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The Danforth Foundation has pledged a gift of $100 million to Washington University to endow programs of importance to the University and to the St. Louis community, according to an announcement made Friday, Nov. 14, by University Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton and Foundation Board Chairman John C. Danforth. Danforth said: "We at the Danforth Foundation believe that it is vital for the future of St. Louis to have a world-ranked research and teaching university that has been possible without the foundation's previous support. We pledge that this generous new investment in the University will be utilized in ways that will make the foundation and the people of St. Louis proud."

The $100 million gift is a five-year pledge from the foundation, which is headquartered in St. Louis. William H. Danforth, established the foundation, which is named in honor of his sons. William H. Danforth and Adda B. Danforth and their daughter Dorothy Danforth Campton and Donald Danforth, established the foundation in 1927. John C. Danforth and University Board of Trustees Chairman William H. Danforth are Donald Danforth's sons.

W.L. Hadley Griffin, a life trustee of Washington University, was chairman from 1983 to 1988, having served as vice chairman for six years previously. Griffin was a key member of the Buildings and Grounds, Executive and Nominating committees. In 1979, he headed the Commission on the Future of Washington University, which resulted in the $630 million Alliance Campaign. "Hadley Griffin was a remarkable person," Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton said. "The University is indebted to him for his tremendous contributions as an insightful leader, generous friend and dedicated adviser. His legacy continues in innumerable ways from the law school student commons that bears his name to the W.L. Hadley Griffin scholarship fund to his dedication toward enabling the University to reach world-class stature." William H. Danforth, chairman of the Board of Trustees, noted: "Hadley Griffin was both a gifted and an inspirational man. His career was filled with many successes because of his abilities and, most importantly, because others trusted in his integrity, his wisdom and his altruism. Washington University is a far better institution because of his vision, his leadership and his generosity. He was also my friend, and I will miss him."

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Neuroscientists find new trigger for nerve cell death

A paper in a recent issue of Science challenges a well-established idea about nerve regeneration and the body’s immune system, but the findings also provide new hope for treating nerve injuries.

When the brain or spinal cord is injured or diseased, damaged nerve cells shrink in a process called apoptosis. This process is critical for preventing the spread of injury and for the brain’s ability to recover. However, the body’s immune system can also trigger apoptosis in nerve cells, which can lead to permanent disability or even death.

In the new study, researchers from the University of Rochester and the University of Michigan found that potassium channels, which control the flow of potassium ions across the cell membrane, play a crucial role in this process. These channels are typically open in nerve cells, allowing potassium ions to flow out and maintaining a negative cell membrane potential. However, in injured nerve cells, these channels can become blocked, leading to a decrease in potassium flow and a decrease in the negative membrane potential.

This change in potassium flow can trigger a process called apoptosis, which is essential for preventing the spread of injury. However, the researchers found that blocking these potassium channels can prevent apoptosis and allow nerve cells to survive.

The researchers tested the effect of blocking potassium channels in a mouse model of spinal cord injury. They found that blocking these channels allowed nerve cells to survive and recover, even in the presence of immune system cells that are known to trigger apoptosis. This finding suggests that blocking these potassium channels could be a new treatment for nerve injuries.

In addition to the potential for treating nerve injuries, the findings also have implications for the treatment of degenerative disorders such as Alzheimer’s disease. Alzheimer’s is associated with an increase in apoptosis in nerve cells, and the researchers found that blocking potassium channels could prevent this increase.

The researchers hope that their findings will lead to new treatments for nerve injuries and degenerative disorders, and they are currently working to develop drugs that can block these potassium channels to prevent apoptosis.

The study was funded by the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke and the Department of Defense.

The researchers are: John F. DiPersio, M.D., Ph.D., chief of Hematology/Oncology at Barnes-Jewish Hospital; Shaoqiang Yu, M.D., Ph.D., a neurosurgeon at the University of Rochester; and Linda Sage, M.D., Ph.D., a neuropathologist at the University of Michigan.

The study was published in the journal Science.

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Oncology chair at Barnes-Jewish Hospital awarded to John DiPersio

John F. DiPersio, M.D., Ph.D., chief of Hematology/Oncology at Barnes-Jewish Hospital, has been awarded the Lewis T. and Rosalind B. Apple Chair in Experimental Medicine.

