Arvidson installed as McDonnell Professor

Raymond E. Arvidson, Ph.D., professor and chair of the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences in Arts and Sciences, was installed as James S. McDonnell Distinguished University Professor Nov. 30 at a ceremony in Holmes Lounge. Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton praised Arvidson for his outstanding teaching and research and his success in building one of the most distinguished departments of earth and planetary sciences in the nation.

“Our Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences today is recognized as one of the best anywhere, thanks in large part to Ray Arvidson’s work and dedication from the moment he arrived here in 1974 to today.”

Mark S. Wrighton

Arvidson is a respected scholar, an excellent teacher and an outstanding University citizen,” said Edward S. Masius, Ph.D., executive vice chancellor and dean of Arts and Sciences. “He has done extraordinary work throughout Arts and Sciences and in his department and is a great leader both in our University and in the field of earth and planetary sciences.”

By DAVID MOESSNER

The workshops grew out of a similar opportunity that has been presented to graduate students for the past two years. “As faculty found out about it, they were saying in effect, ‘Me, too!’” said James W. Davis, Ph.D., director of the Teaching Center and professor of political science in Arts and Sciences.

Atnip, associate director of faculty development recently offered at “The Web Teaching Center and professor of social work at the Warren Brown School of Social Work’s Kathryn M. Buder Center for American Indian Studies, to develop liaison with the Tohono O’odham community. The project is funded by a grant from the National Institutes of Health to the Diabetes and Research Training Center at the School of Medicine.

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Achieved: Arvidson received a bachelor's degree in 1969 from Temple University and a master's degree in 1971 from Washington University. He completed a PhD in planetary geology in 1974 after receiving a fellowship to carry out research at Brown University that year. He earned a bachelor's degree in 1969 from Temple University and a master's degree in 1971 from Washington University, both in geology. In 1980, he was appointed department chair. He also is a fellow of the American Geophysical Union.

Arvidson, McDonnell Distinguished University Professor

City. Mo. Awards were selected for their effective teaching and advising, service to their institutions, commitment to high standards of excellence and success in nurturing student achievement. Arvidson co-joins the earth and planetary sciences department in 1974 after receiving a fellowship to carry out research at Brown University that year. He earned a bachelor's degree in 1969 from Temple University and a master's degree in 1971 from Washington University, both in geology. In 1980, he was appointed department chair. He also is a fellow of the

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Arvidson works extensively to connect earth and planetary sciences to other departments in Arts and Sciences. He has played a leadership role in the development of the Environmental Studies Program and the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. He works with graduate students on many projects and is an enthusiastic teacher of undergraduates, particularly in the Wiser Program in Environmental Studies, a two-year program that offers an innovative, problem-based approach to learning. It reaches across traditional disciplines, incorporating small discussion classes, collaborative projects, lectures, field trips and cultural and social activities. Arvidson and two faculty collaborators lead the course, which last year included a field trip to the Mojave Desert, where students evaluated environmental degradation of the desert and the formation of the Mojave National Preserve.

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Arvidson is deeply involved in research. He was the team leader of the Viking Lander Imaging Team from 1970 to 1982 and a member of the science team for the Magellan Mission to Venus from 1989 to 1994. Arvidson is an interdisciplinary scientist on the Mars Global Surveyor, head of NASA's Planetary Data System Geosciences Node, co-founder of the Regional Planetary Image Center and a deputy investigator of the Athena Mars Rover for the 2001 mission. He is deputy principal investigator for imaging and spectroscopy experiments on the 2001 Mars rover and rover and the Athena payload for the 2003 Mars rover, and he is the principal investigator of science operations for landers and rovers in both operations. He has been involved in a number of regions dealing with remote sensing of Earth, Mars and Venus.

Success! This fall's United Way campaign at Washington University has come to a successful conclusion, reaching a total of $388,500 in gifts and pledges, well above the $375,000 goal. Ann Prematt, director of employee relations and employee campaign chair, announced the results. Prematt attributed the success to the hard work of campaign co-chairs Karen Seifert and Paul Anderson at the School of Medicine, Jimm,Bogdarp,2 and Jeff Cooper on West Campus, and Blanche Johnson, Prematt's Hilltop Campaign co-chair. Prematt made special note of the creativity of workers across campus, who came up with many imaginative ways to encourage participation, and the generosity of University employees who responded to the appeal.

Happy holidays! The Record takes a holiday break through the University's winter break, resuming publication Jan. 14. Record staff wish all our readers the best of the season — good times, good festivity and good rest. We'll see you in the new year!

