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Novelist, filmmaker appointed adjunct French professor

Award-winning French novelist and filmmaker Alain Robbe-Grillet has been appointed an adjunct professor of French at WU, according to James F. Jones Jr., chairperson of the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures. His first visit will be in fall 1986.

"This is a national and, indeed, international feat for the department, for the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and for Washington University," Jones said. "Alain Robbe-Grillet is one of the most distinguished French writers alive today."

Robbe-Grillet is best-known for the novel *La Jalousie*, 1957, and the script of the film "L'Année dernièrè à Marienbad" ("Last Year at Marienbad"), which won the grand prize at the 1963 Venice Film Festival. He has been visiting professor at New York University, the University of California at Los Angeles and the University of Florida.

He will come to WU once every two years for 10 weeks to teach two courses — one for undergraduates and one for graduate students. One of his classes will include a series of lectures in French, which will be open to the public.

Known as the founder of the New Novel, the author published his first novel, *Les Gommes (The Erasers)*, in 1953. Subsequent books include: *Voyeur*, 1955, which won the Prix des Critiques; *Dans le labyrinthe (In the Labyrinth)*, 1959; *La Maison de rendez-vous*, 1965; and *Projet pour une revolucion a New York*, 1976.


Bruce Morrisette, who taught French from 1938 to 1962 at WU, was the first academic critic to recognize the importance of Robbe-Grillet and has devoted much of his career to the study of the French author. Morrisette published a book titled *The Novels of Alain Robbe-Grillet in 1965*.

His successor in 20th-century French literature, Michel Rybalka, WU professor of French, also is a specialist on Robbe-Grillet, writing a bio-bibliography on him.

The 62-year-old Frenchman has homes in Paris and Normandy (near Caen) and is married to the former Catherine Retakian.

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Tropical studies: The internationally prestigious Tyler Prize has been awarded to the Organization for Tropical Studies, a 26-member consortium of universities, of which WU is an active participant. The Tyler Prize is the largest ecology-energy prize in the world, but has been awarded primarily to individuals in recognition of outstanding achievements benefiting mankind. Robert W. Sussman, right, WU associate professor of anthropology, is a director of the OTS, and Peter H. Raven, WU Engelmann Professor of Botany, is this year's OTS president. Raven also is director of the Missouri Botanical Garden. WU's participation in tropical biology involves Sussman's primate research on Madagascar, investigating one of man's earliest relatives — the lemurs — social order and environment. The Missouri Botanical Garden has been an active participant in the tropical biological research worldwide; participation with the OTS includes the investigation of rain forests in Costa Rica. Scientists there are attempting to acquire knowledge for a more rational approach to tropical forest management.

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124th Commencement

**WU confers six honorary degrees May 17**

WU's six honorary degree candidates represent a broad spectrum of fields, including anthropology, foreign studies, academic administration, foreign diplomacy, the judiciary and high technology. They will receive their degrees at the University's 124th annual Commencement ceremony at 8:30 a.m. Friday, May 17, in the Brookings Quadrangle.

The candidates and their honorary degrees are: Leonard W. Blake, an 82-year-old volunteer research associate in WU's Department of Anthropology, doctor of science; Herve Dufresne, a French business executive and philanthropist, doctor of humanities; Hanna Holborn Gray, president of the University of Chicago, doctor of letters; Philip Habib, a retired foreign service officer and this year's Commencement speaker, doctor of laws; the Hon. A. Leon Higginbotham Jr., circuit judge, U.S. Court of Appeals, doctor of humanities; and Sanford N. McDonnell, chairman, chief executive officer and director of McDonnell Douglas Corp., doctor of letters.

The six were selected by WU's honorary degree committee, comprised of Chancellor William H. Danforth, eight trustees, eight faculty members, four students and Harriet Switzer, secretary to the Board of Trustees.

Blake retired from his job as a security analyst for a trust company in 1965 and began to pursue his avocation, archaeology. An active member of several archaeological societies, he also has volunteered his services to such organizations as the Missouri Botanical Garden, Museum of Science and Natural History, and Missouri Historical Society. He has published 48 professional articles in his adopted field — 14 as sole author.

Dufresne, president and director general of Motorola Electromotrice Automobile since 1972, is a co-founder of the Centre d'Échanges Internationaux (CEI) in Europe. WU's Department of Romance Languages and Literatures annually uses a facility owned by the CEI for its Summer Language Institute in France. Dufresne also has been instrumental in helping to establish WU's new Internship Program in European Business for American Students, which begins in fall 1989.