The appointment was announced by Mark O. Schuster, M.D., Ph.D., professor and head of the Department of Medicine, and Peter L. Slavin, M.D., president and senior executive officer of Barnes-Jewish Hospital. DiPersio, the second Apple Chair, also has been promoted from associate to full professor in the departments of medicine, pathology and pediatrics at the School of Medicine.

Under his leadership, clinical and basic research efforts in the bone marrow transplant division have thrived, with more than 200 transplants performed each year. DiPersio’s research efforts focus on improving the success of bone marrow and stem cell transplants for the treatment of cancer and disorders of the blood.

He helped pioneer stem cell and marrow transplantation, which involve collection of bone marrow cells directly from the bone. He also studies mouse models of leukemia and heads the study group on bone marrow transplantation and leukemia.

DiPersio was awarded the Apple Chair in recognition of his contributions to the field of experimental medicine and to his work in the bone marrow transplant division.

DiPersio is a councilor for the International Society for Experimental Hematology and chairs its nominating committee.

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Mackinnon to study immunosuppression in nerve transplantation

Susan E. Mackinnon, M.D., the inaugural Professor of the Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, has received a four-year $1.3 million grant from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke to study how the body can prevent nerve damage.

Mackinnon is considered an international authority on nerve regeneration and transplantation, and her research on the role of immunosuppression in nerve transplantation patients.

Mackinnon’s research focuses on how the body’s immune system can recognize nerve tissue as foreign and launch an inflammatory response. This response can cause extensive nerve damage to patients’ arms or legs. She has conducted extensive studies on this topic to understand how the immune system can be prevented from attacking nerve tissue.

She later moved to the laboratory to develop new therapies that can prevent nerve damage and improve the success of nerve transplantation.

Mackinnon’s laboratory has developed a new drug that can prevent nerve damage in patients with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, a disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord.

Mackinnon’s research has been supported by the National Institutes of Health, the American Association of University Women, and the Alzheimer’s Association.

Mackinnon is a member of the American Society for Experimental Hematology and the American Association of Plastic Surgeons.

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Outstanding teachers

At the annual School of Medicine ceremony that honors exemplary teaching, David N. Menton, Ph.D., spoke after receiving the Professor of the Year award from the Class of 2000. Each year, first- and second-year medical school classes select a Professor of the Year and a Lecturer of the Year and present numerous Distinguished Teaching Awards. In addition to Menton, this year’s winners were Scott G. Hickman, M.D., the class of 1999’s Professor of the Year; Steven L. Carroll, M.D., Ph.D., the class of 1999’s Lecturer of the Year; and Jean P. Mollotstein, M.D., the class of 2000’s Stanley Lang Lecturer of the Year. There were 19 Distinguished Teaching Awards this year. The Nov. 12 ceremony was held at the Eric P. Newman Education Center.

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painting, in painting," Ott explained, "is to preserve the differences between things, to resist making things equivocal. There are differences in life constantly butting up against us, affecting and being affected by us, and I think that closing down on those experiences, deciding which type of or whose are better, is really damaging. Stein preserved those differences, juxtaposing phrases and syntax that seem to not quite fit in painting." Ott explained, "I don't think there is something very connected to the feminist project of creating a female language. I think Stein embodied that project, re-forming language into her own image while at the same time really loving it and cherishing it."

Ott said she is looking forward to Gass' reading of Stein's work, to take place at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, 1997, at the Forum, and added "myself and the literal emphasis in the text in the paintings, which I'd never done before, and to title works individually rather than in series." Ott pointed out that her processes and concerns also are constantly changing, "I'm no more interested in what I think have to do with coming to St. Louis, and the literal emphasis in the Midwest." Ott noted that inspiration can come from unexpected sources. "I look at a lot of photography and video, as well as painting and sculpture and performance art," she explained. "Every medium has its own distinct language, but I think there is something very interesting about using the tropes of one discipline in the service of another."

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"I still think of myself as a novice when it comes to installation," she added. "I've never done a way to let my painting influence my writing; I have my own way of looking at the world and reflecting my beliefs and perceptions like a mirror, generating multiple experiences in a work of art."