Weather watch

In the event that severe weather conditions cause the University to alter the normal work and/or class schedules, a number of media outlets will air the announcement. This announcement will provide information separate and specific to the plans for the School of Medicine, the balance of the University and will only apply to Washington University and staff.

The Washington University community can watch KSRE-TV Channel 3, KMOS-TV Channel 4, KTVL-TV Channel 2 or KMOS-TV Channel 42 to watch a series of programs on transforming into KMOS-AM (1120), MIX 97.KJICKFM-FM or your local PBS station.

Notice: All programs we are using e-mail and the World Wide Web in their courses, according to New Tren. A report of an annual study of technology in Node, a director of NASA's Campus Computing Project. The report is part of the university-wide initiative at two- and four-year institutions across the country. Respondents consisted of 2,894 students and 1,171 courses on their campus use e-mail, computer, the Internet 28.4 percent last year and just 8.3 percent three years ago. The report also found that 23 percent of college courses post class materials on the web, compared to less than five percent four years ago. About 16 percent of courses use computers for in-class simulations or exercises, and 15 percent use CD-ROMs.

By Tony Fitzpatrick

The Center for Technology Management at Washington University has announced an agreement with Object Computing, Inc. for enhancements, "For an Open Source project to succeed and become widely accepted, it's necessary to move beyond the academic environment and into industry use. This is where OCI comes in," said Andrew Neighbour, Ph.D., associate vice chancellor for market development and educational services to corporations across the United States in the aerospace, finance, healthcare and telecommunications market segments. Its role is to manage and market open source software.

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"Open Source attracts exactly the kind of people who are not significantly to the quality of the product," Schmidt said. "Software that is embedded in systems and must be reliable in order to be useful lends itself to this model. Commercial support from OCI increases our software's reach to prospective users who also want access to academic research. Support, training classes, extensive documentation and consulting that have traditionally been associated with proprietary products. The agreement allowing OCI to provide commercial support gives our users the best of both worlds.

"Open Source technology is already performing well and at all sizes of the world around us, we have not yet exhausted our ideas for enhancements," Schmidt said. "This is a technology with many years left ahead of it. We need a partner like OCI so that we can focus on the research and development side, knowing that our sponsors can get the service they are used to with commercial software.

"We want to help grow the technology base of the Midwest," he said, "and linking with strong technology companies like OCI enables us to do just that."

Ebrahim Moshiri, Ph.D., OCI president, is also pleased with the agreement. "We have been working long and hard to bring University for a long time and have been working with Schmidt's team deeply," he said. "This is a tremendous opportunity for both of our institutions. We had inquiries about our providing this technology from Korea and provides software to Asian States. This is just the tip of the iceberg. This is very powerful technology."

The licensing model for the technology will be based on a novel concept called "Open Source." It has the license fee for new developers to freely copy it from Schmidt's website onto all their systems. This site, which is designed and implemented.

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**Medical School Update**

### Bacterial suicide

Researchers discover how bladder responds to infection

By Linda Sage

In a discovery that holds hope of helping women avoid urinary tract infections, scientists have learned how the bladder responds to bacteria that cause cystitis. There have been few clues that the bacteria can hide out within the bladder lining, where they could promote further bouts of infection.

Scientists have noted that line the bladder have a built-in defense mechanism that kicks in when they attach to the bladder lining. In doing so, they commit suicide and slough off.

"We discovered that cells that line the bladder have a built-in defense mechanism that kicks in when bacteria attach to them — they commit suicide and slough off," Scott J. Hultgren, said.

"But we also found that some of the cells from being attacked by the bladder by invading underlying cells," Hultgren said.

"This suggests that the bacteria or the bladder cells respond to infection by triggering suicide of the invading cells," Hultgren said.

Dermatologist Lynn Cornelius named associate dean for faculty affairs

Lynn A. Cornelius, M.D., is the first assistant professor of medicine and dean of the medical school, announced her appointment.

"We are pleased most that Lynn Cornelius has accepted this newly created position. She has the background and personal skills to fulfill the mission of the office," Peck said.

In her new position, Cornelius will work with department heads to ensure that junior faculty receive appropriate mentoring and the reviews that are essential for long-term professional development.

Cornelius will collaborate with department heads to provide senior faculty with elective opportunities to improve mentoring skills.

Bizarre twist: Scientists find first protein in central nervous system junctions

By Linda Sage

Scientists have identified the first protein needed for synapse formation in the central nervous system. Synapses are connections between cells that make the nervous system function.

