Arissa Hockfield, like every other freshman, has questions. Susan Rollins, the new adviser, helps her search out and sort through the answers. Then it's Rollins' turn to volley.

"Dean Rollins is always asking, "What are you interested in? What are you looking for?"?" said Hockfield, who is one of about 250 students benefiting from an ambitious pilot plan in the College of Arts and Sciences' advising program.

"One girl in my group likes writing for newspapers, so she helped locate and contact people who could help out with internships," said Hockfield of Assistant Dean Rollins. "One boy plays an instrument, so she lets him know with whom he can keep up with the symphony. She's interested in everything we do, even if it's not directly related to academics."

Born out of the realization that students were slipping through the advising cracks, the new model is designed to foster more frequent, in-depth adviser-advisee contact throughout the undergraduate years.

"I think that all of us had experiences where we saw students with programs where we just shook our heads and said, 'How in the world...?'" said Associate Dean Deborise Kennedy, who, with Dean James E. McDonnell brainstormed with faculty advisers for more than a year on the current concept. "We'd find a student who had taken only one lower-level physics course ever and wonder, 'Why is she in a 500-level course?' Or we would have somebody who was graduating with a 'four-point' GPA, and we all looked at each other and said, 'Who is this person?' Or we would puzzle on how to help a student ending the junior year with no hint of a major."

"Why is this so?" said McDonnell, who, also is vice chancellor for students. "Advising has always been an important activity in the University and in any learning situation where you have growth and development. We have come to the point where we believe it to be more critical."

"Young people coming out of this institution have varying interests, aptitudes, plans, dreams, values and visions of themselves," McDonnell continued. "With each day they're finding out more about themselves. They're matur- ing, developing, learning. So it's important to have a continuing conversation with someone about..."

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Advisers' role expands and deepens under Arts and Sciences pilot project

New pediatric research building planned; McDonnell family gift provides funding

Washington University School of Medicine and St. Louis Children's Hospital have received a $20 million gift from the McDonnell family to finance construction of a pediatric research building.

Announcement of the gift, from James S. McDonnell III, his brother John F. McDonnell and the JSM Charitable Trust, was made Tuesday, March 17, by Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton and Fred L. Brown, president and chief executive officer of BJC Health System.

We are very grateful to the McDonnell family for this generous gift and for their continued support to Washington University, Wrighton said. "Innovative research in the McDonnell Pediatric Research Building will help attract the brightest young scientists to the St. Louis area and will have a significant impact on the health of children in Missouri and the United States for years to come."

Currently, pediatric research at the Medical Center is conducted in five separate sites. The proposed 10-story, 226,000-square-foot building will provide six floors of pediatric research laboratories for new programs and the expansion of existing ones. The building is designed to provide investigators opportunities for creative interdisciplinary research by allowing clinicians and clinical investigators to work side by side with basic scientists.

Construction has begun and is expected to be completed in 2000.

"The new pediatric research building has great implications for the delivery of health care to infants, children and adolescents," Brown said. "It will ensure that St. Louis Children's Hospital is able to provide the highest quality medical services to our patients."

The pediatric research building will be a focal point for state-of-the-art investigations into the biology of childhood diseases and will enable researchers to speed the application of basic science discoveries to the clinical care of children. It also will consolidate pediatric research activities into one building at Washington University Medical Center, where both the medical school and St. Louis Children's Hospital are... Continued on page 7

W hen the second hand ticks past midnight into the new millennium, will your computer be ready?

The potential for massive problems caused by computers at the start of the year 2000 has been much in the news recently, and with good reason. According to Bill Smith and Wil Fritz of the University's Information Systems Office, the difficulties, known as Y2K problems, will appear here on campus as well as elsewhere, and Information Systems is working hard to prevent as many as possible. To do so, Smith says his office needs members of the campus community to take some simple but important steps.

"While most Y2K problems are in legacy programs built for mainframes some years ago," he said, "there could be problems with some hardware and software that is fairly recent in age." These could include personal computers, purchased software, voicemail systems and other applications.

