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Mary Wickes' bequest to fund library collection in film, theater, television

University Libraries are a principal beneficiary of the estate of alumna and actress Mary Wickes, whose classic comic touch enthralled stage and screen for decades. Wickes died in 1995. From the estate's $2 million bequest, made in memory of her parents, has come the Isabella and Frank Wickenhauser Memorial Library Fund for Film, Theater and Arts. The fund will support film, television and theater on campus, said Kevin P. Ray, head of Special Collections.

"It was her desire for the limelight in beer commercial and theater on campus," said Kevin P. Ray, head of Special Collections. "This allows us to buy books, videos and equipment along a very broad spectrum."

Wickes also gave her personal papers and professional memorabilia to the Department of Special Collections. The gift, which includes scripts from every film and television show in which she performed, will enrich the drama and theater resources of the department's Modern Literature Collection.

Thursday's dedication will premiere an 18-minute video of excerpts from Wickes' work and interviews with Wickes and many who knew her. It will also feature as speakers Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton; Shirley K. Baker, vice chancellor for information technology and dean of University Libraries; and Gregory Richards, director of the university's Office of Information Technology and dean of University Libraries; and Gregory Richards, director of the university's Office of Information Technology and dean of University Libraries.

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Social work students cited for field work

Quarter-million hours volunteered at agencies

Working closely with school, church and community leaders, health providers and other professionals, students of the George Warren Brown School of Social Work provided nearly a quarter million hours of volunteer services during the 1997-98 academic year, according to estimates by the school's Office of Field Education.

During May 15 Commencement ceremonies, six of those students will be honored with the 1997-98 Dr. Clara Louise Myers Outstanding Practicum Student Award and another will receive the Shirley Fink Kahn Award for exemplary volunteer service in the St. Louis community.

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Take Our Daughters to Work Day encourages girls' ideas and dreams

About 80 girls ages 9 to 15 are expected to come to the University to participate in Take Our Daughters to Work Day Thursday, April 23 — a day dedicated to girls' ideas, spirit and dreams. This is the fifth year that faculty and staff have joined in the national event.

"Take Our Daughters to Work Day was created in 1993 by the Ms. Foundation for Women, a national, multi-issue public women's fund based in New York. The day focuses on the needs and concerns of girls and helps them stay focused on their future during adolescence — a period when many girls lose self-esteem. This is a day to focus girls' attention on their abilities and to make them see that they can be anything they want to be," said Shirley K. Baker, vice chancellor for information technology and dean of University Libraries.

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Caribbean lizard study yields key new findings about evolution

Lizards may not get the limelight in beer commercials, but thanks to Washington University biologists the eight-legged creatures now have a unique role in evolution and genetics.

A team led by Jonathan B. Losos, Ph.D., associate professor of biology in Arts and Sciences, has discovered that remarkably similar genes of different species — play unpredictable roles that send evolutionary diversification in different directions.

The studies reveals a perfect example of evolutionary convergence, whereby different species evolve with similar adaptations to the environment despite living graphically apart. Although evolutionary convergence has been taken as evidence for the working of natural selection, this study is unique in showing that entire communities of different species have converged. This finding goes against the grain of most evolutionary thought that stresses that random events — a meteorite striking Earth or a hurricane wiping out island species, for example — play unpredictable roles that send evolutionary diversification in different directions.

The results were published in the March 27, 1998, issue of Science magazine.

For the past decade, Losos and various collaborators have surveyed the Caribbean Island anole populations and documented how species differ in their habitat use and body proportions. Their studies indicate that, within an island, species have adapted to use different parts of the environment by evolving differences in limb length, body size and other characteristics.

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Frog prince

Jonathan B. Losos, Ph.D. (left), and graduate student Jim Schulte examine lizards from the Caribbean.
Gravity-sensing system in inner ear will be studied on shuttle mission

When the next shuttle mission begins April 16, a group of School of Medicine researchers will be inside NASA's Kennedy Space Center. But instead of tracking Columbia's white plume on takeoff, they will be glued to monitors that will reveal how four toadfish handle the flight.