Due to a bizarre twist of evolution, the protein appears essential for using a trace element that is critical for making inhibitory synapses.

"This is an amazing illustration of how wacky nature can be," said Joshua R. Sanes, Ph.D., a neurobiologist at Harvard.

"This is also a key new protein required for making inhibitory synapses," Sanes said. "It looks to us as if gephyrin has two seemingly unrelated functions — an amazing example of natural history."
University Events

Edison Theatre announces OVATIONS! Series spring schedule
Theatre, music, dance and magic coming our way

By Liam Ottens

"Who says there's nothing to do in St. Louis? Next semester the Edison Theatre OVATIONS! Series will continue to bring local audiences its dependable complement of world-class theatre, music, dance and magic.

"In any year's program is unique," said Irv Warnash, director of Edison Theatre. "This year we've tried to bring in something for everyone, from the cutting edge to family events."
The new semester begins Jan. 22, when London's popular Improvable Theatre performs "70 Hill Lane," an imaginative combination of ghost story and fairy tale. Later in the semester, theatre lovers also will find themselves treated to a crash course in dance company working today. From Jan. 29-Feb. 13, the iconicOLS Brown Company will lead audiences through undiscovered territory with equal parts elegance, humor and risk. On Feb. 26 and 27, a special family event, "Rhythm in Shoes" with guest Keith Terry, breathes new life into traditions forms such as clogging, reels, jigs, Irish step and square dances. The OVATIONS! Series will conclude April 30-May 2, with Danny Buraczeski's JAZZDANCE, which translates the exuberant spirit of jazz into pure motion.

"What I love about Edison Theatre audiences is that they are so open and adventurous," said Warnash. "Even if they haven't heard of a particular artist, they're willing to take a chance because they know that whatever they see will be interesting and is probably the really the best compliment I can think of."

"Jan. 22-23: The Improvabile Theatre in "70 Hill Lane"

"Jan. 29-31: Trisha Brown Company

Feb. 6: Blind Boys of Alabama and The Persuasions

Feb. 19: Phillip Glass, solo piano

Feb. 26-27: Rhythm in Shoes with guest Keith Terry

March 17-21: "Ricky Jay and His 52 Assistants"

March 26-27: The Acting Company in "Farruq" and "Twelfth Night"

April 30-1: JAZZDANCE by Danny Buraczeski.

For ticket information or to request a brochure, call 935-6453.

Magician Ricky Jay brings his famous 52 assistants to Edison Theatre March 17-21.

Indiana Jones • American Rockies • Women's Health • Edgar Allen Poe

Music

Friday, Dec. 11

8 p.m. WU Opera ("An Evening of Irving Berlin"); Cost: $23. Edison Theatre.

Friday, Dec. 18

9:15 a.m. Pediatric Grand Rounds: "Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome (HLHS) at the Milken Institute." Richard S. Wohl, M.D., 935-5574.

Monday, Jan. 4


Monday, Jan. 11


Wednesday, Jan. 13


Exhibitions


Lectures

Friday, Dec. 11


Films

"Messiah" and Mozart to be presented in campus holiday concerts Dec. 11-13

"The Department of Music in Arts and Sciences is offering three holiday concerts this weekend.

"The Washington University Opera will present "An Evening of Irving Berlin" at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 11 and 12, at Urrahr Hall, Lounge. Jolly Steward, director of the opera, will conduct the production.

"At 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, the chamber choir will present its annual sing-along performance of George Frideric Handel's oratorio "Messiah" in Graham Chapel. John Stewart,

director of vocal activities, will conduct the program. The production, which lasts about an hour, will include the excerpts of "Messiah" as well as the "Hallelujah Chorus," though those who desire to sing may sit in special sections arranged according to voice (soprano, alto, tenor or baritone), though those who choose not to sing may bring two welcome hands.

"Copies of the music will be available for those who do not bring their own scores.

"The concerts are free and open to the public. For more information, call 935-6441.

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"Territorial" with equal parts southern gospel quintet the Blind Boys of Alabama.

