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Advisers offer continuity, know-how

BY CHRISTINE FARMER

Catching For 29 years, Jim Burmeister has carried that respect—invoking label—one that suggests tenure, influence, mentoring. But while his cheerful whistle is a campus trademark,

Burmeister has never worn one around his neck. His "players" aren't found in the Athletic Complex—they're the members of Thurtle, the University's junior honorary. Burmeister, executive director of the Office of Public Affairs, has served as the group's advisor since 1976.

"It happened very early in the game," Burmeister said, "almost un unintended, while recalling the origin of his nickname. "The Mr. Burmeister thing was very stiff. But typical of our students here, they handled the situation. They came up with 'Coach' on their own and it works beautifully. It's warm and comfortable and yet, 'You're different than we are.'"

That difference is what makes the relationship so valuable. Burmeister provides continuity and campus know-how to a group that—selected in late November—must spearhead the nation's largest student-run charitable carnival by April.

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Students, Women's Society collaborate on business plan

BY CHRISTINE FARMER

The Furniture Exchange at Washington University is implementing new marketing strategies, thanks to consulting help from Master of Business Administration students at the John M, Olin School of Business.

The recommended improvements came from a four-person team participating in the Taylor Community Consulting Program, who developed a plan to help the University's Office of Interdisciplinary Studies and Overseas Programs in arts and sciences.

The plan divides the Hilltop Campus and South 40 into five zones. West Campus is a separate zone. Each zone has a primary and secondary liaison designated by the coordination team. The team will meet twice a year to conduct test drills. The zone manager designates a person on each floor to be responsible for building evacuation and accounting for individuals they will be given safety and first aid training on an annual basis.

The plan also establishes an emergency preparedness and coordination center in Anheuser-Busch Hall and lists responsibilities of key administrators.

Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton said that no plan can ever cover every situation, but it can make us think about our responsibilities and increase our awareness of our vulnerabilities.

"We anticipate a portfolio of readiness plans that's not much larger than we are," Hoffner said. "This is not something you want to come about, but we're a community of roughly 10,000 people, and we need to be able to take care of ourselves," Hoffner said.

Emergency procedure signs should be posted on every floor of every building by March 1. The signs show diagrams of the building with the locations of exits, fire extinguishers, alarms and fire extinguishers. Evacuation instructions also provide the location of designated assembly areas for each building.

The new plan establishes a consistent structure campuswide. That is an effort to being together the Hilltop Campus community and recognize that we have the responsibility to bring together a group that—selected in late November—must spearhead the nation's largest student-run charitable carnival by April.

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New regulalions put in place for growing study abroad programs

BY CHRISTINE FARMER

Do you know where a fire extinguisher is located in your building or where to go in case of an evacuation? Signs have started appearing around the Hilltop and West campuses that help answer those and other questions as part of the University's new emergency preparedness and disaster recovery plan.

The plan, which has been in the works for a year, is now being finalized and implemented, and Steven P. Hoffner, assistant vice chancellor for operations, says, "The hardest part is keeping your mouth shut." Burmeister said in reference to his role. "You want to sit and let the students do their thing. You want them to develop and grow. So I try to keep as quiet as I can. There aren't too many new ideas anyway, when you've been involved as long as I have."

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Ready and able

Emergency plan equips campus for earthquakes, spills and more
**Advisers**  
**Student groups recruiting faculty, staff mentors**  

There are a lot of faculty who have these random interests that people don't know about, said Lowry. "They don't necessarily come up in class."

Like sailing. Ratten down the hatches, but this hand-lined University features an esteemed member of the international sailing community. Third-year graduate student Adam Bookman, who serves as a teacher's assistant in political science while studying transitions and consolidation of democracy—moonlight as a coach for the Canadian Olympic sailing team. Last week he was training a young crew that off the coast of Miami. In his spare time, Bookman advises the 76-member WU Sailing Club.

"Adams is involved with the sailing circuit that he keeps us in touch with what's going on," said junior Jason Mendelson, former president of the club that docks three boats at Cerve Coeur Lake. "This past semester, we joined the Missouri Valley Collegiate Sailing Association, and it was a great asset toward that. He already had the connections, so we had to be able to show them the ropes and serve as an intermediary."