Gray, president of the University of Chicago since 1978, has been a vocal proponent of higher standards in secondary education, greater emphasis on liberal arts in our technical, nological society, and a reform of doctor of philosophy programs to prepare more students for more non-academic careers. Her 52-year professional academic career has taken her to Bryn Mawr, Harvard, Northwestern, Yale and Chicago. A historian, she was co-editor of the Journal of Modern History from 1965 to 1970. She will speak "Of the Vocabulary of Liberal Learning" at the Eliot Honors Convocation at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, May 16, in Graham Chapel.

Habib first retired in 1978 after a 41-year career in the foreign services; however, President Reagan called on him in 1981 to negotiate a cease-fire between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization in Lebanon. He was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for achieving that goal in the summer of 1982. His career also has included his appointment by President Nixon as acting head of the Paris peace talks with North Vietnam from 1969 to 1971 and a key role in President Carter's Camp David peace accords in 1979.

Higginbotham, author of the book *In the Matter of Color: Race* and one of the most distinguished French writers alive today."
Alumni reunion weekend winds up with a dinner dance in Brookings Quadrangle.

Alumni Reunion Weekend includes cocktail parties, lectures, tours

Some 800 alumni and family members are expected to attend the annual Alumni Reunion Weekend, May 16-18. Events begin at 9 a.m. Thursday, May 16, with an engineering breakfast. The breakfast will be held in the Ann Whitney Olin Women’s Building Lounge.

At 5 p.m. Thursday, the George Warren Brown School of Social Work will hold a reunion cocktail party in Brown Hall Lounge. A golden anniversary cocktail party — for the class of 1935 — will be held Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Alumni House, 6510 Ellenwood.

During Commencement exercises on Friday, the 50th-year reunion class will join the academic procession and march in cap and gown into Brookings Quadrangle.

Friday afternoon and evening, alumni will join old friends and former classmates at various events and cocktail parties.

From noon until 4 p.m. Friday, a St. Louis tour and gourmet luncheon will be held for all alumni. The tour, which will include the Gateway Arch, will stop at the Missouri Botanical Garden and the Jefferson Memorial. Buses will depart from the Alumni House.

James F. Jones Jr., chairman of WU’s Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, will deliver a speech titled “Commitment” from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Friday in the Alumni House living room. Following his speech, Burton Wheeler, WU professor of English and religious studies, will give an address titled “Questions of Ethics: The Public, the University and the Student” at 3 p.m. in the Alumni House living room.

The class of 1925 will hold a dinner party at 6:45 p.m. in the President’s Room of the University Club, 1034 S. Brentwood Blvd. The evening will include dinner and dancing to the music of the ‘20s.

The “Class of ‘50 Big Band Bash” will be held at 7 p.m. in Ridgley Hall’s Holmes Lounge. Dinner will be served and guests will dance to the Gateway City Players, featuring music of the ‘40s. A 50th-reunion class party will start at 7 p.m. in the Whittemore House, 6440 Forsyth. At 7:30 p.m., the class of ’65 will hold a “Special Event” at the Funny Bone Comedy Club, 940 Westport Plaza. A luncheon hosted by Chancellors 2 and Mrs. William H. Danforth for the classes of 1910, 1915, 1920, 1925, 1930 and 1935 is planned at 11:30 a.m. in Wohl Center.

Breakfast plans include a trip to the Arch and Archlde’s Landing will depart from the Alumni House every hour from noon to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Deficits, Tax Reform and the Economic Outlook,” will be the topic of a talk to be given by Murray Weidenbaum, Mallinckrodt Distinct Professor and director of the Center for the Study of American Business, at 12:30 p.m. in Mallinckrodt Center’s Gargoyle Coffeehouse. The talk is open to all alumni. Box lunches will be available.

Alumni are invited to take a “bear-the-scenes look” at the WU Gallery of Art from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Saturday at Steinberg Gallery of Art. From 5 to 4 p.m., alumni are invited to run a 3.1 mile alumni scenic jog.

Concluding WU’s 1985 Alumni Weekend, class cocktail parties and the annual gala dinner dance will be held from 6 p.m. until midnight in Brookings Quadrangle. The new Sports and Recreation Complex will house the event in case of rain.

For more information, call Julie Kohn at 889-5208.

