Grant establishes social work research center

The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) has awarded the George Warren Brown School of Social Work a $3.75 million grant to establish the institute's first Social Work Research Development Center and to fund a major study of the mental health services needed by teenagers.

"This is a major accomplishment for the faculty of the George Warren Brown School and for the field of social work," says Dean Shanti Khinduka, Ph.D. "The grant recognizes a growing awareness of the integral role social workers play in the delivery and evaluation of mental health services.

George Warren Brown was one of 14 social work schools vying for the NIMH grant, which will span five years and serve as a model for other centers nationwide. The Research Development Center will be directed by Enola Proctor, Ph.D., professor of social work, Arlene Stiffman, Ph.D., associate professor of social work, will serve as associate director.

"We think this grant is particularly important because social workers as a group provide more mental health services than any other profession," says Kenneth G. Lutterman, associate director of research training at the NIMH Division of Applied and Services Research.

"Most people with mental health problems first appear in settings other than the traditional mental health settings in the school, welfare and justice systems," says Lutterman. "This grant will help provide the research that is needed to improve how social workers recognize, diagnose and treat people with mental health problems.

The NIMH is supporting this program, says Lutterman, because it wants social work research to compete in quality with that being done in psychiatry and psychology. He adds that George Warren Brown's grant proposal was strengthened by the school's existing base of interdisciplinary research programs, as well as Washington University's general commitment to research.

The NIMH grant responds to recommendations of the National Advisory Mental Health Council, as well as those of a special Task Force on Social Work Research. The NIMH organized the task force in 1989 to study the current state of research development in social work. The task force saw these centers as a means to enhance the understanding and application of scientific research methodologies within the social work profession.

"So much of mental health services are being delivered by social workers these days, and while we are viewed as effective at delivering services, we generally are not as involved in other interdisciplinary disciplines in conducting research," Khinduka says.

Enola Proctor

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Drug treatment slows progression of diabetic kidney disease

A large international trial has con-

firmed that a drug frequently used to

control high blood pressure may de-

celerate the progression of kidney

disease in diabetes-dependent diabets.

A study was carried out by the School

of Medicine and a group of six other

centers in North America. The findings

were reported in the Nov. 11 issue of The


"We are very excited about these re-

sults," says principal investigator Edmund

J. Lewis, M.D., Muehlethorpe Family

Professor of Nephrology at Rush. "Preventing or
delaying the progression of kidney disease
can have lifelong patient benefits. The need
for dialysis and kidney transplantation is

a serious problem.

The researchers tested the drug
captopril, an angiotensin-converting en-
yme (ACE) inhibitor. Treatment with the
drug reduced by 50 percent the risk of
death or rapid progression to end-stage

kidney disease characterized by the need

for dialysis or kidney transplantation.

Co-investigator Janet McGill, M.D., an

assistant professor of medicine at the

School of Medicine, says the study pro-

vides solid evidence that treatment of kidney
disease can be slowed in insulin-depen-

dent diabetes patients. "The benefits of the

therapy speak for themselves," McGill

says. "We now have therapy that can offer
treatment and possibly better long-term

benefits for those patients and centers of

quality." McGill was co-located at 30

centers in the United States and Canada. It in-

volved 409 patients between the ages of 18

and 40 with insulin-dependent diabetic reti-

nopathy due to kidney disease, and 30

to 40 percent develop diabetic nephropathy
(kidney disease). More than 200,000 people

have end-stage renal disease (ESRD), a condition in which the kidneys fail and require dialysis or kidney

transplantation. The leading cause of ESRD is diabetes, which accounts for

more than 45 percent of all new cases.

"The results of this study provide hope to

those with early diabetic kidney disease.

With proper treatment kidney function can

be preserved, and that means a better life-

for diabetic patients," McGill says.

Additional studies involving diabetes and
cardiocerebrovascular disease are ongoing. Volun-

teer patients, or those interested in more information,

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Captopril study volunteer Dan Kenner, left, talks to Yona Strasberg, R.N., center, and Janet McGill, M.D., about the encour-

aging drug trial results.
"I'd rather make things up. The more I know, the less free I am. I say, I write my novels out of pure ignorance."
Exhibitions

“Recent Acquisitions: Rare Books and Manuscripts Added to Special Collections” Through December, Olin Library, Special Collections, Level Five. Hours: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays.

