Kajunenko Cerebral palsy doesn't stop these kids

By Darryl D. Williams

P rawn Bowl! Vuit! Smack! It's a Saturday morning in the cafeteria of United Cerebral Palsy of Greater St. Louis. A group of youngsters punch each other and call them "attackers," much of them. Washington University student volunteers, in an intermediate martial arts class for youths with cerebral palsy. The class participants are learning kajunenko, a combination of karate, judo, jujitsu lemos and Chinese boxing. They laugh and joke while they practice. Learning how to defend themselves and meeting new people are two of the main reasons they eagerly get up early to attend this class.

"This is my most favorite thing in the world," said Becky, 18. "I have a lot of fun and like that it's helping my balance and hand-eye coordination."

One reason for their enthusiasm is undoubtedly class co-founder Jan Brunstrom, M.D., assistant professor of neurology at the School of Medicine. Brunstrom has cerebral palsy herself, and the young people quickly learn that she understands the obstacles they have to overcome.

Frank Marten said his 17-year-old daughter initially was afraid to try out what she was learning. Now, though, Stephanie's confidence is up to the point that she responds quickly. "And she loves See Kajunenko, page 6

Knight Center
New Executive Education Center lauched with groundbreaking

By Tony Fitzpatrick

The five-story building on the north side of the Hilltop Campus will house educational programs for mid- through upper-level executives. Already the business school offers three executive degree programs — the executive master of business administration; the executive master in business manufacturing management, offered jointly with the School of Engineering and Applied Science; and the executive MBA in health services management, developed in collaboration with the School of Medicine.

The business school's executive degree programs are ranked No. 13 by U.S. News and World Report.

The 135,000-square-foot building will provide an integrated residential learning center, including classrooms, group study rooms, dining facilities, lounges and 66 rooms for overnight lodging. Additionally, the Weston Career Resources Center, the business school's career-planning resource for undergraduates, graduates and alumni, will have space in the center, along with departmental See Center, page 2

Freshman tabbed as editor of national research journal

By Tony Fitzpatrick

R enowned research experiences, such as at Washington University and in his hometown, have propelled Brunstrom in biomedical engineering to an editor's position with a national publica-

Bryan Field, of Lincoln, Kan., is the engineering sciences editor of the new tri-annual on-line National Journal of Young Scientists, a peer-reviewed of articles submitted by undergraduate See Field, page 7

J. D., holds global perspective

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Hammer of Justice

First-year law student Diana Golfin delivers a hammer during a Habitat for Humanity workday organized as part of the John M. Olin School of Business Community Service Week March 22-27. The crew worked in a home at 1427 Montclair Ave., St. Louis. The week's events also included a raffle, on "everything" drive for food, clothing, toys and household items, and a bake sale.

Center Ground broken for new facility

- offices for Executive Programs and External Relations.

The cost is estimated at $44 million, and the building should be available for occupancy early in 2001. The University has received building permits and issued bid packets. Architects for the project are Kallman, McKinnell & Wood Architects of Boston, the firm that designed Simon, McDonnell and Alvin Goldfarb halls on campus.

Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton speaks of the center's importance to people -- "the people who will study here and those in our community who will flourish as a consequence of the programs we develop." At the "Executive Education Center," he said, "will be a great asset to the John M. Olin School of Business and for Washington University. We see many ways that the John M. Olin School of Business can partner with other parts of the University, and these new facilities will make possible a large number of new programs that will encourage us to engage as a community."

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A new bypass method

BY NANCY MAYS

Dr. Harold Barner is developing a new approach to coronary bypass surgery. His technique involves taking a small piece of the patient’s chest muscle for the graft, which he calls a “side door” bypass. Barner’s technique uses fewer arteries and has a lower incidence of complications compared to the traditional method.

The study showed that Barner’s technique resulted in a lower risk of postoperative complications, including stroke, heart failure, and kidney failure. The study also found that Barner’s technique reduced the length of stay for patients. Barner’s technique is now being used in several hospitals across the country.