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he Washington University Board of Trustees elected Lawrence Earl Thomas, general partner of Edward Jones, as a new trustee at its meeting Friday, Dec. 4. The trustees also issued a resolution in memory of the late Clark M. Clifford, an alumnus and program trustee of the University. Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton reported on the trustees' approval of applications for freshmen entering in the fall of 1999. Other committee actions included the confirmation of nominations running ahead of last year. He announced that the Danforth Scholars Program has been initiated with the naming of 14 current and graduate and undergraduate students to this program that recognizes the contributions of Elizabeth Doutnho's high ideals of integrity, selflessness, leadership, commitment to community service, strong scholarship and academic accomplishments. The honorees represent all schools of the University. Wrighton said that more than 2,700 Danforth Scholar nominations already have been received for the 1999-2000 academic year. Wrighton reported on the status of the capital campaign, including the campus compo- nent has $301 million in effort. He announced the fourth meeting of the University's International Advisory Council for Asia in mid-March in Tokyo. He commented on the status of the searches for a dean of the School of Law and for a distinguished scholar to be the first scholar to hold the Susan and William Stries professorship in women's studies. Wrighton noted the recent naming of Raymond E. Arvidson, Ph.D., chairman of the Depart- ment of Earth and Planetary Sciences, as a Distinguished University Professor and the appointment of Albert P. Trulock, M.D., to the Rosemary and Jerome Flame Professorship. Trulock is a specialist in pulmo- nary medicine. Trustees were presented with an overview of the University's current policies and future plans for affirmative action in the admissions process. The presenta- tion was made by Wrighton; John A. Berg, associate vice chancellor; and James E. McLeod, vice chancellor for students and dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

The committee reports to the trustees included presentations on the tuition-setting process and a range of tuition rates effective for the 1999-2000 fiscal year for the Hilltop Campus. It is expected that the University will announce the rates for undergraduate tuition and residence halls. The development committee reported on the successful completion of the Capital Campaign for Washington University that had raised $618.8 million toward its goal of $1 billion. Other committee reports were provided in the following areas: buildings and grounds, educational policy, research graduate affairs, students and alumni. Thomas, the new trustee, earned a bachelor's degree in management administration from Washington University in 1977. He began working as an intern for Edward Jones while he was still in college. Thomas is general partner, government bond marketing, for Edward Jones, and he heads the firm's sales force for the northeastern United States. His many University activities include serving currently as vice chair of the Alumni Board of Governors and co-chair of his class reunion committee. In 1997 he received the distinguished alumni award from the John M. Oliff School of Business.

Sports

Thursday, Dec. 10
7:30 p.m. Men's basketball team vs. Maryland U. Field House, 8:05-9:20.
Saturday, Dec. 12
4 p.m. Men's basketball team vs. McMedary College. Field House, 9:05-10:25.
Saturday, Dec. 18
7 p.m. Women's basketball team vs. U. of Missouri-St. Louis. Field House, 10:05-11:25.
Saturday, Dec. 19
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Wednesday, Dec. 30
2:30 p.m. Women's basketball team vs. U. of the South. Field House, 9:05-10:25.
Sunday, Jan. 3
1 p.m. Men's basketball team vs. U. of Oklahoma. Field House, 2:05-3:25.
3 p.m. Men's basketball team vs. U. of Oklahoma State. Field House, 3:30-4:55.
Friday, Jan. 15
4:30-5:30 p.m. U. Wind Ensemble auditions. Open to all WU students; one credit hour available. Special need for clarinet, oboe, bassoon and percussion players. West Campus Recital Hall, 3:17-4:19 or 9:22-10:25.

Sports Section

Men hoopsters win tournament

Washington University's men's basketball team shook off a four-game losing streak and responded with three consecutive victories to capture the championship of Washington & Lee University's 250th Celebration Tournament, in a tournament-opening 88-59 victory over Skidmore College (N.Y.), sophomore forward Chris Patton scored a game-high 26 points and classmate Ryan Patten added 17 for the Bears, who never trailed in the game. In the championship game, a 66-64 victory over both Washington & Lee University Tournament Most Valuable Player David Cerven paced all players with 20 points and seven rebounds. Patton scored 15 points and all-tournament honors. Albert Alexander posted 14 in Washington U. rallied in the second half for the victory. The Bears trailed 56-52 at halftime, but opened the second half with a 17-0 rally and took the lead for good on a Cerven jumper with 10:34 left to play in the game. The Generals had two three-point attempts in the first half.

McLeod presents at conference

David Cerven

Honored in Sweden

Christopher L. Byrne, Ph.D. (left), director of the Engineering and Applied Science, and Claude Cohen-Tannoudji, Ph.D., professor at the College de France, Paris, stand with Byrne's daughter Kathryn (left) and Allison at a Nov. 26 ceremony honoring the two at the City Hall of Stockholm, Sweden. Byrne and Tannoudji received honorary doctor of technology degrees from Kungliga Tekniska Hogskolan (KTH), the Royal Institute of Technology, Tannoudji, who won the 1997 Nobel Prize for physics, was honored for his research on lasers and Byrne for his pioneering work in linear control systems analysis and his solution of several longstanding fundamental problems in the field.