Shelton named acting law school dean

Philip D. Shelton, an associate dean at WU’s School of Law, has been appointed acting dean of the law school for the 1985-86 academic year. He succeeds Dean F. Hodge O’Neal, who is retiring at the end of the school year.

“Washington University is fortunate to have an administrator with Phil Shelton’s experience and credentials to assume temporary stewardship of the law school,” said Chancellor William H. Danforth. “I know he will serve with distinction while the search continues for a new dean.”

Shelton graduated from WU’s School of Law in 1972 and entered private practice with the law firm of Kirkland & Ellis in Chicago, Ill. In 1973, he returned to St. Louis to clerk for William H. Webster, then a U.S. Court of Appeals judge for the Eighth Circuit.

Shelton returned to WU in 1974 to teach and has periodically taught courses since his 1975 appointment as associate dean.

Shelton currently serves as a member of the board of trustees of the Law School Admission Council and is chair of its services committee. Since 1978, he has been on the board of directors of Legal Services of Eastern Missouri Inc. and on its executive committee since 1979.

“Hodge O’Neal leaves this school in exceptionally good shape,” said Shelton. “The quality of teaching and research at the law school faculty has never been better. The student body is strong and applications are increasing. The alumni’s good will and support have increased at an unparalleled pace during Hodge O’Neal’s tenure as dean. My challenge is to maintain this tremendous momentum during the coming year and, with the continued support of alumni, faculty and students, I am fully confident we can do so.”

Master’s degree program to be offered in International Affairs

“A sophisticated understanding of the international arena and the cultures in which we travel and do business is no longer a luxury, but rather a prerequisite for American competitiveness abroad.”

That’s one of William C. Kirby’s favorite statements about the International Affairs Program offered through University College. That’s also one of the reasons the college and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences will offer the master of arts degree program in International Affairs, beginning in fall 1985.

Kirby, program director and assistant professor of history, said one sign of the success of the original program, now in its second year, was the demand for a graduate degree in international affairs. Until now, only an advanced certificate was available.

“We have had a tremendous response from people in the business community who want to pursue international affairs in a serious way.” Kirby said. “A master’s degree will not automatically give you a perfect understanding of foreign business and cultural environments, but it will give you a more integrated and interdisciplin ary view of the nature of the problems and issues you will come up against.”

Kirby also cited outstanding international resources at the University, including the faculty and Olin Library, and the international interests of the St. Louis community as components in the success of the program.

Robert C. Williams, dean of University College, echoes Kirby’s sentiments. “The International Affairs Program enables the University and business community to do together what neither could do separately — to understand the foreign business cultures with which we must deal,” he said.

“ar the master’s degree is designed to help the business community recognize that a liberal arts-based understanding of international affairs is essential to their own business operations.”

The program is tailored for corporate and professional and mid-career adult students who travel and do business abroad. It aims to utilize the University’s considerable resources in international studies to meet the growing international needs of the St. Louis community.

An interdisciplinary curriculum taught by both WU faculty and corporate specialists combines the social sciences, humanities and business in dealing with an increasingly interdependent global economy.

In addition to the required core seminar, “Current Issues in International Affairs,” the following courses will be offered in fall 1985: “The United States, the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe”; “Law and International Politics”; “International Trade, Investment and Finance”; “American Foreign Policy” and “Nuclear Weapons: Technology, Strategy and Arms Control.”

Introduction to Practical and Business Japanese,” “Technical Spanish” and “Rapid Reading and Translating in French.”

For more information on the International Affairs Program, call 889-6778.
Eliot Honors recognizes graduates for their scholarship, leadership.

More than 400 graduating seniors will be recognized for their scholarship and leadership at the annual Eliot Honors Convocation at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, May 16, in Graham Chapel. Hanna Holborn Gray, president of the University of Chicago, will speak, "On the Vocation of Liberal Learning."

Preceding her talk, Michael Langridge, a senior honor student in economics, will give an address titled "Questions."

The Eliot Honors ceremony is dedicated to the memory of Rev. William Greenleaf Eliot, a Unitarian minister and one of the founders of the University. Eliot was WU chancellor from 1870 to 1887.

Students recognized at the ceremony represent the top 10 percent of the graduating class of each undergraduate division. The convocation also recognizes graduating students for academic excellence and service to the University.