"It seems odd that he'd be in the Midwest," Mendelson said. "But the faculty are such tremendous resource for us. It's a good thing we have so much to offer, as our school is very skeletal—we say. Our adviser is Adam Bookman. Every year he brings a lot of respect to our group."

Quarter-century commitments and Olympic pedigrees are not necessary requirements to participate, however. "We said that a one-year pledge is sufficient," Lowry said. "We're on campus, and most student groups meet once a week for a couple of hours."

"But we rarely have an adviser drop," Adams said. "And most of them that do, it's because they've left the institution."

Bill Lowry recently re-upped for his 10th year on the Campus Y board of directors, Lowry, associate professor of political science, also serves as co-chair for the organization that features 24 student-run service programs on campus.

"Every year we have over 1,500 students — more than one-third of our undergraduate population — involved in community service," Lowry said. "I find that inspirational in itself. People talk about 'Generation X,' and how they don't seem to care as much as people in the past — and it's just not true."

"It's refreshing to be a part of something and to have their responses to our advice and their comments be taken into consideration in the final selection process for the new facility, to be built at the intersection of Spring and Washington streets, St. Louis." Lowry said.

"The collaboration with the School of Architecture has been a vital part of the planning process," said Lowry. "This kind of FAC director — we realize a unique opportunity both to involve the St. Louis region in designing an area and to build an exciting new space for contemporary art."  

"Adam is so involved with the students here," Bookman said. "That brings a lot of diversity into the classroom, and their perspective is invaluable."  

"It seems often that he'd be in the Midwest," Bookman said. "But the faculty are such tremendous resource for us. It's a good thing we have so much to offer, like I've got to cut down on things I can to try and help them out. We make sure things stay organized and there is some continuity there. Admittedly, there is a time and financial commitment to it. But you get to see the students in an entirely different context and at the same time do something worthwhile for the broader community."

"An abrupt ring of the phone interrupts Lowry, who quickly jokes that it's probably someone from Campus Y looking for him to help with another task.

"By the end of every year, I feel like I've got to cut down on things I get involved," Lowry admitted. "Then I go to the Campus Y Senior Dinner and hear the student testimonials and I realize, Hey, I don't want to cut down on this one. This is really good stuff."

Members of the community interested in participating may contact Alisa at 953-5990 or Adams at 953-5990.

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**Campus quiz:** This railing encloses a balcony on which campus building? Answer below.
Morris receives $8.7 million grant to compare healthy aging with Alzheimer's

John C. Morris, M.D., the Harvey A. and Dorismae Joseph L. Price, Ph.D., professor of anatomy and neurobiology, will focus on pathological changes in the brain that occur before a person develops clinically detectable dementia. This stage might represent the earliest stage at which Alzheimer's disease can be distinguished from normal aging. Researchers believe the frontal lobes help us focus our attention when we encode or retrieve memories. They think the medial temporal systems control more automatic aspects of encoding and retrieval. Dr. Deanna K. Kridl, M.D., professor of radiology, and John C. Morris, M.D., professor of Psychiatry and neurobiology, will determine whether imaging techniques can distinguish healthy aging from Alzheimer's disease. They will use magnetic resonance imaging to compare the shapes and volumes of brain structures such as the hippocampus, which plays a central role in memory. They also will assess nerve-cell loss by using magnetic resonance spectroscopy to measure levels of a chemical marker of nerve-cell death. Five core components will monitor the program. A clinical core, headed by Morris, will coordinate and manage a clinical core that also led by Morris, will perform the brain autopsies on volunteers over five years to obtain 250 new study participants. A psychometric core, led by Martha Storandt, Ph.D., professor of psychology and Arts, will perform the brain autopsies on volunteers over five years to obtain 250 new study participants. A psychometric core, led by Martha Storandt, Ph.D., professor of psychology and Arts, will provide the statistical expertise needed for experimental design and data analysis.

First Dean's Distinguished Service Award given to Harrison

Harrison came to the University in the fall of 1995 to implement plans to develop a world-class cancer center at the medical school. The Cancer Center now has nine research programs and 11 clinical programs focused on oncology in addition to laboratory support for cancer research from core facilities. Another five programs are being developed in planning stages. In addition, Harrison is preparing a grant application for designation as a comprehensive cancer center of excellence.

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University Events

Feet to eat, feasts to rave: Rhythm in Shoes at Edison

The soulful feet of rhythm in Shoes will be on tap at 8 p.m. Feb. 26 and 27 when the R-men dance troupe brings guest Keith Terry to Edison Theatre for a special family event. As Ed Sullivan would say, it'll be a real showbiz experience.