Smith said his office is reviewing and changing all the mainframe programs for central administrative functions to ensure that they will handle years beyond 1999 properly. But anyone on campus with responsibility for computer equipment or software may need to review it for potential problems.

"This may be equipment you don't normally think of as... Continued on page 8
Honoring Morris

John C. Morris, M.D. (second from right), the recently named Harvey A. and Dorisame Hacket Friedland Professor of Neurology, was honored March 10 at a reception in the Kinston King Faculty Center in the Bernard Becker Medical Library. Among those at the reception were (from left) Eugene M. Johnsson, Jr., Ph.D., the Norman J. Stagg Professor of Neurology; Deborah A. Monolo, Dr.P.H., Andrew B. and Gretchen P. Jones Professor of Neurology and head of the department; and Leonard Berg, M.D., professor of neurology. Morris is director of the Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center.

Women as well as men can inherit drinking problem

Dr. Andrew Heath, research scientist in the department of psychiatry and associate professor of genetics at the medical school, has been awarded a four-year grant to study the nature of alcoholism in twins. Heath, who had an alcoholic twin sister, will examine the cells of the fraternal twin of each pair to determine whether the mother of one will be alcoholic, and the father of the other will be alcoholic. The study will seek to determine whether the disease is inherited as a single gene, or if it is a polygenic trait, or if it is due to environmental factors.

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Breathing new life — literally — into very ill patients

G. Alexander Patterson, M.D. (right), and patient Jeff Raban discuss Raban’s esophageal surgery.

March 19, 1998

I n the breast pocket of his lab coat, G. Alexander Patterson, M.D., carries a special piece of paper, a list of patients whose health problems are never far from his heart. They suffer from various diseases — cystic fibrosis, pulmonary hypertension, emphysema — but desperately need the same treatment: lung transplantation. Some have waited months for a donor organ, and without it they are going to die.

So when the long-awaited phone call comes, Patterson, an internationally recognized surgeon who runs the largest adult lung-transplant program in the United States, is ready. As soon as the new lung arrives, usually in the middle of the night, Patterson and his trainees gather to perform the exquisitely delicate surgery on one lucky patient from his list.

“It’s great surgery to do because it’s challenging and gratifying,” said Patterson, the Joseph C. Baurcroft Professor of Surgery at the School of Medicine. “If the patient is oxygen dependent and can’t be totally disabled, unable to look after himself or herself, and we can make that person independent and completely functional. It’s easy to get excited about a procedure like that.”

Last year, he performed 45 lung transplants — his career total is around 300 — and that’s just one piece of his job. Patterson, who is also head of the general thoracic surgery section, spends daytime hours doing surgery for other thoracic problems, such as lung cancer and esophageal cancer. He also runs a world-renowned research lab that is working on ways to preserve lungs for transplant using innovative gene therapy techniques.

“Thank you so much,” she wrote, “for enabling so many of us to receive a second chance at life.”

Patterson, born and raised in Canada, grew up in Brockville, a small eastern Ontario town, where he was an avid science student. After high school, he began pre-medical studies at Queen’s University in Kingston, Ontario, where he was accepted into this two-year program, which led directly into the four-year Queen’s medical school.

“My mother was a world-renowned specialist in peripheral nerve surgery. As their four children were born, they began swapping clinical training and research years, so that one of them usually had a lighter load and could spend more time at home. For Alec Patterson, a modest man, is reluctant to admit it, but his own skill also plays a part in the program’s success. He does most of the transplants himself, sometimes skilledly trimming too-large lungs to fit a full-size patient.

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— A grateful patient

A mentor for young thoracic surgeons

Since the University has one of the few programs in the country devoted to thoracic surgery, it attracts excellent training candidates. Patterson is working with them, teaching them the challenging techniques.