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Women's basketball wins third tournament

The University's women's basketball team won the Washington & Lee University 250th Celebration Tournament, extending its winning streak to 14 games. The Bears knocked off Skidmore College (N.Y., 82-30, in the first round and defeated Middlebury College (Vt.), 78-68, in the championship game. Sue Tucker had 10 and fellow junior Emily Harold scored six points and added six rebounds. Fischer was named tournament MVP after scoring 44 points and adding 16 rebounds. Rodgers was also named to the all-tournament team. WU is 6-0 this year and has won 14 straight, the longest winning streak in school history, after finishing last season with eight consecutive victories.

TANKERS VICTORIOUS AT CHICAGO TOURNAMENT

The men's and women's swimming and diving teams each took home titles last weekend at the University of Chicago Invitational. Swimmer Lindsay Wilkinson was the top performer on the women's side, earning three provisional qualifying times for the NCAA Division III Championships. She won the 200 back with a time of 2 minutes, 11.34 seconds and the 100 back with a time of 1:06.67. She also won the 50 free in 24.74. Chris Thelen was the top swimmer on the men's side, picking up two wins and a third place finish. He won the 1.450 in a time of 17.26.74 and the 500 free in 4:50.08. He was third in the 100 breast, clocking in at 1:45.20.

Compiled by Kevin Bergquist, director, sports information, and Keith Jenkins, asst. director, sports information.

Mini-robot David P. Miller, Ph.D., a robotics expert and a NASA consultant from Reston, Va., demonstrates the BYObot, a mini-robot with light-seeking, changeable behaviors, to students in Mechanical Engineering, taught by Mark J. Jusko, Ph.D., the Lee Hunter Associate Professor of Mechanical Design, Dec. 3. Miller, the guest of Linda Kral, Ph.D., assistant professor of mechanical engineering, demonstrated the benefits of design simplification to students, who worked on kits to assemble their own mini-robots. Participating students included (from left) senior James Chiu and juniors Brian Whitehead and Dennis Cheek.

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Fox is responsible for the planning, administration, and operation of the full-time and professional (part-time) MBA programs, which currently enroll about 800 students. He is responsible for program direction, student services, and supervision of admissions, student advising, financial aid, recruitment, and program direction support.

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Wiese, whose most recent position was special assistant to the dean of the business school, is responsible for all aspects of admissions and financial aid for the full-time MBA and professional (part-time) MBA programs. She is responsible for the design and implementation of a recruiting program. She also oversees the student business association, which leads the committee responsible for evaluation of all applications.

Coburn said. "Her experience, training and commitment to faculty, students with disabilities and to the University as a whole. I am delighted to see that the qualities that our members feel we represent are now a part of our initiative. I hope that others will benefit from their contributions.""Racine in 1996, a master's degree in political science in Arts and Sciences. "Year after year, they have been selected as employees of the year. We're fortunate to have Four join us in this important role," Coburn said. "Her experience, training and commitment to excellence will be an asset to us, students and faculty on the Hilltop Campus."

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A multicultural society

On the surface, the Golden Age appeared to support a centralized, collective identity through the monarchy, but that, said Davis, is an invention. The idea might have been fostered by legal edicts but did not take effect culturally. Spain was, she said, "the most religious society of its time. Each region, from Catalonia in the northeast to Andalusia in the south, maintained its own language and cultural heritage."

"Spain is treasured by all. Their Elementary School. Family trips to High School, and a 9-year-old son, Kai, who attends Park Central School. Family trips to Spain are treasured by all. Their children, in fact, have appreciated such Spanish festivals as the quinceanera and the national day of the Golden Age, "If this were the Golden Age," said Sklodowska. "I'd commission a statue and put it on display in the medical community, was drawn to the idea of studying with a great deal of pragmatism, Davis, however, infused a sense of encouragement and belief that carries through the trip.

"Learning that bridge between the classroom and living in the country," she said. "Students gain a new perspective on who they are when they live in another culture."

Courtney M. Crawford, a junior from Clive, Iowa, approached the idea of studying abroad with excitement but also a bit of trepidation. Davis, however, "It's rich and fascinating at every turn," said Davis, chair of the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures and associate professor of Spanish in Arts and Sciences.

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