Gray, president of the University of Chicago since 1978, has received national press attention for her views on higher education. Her 32-year professional academic career has taken her to Bryn Mawr, Harvard, Northwestern and Chicago. She will receive an honorary doctor of letters degree from WU during the Commencement ceremony on May 17.

Langridge, whose speech will address questions that are relevant to seniors at the time of their graduation, plans to attend graduate school at the University of Rochester. A Louisiana native, he is the recipient of the University of Rochester's Sproutell Fellowship, which includes a full-tuition scholarship and a $10,000 stipend. He plans to study economics.

Baseball team hopes for playoff berth

Another baseball season at WU is coming to a close — maybe.

Coach Rick Larsen and his Bears hope there is more to 1985 than just the regular season which ended on May 3 with a victory over McKendree College. The possible existence of the season could come if the Bears are selected for one of four spots in the NCAA Midwest region postseason playoffs.

WU finished the regular season with a 25-12 record, the school's best baseball won-lost mark in 25 years. With such an impressive record it would seem that WU is a unanimous choice for a playoff berth. Unfortunately for the Bears, that record-breaking mark could remain at 25-12.

If WU does not receive a bid, the Bears can point to two crucial losses — to local rival Maryville College — as a reason why they were "left at home."

Maryville, too, is enjoying one of its finest seasons ever and, with the two victories over WU, has the upper hand on a playoff berth.

"Maryville is in the driver's seat for a playoff bid and I'm sure we will be one of several other teams considered for a spot," said Larsen. "They have never been beaten in our area, but have taken a pair of teams from the same conference, which leads me to believe that we still have a chance to make the playoffs."

Junior center fielder Fred Webb, Sterling, Va., has led the Bears in hitting much of the season. Webb is batting .403 with 47 runs batted in. His RBI total is a new single season record for WU and, after three seasons, he has become a new career RBI leader.

"It's been a great season," Larsen said. "We have been a senior-oriented team and it would be icing on the cake if they were to end their season with the NCAA playoffs."

Hanna Holborn Gray  Philip Habib
Herve Dufrane
Leonard W. Blake
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NOTABLES

John C. Bishop, a graduating senior in economics, was chosen to be the 1985 Percy Tucker Scholar in the Department of Economics. This honor was given to one of the most outstanding students. Another graduate was honored, Richard E. Kochman, received the $1100 check from the Department of Economics for his research on the Center for the Study of American Business for excellence in economics.

David Burdyste, Steve Karasek, Mark Metzger and Jim Studt were members of the student team that took first place in the North Central Regional of the Association for Computing Machinery Programming Contest. Another WU team, composed of Mike Ehlers, Brad Cain, David Glenn and Eric Karber, took fourth place. The competition consisted of more than 50 other schools in the upper Midwest. The first place team, captained by Karasek, was among 24 teams which advanced to the national competition sponsored by the ACM, held in New Orleans.

Nicholas J. Demearath, professor emeritus in sociology, recently returned from a two-month study trip in Mexico. He observed agricultural conditions and conferred with Mexican social scientists on problems of human ecology, rural development and foreign agricultural trade. Demearath's essay, "World Politics and American Agriculture," was published in December by Allen and Unwin (London and Boston) in Paths to Interdisciplinary Research and Social Work Practice. The essay was edited by Susan Strange of the London School of Economics.

Lori Goldberg, a sophomore from Munster, Ind., will represent the WU women's tennis team May 8-11 at the 1985 NCAA Division III national championships at Haverford College, Haverford, Pa. Goldberg is one of 32 singles players that were selected to vie for the national championship. She is the first woman tennis player at WU to qualify for a national tournament since was established 10 years ago. Goldberg is coached by Lynn Intermoor.

Louis M. Smith, professor of education, presented a paper, "Reconstructing Educational Innovation," as part of the invited symposium Innovation and Education at the American Educational Research Association meeting, held April 1-4 in Chicago.

Jim Stenkamp, a graduate student in the School of Architecture, has been named school winner of the 1985 annual Reynolds Aluminum Prize for Architectural Students. The student prize competition is administered by the American Institute of Architects, headquartered in Washington, D.C. It is sponsored by Reynolds Aluminum to support architectural design in which creative use of aluminum is a contributing factor. The prize competition was established in 1961 by Reynolds Metals Company, Richmond, Va., to encourage creativity in architectural design and stimulate interest in the design profession. Stenkamp won the student competition with a concept of an aquatic mobile home. As a school winner, he has been awarded a certificate and a $500 check by Reynolds. Stenkamp's design, along with those from other participating schools of architecture in the United States, also was entered in competition for the Reynolds national student architectural prize. The national award includes a check of $5,000, which is divided equally between the winning student and his school.