Barner’s technique is a promising new approach to coronary bypass surgery, which could provide patients with a safer and more effective option for treating blocked coronary arteries.

Barnes-Jewish Hospital

Back-door barrier

BY BARBARA ROQUE

Scientists have uncovered evidence about the settings of one of the gateways into the brain. Their findings suggest approaches to control this gate for gaining or losing gateway to drugs, which could have implications for treating AIDS, depression, cancer and other diseases that affect the brain.

Doctors have struggled to get many drugs across the main gateway to the brain known as the blood-brain barrier. But now, researchers have determined that a guardian protein called p-glycoprotein (Pgp) at this barrier collaborates with a similar protein in the bloodstream to form a second barrier to the brain. This second barrier, which occurs in limited usefulness, the T-graft technique differs from other techniques in that only two conduits are used instead of three, four or five.

They used fewer arteries

What’s unique about Barner’s technique, though, is the configuration of fewer arteries without reduce flow blood. The technique uses seven potential arterial conduits, two in the chest, two in the arm, one in the abdomen and one in the leg. Although the technique might be quite slow, the limitations are minimal.

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Compromise bypass technique offers longer-lasting bypasses

BY NANCY MAYS

A study shows a new bypass method used for coronary bypasses is safe, effective and involves fewer surgeries compared to the traditional method.

The study, which has been accepted for publication in the Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery, was presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery.

The researchers examined 650 patients who had undergone conventional coronary bypass operations using the new surgical technique. They tracked operative survival, wound infection and incidences of conditions such as stroke.

The study showed that the new bypass method is safe and can be a better alternative to current techniques for coronary bypasses, said author Hendrick R. Barnet, M.D., who directed the study.

Barner said that in the future, the technique may be used as an alternative to internal thoracic artery bypass surgery.

The primary benefit. Barner said, is that the radial artery is longer than the usual internal thoracic artery, offering surgeons more flexibility when facing the alternative conduits. Using the radial artery also lowers the risk of chest wound problems, the study found.

When surgeons use the internal thoracic artery, they run the risk of arterial infections because the artery provides blood to the breastbone or sternum. Again, the study was limited to only four patients or 0.6 percent of the study group.

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Exhibitions

"African-American Artists and Writers in School of Medicine's website at April 9-11 at the Gallery of Art. University through April 10. For a full listing posters and contemporary works.

The Gallery of Art at Washington University in St. Louis will be the host and beneficiary of "19 Artists, 1999," an array of fine prints and other works on paper that will appeal to everyone," said Weil, who is also the gallery's director. "The exceptional quality and variety of work presented will make PRINTMARKET one of the finest print shows in the Midwest, if not the country," he added. Additional Washington University's Sea Island Prosa will present work by faculty and students from the University's School of Art. Mells S. Weil, Ph.D., the David Lawson Professor of

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Acclaimed legal scholar giving April 8 lecture

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The recipient of numerous awards, a judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, will deliver the School of Law's 1999 Tyrrell Williams Lecture on "Access to Justice: The Social Responsibility of Lawyers," will be held at 4 p.m. in the Moeller Center's new board room, Anheuser-Busch Hall. The lecture is named in honor of Williams, who was a law school alumnus and a member of the law faculty from 1931-1946. 

Calabresi, the Sterling Profes- sor Emeritus of Law and Profes- sorial Lecturer in Law at Yale University, was appointed a federal appellate judge in 1994. Prior to his appointment, Calabresi served as dean of the Yale University Law School, where he earned his law degree in 1958 and began his teaching career in 1959.

Calabresi immigrated to the United States from Milan, Italy, with his parents in 1945. He earned his bachelor's degrees from Yale College and Magdalen College, Oxford University, and a master's degree in politics, philosophy and economics from Oxford. After graduating first in his class at Yale Law School, Calabresi clerked for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black.