Bryan Meyers, M.D., who just completed a year as chief resident in thoracic surgery, appreciates not only Patterson’s surgical skill but also his versatility. “In and around his operation,” he said, “you can do it in several ways. He doesn’t hold himself to one rigid approach; he shows us there are many ways to solve a problem.”

Once in a while, Patterson does a joint operation with his wife. Over the years, they have developed surgical treatment and non-operative management for thoracic outlet syndrome, which involves the compression of nerves in the neck. Soon they will operate together on a 4-year-old girl from Texas whose upper ribs and brachial plexus nerve were destroyed when a dog attacked her.

“I love operating with him because he is such a superb technican,” said Susan Mackinnon, M.D., professor of surgery and head of the Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. “I would want to work with the best person for every given problem; it just so happens that Alec is the best for some of these areas.”

In private life, the couple lives in a Clayton home, decorated with Canadian furnishings and art. Each summer they vacation in Canada at their summer house, located on a lake in northern Ontario. Their four children are growing up: Lynda, 20, an art historian at the University of British Columbia; Brendan, 17, and F. Griffith Pearson, M.D., who are excited about the field of thoracic surgery; and Alec, a 17-year-old medical student.

“Alec is a broadly interesting man,” said Pearson, “gentle, empathetic and attractive. The students love him. I think his researchers and fellows feel that way, too.”

Mackinnon added: “With all the things he does it would be easy for Alec to take himself too seriously. But I think he’s made a conscious effort not to let that happen. He has developed a technique — it just so happens that the technique saves people’s lives.”

— Candace O’Connor
Exhibitions

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Renowned scholars in sociology, classics appear in Assembly Series

Sojourner Truth is Women's Week topic

Nell Painter, sociologist and historian, will deliver the Women’s Week keynote address titled “Sojourner Truth: A Phenomenal Woman.” The presentation is scheduled for 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. March 25, as part of the Assembly Series. The lecture is free and open to the public and will take place in Graham Chapel. Painter is the director of African-American studies and the Edwards Professor of History at Princeton University. She specializes in the history of the United States and has written extensively on slavery, abolition, and women’s history.

Erich Gruen explores anti-semitism's roots

Erich Gruen of the University of California at Los Angeles will discuss the life of German sociologist and philosopher Max Weber. The event will be held in the Edison Theatre Box Office, 1-6 p.m. Thursday, March 26, with a reception in the Thomas J. and Katherine F. Murphy Lobby, in Ridgley Hall. 725-0372 or 862-4569.

Womenhoopers advance to semfinals

For the third time in eight years, Washington University’s women’s basketball team is headed to the NCAA Division III national semifinals. The Bears (26-2) defeated Johns Hopkins University (4-2) and Emory University (6-4), advancing to the semifinals against the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh 53-45 Saturday. March 14, in the championship game of the Central/South sectional at Bridgeport, Wis. The Bears travel to Cocoa, Fla., for the semifinal game Friday, March 20, versus Rowan College (N.J.).

Two divers earn All-American honors

Junior diver Rachel Hopkins earned All-America honors in both the one-meter and three-meter events at the NCAA Division III Women’s Swimming and Diving Championships. Hopkins earned first-team diving honors on the three-meter board with a six-plate finish (361.83) and honorable-mention accolades with a 10-plater showing on the one-meter board. Fellow junior Nancy Weisner was an honorable-mention selection on the one-meter (121.31) and placed 18th in the three-meter (340.65) as the Bears placed 25th at the meet with 45 points.

Two runners honored

Junior Emily Richard earned All-American honors in the 3,000 meters for the third time in her career, while fellow junior Mike McAllister also became an All-American in the 1,500 (fifth-place) at the NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field Championships in Boston. Richard ran a school-record 3:30.55 for second in the one-mile run for the second straight indoor season, while McAllister broke the school record in the preliminaries (4:42.21) and again during finals (4:41.75). The Bears finished in a six-way tie for 13th place.

