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Goodwill ambassadors

Foreign students are ‘living resource’ for grade-schoolers

Mark E. Mason, vice chairman of the Oxford Development Co., and his wife, Myrna, have announced a $500,000 pledge to Washington University. The gift from William H. Danforth has announced Mason is a general partner of the Oxford Development Co. in Pittsburgh and is an active business and civic leader for that city.

Mason, who was awarded a degree in liberal arts from the University in 1951, has specified that $500,000 of the pledge will support the proposed Center for Business, Law and Economics at the John M. Olin School of Business, and $150,000 will go to the College of Arts and Sciences for classroom renovations in South Ridgley Hall.

Danforth said the Masons have been ‘selfless and dedicated supporter of Washington University by giving both their time and resources. We are grateful to them for their generosity and concern,’ he said.

The Masons said, ‘Both gifts have been designated as challenge grants. We enthusiastically support the exciting new programs that the University is establishing, and we also recognize the need for physical plant improvement.’

Robert L. Virgil, D.B.A., dean of the John M. Olin School of Business, said, ‘The proposed center will involve several disciplines, including law, economics, political science and business. We are honored that the Masons have selected our program for support,’ he said.

Martin H. Israel, Ph.D., dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, said, ‘Ridgley Hall is one of the original buildings on this campus. It is central to our teaching and scholarship in the humanities, particularly foreign languages. The Masons’ decision to help upgrade the teaching environment is of vital importance to students and faculty.’

Mason’s service to the University as an alumni volunteer currently includes: member, Arts and Sciences National Council; chair, Arts and Sciences Annual Fund; chair, Pittsburgh Alumni Chapter; annual patron and life member, William Greenleaf Eliot Society; and member of the Alumni-Parents Admission Program.

He has also served as chairman, Alumni Board of Governors; member, Student Affairs National Council; member, Task Force on Student Life; co-chair, Eliot Society Membership Committee; for Arts and Sciences; chair, Arts and Sciences Capital Resources Committee; and member, John M. Olin School of Business Dedication Planning Committee.

Mason is a current and former member of the board of a number of business, civic and charitable organizations in Pittsburgh. He serves on the national board of trustees of the Leukemia Society.
The children have such an enthusiasm for learning. I love that. He plans to pursue a teaching career. While exposing the community to different cultures, the international students have learned about America as well. I've learned that American elementary schools are quite different from those in Germany," notes Doerte Bischoff, a graduate exchange student who works with Lee Scissor's fourth-graders at Captain school. "Here there is an openness between the kids and teachers." In West Germany, she says, the relationship between students and teachers is more formal and authoritarian. Bischoff volunteered for the program because she wanted "to get an impression of what America is like and tell the kids something about Germany." She was surprised to find that even fourth-graders knew about the possible unification of East and West Germany. For fourth-graders, "they know quite a lot," she adds.

In her presentations to the fourth-graders, Bischoff makes comparisons between America and Europe and attempts to show them that "not everything in America is great. America has problems too." Freshman Rana Haikal, who works with Andy Parnas' fifth-graders, joined the program, in part, to correct some prevalent myths about her country. Most people don't even know where Kuwait is, she says. And then, when they find out, they want to know if people drive cars in Kuwait or if all the women wear veils. "I had a chance to tell the students that we're not all like that." In the future, the International Student Resource group plans to cook and deliver food to AIDS patients, volunteer in several capacities at the Grace Hill Settlement House for the homeless, make clothes and toys for needy children and drive cancer patients to and from treatments sites.

Schvey also has arranged for the international students to come into contact with distinguished members of the St. Louis community. Earlier this month, former Sen. Thomas F. Eagleton, L.L.B., University Professor of Public Affairs, conducted an informal round-table discussion with the group. After a 20-minute introduction to his perceptions of global issues, the students were invited to ask questions of Eagleton in a lively session that lasted nearly two hours. Carolyn Sanghai

As a member of the University's International Student Resource group, Neil Corrie, a juvenile exchange student from England, enjoys British culture to first graders in Jan Wilson's class at the Ralph M. Carpenter Elementary School.

Needlemann will deliver Lowry lecture

Philip Needlemann, Ph.D., vice president of research and development of Monsanto Corporate Research in St. Louis, will deliver the 12th annual Clark Lowry Lecture in Pharmacology "May 10 at 10 a.m. in the auditorium of the Grace Blue Auditorium, 660 South Euclid Ave. Needlemann, who served for 15 years as head of the Department of Pharmacology at the School of Medicine, will discuss 'Antiprotein: Discoveries and Implications.' The lecture, open to all members of the medical and scientific community, will begin at 4 p.m. in the atrium of the Medical Sciences Building. Needlemann's research is on the mechanism of blood pressure regulation. His early studies on the pharmacology of angiotensin II suggested that there is a marked increase in the treatment of angiotensive II, the chest pain thought to be caused by an insufficient blood supply to the heart. Subsequently, he and co-workers characterized the metabolic pathways of arachidonic acid, detailing its role in regulating both local blood pressure and inflammation.

He also has a career-long interest in how peptides directly influence blood vessel dilation and kidney function, which is mediated by pressure and blood volume. Alterations in these processes are important in the treatment of hypertension and heart disease. This work culminated in the purification of angiotensin II and the determination of its physiological function. For more information on the lecture, call 362-7092.

