staff with respect to these major functions has helped the faculty make WU first among Missouri institutions of higher education and 29th out of 3000 such institutions nationwide in total federal support received for research. Such statistics emphasize the quality and volume of WU's research effort when compared to other institutions vying for the proverbial piece of the pie.

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Wu To Give Eliot Honors Lecture

Nelson Wu, Washington University Edward Mallinckrodt Distinguished University Professor of Art History and Chinese Culture, will be the featured speaker at WU’s Eliot Honors Convocation Thurs., May 18, at 8:30 p.m. in Graham Chapel. He will speak on “Imagination, Courage and Things of Beauty.”

Over 300 graduating students will be recognized for Honorary Degrees (continued from page 2)

University Professors (AAUP), the major professional association for faculty of colleges and universities in the country.

Following his medical studies, internship and residency in surgery at the WU School of Medicine, Dr. Ochsner studied in Switzerland and Germany before establishing a medical practice in Chicago. In 1942, Ochsner and four colleagues founded the Ochsner Clinic and Ochsner Foundation Hospital in New Orleans. Ochsner is now a senior consultant in surgery of those facilities, president emeritus of the Alton Ochsner Medical Foundation and professor emeritus of surgery at Tulane University.

Winner of two Oscars and nominee on five occasions for the Academy Award, Guggenheim, who currently resides in Washington, D.C., began his filmmaking company in St. Louis after having directed a community-operated educational television station on the WU campus. The recipient of major awards in international film competition, Guggenheim has been a guest lecturer and fellow at Harvard and Yale universities. He is a graduate of the University of Iowa, where he earned a bachelor of arts degree.

their scholarship and leadership at the twenty-third Eliot Honors Convocation, dedicated to the memory of the Rev. William Greenleaf Eliot, a Unitarian minister who was one of the founders of the University. Eliot served as Chancellor from 1870 to 1887.

Students to be recognized at the ceremonies represent the top 10 percent of the graduating class of each division, based upon grades up to, but not including the final semester. The convocation also recognizes initiates of Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi, two prestigious national honoraries in liberal arts and science, and those students who have exhibited academic excellence and service to the University. Honors will be conferred by Chancellor William H. Danforth.

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his time to his doctoral studies, will continue on a part-time basis next fall, researching student needs and evaluating OSA programs.

Each of three residential area coordinators will be assigned to either low-rise, high-rise or suite dormitory buildings. Marny Muir, research and evaluation coordinator for Residential Life this year, will continue to function as a faculty-student liaison, as well as working for one of these dormitory areas.

JoHanna S. Potts

TOM HAMILTON, WU instructor in music, two video artists, and another composer-performer were awarded a gold plaque in the 13th Chicago International Film Festival for their work “Quartet (The Rooster Came First).”

The Honorable Nani A. Palkhivala (center right), Indian Ambassador to the U.S., met with WU students and faculty at Stix House during a recent trip to St. Louis. From left to right are Lilia Basu, graduate student, Satya Gupta, graduate student, and Dr. Prothibha Vinay, research associate in biology.

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FRIDAY, MAY 12

12 noon. Department of Biology Seminar, "Island Biogeography Distributions and Competition," Daniel Simberloff, Florida State University, Tallahassee. 322 Restock.

12 noon. Department of Genetics Seminar, "Analysis of the Life History Components of Selection in Natural Populations of Zoarcus," Fredy Christiansen, Aarhus University, Aarhus, Denmark. 755 McDonnell Science Bldg., 4570 McKinley. Coffee will be served at 3:30 p.m.

12:45 p.m. WU Neurosciences Symposium, "Immunological Approaches to the Nervous System." Papers and lectures will be presented throughout the afternoon by leading neuroscientists. The symposium will conclude with the presentation of the Twenty-third George H. Bishop Lecture in Experimental Neurology, "Immunological Studies of Adhesion among Developing Neural Cells," Dr. Gerald M. Edelman, Vincent Astor Professor of Biochemistry, Rockefeller U., N.Y., N.Y. and recipient of Nobel Prize for Medicine in 1972. Moore Auditorium, 660 S. Euclid.

4 p.m. WU School of Medicine Department of Surgery Lecture, "The Use of Immune RNA in the Immunotherapy of Cancer," Dr. John A. Mannick, chairman, WU Dept. of Microbiology and Immunology. Moore Auditorium, 660 S. Euclid.

4 p.m. Division of Biology and Biomedical Sciences Seminar, "An Experimental Approach to Island Biogeography," Daniel Simberloff, Florida State U. 322 Restock. Coffee will be served at 3:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 13
9 a.m. WU School of Medicine Department of Surgery Lecture, "The Effect of Arterial Surgery on the Salvage of Ischemic Limbs," Dr. John A. Mannick, East Pavilion Auditorium.

MONDAY, MAY 15
12 noon. WU Division of Biology and Biomedical Sciences Molecular Biology Program Seminar, "Specific Glycopeptide Patterns in Animal Tissues," Dr. Johan Jarnefelt, Department of Medical Biochemistry, U. of Helsinki, Finland. Erlanger Auditorium, McDonnell Science Bldg., 4570 McKinley. Coffee will be served at 11:30 a.m.


WEDNESDAY, MAY 17
4 p.m. Department of Physics Colloquium, "Nuclear Magnetic Spin Ordering Problems in Solid He_", Wiley Kirk, prof. of physics, Texas A&M U., College Station. 201 Crow.

8 p.m. WU University College Certificate Awards Ceremony, John Ervin, former dean of the School of Continuing Education and vice president and special advisor on urban affairs and minority recruitment for the Danforth Foundation's Graduate Fellowship program, speaker. Edison Theatre.

THURSDAY, MAY 18
1:30 p.m. WU School of Medicine Lecture, "Abnormalities of the Chest Wall," Dr. J. Alex Haller, Jr., prof. of pediatric surgery, The Johns Hopkins U., Baltimore. Wohl Auditorium, 1st floor, Wohl Hospital, 4960 Audubon.


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8 p.m. Department of Music Graduate Voice Recital, Shirley Zielinski, soprano. Women's Bldg., Lounge.

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ALAN R. TEMPLETON, WU professor of biology and genetics, was one of 22 scientists invited to participate in an international conference sponsored by the Rockefeller Foundation from March 31 to April 5 in Bellagio, Italy.