"After all," she said with a smile, "doesn't Alice get more theory based but a lot of those issues have become internalized, like a musician who no longer needs to practice scales. I've also begun to include text in the paintings, which I'd never done before, and to title works individually rather than in series."

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**Monday, Dec. 2**
- Noon, Molecular biology and pharmacology seminar. "Tumor Cell Biology and the Use of Antiretroviral Agents in HIV-infected Individuals" (Nov. 21). Eric P. Newman Center. For times, costs and to register, call 362-6978.
- 8:30 a.m. WVU Association Travel Lecture Series. "Europe's Wild Gem – Iceland" by Joel D. Cooper, the Evarts A. Graham Professor of Cell Biology, biology division. Student Center, 6352 Forsyth. 725-3358.

**Tuesday, Dec. 3**

**Wednesday, Dec. 4**
- 8 p.m. Writing Program Reading Series. Margot Livesey, writer in residence, will read from her works. Hurst Lounge, Duncker Hall. 935-7130.

**Thursday, Dec. 5**
- 8 p.m. Writing Program Reading Series. Elizabeth Macdonald, dir. of strings, Annette Birkholtz, sololist, St. Louis Symphony Music School, 560 Trinity Ave. 935-3300.

**Friday, Dec. 6**
- 8 p.m. "Word and Music: The Poetry of Shakespeare and the Biology of Alan Turing." Smith, Christine Armstrong, soprano; Jeffrey B. Smith, countertenor, present the words of Shakespeare and the music of Henry Purcell. piano. Graham Chapel. 935-4848.

**Saturday, Dec. 7**
- 7 p.m. Art performance. "Dances of Death" by Dance Africa, directed by Eric P. Newman, director of dance arts in performance. (Also Nov. 22, same time, and Nov. 23, 2 p.m. "La Grande: A Success With or Without Scan- dal?" follows the Nov. 21 performance. Cost: $10. $7 for seniors, faculty, staff and students. Edison Theatre. 935-6518.

**Sunday, Dec. 8**
- 8 p.m. Writing Program Reading Series. Ellen Bryant Voigt, award-winning poet, winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award for Poetry, will read from her works. Hurst Lounge, Duncker Hall. 935-7130.
Performance mixes music and poetry

Nationally known poet Sharon Olds, professor of literature at New York University, and composer Carl Smith, instructor of organ in the Department of Music in Arts and Sciences, will combine music and poetry at 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23. "Word and Music: The Poetry of Sharon Olds and the Music of Carl Smith" takes place in Graham Chapel, sponsored by the music department. It is free and open to the public.

Olds will read from her works and Smith will premiere a new song cycle, "Songs of the Son," which is set to six of Olds' poems. "Songs of the Son" will feature soprano Christine Cambier, instruc-
tor of voice, and saxophonist Jeffrey Collins, who teaches at Webster University. Henry Palkes is pianist for the work.

Sharon Olds is the author of five volumes of poetry. Born in San Francisco in 1942, she graduated from Stanford and Columbia universities.

She won a National Book Critics Circle Award in 1990 for her poetry collection, "The Dead and the Living." Another collection, "The Gold Cell" (1987), is dedicated to her friend Ursula W Goodenough, Ph.D., professor of biology in Arts and Sciences and associate professor of anatomy and neurobiology in the School of Medicine.

As a composer of vocal music, Smith's commissions have included works for the Episcopal Church of St. Michael and St. George, which were sung at St. Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey in London. For more information, call 935-4841.

Sports

Gridders get shutout

The football Bears notched their second shutout of the season with a 21-0 victory Saturday, Nov. 15, over Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.

Current Record: 6-4 (3-1 UAA)

Men's soccer still alive

The men's soccer team upset 10th-ranked Trinity University (Texas) 4-3 in double overtime in the second round of the NCAA Central Region championships.

Current Record: 14-5-3 (4-UAA)

Basketball season opens

The men's basketball squad opens the 1997-98 season this week.

This Week: 6 p.m. EST Friday, Nov. 21, vs. Illinois Wesleyan University at DePaul Tip-Off Tournament.

Greencastle, Ind.; 2 or 4 p.m. EST Saturday, Nov. 22, vs. DePaul or Centre College (Ky.) at the Central Regional basketball tournament.