Baseball Bears lose four close games

The Bears won four of five close games at the 1998 University Athletic Association Tournament in Cocoa, Fla., but came home with a 1-4 record. The Bears defeated teams Emory University (4-2), John Cassanos (4-3) and Brandeis University (4-3) before falling to the trip with a 2-1 loss to Case Western Reserve University. Current Recap: 6-6 (1-4 UA). This Week: 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21, versus Simpson College and William Penn College. Kelly Field: 4-5 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Sunday, March 22, versus William Penn College and Simpson College, Kelly Field, 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

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Priscilla Lopez in benefit performance of ‘Class Mothers ’68’

Tony and Obie Award-winning actress Priscilla Lopez, who performed her one-woman show starring in the original production of "A Chorus Line," will give two benefit readings of her new one-woman play, "Class Mothers ’68," at the A.E. Hotchner Studio Theatre in Millikin Center. Lopez’s performance will take place Friday, March 27, at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 28, at 2 p.m. The play, written by Eileen Dreyer, "explores women, crime and media stories. For more information, call 935-5883.

Panel on ‘Homicide as Self-help’ explores women, crime and media

Washington University will present a panel discussion on women, crime and the media titled “Homicide as Self-help: A Look At Women Who Kill” from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, in McMillan Hall’s McMillan Cafe. The discussion is free and open to the public.

The Performing Arts Department, Department of English, and Women’s Week are sponsoring the discussion, which is held in conjunction with the PAD’s production of Sophie Treadwell’s 1920s drama “Machinal,” performed March 27-29 and April 3-5 in the Performing Arts Department In Arts and Sciences.

‘Machinal’ has St. Louis premiere at Edison

Like an Edward Munch invases come to life, playwright Sophie Treadwell’s 1928 expressionist masterpiece “Machinal” will receive its St. Louis premiere on the Edison Theatre stage March 27-29 and April 3-5, presented in collaboration with Olin College and Women’s Week. “Writing a Research Co-housing in St. Louis. Room 200

Library. The Writing Center, fifth floor, Olm Library: 4-5:45 p.m. 7 p.m. Lesbian-Gay-Bi-Transgenderreadable discussion. Room 197 Olm Library: 4:36-726.

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6 p.m. Brain Awareness Week

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Lunch with the chancellor
Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton (right) shared information about a wide range of campus issues at a brown bag luncheon attended by about 75 University employees March 10 in the Women's Building Formal Lounge. Here he talks with (from left) Joe Clarke, head men's soccer coach, and Larry Kindmih, head football coach, after the luncheon.

Social Work in post-welfare era to be topic of March 26 lecture

"Strategies for Relevance: Social Work in Post-Welfare America," is the topic of the lecture by Josephine A. Allen, president of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) at 1:10 p.m. Thursday, March 26, in Brown Lounge at the George W. Brown School of Social Work.

Allen is an associate professor and director of the undergraduate social work program at Cornell University. A respected researcher and consultant on international women's issues, she is widely published on topics related to gender, family support, and empowerment. Allen's views will coincide with the March celebration of National Social Work Month, which marks the 100th anniversary of professional social work.

During her St. Louis visit, Allen and her associates will participate in Social Work Recognition Reception of the NASW's Missouri chapter, to be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. March 26 at Holiday Inn Clayton Plaza, 7964 Big Bend Blvd. The social work school will receive the Missouri NASW/Agency/Department of the Year Award at the reception, and Karen Sutton, a master of social work student at the school, will be honored as the chapter's MSW Student of the Year.

NASW is the nation's largest organization of professional social workers. It provides services to more than 150,000 members and is an advocate on social policy issues. Social workers provide more than half of the nation's mental health services and offer other social services to individuals, families and communities in many settings, including family service agencies, community mental health centers, schools, hospital employees assistance programs and public and private agencies.

Allen has a master of social work degree in social welfare administration and policy and a doctorate in social work and political science from the University of Michigan. She has done research on international social services which includes studies of women in Trinidad and Tobago and ethnic groups in the Greater Athens Plains of Ghana. She has held many NASW leadership positions.

