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Revered friend leaves extraordinary legacy

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Lopata was elected to the Board of Trustees in 1979. He and his wife, Lucy Mayer Lopata, had been tireless workers for the University for more than 20 years. On the board, he served on numerous committees, including the Executive Committee and the Finance and Grounds Committee. He was a member of the national councils of both the School of Engineering and Applied Science and the School of Medicine.

The latest is Craig Howe, Ph.D., deputy investment director for cultural resources at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) and a member of the Ogala Sioux Tribe. He spoke this week, Jan. 27, in Washington, D.C.

About 450 friends and colleagues of Stanley L. Lopata gathered in Kunkel Auditorium Tuesday, Jan. 22, to reflect on the lives of the first-year medical students killed in a highway accident.

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Those remembered were Adam El-Khishin, 20, of Ballarat, Victoria, Australia; Candice Lin, 22, Rolling Hills Estates, Calif.; and Danny Lee, 21, Culver City, Calif.

El-Khishin, Lin and Lee were returning from a weekend trip to Chicago with two other first-year medical students, Stanley Chan, 23, of Sturbridge, Mass.; and Danny Kawamura, 23, of Portage, Mich., when their automobile collided with a tractor in Iowa Jan. 17.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret, and two children: Bob and his wife, Sigrid, live in St. Louis; and Dan, who lives in Washington, D.C.

His impact is apparent across the University. Lopata, Wrighton noted. In all, the program has brought six distinguished scholars to the University in the past year for class presentations and met with students and faculty during their visit.

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Learning on wheels Giving insight for a consulting project, Matt Matthews (front), MBA candidate '91, learns to use a racing wheelchair with the help of Kelly Behmehahn, volunteer executive director of the Tri-Cities Track Club. 

Nominations deadline approaches for faculty achievement awards

As an advisory committee making the recommendation, about 10 people at the Chancellor's office are also responsible for making the final decision on awards given to faculty members.

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undergraduate tuition and fees for the 2000-2001 academic year at Washington University is $24,745, or $1,111, a 4.6 percent increase above the 1999-2000 academic year. This total includes a $325 required student activity fee. Beginning with the fall semester, tuition and fees for 2000-2001 will be $26,816, an increase of 4.6 percent (or $1,111) over the current year. Room and board charges for the 2000-2001 academic year are $7,723 for those living in newer housing facilities.

In a letter to students and their parents: "We have adjusted our financial plan to manage our costs so that we have a sustainable budget for the undergraduate experience at Washington University. The effectiveness of this effort is evidenced in the increased support for undergraduate programs and in our success in keeping our total tuition and fee charges lower than the majority of the colleges and universities with which we are affiliated."

"We continue to search for ways to control our costs but always with maintaining and improving the quality of the undergraduate experience in mind."

"Because we have a wonderful endowment and generous donors, it is mistakenly assumed that those sources of income could be a significant part of our educational cost. In truth, the combined endowed scholarship and gift funds for only about 19 percent of our operating revenue. Much of the endowment is subject to restrictions established by the original donors and many of these funds generally are not available for undergraduate program support."

"For many years, costs in American higher education have risen faster than the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Education costs reflect expenses unique to education, while the CPI measures costs incurred for goods and services by individuals and families. Learning requires the contribution of new knowledge, and that can only be done with additional investment in new ideas, better instruction and improved facilities."

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Program

Ongoing effort seeks to enhance diversity

The Human Resources Office is bringing consultants from the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association-College Retirement Equities Fund to campus in February to conduct two-part seminars on basic financial life issues.

Part I: "Getting Your Finances Organized," discussing ways to develop net worth and cash flow statements. If you're not meeting your financial goals, this session is a good start. Participants will learn how to use credit and how to identify when you're too involved in credit.

Part II: "Setting Financial Goals," reviews methods for setting financial goals and ways to achieve them. Participants will learn the difference between saving and investment goals. Financial goals might include an emergency fund, college savings or a retirement needs analysis.

The seminars are scheduled as follows: 

• Hilltop Campus — Part I: Thursday, Feb. 2, 10:30-11:30 a.m. in Room 108 Simon Hall; Part II: Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2:30-4 p.m. in Room 103 Simon Hall. 