Rhythm in Shoes is a wildly inventive company of dancers and performers that combines such odd-time forms as tap, clogging and Horton down with indigenous American music like swing and blues. The group both honors the past and expands upon it, creating work that is boldly original, instantly recognizable and surprisingly contemporary.

Founded in 1980 as the Shuffie Creek Dancers of Bloomington, Ind., the group changed its name to Rhythm in Shoes and has performed throughout the United States, Europe and Asia. As Terry has probably best known for his solo work, Terry has worked with numerous filmmakers, television and film personalities as body music including Rob Williams, Bobby McFerrin, the Bobs, jazz singer and rhythm dancer MacDonald and, recently, the New England Foundation for the Arts. For more information, call 935-6543.

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Trivializing the court

Political scientists Epstein, Knight to give lecture Feb. 24

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Fashion students to preview work

By Lisa Ottien

G
uantity may well be a sin. But it should rest this food-for-the-eyes on a beautiful gown or a handcrafted jacket. Certainly not the fashion design students at the University of St. Louis, who will present their latest couture collections—based on the twin themes "entry" and "the other side"—at the school's annual "Gowns in the Gallery" exhibition Wednesday, Feb. 24. The one-night-only exhibit takes place in the Gallery of Art.

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Washington University Fashion Show, a full-blown Paris-style extravaganza of haute couture that takes place May 2 at the Saint Louis Art Museum. The theme for that show will be "Serious"—as in lucky for the fashion world, many buyers will consider a designer's work in that sort of setting. "Most people in the business talk about clothes more than they show clothes on models or in lookbooks," explained, "The gallery show gives students an opportunity to talk about the ideas and concepts behind the show. "Singleton added that he teaches his students not to simply trivialize the fashion industry but to treat it with respect and attention to detail. A welding dress designed by senior Nada Tindall on the School of Art's Fashion Design Program is shown by model Paris Caldwell. The gown, designed by Horacy's Kisses, will be on display at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, as part of the show "Gowns in the Gallery," which takes place in the Gallery of Art.

A sweep of the two games would guarantee WAU at least of its ninth UAA title in 12 years and a peak to 14 automatic spots to the national tournament. , who led the University of Chicago with one game with four remaining in the regular season, defeated Carnegie Mellon 89-67 Friday, Feb. 12, before Emory University upset the Bears Sunday, Feb. 14, 82-78. In the loss to Emory, set a new career high with 16 points and 12 rebounds.

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Abroad

New road map directs students studying abroad
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"It was intimidating at first," said Natalie Kettner, a finance major at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. "But when I got here, I found it was so much better."

Kettner enjoys Fontainbleau Castle just outside Paris during her junior year abroad. She was able to study abroad under a program that her university has been offering since the fall of 1999, which go into effect for the following:

- Students may earn full program credits for study abroad only if they participate in Washington University programs. Further, the goal of the Washington University students participating in programs abroad must be to strengthen their understanding of American society and the world.
- Students study abroad through the Office of International Affairs and Overseas Programs in Arts and Sciences.

Ralph Nader giving lecture in 'Access to Justice' series

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keowned consumer advocate Ralph Nader will deliver a lecture on Corporate Law and the Perversion of Justice at 10 a.m. March 26 in the W.E. Hargis Griffin Student Commons, Anheuser-Busch Hall. The lecture is part of the School of Law's Corporate Law Speaker Series on "Access to Justice: The Social Responsibility of Lawyers." Founded by both the Center for the Study of Responsive Law and the Consumer Project on Technology, Nader was honored by Time magazine as one of the 100 most influential Americans in the 20th century. A beginning lawyer in Washington, D.C., Nader has spent more than 30 years championing the rights of consumers from automobile safety to clean water standards, food and drug safety and environmental issues.

The lecture is free, and no reservations will be required. The lecture is part of the university's 2000 corporate law series. The series has been held since 1982 and has featured more than 300 speakers, including many who have made outstanding contributions to their fields. The lecture is open to all members of the public.

Emergency

University prepares for varied disasters

Food and water to the campus community for several days, and there are things we need to keep in mind," said Jackson. "We've had to think about how we can be a public supplier list and designated areas for supplies to land listed in the plan.