Stephen M. Highstein, M.D., Ph.D., professor of biology and anatomy and neurobiology; Allen Mensinger, Ph.D., research instructor in otolaryngology; and other members of Highstein's laboratory will study the response of these saltwater fish to the near-zero gravity conditions in a shuttle orbiter above Earth's atmosphere. By doing so, they hope to find out why astronauts suffer from something akin to motion sickness the first few days in space.

"The inner ear of these fish, which helps sense motion, is highly similar to that of humans and other mammals," Highstein said. By studying toadfish, we can gain a very good sense of how astronauts respond to the absence of gravity, he said. These studies also may help explain the mechanism of motion sickness back on Earth.

The University researchers will study responses to the altered gravitational field by analyzing signals sent to the fishes' brains from gravity-sensing cells in otolith organs of the inner ear. Lack of gravity is thought to alter signals coming from the inner ear, leading to nausea in what is known as space adaptation syndrome. "You can't think, you can't move, you can't eat, you can't do anything but lie still," Highstein said.

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The nerve will grow through pores in the assembly and begin carrying signals again. Special electrodes, developed by David J. Anderson, Ph.D., professor of otolaryngology and electrical engineering and computer science at the University of Michigan, will pick up the new signals.

The Neurotech shuttle crew will monitor the recording device as it adapts to microgravity. And by sliding the fish tanks back and forth to simulate spatial motion, they will expose the toadfish to linear accelerations (equal to half the acceleration of Earth's gravity). These experiments will permit Highstein and Mensinger to detect any changes in the inner ear from the ear to the brain as the fish adapt to changing gravity.

"Our work should yield fundamental information about how the gravity-sensing system works in normal and microgravity situations," Highstein said. "This may have an impact on future therapies for motion sickness."
Hepner: training top-flight health administrators

Now the goal is to move patients out of the hospital and into ambulatory care settings," he said. "The shift in focus means Hepner has taught during a fascinating, even revolutionary era in health care administration. Still, he worries about the change.

"It's all become very bottom line," he said. "I just hope we don't lose sight of why we're all here, which is to help sick people.

For Hepner, a dedication to helping people is paramount and critical to the program's success. Prospective students must believe in seeing "beyond the bottom line," he said. "Our students have values and the desire to serve others.

When choosing students, Hepner looks for clues that the applicant feels a sense of responsibility toward the community. Many of the program's students are natural all social work, rather a balance between the two — a balance between doing well and doing good.

"Our students see the field as not all business and not all social work, rather a balance between the two — a balance between doing well and doing good. — James O. Hepner

Leaders include Eagle Scouts, veterans, volunteers, captains of industry, and even revolutionaries. And when Mosby Year-Book recently developed a bi-monthly journal on health care management, the health publisher asked Hepner and Ballinger to serve as co-editors-in-chief. The two now share the helm of "Best Practices and Benchmarking in Healthcare: A Practical Journal for Client and Management Applications."

Building unique alliances with physicians

Building alliances with physicians has been a major component of Hepner's career and a strength of the program he's built. Many of the 68 accredited university graduates in the country are not housed in a medical school. To capitalize on the School of Medicine's uniqueness, Hepner developed the Capstone Program, which gives fourth-semester students practical experience solving real-life problems. BJC Health System administrators give teams of students actual problems and issues to solve. This semester, one team is analyzing what effects a nurses' union would have on the quality and cost of care for patients. Another is investigating different ways hospices operate throughout the country and how cost and care vary.

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- **Thursday, April 16**
  7 and 9:30 p.m. Filmboard Feature Series. "A Sinner in Their Own Eyes." (Also April 18, same times.) Cost: $3 first visit; $2 subsequent visits. Room 100 Brown Hall. 935-5983.

- **Friday, April 17**
  2 p.m. Filmboard Foreign and Classic Series. "It Happened One Night." (Also April 27, same times.) Cost: $3 first visit; $2 subsequent visits. Room 100 Brown Hall. 935-5983.