• Medical Campus — Part I: Friday, Feb. 3, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and Part II: Monday, Feb. 6, 1:30 p.m. in Cori Auditorium. 

• West Campus — Thursday, Feb. 9, Part I: 2:15 p.m. and Part II: 3:30 p.m. in A/B of the Library Conference Center. 

Pre-registration is not required. For more information about the free seminars, call the human resources office on campus at 314-935-5380.
Samuel Klein becomes Danforth Professor

By Jim Deters

Samuel Klein, M.D., professor of medicine and director of the Division of Human Nutrition at the School of Medicine, has been named the Danforth Professor of Medicine and Nutritional Science. Klein also is an associate professor of the director of the University's General Clinical Research Center and medical director of both the Washington University Weight Management Center and the Barnes-Jewish Hospital Nutrition Support Service.

Klein, whose field of study is fat metabolism, also serves as associate program director of the Danforth Chair. The chair was established in 1955 by a gift from the late Dr. and Mrs. H. Danforth. The chair was established to support research in the prevention and treatment of obesity, a major threat to health in the United States.

The Danforth Professorship was established in 1955 by a gift from the Danforth Foundation and its president, the late William H. Danforth. The chair was established to support research in a disease prevention or original was known as the Danforth Professor of Preventive Medicine and Public Health. In 1994, Klein has developed several new clinical and research programs that continue at the prevention and treatment of nutrition-related diseases. He recently received a five-year, $4.8 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to establish a Nutrition Research Center here. The University was one of only eight academic institutions to receive this award and was ranked the highest of all applicants.

In 1995, Klein established the Washington University Weight Management Center, which provides long-term medical and surgical therapy for obesity. The center uses a multidisciplinary approach that involves behavior therapists, registered dietitians, exercise specialists, physical therapists and physicians.

Klein focuses on the regulation of fat metabolism in obesity, and he has received several grants for his work, including the American Foundation for Clinical Research Human Christian Award for Research in Clinical Nutrition, the International Life Sciences Institute-Nutrition Foundation Future Leader Award, the American Society of Parenteral and Enteral Research Nutrition Research Scholar Award and a few Nutrition Program Research Faculty Scholar Award. In 1996, he was elected to the American Society for Clinical Investigation.

According to many national committees, Klein is president of the American Board of Nutrition and is chairman of the Public Policy Committee and council member of the North American Association for the Study of Obesity. He serves on the editorial boards of the American Journal of Physiology (Endocrinology & Metabolism) and the Journal of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition. Klein also is author of more than 150 original research articles, invited reviews and book chapters.

Klein received a bachelor's degree from Brandeis University in 1977 and a medical degree from Temple University School of Medicine in 1979. In 1984, he received a master's degree in nutritional biochemistry and molecular biology from MIT. He completed his medical internship at Mount Sinai Hospital and a clinical nutrition fellowship at University Hospital in Boston. Later, Klein was a team member at the National Institute of Diabetes and Metabolism research fellow at the Mount Sinai Medical School and also was an associate professor of medicine. Klein also is author of more than 150 original research articles, invited reviews and book chapters.

Johnson receives Dean's Distinguished Service Award

By Linda Sage

Charles Johnson, assistant manager of custodial services at the School of Medicine, received the 1999+ Distinguished Service Award Dec. 16. The award honors an employee whose outstanding contributions to the University and commitment and dedication to the University have been outstanding.

Johnson was recognized for his positive attitude, leadership, customer service and outgoing commitment. "As well as creating a better work environment for custodial employees, Johnson has managed to reduce costs considerably during the past four years," said William A. Peck, M.D., executive vice chancellor for Medical Affairs. "Johnson also has played a key role in recruiting and retaining individuals with developmental disabilities."

Johnson took a "tempo- rary assignment" at the medical school in 1984 after being laid off from a chemical manufacturing company, where he worked as a fork-lift driver. He now recruits custodial staff members, oversees customer service and interacts with departments and employees. For example, a department might complain to Johnson that a lab isn't clean enough or an employee might have trouble getting to work on time. Johnson enjoys the challenge of solving problems. The key he says, is to listen to what people want to tell you instead of what you want to hear.

"Charles has great customer service skills," said Carol Moser, director of administrative services. "He is very outgoing, always has a smile and is completely committed to the medical school. He doesn't have a negative bone in his body." Moser nominated Johnson for the award. Johnson has analytical skills as well by scrutinizing the market. "We look for people who are honest and take pride in their work," he said. "Even when you're mopping floors, you can be proud of what you're doing."