The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information on the lecture, call 935-7453.

Guerrilla Girls appear at University for March 21 lecture and demonstration

The Guerrilla Girls, a collective of New York-based fine art photographers and artistic activists, will appear at Washington University for a lecture and demonstration at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 21, in the WU Field House in the Athletic Complex.

For almost 15 years the Guerilla Girls have served as social conscience to the art world. Although the group's membership is said to include well-known artists and gallery owners, the members themselves do not reveal their identity. The group's anonymity is marked by gorilla masks in order to keep their personal identities separate from their personalities.

The group has earned a wide audience for its fiery critiques of sexism and racism, both in the art world and in the culture at large.

The lecture is free and open to the public. The group recently had a show at the Gallery of Art, the School of Art, the Women's Resource Center, the St. Louis Art Museum, the Kemper Center's Program in Arts, the Sciences, the Department of Art History and Archaeology in Arts and Sciences and the Department of Performing Arts in Arts and Sciences. For more information, call 935-4523.

Campus architecture, interlink lines are subject of symposium March 20-21

"Our conference will explore various approaches to campus architecture and identity and why architects vary in their understanding of campus architecture," said Sharon Haar, director of the Bachelor of Arts in Architectural Studies program at the University of Illinois at Chicago, who will speak on the role of urban universities to their surrounding communities. Kevin Harrington, professor of architecture at IIT, will discuss the IIT campus and how the role of architecture reflects deeper changes in society.

A panel discussion composed of the presenters will follow from 4 to 5:30 p.m. For more information on the symposium, call 953-6200 or check the architecture school's Web site at http://www.arch.wustl.edu.

Campus architecture students create design concepts

The symposium includes presentations by experts who will examine various approaches used at a variety of educational institutions and private commissions.

Several of the featured projects explore the ways that recent campus architecture reflects contemporary culture and society. Panel discussions and presentations by experts will examine the role of architecture on campus, the ways that it reflects the values of the community and the role of architecture in the development of a campus. The symposium coincides with a three-day regional conference of the American Institute of Architects in St. Louis and the American Academy of Art Students (AIAA). The AAAS conference, which also is being held at the same architecture school, will draw student representatives from as many campuses as possible from the Midwest region. The student presentations will be held after the symposium discussion at the campus architecture school "both in the campus community and in the broader community through outreach and education efforts.

Symposium presentations, all in Steinberg Auditorium, include:

• Friday, 3:15 to 5:30 p.m.: Eley Hamilton, a preservation historian with the St. Louis County Department of Parks and Recreation and a lecturer at the architecture school, will speak on the history of the University's campus and David Mombers, campus architect at Stanford University, will speak on the trends of urban universities to their surrounding communities.

• Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon: Jon D. Hater, director of the Office of Physical Planning at Princeton University, will explore how campus architecture reflects deeper changes in society.

• Saturday, 1 to 3:30 p.m.: Panel discussion by experts will examine various approaches used at a variety of educational institutions and private commissions.

• Saturday, 6:23 p.m.: A student reported March 10 that a staff member had been attacked by a staff member at Brooks Hall. Franke said the project allows the students to focus on the effects of architecture and landscape architecture "within a context that, while privately controlled, is often approved as part of public realm."
The group's February meeting in St. Petersburg will become the association's president in 1999.

Philip Freeman, Ph.D., assistant professor of classics in Arts and Sciences, has been accepted as a visiting scholar this summer at the American Academy in Rome. He will be conducting research for an article on the survival of the Etruscan language under Roman rule.

Press

Edward Boccia, professor emeritus of fine arts in Arts and Sciences, has recently had a book of poetry titled "No Matter How Good the Light Is" by Time Being Books. Boccia read from his works at both Left Bank Books and Library in early March. In addition, an exhibition of his paintings currently is on display in the Onofreche College Gallery through March.


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