Women's soccer advances

The women's soccer team defeated Macalester College (Minn.) Friday, sending the Bears to their first-ever appearance in the NCAA tournament.

Current Record: 17-3-1 (4-2-1 UAA)

This Week: 11 a.m. EST Saturday, Nov. 22, vs. University of California at San Diego at NCAA Division III Championship semifinals, Elizabethtown, Pa.

Volleyball heads east

The volleyball Bears advanced to their 11th quarterfinal appearance in the NCAA tournament with a 3-0 victory over Emory University (Ga.) in the finale of the South Regional.

Current Record: 34-6 (12-UAA)

This Week: 7 p.m. EST Saturday, Nov. 23, at Wellesley College in quarterfinal match of NCAA Division III Championship, Wellesley, Mass.

Runners win NCAA bid

The men's cross country team finished fifth Saturday at the NCAA Division III Midwest Regional Championship, earning the school's first-ever team bid to the NCAA Cross Country Championships.

Junior Emily Richard qualified for the national meet as an individual.

This Week: 11 a.m. EST Saturday, Nov. 22, men's team and Emily Richard at NCAA Division III Cross Country Championships, Boston, Mass.

Swimmers, divers win

The swimming and diving teams were victorious Nov. 15 over Millikin University and the University of Chicago. The men won 10 of 14 events, while the women's squad, undefeated on the season (5-0), won 11 events.

Current Record: Women 5-0; Men 4-2

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Klein receives senior honor, wins scholarship

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neering major and star linebacker

for the Washington University foot-

ball team, has become the University's

first National Football Foundation

Scholar-Athlete. The award includes

a $18,000 scholarship for graduate

study and a $1,000 Burger King

Scholar-Athlete prize — a $10,000
donation to the University's general

scholarship fund — awarded to Klein

earlier this season.

The foundation will honor Klein

and 17 other UAA (University Athletic

Association) football teams and three

UAA championship football teams and

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track and field (in-
door and outdoor) squads.

To qualify for the foundation award,

the student-athlete must be in his final

year of eligibility. His GPA must be at

least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale), and he must

demonstrate outstanding character,

leadership and citizenship. This year's

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School of Medicine recognizes employees for their years of service and dedication. These employees have reached or will reach milestones in their careers this September.

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For the Record contains news about a wide variety of faculty, staff and student scholarly and professional activities.

Of note
David J. Gottlieb, Ph.D., professor of anatomy and neurology and associate professor of biochemistry and molecular biophysics, has received a grant of $67,944 from the National Institutes of Health for a project titled "E2 Cell-derived Linages: A New Emerging Technology.

Dwight C. Look, M.D., associate professor of medicine, has received a five-year $542,183 grant from the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute for a project titled "Modification of Cardiomyocytes in Lupus Epithelium."

Clifford Will, Ph.D., professor and chair of the Department of Physics in the University of Wisconsin-Madison, has been inducted as a fellow of the American Physical Society.

Cynthia Louise Price

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He also gave the Payton Rhodes Lecture at the American Institute of Physics Sept. 16 and the Montgomery Gage Lecture at the University of Kentucky Sept. 21. After her retirement, she served as a consultant in dental education and coordinated the steering committee of the dental school's accreditation report. She developed and directed the dental school's career counseling program from 1983 to 1996 as a full-time volunteer. For the past 11 years, Steuerneck volunteered in the Technical Services and Archives and Rare Books sections of the Bernard Becker Medical Library.
During its 70 years of operation, the foundation has assisted persons throughout the region in their efforts to improve education and extending their abilities to contribute to society. In May 1997, Foundation President Dr. William C. Wrighton noted, "We believe the University and the community will continue to use its resources for the long-lasting benefit of the region and to work in partnership to leverage other resources."

Through the year 2002, the foundation will have granted more than $125 million — an excellent community of faculty, students and staff in the finest educational environment. The University and the community will continue to use its resources for the long-lasting benefit of the region and to work in partnership to leverage other resources."

According to Wrighton, the gift will have a "transformative effect" on the University and its ability to serve society. He said the gift will impact the University in the following areas:

1. Supporting biology and biomedical sciences. "The Danforth gift will establish a new Institute of Medical Engineering and Chemistry. This thrust will help ensure that St. Louis will lead the nation in biological sciences research and economic development," said Wrighton.