The provisions list includes, among other items: 1,200 gallons of bottled water, 240 pounds of peanut butter, 2,000 gallons of canned milk and 1,200 chocolate candy bars.

The plan also contains a list of everything from batteries and bulbs to tents and tools. The plan has recommendations for a three- to four-day survival pack with bedding, food and first aid items.

Exchange

MBA students consult with Furniture Exchange
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"It's a win-win situation — students helping the Women's Society to improve its services, and to provide increased scholarship dollars," said society president Mary Behnke.

The program was funded by employees of Enterprise Rent-A-Car in St. Louis. It was the company's founder, and his son, the company's current CEO, who suggested the idea to the Women's Society.

Rising awareness, the student team looked at three areas for improvements — administration, donations and operations. That suggestion also is being implemented.

The co-chair responsible for donations should regularly communicate with the 400 society members the need for donations, along with advertising in local newspapers and distributing brochures.

Recommended changes in operations include adjusting the store's location, especially in peak-demand times, and offering month-to-month permits to avoid problems. A work study student has been hired, as suggested, to keep the store open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

The team gave advice on pricing as well, including having more than one person determine an item's price.

"I really liked doing this," said William Nader. "I learned a lot about the role of the business — finances, operations and marketing." MBA student Steve West said. "We got to do all aspects of the business — finances, operations and marketing."

"The presentation was excellent," said student Jennifer Rigg. "It's a comprehensive plan. I think the students will be very proud of their work and feel good about it as well."

"The Women's Society operates The Bear Necessities Shop as a fund-raising entity. We would like to thank all of our donors as well. Shop proceeds help fund the WL. Hadley Griffin Student Association," she said.

"We give them an A +," said Booker.

Further faculty involvement is also an enhanced feature. Each community program must designate a chairperson who is responsible for consultation with departmental colleagues, and that individual will serve as a resource to students wishing to study abroad in other countries.

In the fall of 1999, tuition and fees for all study abroad programs will be equivalent to University overseas campuses. The current hard work is an important part of any education.

Employment

Use the World Wide Web to obtain complete job descriptions. Go to www.wustl.edu/hrweb/ridweb/ridweb.ado

Hiltrop Campus

Natalie Kettner enjoys Fontainbleau Castle just outside Paris during her junior year abroad under a program offered by the Office of International Studies and Overseas Programs in Arts and Sciences.

The following students were offered to University Police on Feb. 8-14. Readers with information that could assist in investigating these incidents are urged to call Campus Police immediately at 935-5906. Information is also available on the University Police Website at rescomp.wustl.edu/~wupd.

**Campus Watch**

Feb. 8: 1 p.m. — A project rm'd customer reported that someone stole two-way radio from the South 40 construction site.

Feb. 9: 4:30 p.m. — A member of the team reported that someone stole a double bass fiddle, valued at $3,500, from Tietjen Hall.

Feb. 14: 8:47 a.m. — A person reported that someone flattened three tires on two vehicles at the Weld Center delivery dock.

Each week the campus police department will also have an additional 160 customers and 150 more don't know the extent of - what is happening? The insurance companies would be this involved. It's hard to know what a tornado stem is when it sounds.
Shirley Dyke receives young scientist and engineer award
By TONY FEBBRETTI

Shirley J. Dyke, Ph.D., professor of civil engineering, received a second White House award from President Bill Clinton at the White House.

Dyke was one of 60 young scientists and engineers nationwide to receive a Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE). The presidential honor is the highest bestowed by the U.S. government upon outstanding young scientists and engineers who are in the early stages of their independent research careers.

The awards were given only to researchers who already had received highly competitive funding from federal funding agencies. Dyke's PECASE achievement followed her 1998 CAREER award from the National Science Foundation for her research in earthquake hazards mitigation. She was one of only 250 individuals chosen for that award.

Clinton established the PECASE awards in February 1996 to meet the administration's goals of producing the finest scientists and engineers for the 21st century while maintaining U.S. leadership across the frontiers of scientific research.

Dyke and other PECASE awardees will receive up to $500,000 over a five-year period to further their research, which supports advances in science for the 21st century.
Opening up bottlenecks in drug development

Garland Marshall pioneers ways to find new therapeutics

By Linda Sage

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This is probably the most exciting time you could ever dream of being a scientist.

GARLAND MARSHALL