- **Wednesday, April 22**

**Lectures**

- **Thursday, April 16**

- **Friday, April 17**

- **Monday, April 20**

**Exhibitions**

- **"Photography Thesis Exhibition." Works by grad. students. Opening Reception April 16-7, 6-9 p.m. Exhibit runs through May 16. Modell Hall.**


- **Saturday, April 18**
  5:30 p.m. WU Wind Ensemble Concert. Presented by Warren Brown School of Social Sciences and the Committee on the Arts. Room Steinberg Hall. 935-5037.

- **Sunday, April 19**

- **Monday, April 20**

  - *"Fifth annual Stanley Spector Lecture. "Mars: The Capacity for Endlessness.""* Presented by the School of Business, the George School of Management and the School of Humanities, Social Sciences and the Committee on Social Thought and Analysis. Room 215 A and B, Psychology Bldg. 935-4841.

- **Tuesday, April 21**

- **Wednesday, April 22**

- **Thursday, April 23**
  Noon. Genetics seminar. "Progress towards the Cloning of One Tumor Suppressor Gene," prof. of genetics, University of California, Berkeley. Presented by the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and the Committee on the Arts. Room 199 Halls. 935-6640.

- **Friday, April 24**

- **Saturday, April 25**

**Musics**

- **Thursday, April 16**

- **Sunday, April 19**
  8 p.m. JAZZ WU Benefit Concert. Tickets available at Reitz Union Information Desk. Room 115 North. 935-6543.

- **Tuesday, April 21**
  8:30 p.m. Student recital. Musical of the Dayton Area. Presented by the School of Music. Room Bach, Schumann and Granados. 935-4448.

- **Friday, April 24**

**Performances**

- **Tuesday, April 21**
  9:15 a.m. St. Louis Health Services Spring Seminar Series. Overview of V-Hfund project. "Do Prevention and Life Options for Youth in Focus Care," prof. of social work, University of Missouri-Columbia. Presented by the School of Social Work. Room 220 Goldfich Hall. 935-6640.

- **Friday, April 17**

**Miscellaneous**

- **Thursday, April 16**

**Visit Washington University's on-line calendar at http://www.wustl.edu/calendar/events/v111111**
Feminist author Naomi Wolf to speak

Feminist author Naomi Wolf will deliver the Women's Society Adele Chomeau Starbird Lecture, titled "Fire with Fire."

The New York Times bestselling author of the bestsellers "The Beauty Myth" and "How Sexes of Beauty Unite Against Women," written while she was a Rhodes scholar at Oxford, sparked a great deal of discussion when it was released in 1990. The book explored the subtle ways in which modern culture's standards of beauty can damage women both emotionally and physically. Her latest book is "Fire with Fire: The Struggle for Womanhood," which takes a look at the subject of women's rights.

Join Wolf in the Graham Chapel on April 19 for this lecture as part of the Assembly Series. The lecture is free and open to the public. Student tickets are available at the Office of Student Activities, 6150 McPherson. The lecture begins at 11 a.m.

Shakespearean actress Jane Lapotaire returns April 19 for one-woman show

Internationally renowned Shakespearean actress Jane Lapotaire is currently a visiting artist in the University's Performing Arts Department in Arts and Sciences, and will present the U.S. debut of her acclaimed solo show "Shakespeare as I know Her" at 7 p.m. Sunday, April 19, at the A.E. Hotchner Studio Theatre April 19-26.

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"They're looking for something they need — comfort, friendship, a diversion, maybe love," explained Andrea Unie, artist in residence, who directs the play. "Shakespeare is privately and quietly dealing with a rather tragic past while Bethany is trying to make many respects his polar opposite, a sense that wires receding into the distance," said Unie. "We wanted to create a sense of open space and perspective — a sense that the characters are meeting on this little island surrounded by a vast Nebraska prairie."