Samuel I. Weissman, emeritus professor of chemistry, will receive an honorary doctoral degree from the University of Siena, Italy, in May. He also is an invited speaker at the International Symposium on Advanced Magnetic Resonance Techniques in Systems of High Molecular Complexes, to be held May 15-18 in Siena.

Robert E. Wiltlenbug, assistant professor of English, was a panelist for a recent session on "Four Contrasting Assumptions Informing Current Practices in Teaching and Learning," at the fifth annual Southern Illinois University/Edwardsville Composition Conference. He also delivered a paper, titled "'Wise Men and Shepherds,'" at the annual meeting of the South Central Renaissance Conference, held March 28-30 at Texas A&M University, College Station.

Colette H. Wiss, assistant professor of French, delivered a paper, titled "Narrative Seduction Denied: De Perier's Prologue to Les Nouvelles Recreations et Joyeux Devis," at the March 26 Central Renaissance Conference in Carbondale, Ill. She will chair a session on "Love and Sexual Futurity," at the Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, April 25-26 in Lexington, Ky.

Michael J. Zakour, a research assistant on the Disaster Volunteer Project funded by the National Science Foundation at WU's George Warren Brown School of Social Work, recently presented two papers at professional meetings. A doctoral student in social work, Zakour presented a paper, titled "A Review of the Volunteerism Literature," at the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society on April 11 in St. Louis. He also was one of 24 individuals selected to present a paper at the First National Symposium on Doctoral Research and Social Work Practice, held April 15-16 at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. His presentation was titled "A Measurement of Career-Development Among Red Cross Volunteers."

Have you done something noteworthy?

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d and the American Legal Process; The Colonial Period (1778), has been circuit judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, since 1977. He also is an adjunct professor of sociology in the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton Graduate School and lecturer-in-law in the law school. He has been a partner since 1962 in the law firm of Norris, Green, Harris & Higginbotham in Philadelphia. In 1962, President Kennedy appointed him to a seven-year term as a commissioner for the Federal Trade Commission.

McDonnell began working at his uncle's company in 1948 as a trainee and, since that time, has worked his way up to chairman, chief executive officer and director of McDonnell Douglas Corp., the world's number two defense contractor and contractor for jet airliners and Missouri's number one private employer. The CEO also is national president of the Boy Scouts of America, a trustee of the Naval Aviation Foundation Inc., a director of Central Bank of Missouri and a member of the United Way of Greater St. Louis and a member of St. Louis Civic Progress Inc.
Self portrait: Ann Lofquist, a junior in the School of Fine Arts, painted this reflection of herself looking in a ceiling mirror in Busby Hall. The oil on canvas is on display in the Bachelor of Fine Arts Exhibition through May 19 in the Gallery of Art, Steinberg Hall. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. 1 to 5 p.m. weekends. Lofquist recently was awarded a fellowship this summer to the Yale Summer School of Music and Art. Lofquist, who received a four-year Conway Fellowship to WU, will attend the eight-week session, which will focus on painting, drawing, printmaking and photography.

World-renowned plastic surgeon delivers lectures

Harry J. Buncke, M.D., an internationally renowned specialist in plastic and reconstructive surgery, will serve as the 1985 James Barrett Brown Visiting Professor Friday and Saturday, May 10-11, at the WU School of Medicine.

He will discuss "Microsurgical Management of Congenital and Traumatic Extremity Problems in Children" at 9:30 a.m. Friday in Clopton Auditorium. He will speak about "Major Wound Management" at 8 a.m. May 11 in the East Pavilion Auditorium.

Buncke is clinical professor of surgery at the University of California-San Francisco and director of the Transplantation-Replantation Service at R.K. Davies Medical Center. He is recognized for his development in microsurgical transplantation and replantation of limbs.

He received his medical degree from New York Medical College in 1951, completing residencies in general surgery at Rikers Island, and vascular surgery at Fifth Avenue Hospital, Bronx Veterans Hospital and New York Hospital in New York City.

The James Barrett Brown Visiting Professorship in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery was created in 1969 by patients, friends, colleagues, and former students to honor Brown, then professor emeritus of clinical surgery. Brown died in 1971.