“On the Light: Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Student Show” Through Dec. 15, Gallery at Olin, library. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays.

Thursday, Nov. 18


Friday, Nov. 19

9:30 a.m. Pediatric Grand Rounds. “The Neonate With Congenital Heart Disease: A Neonatologist’s Perspective,” John T. Kowalewski, postdoctoral research assoc., Dept. of Pediatrics. Room 199 Cupples I Hall. (Tea: 4 p.m. Room 311.)

Friday, Nov. 23


Wednesday, Nov. 24


Thursday, Nov. 28


Thursday, Dec. 2


Friday, Dec. 3


Lectures

Wednesday, Nov. 18

10 a.m. Policy studies colloquium. “Cost: $25 for the general public, senior citizens $18.”

Friday, Dec. 3

7 and 9 p.m. Filmboard Feature Series. “Father Fincher,” in Hindi with English subtitles. (Also Dec. 2, same times.) Room 100 Brown Hall. Cost: $3.

Music

Saturday, Nov. 20

3 p.m. Einstein’s Theory: “OCTAVIUS” Series presents The Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra’s Contra: Evolution with Nicolas McGegan, features guest artist Seth Jones, clarinet and saxophone; Tom Linker, piano, vibraphone and percussion; Joe Holmquist, features “Zeitgeist,” with Jay Johnson, clarinet and saxophone; Tom Linker, piano, vibraphone and percussion; Joe Holmquist.

Sunday, Nov. 21


4 p.m. Contemporary music program with the St. Louis Chamber Winds. “Frontiers of Jazz” with Violist Den Prengue, features the music of W. A. Mozart, E. T. A. Hoffman, W. A. Mozart, and F. J. Haydn. Graham Chapel.

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Monday, Nov. 22
8 p.m. WU Chorus concert. Program directed by Robert Ray and features Antonio Pivalala's "Gloria." Graham Chapel.

Monday, Nov. 29
5 p.m. Graduate student piano recital. Pianist David Wang will perform works by J. S. Bach, F. Chopin, A. Copland and S. Cohen. Goddard Center. For more info., call 394-3642.

Tuesday, Nov. 30
8 p.m. Violin recital. Violinist Allison Davie of the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra and pianist Judith Gordon, Montclair State College, will perform the music of S. van Beethoven, B. Bartok, G. Fauré and M. de Falla. Steinberg Hall Aud.

Wednesday, Dec. 1
11 a.m.-6 p.m. Nov. 21.) Sponsored by the Office of Continuing Medical Education. "Healthcare Issues '93." Ritz-Carlton Hotel, St. Louis. For more info., call 935-4926.

Saturday, Dec. 4
5 p.m. Financial aid workshop. Ellen Krout Levine, coordinator of Career Services, will discuss financial aid options. For cost and registration info., call 362-6893.

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and 5. Admission includes a free children's character dinner at the Whittemore House. Proceeds will help make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. The Gargoyle, Mallinckrodt Building. For more info., call 935-6318.

Sunday, Nov. 22
8 p.m. International Writers' Center poetry reading. Ben Okri, Nigerian novelist and author of 'Song of Solomon,' reads from his works. (Booksigning will follow the reading at the Barnes & Noble.) For more info., call 395-5576.

November 23
11 a.m.-5 p.m. WU Police Dept. Open House, WU Campus. (Also noon-8 p.m. Nov. 20 and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 21.) Sponsored by the WU Police Department. Admission free. Dinner tickets, which must be purchased in advance, are $15 for children and $18 for adults. For more info., call 935-4818.

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7:30 p.m. "Stages of Life" benefit concert. "Women's Center and the Student Activity Office ring in the New Year with a cabaret concert to benefit the Women's Center. Time: 7:30 p.m. WU America. For more info., call 362-6893.

Saturday, Dec. 4
7 a.m. Office of Continuing Medical Education. "Current Management of Hepatic and Biliary Disease." Ritz-Carlton Hotel, St. Louis. For cost and registration info., call 362-6893.

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Fifth Annual Washington University/Championship Games, 5:30 p.m. House, WU Campus. "The Four Horsemen" of 1927, Field House. For more info., call 935-3724.

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Grant will fund existing faculty research projects, launch new ones — from page 1

We were chosen for this center partially because of its location at a large, public research university with a strong presence in the social sciences, both in terms of its size and its commitment to diversity and excellence in research," says Poteet. "We will support a study of the mental health services provided to 800 teenagers in four sectors — juvenile justice, public health, education and child welfare. Felton Earls, a professor of psychiatry and public health at Harvard University, also will be involved in the study.