2. Advancing the social sciences and the George Warren Brown School of Social Work. In ways that promote the links between the University and other institutions in the region to bring direct benefit to the community.

3. Enhancing the experience of the University's students both inside and outside the classroom, thereby enabling them to ensure a steady flow of outstanding young people to St. Louis; and by deepening understanding of the problems, solutions and opportunities of society, particularly in urban communities. "We believe our research leadership in the biological sciences and medicine will expand our commitment that there will be an important economic engine for the region."

4. During a three-year strategic planning process initiated in the early 1990s, the University identified strategic priorities for the next decade and recommended specific plans to achieve those objectives. The plans were developed by the deans and the faculty of each school and presented to the Board of Directors. National Courts to help the University better carry out its mission of teaching, research and service to the community.

The Danforth Foundation

In its 1996-97 fiscal year, the Danforth Foundation paid out $11.7 million to support 178 grants at 197 national and local institutions. Of that amount, the foundation awarded $2.8 million to education projects in metropolitan St. Louis. The foundation supported other community-based projects in the region. Since 1991, foundation grants have supported a variety of national and metropolitan St. Louis projects in three specific areas: a: good beginning for every child, school, family and community partnerships; and leadership for schools. In 1996-97, support included technical assistance, program development and employee matching gifts.

Danforth Foundation President Dr. William C. Wrighton said: "This foundation gift is intended to help continue the tradition of excellence in leadership demonstrated by Washington University, in keeping with the foundation's recent change of focus and renewing its commitment to the St. Louis region. We at the foundation look forward to working with St. Louis in its continued contribution to St. Louis through its important research, teaching and patient care programs."

The University and the community

Washington University brings to St. Louis more than 2,000 bright and able people of all ages who add greatly to the energy and intellect and scientific strength of the region, Wrighton noted. More than 31,000 students live and work in the St. Louis area, many of whom have become leaders in business, education, the professions and the arts. For example, nearly 40 percent of St. Louis' 5,000 physicians were educated at the Wash-ington University Medical Center. The University attracts some of the world's most talented scientists that serve on its faculty, and they enrich the intellectual, professional and cultural life of the community. Awarded to St. Louis University, and the same is true for all but one of the nine St. Louisans who won Pulitzer prizes to date. The University is a regional center for teaching and research, and it has attracted more than 10,000 full-time students from around the world, the faculty provides continuing education opportunities to more than 3,000 St. Louisans each year. That same faculty provides education programs in the United States in funding received from the National Institutes of Health. The University and its partner hospitals provide care for the region's best in medical care, with the Children's Hospital, the School of Medicine contributed more than $32 million in free and unreimbursed medical care. The other institutions in the Washington University Medical Center contributed an additional $83 million. The University also has been a major force in stabilizing the neighboring St. Clair-Shaker Heights and University City communities, and it has helped to create an excellent community of faculty, students and staff in the finest educational environment. The University and the community will continue to use its resources for the long-lasting benefit of the region and to work in partnership to leverage other resources."

Kirkpatrick Brielie, the James Carr Professor of Criminal Jurisprudence, will chair the commission. Other members of the commission are the Hon. Jean C. Hamilton, chief judge of the Missouri Court of Appeals, District of Missouri, and a member of the law school's National Council; Vice Chancellor Robert K. Hall, general counsel and adjunct professor of law; Philip Barwick, J.D., associate dean for information resources at the law school; Daniel L. Knecht, Ph.D., associate professor of sociology; and Oren Epstein, Ph.D., chair of the Department of Political Science in Arts and Sciences; N. Ronald Slayter, professor and Faculty Senate chair; Edward S. Stiles, J.D., retired law professor; Pauline Kriegmire, chairman and profes sor; and third-year law student Reuben G. Williams, a law student and president of the Student Bar Association.

Washington University staff, you may call for information about the Washington University Medical Center at 935-5906. Staff members may call the main information line at 838-6500.

"Collectively, I believe, they hold the future of society, particularly those in our community. We look forward to Washington University's continuing contribution to St. Louis."