When Johnson isn't on the job, he likes to play basketball and baseball with his 14-year-old son and 13-year-old stepson. The Johnson family also enjoys boating.

School of Medicine introduces degree program in clinical research

Beginning this fall, research fellows and faculty at the School of Medicine can receive formal clinical research training in a new master of science degree program.

The program was developed because of a growing need for formal training in clinical investigation, said Daniel P. Schacter, M.D., associate dean for clinical research.

"Advances in basic science in the last decade or two have brought us to a point where are ready to take scientific discoveries from the bench to the bedside," Schacter said. "A lack of appropriately trained clinical investigators has created a bottleneck in translating the science into patient care."

The main objective of the 30-credit-hour Master of Science in Clinical Investigation Program is to prepare first-year fellows and junior faculty for independent careers in clinical research. "However, we're certain there's a much larger audience for the courses," Schacter said. "We plan to make them available to the wider community through various distance learning venues, including the World Wide Web."

The program will focus on patient-oriented research, which often involves studies of indi-

vidual patients. Later, it might expand to include other areas of clinical research, such as out-

comes research or health-services research.

Students will enter the master's program with a research mentor already chosen so they can begin laying the foundation for their research. Schacter said. During the first year, they will submit a research proposal to the Humanities Studies Committee, and they will prepare and present a grant proposal during the second year. They must commit 75 percent of their time to the degree program.

In April, the medical school also will apply for a new National Institutes of Health grant, called the Clinical Research Education and Support, or CORE, award, to enhance the program. Applications to the program must be received by March 1. For more information, call 747-4614.
Urban Bush Women, David Murray bring 'Soul Deep' to Edison

"Soul Deep," a collaboration of Urban Bush Women and the David Murray Ensemble, comes to the Edison Theatre stage Feb. 11-13. The show, a St. Louis premiere, begins at 8 p.m. Feb. 11 and 12 and at 2 p.m. Feb. 13. Founded in New York City in 1984, UWB has appeared at major theaters and festivals throughout the United States, Asia, Europe, Australia and South America. Over the years, founder Jawole Willa Jo Zollar has choreographed more than two dozen works for the company, among others, director Valeria Vassileva, co-producer Edwina Lee Tyler and Carl Riley and choreographer Pat Hall-Smith. "Praise House," their collaboration with

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Saturday seminars explore truth, liberty and community

Celebrating 20 years of the Master of Liberal Arts Program in Arts & Sciences this year, the Spring 2000 Seminar Series will feature current and past directors of the program addressing the central and enduring concern of the seminars: the common theme from different perspectives and invite dialogue. Each seminar will consider issues of "truth" and "fiction," of liberty and authority, cal, literary and cultural analysis, and of the central and enduring concern: the individual vs. the collective. The seminars explore a feature current and past directors of the Master of Liberal Arts Program in Arts & Sciences' Dance Program, will take place from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Goldfarb. The concert features more than 60 top student dancers, selected by audition, performing a variety of work by both faculty and guest artists. Friday and Saturday, with a matinee at 2 p.m. Sunday. The programs feature several dances, including the PAH's first performance of a work by African-American choreographer James Truitte. The program includes: "Waltz Fantasie," four dances performed by English student Eglevsky's restaging of the Balanchine classic. "With Timbrel and Dance," performance Friday, Jan. 28, 8 p.m. Creative Writing Program Reading, WU 125. "WU'99's ode to a meta- physical wilderness — a "place" of freedom, spontaneity, daring, moral support and human community. Tickets are $10 for the general public, $8 for student and faculty and $6 for senior citizens. For information, call 935-3013.

Music

NPR's Magistad probes China's 'tightrope'

National Public Radio (NPR) correspondent Michael Currin and Moscow-based Ray Kay Magistad will deliver a lecture at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, titled "Walking the Tightrope: Challenges to China's Communist Party," at Graham Chapel. The lecture, sponsored by the University's Multicultural Council and the Multicultural Students Association, is free and open to the public.