Lapotaire, a native of Knox- ville, Tenn., graduated from the University of Chicago in 1979, before going on to train at The Bristol Old Vic in London, studied at The Royal Shakespeare Company, and worked with the National Theatre Company at the Shakespeare's Globe, which offers a 16th consecutive season by Wolf, who has written numerous essays for publications including The New Republic, Glamour, Ms., Esquire, The Washington Post and The New York Times.

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Missouri declares Thurtene Week as students prepare for carnival

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fair and you’ve got the main ingredients for the unique Washington
University recipe known as Thurtene Carnival.

This year’s event, which continues the tradition of the nation’s longest-running student-operated carnival, will be held from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 8 and 9 on the campus parking lot at the Athletic Complex. There is no admission fee, but rides are sold for the rides. The theme for the event is “On Top of the World.”

The world is coming to the carnival (known to the participants as “McMurphy’s”) has been declared “Thurtene Carnival Day” by the State of Missouri. It is during this time that the St. Louis Hall parking lot is transformed into a playground of imagination of countless people in the St. Louis and surrounding areas. This year, it is expected that more than 100,000 people will attend the carnival.

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The John M. Olin School of Business at Washington University will honor five alumni at its 12th Annual Alumni Awards Ceremony, scheduled for Thursday, April 23, at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Clayton.

The event will begin with cocktails at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:45 p.m. Emceeing the awards presentation will be Stuart R. Greenbaum, Ph.D., dean of the business school.

To be honored are Carl Louis Alexander Beckers and Frank J. Busch, both of whom were honored by the Dean's Medal awarded to special alumni who have demonstrated leadership and service to the university, and who have achieved excellence in their careers.

Beckers, who received his bachelor's degree in business in 1942, provided pivotal leadership as president of General Foods (South Korea) from 1983 to 1989, helping galvanize the alumni community and providing a strong foundation for the business school's current success. In 1992, he began his professional career as a financial partner with the St. Louis Union Trust Co., now NationsBank, and retired as vice chairman of the company in 1992. During his travels to Japan, he developed a deep interest in the country, and for 25 years, he was honorary consul for South Korea in St. Louis. He established the St. Louis Society of Financial Analysts, and for 37 years, he was a lecturer and coordinator for the seminars coordinated by the Graduate School of Banking, a two-week summer course held at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

After retiring, he founded Beckers Beckers International, which helped governments, companies, and universities in many countries. Beckers has chaired all of his company's divisions.

Busch, who received a bachelor's degree in English literature in 1957, describes himself as a "born again athlete" who nevertheless made the business world his priority. After the 50th reunion, but during that 1990 event, he decided to kick his involvement into high gear. He joined the St. Louis Alumni Association Board and the Alumni Community Council. In addition, he chairs the Washington University Association of Alumni.

To press

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Social work student cited for innovative field work projects — from page 1

In Puerto Rico's Luquillo Forest, for instance, one species has extremely short legs and climbs slowly on trees; another has long legs and runs rapidly on the ground; a third lives in the tree tops. Moreover, species that live in the tree tops tend to have big, robust bodies, while those on the ground have small, delicate ones. These are extreme cases of the different types of lizards, known as habitat specialists.

The interesting thing is that Cuba, for example, has the same set of lizards as Puerto Rico, yet none of them is the same species that lives in Puerto Rico. The same is true for Martinique.

A fascinating study was conducted along with Kevin de Queiroz, Losos's former student and director of the Museum of Natural History at Columbia University, and Lars Larson, Ph.D., professor of biology at the University of Miami. 

The result is that it is opposite to a major result in evolutionary biology — the cladistic response on each island.

The data from Martinique suggests the second mechanism. The results suggest the anomalies reported in each island are not closely related, but generally, exactly similar in their physical traits.

"Our results are very clear cut that the same anomalies on different islands are not closely related, but generally, exactly similar in their physical traits," Losos said.

The lizard family tree strongly suggests the second mechanism. In Science, Losos and his colleagues report that the anole evolutionary tree shows that the lizards on the different islands are not closely related, but generally, exactly similar in their physical traits.