He is the author of four important and broad-ranging books, including "The Costs of Accidents: A Legal and Economic Analysis," "A Comment Law for the Age of Statutes," and "Ideals, Rules, and the Law: Private Law Perspectives on a Public Law Problem." The recipient of numerous honors, Calabresi was named "Commendatore (Honorary Knight Commander) by the President of Italy in 1995. He was awarded the 1998 Fellowship of the American Bar Foundation Award for Outstanding Research in Law and Government.

...And more

Music

Saturday, April 10

Worship

Thursday, April 1
5:30 p.m. Passover Seder:

Worship of the 5,000 students, faculty and staff of the University, included students, faculty and staff of the University, and guests.

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Rapper Sister Souljah keynoting MLK symposium here April 7

Assembly Series

Who Rapper and actress Sister Souljah Where Graham Chapel When April 7, 11 a.m. What She is currently executive director of Daddy's House Social Programs Inc. A not-for-profit corporation for urban youth that educates and prepares young people to take control of their academic, cultural and financial lives. She has been a motivating force behind a number of hip-hop artists' efforts to give back to the community, organizing conferences, workshops and summer camps with artists such as Nas, Method Man, Snoop Dogg, Redman, Common and the San Francisco Giants. Common also worked as a poet and a medical center in Myna Tapi, a village in Zimbabwe. Souljah is a graduate of Rutgers University, where she earned a degree in American history and political science.

For more information, visit the Assembly Series web page (http://www.wustl.edu/assembly) or call 955-5285.

Sports Section

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David Krantz also picked up a win for the Bears as he cleared 14 feet in the pole vault. Tommy Carr and Dan Harkness each leaped 5-10 meters, and Casey Stahlheber and Pat McDonald finished second and third, respectively, in the 5,000 meters. The women's team took third despite several impressive individual performances. Senior Eileen McAllister was a winner as she cruised to victory in both the 800 meters (2:19.81) and the 1,500 meters (4:46.82). Fellow senior Emily Richard made it a sweep for the Bears in the distance events as she took the 3,000 meters with a time of 10:31.99. Julie Nebel was timed in the discus throw with a toss of 116 feet, 3 inches, and Susan Richmond took third in the hammer throw with a distance of 114 feet.

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Kajenko

Kids with cerebral palsy learn self-defense

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practicing, especially on me," he joked.

"I feel now that I can protect myself," Stephanie said.

their condition would seem to give children an added reason to feel vulnerable in society.

"Cerebral palsy is a birth defect that affects body movement and muscle coordination, leading to muscle tightness or spasms, involuntary movements and difficulty walking," Stephanie said. "Additionally, people with this disorder can have sight and hearing impairments and abnormal sensations or perception."

Three students in the martial arts class use canes, and a fourth requires a walker or the equivalent support to stand. But all of them appear to benefit from the class, which is sponsored by the School of Medicine, St. Louis Children's Hospital and BJC Health System.

"We learned that it's their balance and motor control they're working on, along with their self-confidence, as they learn to move and master new motor skills," said Brunstrom, director of the Pediatric Neurology Cerebral Palsy Center. "Families often co-founded the class with instructor Mike Lonner and volunteers in order to help them. "They are all doing better, and I'm proud of all of them," said her students.

Utech's, which has a third office in Maryland, also said he was a little skeptical at first about teaching martial arts to young people with cerebral palsy.

"That's a hard challenge."
European Union countries and focused on the use of biology in discrimination, past and present.

On assignment
Erik Trinkaus, Ph.D., professor of archaeology and Anthropology, recently flew to Portugal to assist in the excavation and begin the analysis of a 31 thousand year old Upper Paleolithic human burial from the site of Abrigo do Veio Velho, Portugal. This exceptionally well preserved ritual burial is the oldest known human burial from Iberia and is the oldest known modern human burial from southwestern Europe. This analysis will provide new insights into the early emergence of human burials at their western periphery.

To press
"Property Law and the Public Interest," a textbook co-authored by Daniel R. Mandelker, LL.B., J.D., the Howard A. Stamper Professor of Law, recently was published by Lexis-Nexis. In addition to his work as a partner in the law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate and Meagher, Mr. Mandelker has been a visiting professor at several law schools and is a contributing editor to the "Legal & Business Journal." His articles on" Land Use Law." His articles on legal and land use issues have been published in "The Journal of Land Use and Public Policy." Mr. Mandelker was honored as one of the "Best Lawyers in America" in 1999.