In 1995, Magistad opened his own bureau in China's first Beijing Bureau. Since then, he has provided radio features and news reports on issues ranging from growing frustration and unrest among farmers and land- less workers to ethnic tensions in the far-western province of Xinjiang to story-telling in traditional Chinese music and dance. Magistad is currently a Nieman Fellow at Harvard University and an adjunct professor of earth and planetary sciences.

Sports

Sports Section

Thursday, Jan. 27

6 p.m. Women's basketball (vs. New York U. Athletic Complex, Tuomey's basketball art, addressing the healing of the spirit and the performance Friday, Feb. 23, 11 a.m. "WU'99's ode to a metaphysical wilderness — a "place" of freedom, spontaneity, daring, moral support and human community. Tickets are $10 for the general public, $8 for student and faculty and $6 for senior citizens. For information, call 935-3013.

Saturday, Feb. 5

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Saturday, Jan. 29

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Thursday, Feb. 3

6 p.m. "STD/HIV course. "STD Lab" on Waltham. "WU'99's ode to a metaphysical wilderness — a "place" of freedom, spontaneity, daring, moral support and human community. Tickets are $10 for the general public, $8 for student and faculty and $6 for senior citizens. For information, call 935-3013.
Brothers

Tom, Bob and Brad Thach share humor, zest for life — from page 1

courteously was part of Tom's suggestion. But I did find St. Louis for the family — planted the flag here.

Tom, who joined Washington University in 1973, is, I believe, interested in movement disorders and deciphering the mechanism of control in the cerebellum. He has demonstrated that the cerebellum helps initiate voluntary movement and tells the motor cortex what to do. He also has identified certain cells in the monkey's brain that signal the kind of movement the animal will make many minutes before it actually occurs.

Tom also is regarded as an outstanding teacher and mentor, earning rave reviews from former students. "He is particularly good at teaching you to focus on the big picture and to not be frustrated by small setbacks," said Amy J. Bastian, Ph.D., his student and now professor of physical therapy and neurobiology.

As dean of the Graduate School of Arts & Sciences (GAS), Bob has less time for research than his brothers, but he still maintains a small laboratory. He discovered which triplet of genetic letters initiates protein synthesis. He also has developed a new suppressor protein for regulating the expression of certain foreign, an iron storage protein.

Bob's first administrative responsibility came in 1977, not long after he joined the University, when he was asked to direct the medical school's Center for Basic Cancer Research. He also has been the biology department from 1977 to 1981. He was named professor of physical therapy and neurobiology.

Boblikens tackling administrative problems to solving puzzles. "I enjoy coming up with inventive solutions," he said. "And the great thing about administration is that when you solve a puzzle, other people benefit." Brad joined the medical school faculty in 1976, after training at the National Institutes of Health. His research focuses on the structure and function of the upper respiratory tract in infants, especially the reflexes and muscles that keep the upper airway open. Working with James Kemp, M.D., Brad demonstrated that rebreathing can be a cause of SIDS. The researchers concluded that if an infant lies face down with nose and mouth resting on a polyurethane-filled cushion, the material can mold closely around the infant's head. This excludes fresh air and forces the child to rebreathe expired air, which contains too little oxygen. Based on part in their work, the Consumer Product Safety Commission banned these cushions.

Kemp, now an associate professor of pediatrics at Saint Louis University, attributes much of Brad's success to his ability to approach problems from an unusual perspective, which he describes as brilliant and practical at the same time. "Brad sees the world in a different way," said Kemp. "His view is about 45 degrees different from other people.'

In his love of family and fun, however, his views converge with his brothers. "To Tom's words: 'We have many similar interests, I just find myself tuned with both of them. We share a kind of for interesting ideas, we all get together and come up with something one another.' "Adapted from Thach's letter to the School of Medicine's Outlook magazine.

The Thach brothers — (from left) Brad, Bob and Tom — stand at the archway leading into the Brookings Quadrangle.

Distinguished service award nominations due by Feb. 26

Nominations for the award must include the nominee's name, the specific reason(s) for the nomination, a statement outlining the purpose of the University benefits or has benefited from the nominee's active and dedicated service during the period the person submitting the nominations work.

A committee will review the nominations and select an employee who will receive the $1,000 award during the May 22 Staff Day Observance at the Hilltop Campus.