Needleman has been with Monsanto since 1989. Prior to that he served as head of the pharmacology department of the Medical Research Council in the United Kingdom and the Royal College of Medicine from 1976-1989, where he still maintains a position as research professor of pharmacology. He received his bachelor's degree from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science and a doctorate from the University of Maryland Medical School. After further scientific training at Washington University's School of Medicine, he joined the faculty in 1967.

The Lowry lecture is sponsored by the Department of Pharmacology to honor Oliver H. Lowry, M.D., Ph.D., distinguished professor emeritus and lecturer. Lowry served as head of the department from 1947-1976 and as dean of the School of Medicine from 1955-58. Since 1989 he has been serving as interim head of the pharmacology department. Lowry is an internationally renowned biochemist whose techniques and approaches have had a profound effect on science both through their utilization by others and through the many students in his lab who have gone on to become outstanding scientists. His discoveries have had an important impact on neurobiology, muscular dystrophy and biochemistry.
France honors two faculty here with prestigious chevalier title

Cultural Attaché of France Monsieur Daniel Olivier named a Chevalier of the Order of the Palme Academiques, at a formal ceremony and dinner given in his honor by Chancellor and Mrs. William H. Danforth at the University House.

North J. Lacy, Ph.D., professor of French, and Maya Rybalka, instructor of French in University College, received the coveted chevalier title, which is accompanied by a medal. The Order of the Academic Palmes is one of the highest honors bestowed by the French government, after the famous Legion of Honor. These knights and ladies, as they are called, are recognized for “advancing French culture,” usually in teaching, scholarship or public service.

Monsieur Olivier noted (he has never heard of the title) that five of his students are currently being taught this award at the same time. “I believe Washington University is the only college or university in the United States to have six French faculty named chevaliers.”

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CALENDAR

Thursday, May 3
9:30 a.m. School of Medicine Snark Dr. Richard A. and Betty B. Souer Visiting Professorship in Occupational and Industrial Medicine Lecture: "Preventing Asbestos Disease," Gregg J. Sallakkoff, prof. emeritus.
Mallinckrodt Inst. of Radiology, 909 S. Taylor Ave.
4 p.m. Dept. of Radiology Mammography Van for Women Over 35. (Also May 5, same time.) Brown Hall.

Friday, May 4

Saturday, May 5

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7:30 p.m. Dept. of Music Presents a Concert by the University City Symphony Orchestra, featuring Karnatak style singer K. Ramkumar of the University City Symphony Orchestra. Edison Theatre. Cost: $12 for general public; $9 for students. For more info., call 889-6543.

Music
Sunday, May 6
7 p.m. Dept. of Music Presents an Indian Vocal Concert, featuring Karnatak style singer T.V. Sankaranarayanan. May Aud., Simon Hall.

Friday, May 4
7 and 9:30 p.m. Film Screenings. "Le Plaisir." E. Brown Hall.
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Midnight. Film Screenings. "Fast Times at Ridgemont High." (Also Sat., May 5, same time, and Sun., May 6, at 9:30 p.m.) On Fri. and Sat., both the 9:30 p.m. and midnight films can be seen for a double feature price of $3. Both films can be seen for $5. Brown Hall.

Friday, May 11

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The Department of Psychology is recruiting women to participate in a study on eating styles and dieting. Women aged 18 to 20 who are binge eaters are being sought for the study.

Subjects will be asked to fill out questionnaires and to view a video-tape. They will be paid $5 for their participation, which will take about one-and-a-half hours.

The study is directed by Marcia Smith, Ph.D., assistant professor of psychology. Smith is investigating the relationship between binge eating and the self-image.

Women interested in participating or obtaining more information should leave a message for Therese Wedman at 727-6731.

The Center for Health Behavior Research at Washington University is offering a weight-loss group for women who have problems associated with binge eating. The group will meet from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, beginning May 15, in Room 1800, Medical Sciences Bldg. The last session will be held July 10.

The group will be led by Linda Krug, Ph.D., who studies binge eating and obesity in the Department of Pediatrics and the School of Medicine. The program will focus on increasing awareness of eating and exercising habits, and sessions will address such problems as low self-esteem, low mood and poor body image.

The cost for the program is $180. For more information, call 361-4808.

Smoking cessation program to begin

The Washington University Smoking Clinic is offering a new session to help participants quit smoking.

The orientation meeting for the eight-week session of the smoking cessation program will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 9, on campus. After the orientation session, participants will meet three times weekly, at 5 p.m. or 6:45 p.m. on Wednesdays for the remainder of the program.

The program costs $50; all but $10 of the fee is refunded at the end of the program. The clinic, now in its 13th year, is co-sponsored by the American Lung Association and the Missouri Department of Health, and is supported by a grant from the National Cancer Institute.

Spring is a good time to quit because it is mild outside and have a lot of ways to enjoy their increased good health, says Edwin B. Fisher, Ph.D., associate professor of psychology and director of the University's Center for Health Behavior Research. "We hope people will sign up now so that they can enjoy the springtime smoke-free.

Call 889-6527 and leave your name and phone number. The deadline to submit items for May 10-19 is May 3. Items must be typed and state time, date, and location. The deadline cost. Incomplete items will not be printed. Include a speaker's name and identification and the title of the event, also include your name and telephone number. Send items to Andrew Cox, calendar editor, Room 54, or by electronic mail to p72245AC at WUVMC.

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