During the next five years, the center will support the development of research proposals for five additional projects by social work professors at George Warren Brown. The professors and their projects are: Martha Odena, Ph.D., who plans to study the role of the Social Security supplemental income program in funding mental health services for children with mental illness and retardation; David Gillespie, Ph.D., and Michael Sherraden, Ph.D., who will address the coordination and integration of mental health delivery systems in St. Louis; Proctor and Aaron Rosen, Ph.D., who will study how the decision support process influences the ability to evaluate treatment results in Missouri community mental health care agencies; Poteet and Nancy Morrow-Howell, Ph.D., associate professor of social work, who will study how institutions plan the discharge of psychiatric patients; and Brett Drake, Ph.D., assistant professor of social work, who will study the mental health needs of adolescent parents, including how existing services are used.

Proctor says the center will help the school and its faculty move toward a long-held goal of increasing its emphasis on mental health research. She points out that mental health is now the largest curricular area for master of social work students in the school, with more than 13 specialized courses and 118 local sites for student field "practicum" projects in mental health areas.

Gerry Everding

Interstellar dust grains top of workshop

Scientists from around the world will gather Nov. 18-20 at Simon Hall at Washington University to study interstellar dust grains found in primitive meteorites. The "Workshop on Isotopic Anomalies: Interstellar Grains in the Laboratory" is sponsored by NASA's Origins of Solar Systems Program. Washington University's McDonnell Center for the Space Sciences served as the catalyst for forming the workshop, which is now in its third year. The first two workshops were held at the University of California, Berkeley, in 1987.
Paul Spearman, M.D., postdoctoral fellow in molecular microbiology, received a 1993-96 Scholar Award from the American Foundation for AIDS Research.

Speaking of

Matthew K. Arthur, manager of residential computing, delivered a presentation on "Supporting Information Resources Within Residential Communities" during EDUCOM '93 held in Cincinnati. During the Association of Third World Studies' annual meeting held in Tacoma, Wash., Eugene S. Shultz Jr., Ph.D., professor emeritus of technology and human affairs, presented papers on "Coping With Deforestation and Land Degradation in Sub-Saharan Africa: Development Strategies Centered on Rural Women" and "Free vs. Fair Trade Between the United States and Mexico: Issues and Positions." He wrote the latter paper with Jolanda and David Waterfeld-Shultz of Veritas International based in Elsh, Ill. Jolanda Westerhoff-Shultz received her master's degree in international affairs from the University in 1992.

On assignment

Ralph G. Dacey Jr., M.D., professor and chair of neurosurgery, was named president-elect of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons, a national neurosurgical organization composed of more than 3,000 members. Founded in 1951, the congress promotes the continuing education of younger neurosurgeons in the United States and abroad. Dacey served as treasurer of the congress from 1990-93. His term as president will begin in October 1994.

Deborah Shure, M.D., associate professor of medicine, was elected the 1995-96 president of the American College of Chest Physicians. She is also a regent of the college, an organization composed of 16,000 pulmonologists, cardiothoracic surgeons and critical care specialists.

Etc.

Joe Deal, dean of the School of Fine Arts, was among the invited guests who witnessed a new endowed chair on the National Endowment for the Arts in Washington, D.C. During the program he also observed the awarding of the 1993 National Medal of Arts to 11 internationally recognized American artists and to Walter and Leona Annenberg, patrons of the arts.

Paintings by Bill Kahn, professor of art, were exhibited in Oaxaca, Mexico. The exhibition was sponsored by the Oaxaca State Institute of Culture and the American Embassy. All of the paintings are based on archaeological sites in the valley of Oaxaca.

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Wysession's calculations required four months of computer time on the fastest Sun SPARC10 computers and over two gigabytes of computer disk storage space. He began his mysterious project in 1993 and achieved success in May during his first attempt.

"I was flabbergasted it actually worked," recalls Wysession. "You go through months of computer time and there is no real idea of whether or not it will work. When it actually gave the result, I was surprised, both that it worked and that it worked on the first try. It reaffirmed all that of the mathematics we work with make sense." Wysession said he believes the movie will be "tremendous educational value." He's had numerous requests from seismologists from around the country to use the video in teaching geophysics.

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