In 1998, Jennifer, Denise Hirschbeck, now Director of Computing and Information Systems, was the first to apply only for her many information systems accomplishments, but also for the positive manner in which she works and the active role she takes in assisting with the recruitment of students.

The first award recipient, Myrl Funk, registrar for the School of Architecture, was recognized in 1998 for her many contributions during 40 years of service.

Nominations for the award may be completed on-line by going to the Human Resources website (http://hr.wustl.edu), clicking on "Employee Recognition" then on "Gloria W. White Distinguished Service Award", or nominators may submit nominations in hard copy form.

Send nominations to the Gloria W. White Distinguished Service Award, Campus Box 1184, no later than Feb. 26.

In this new century, Washington University prizes diversity

In this letter to the Washington University community, Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton affirms the University's commitment to equal opportunity and cultural diversity.

Washington University is committed to providing equal opportunity for all to come to work and study here. For more than 30 years, we have actively worked energetically to recruit minority students, faculty and staff, and we believe we are well on our way to creating a campus where many different ethnic groups come together to learn not only from our professors but also from each other.

In recent history, programs created for minorities have been challenged in various legislative bodies and courts, and those arguing against them have pointed out that individuals should be judged solely on their own merits regardless of family, economic status, race, ethnic group, religion or gender. In support this sentiment.

It is possible however, to share this conviction and still believe that affirmative action programs are just and necessary. During the course of our country's past, many people by virtue of their race, ethnic group, disability status or gender have been excluded from many opportunities, including the opportunity to have the best educational experiences possible. For some time, our country has been engaged in rightsing some of these wrongs with a view to creating a successful multi-ethnic, multi-racial society that provides the same level of opportunity for all.

In recent history, we as a country have made strides, and we have not yet reached the goal.

Washington University has the advantage of being able to set its own course. This freedom comes the responsibility to formulate and pursue policies that are in the best interest of our country as a whole. It is with this in mind that Washington University energetically reaffirms its affirmative action policies and gives high priority to attracting and retaining underrepresented students, faculty members and administration of diverse background.

Every effort shall be made by our management team to ensure that all University programs, initiatives and personnel actions are administered in accordance with principles of equal opportunity.

Just as we share the responsibility to strive for excellence in our teaching, research and patient care missions, each vice chancellor, dean, faculty member, director, manager, supervisor and staff member shares the responsibility to support our equal opportunity initiatives and to ensure that the affirmative action policy is fully implemented within our organization.

As we begin this new century, Washington University is committed to continuing the important work of creating the environment that ensures every student, staff member and applicant has access to the University without any barrier based upon race, color, religion, sex, national origin, veteran status or any other protected status.
Kathryn Buder, founder of American Indian studies center at GWB, dies

Kathryn Marie Buder, a St. Louis philanthropist who founded a prominent American Indian studies center at the George Washington University, died Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2000. She was 77.

Dozens of American Indians have described Buder as a person of deep and abiding faith who believed in the liberating power of education.

"Shanty Khinduka, Ph.D., social work dean, described Buder as a person of deep and abiding faith who believed in the liberating power of education," said Buder, who was known for her passion for education and social service organizations. "Her vision and generosity made it possible for us to establish an outstanding and unique American Indian studies center at Washington University," he said.

In the last decade, the Buder Center has garnered national recognition for providing a specialized program of advanced education in social work for American Indians and other indigenous communities.

"Asm, his inquiring mind and his imagination led him to share with us his many years, he shared with us how he owed his alma mater a debt of gratitude," Wrighton recalled. "For decades, Buder held a life-long interest in Buder's mission in helping American Indians, a national leader in efforts to help reservation programs and other assistance to Indian individuals and tribes.

"Kathryn Buder, founder of American Indian studies through contributions to American Indian groups across the nation. The center has become a national leader in efforts to help Indian tribes prepare for transitions in social services under recent welfare reforms. It also is involved in numerous research projects aimed at improving social services for American Indians, including an important program designed to strengthen the leadership of Indian groups."

"Kathryn Buder's concern for Native Americans and her efforts to help the University continue to grow stronger and to continue its mission of educating Americans is a testament to her vision and dedication," said Buder, who established Buder Charitable Foundation, a private foundation to support the University's mission and improve social services for Native Americans. "Kathryn Buder is a figure of great respect and admiration, and her leadership will be missed by countless individuals and organizations throughout the region and beyond."

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