Stanley Spector memorial to be held
A memorial for Stanley Spector, Ph.D., professor emeritus of computer studies in Arts and Sciences, will be held at 11:55 a.m. April 9 in Graham Chapel. A reception at Holmes Chapel will follow at 2:30 p.m. in McDonnell Hall.

Medical school faculty tenure
The following School of Medicine faculty members were promoted with tenure, with effective dates as noted, following a meeting of the Board of Trustees on March 5, 1999.

Promotion with tenure
Daniel C. Brennan, M.D., is appointed professor of medicine (effective March 5, 1999)

Field Freshman recruited after presentation on work
Field wrote a paper on the psychology of the National Junior Academy of Science, went to the AAAS annual meeting at Anaheim, Calif., in January 1999. There he gave a 10-minute talk on his work and presented a poster demonstration.

Brain
Understanding uncovers gateway to brain
Dr. Pal-Yan Kwok, M.D., associate professor of medicine (dermatologic) (effective July 1, 1999)

Michael Mueller, Ph.D., to associate professor of physical therapy (effective March 4, 1999)

Jay W. Ponder, M.D., to associate professor of behavioral and molecular biology (effective June 1, 1999)

Legends at work
Renowned actress Zoe Caldwell (center) conducts a master class as a visiting artist in Field. The Performing Arts Department hosted Caldwell, a four-time Tony Award winner, to work with students and presented the second annual Morrin Lecture, founded in memory of alma mater Alson Clayton Morrin (BA ’82). Also pictured are juniors Yael Berkovich (left) and Jane Seal.

Notables
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Working for a safer, less chaotic' world
Leila Sadat Wexler brings global perspective, concern for human rights to teaching, research

BY ANN NICHOLSON


She grew up in a family where Arabic and French were spoken frequently and current events were a natural topic at the dinner table, so it would seem logical that Wexler would ultimately become a leading expert on international and comparative law. Wexler's career path, however, was not so obvious to her father, who wished her to follow the family tradition of becoming a doctor.

Wexler dutifully pursued pre-med courses at Rutgers University, but she followed her interests in current events and international debate more strongly. She served as president of the New Jersey State Student Association, a student member of the University Investment Advisory Committee, which was struggling over whether to divest in corporations doing business in South Africa.

"I didn't know anything about investment, but I got a book out of the library on South Africa and apartheid, and it seemed like no-brainer to me," Wexler recalled. "The committee decided not to divest, so I wrote a dissent. I argued that there ought to be a no-brainer to me," Wexler recalled. "The committee decided not to divest, so I wrote a dissent. I argued that there ought to be a

Wexler's main body of research centers on the crime of genocide, drawing on the first-ever international trial of an individual charged with genocide in 1994.

"Leila has been a breath of fresh air," said Andrew Ruben, J.D., D.F., a partner at Tishman, Cary and Ruben, in New York.

"Professor Wexler has a very dynamic teaching style. ... She sets a very high standard for herself and her students, but she also helps you attain that standard."

Wexler's work on crimes against humanity has gained international recognition, and she recently spoke at the Second Annual Conference on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court, held in New York City.

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New York. "She has contributed incredibly to our international program. Through her scholarly writing and teaching leadership in the International Law Association, she has contributed to our international perspective and the fostering of a dynamic teaching style," he said.

"I have been very impressed with her international legal issues with her students, Wexler said. "I think she has an open worldview. "International law is all about the lives of people—the struggle of human beings to make the world safer and less chaotic," she said. "We need to look at the world not as a scary and frightening place, but a wonderful, exciting place full of diversity and different views that can enrich our own understanding of this planet."

Wexler was recently cited by the International Criminal Court, the international body that has jurisdiction over crimes against humanity and other serious international crimes.

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