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They're here! Class of 2004 arrives
BY CHRISTINE FARMER

This fall's incoming freshmen will graduate from Washington University as part of the university's 190th anniversary. The class of 2004 is the largest in the university's history, with 4,276 students enrolled.

The first-year students, who hail from all over the world, represent 25 countries, 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, arrived Aug. 24 and have been busy unpacking, learning their way around campus and getting up for the fall semester, which begins Wednesday, Aug. 30.

Many in the select group were academic leaders, officers in student government and active participants in extracurricular activities and athletics in high school. Collectively, the incoming class has received almost 2,200 special awards and recognitions. In addition:

- About 980 students are National Honor Society members.
- Almost 200 were senior class officers, and 446 were officers in service organizations.
- Many served as editors — 107 of yearbooks and 114 of newspapers.
- Musically, 342 were members of their school band or orchestra; and
- In athletics, 423 students were team captains.

"It is a delight to have such a talented and diverse freshman class on campus," said Nanette B. DeVries, director of admissions. "We encourage everyone to extend a warm welcome to them."

In addition to accumulating impressive statistics during their high school years, the 4,200 freshmen were chosen from a record number of applicants — nearly 19,000.

"We are excited that so many students chose to come to Washington University," Turbow said. "The record-setting number of applications is up 9 percent from last year. That is quite a compliment to the Washington University community."

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Mongolian shepherders and their children welcome Eddie F. Brown, D.S.W., associate dean for community affairs at the George Washington Brown of Social Work and director of the Kathryn M. Buder Center for American Indian Studies, during his visit to their country as part of an election-monitoring project.

Monitoring Mongolian elections

Eddie F. Brown heads up international delegation

BY ANN NICHOLSON

Shepherders emerging from their desert tents — urban dwellers waiting patiently in long lines at the polls — voters traveling from as much as 50 miles by horse — the abundant evidence of the Mongolian people's enthusiasm for democracy was an inspiration for Eddie F. Brown, D.S.W., who led a 19-member delegation last month to observe the Asian nation's parliamentary election.

"It was a moving experience," said Brown, associate dean for community affairs at the George Washington Brown of Social Work. "The Mongolian people took very seriously their right to vote. At one voting site on the outskirts of the capital, Ulaanbatar, people were lined up hours before the polls were scheduled to open. The oldest to the youngest voter, there was a tremendous excite—ment about having a say in the political process."

The nonpartisan Republican Institute organized the delegation to monitor the election process. The federally-funded U.S. Institute is dedicated to advancing democracy and strengthening free markets throughout the world. Among its services, the organization embraces emerging democracies with campaign and preliminary— training, judicial reform and election monitoring.

Brown, who directs the social work school's Kathryn M. Buder Center for American Indian Studies, served under President Bush as assistant secretary of the Bureau of Indian Affairs at the U.S. Department of the Interior. He was invited to the post by U.S. Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.), who is chairman of the Republican National Institute.

In this voting — Mongolia's third parliamentary election since the 1990 transition from a one-party communist state — more than 75 percent of the eligible voters cast ballots. Although the institute did not observe any instances of fraudulent or widespread voting irregularities, there was some concern about the need for a more uniform voter registration process, better distribution of voter identification cards and tighter controls over mobile ballot boxes transported to outlying areas, Brown said.

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The council brings together 15 representatives from the University's eight schools and from the Faculty Senate, comprised of all faculty members. The council serves as liaison between the administration and the faculty on a broad range of issues touching virtually all aspects of campus life.

Cryer succeeds Arnold W. Strain, M.D., the Alumni Professor of Pediatrics and professor of molecular biology and pharmacology. Outgoing council President Robert C. Young, M.D., is professor of pediatrics at the St. Louis Children's Hospital and was named to the council last year.

Cryer, who also directs the Genetics and Developmental Biology Program at the medical school, is a former national president of the American Diabetes Association (ADA) and the 1994 recipient of the ADA's Banting Medal for Scientific Achievement, which honors meritorious career achievement in the field of diabetes research.

In addition, he has served as a national councilor and is the former editor of Diabetes, the ADA's leading scientific journal.

The focus of Cryer's work as a scientist has been to understand how the body protects itself against hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) and how those protective mechanisms can fail in patients with insulin-dependent diabetes, leading to episodes of hypoglycemia, with its potentially devastating effects in the brain. Having identified the physiological mechanisms that prevent hypoglycemia in healthy people, Cryer continues to look for ways to minimize the frequency of such episodes in people with insulin-dependent diabetes.

Cryer earned both undergraduate and medical degrees at Northwestern University. He completed his residency at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis and a fellowship at Washington University. He also served a tour of duty in the Medical Corps of the United States Navy.

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The disease is often fatal. No satisfactory vaccines or chemotherapies exist, so scientists are using genetic approaches as they search for more effective treatments.

"Anything we can find about how LPG may be useful in combating it," said Stephen M. Beverley, Ph.D., the Marvin A. Brennike Professor of Molecular Microbiology at the School of Medicine. "I am pleased to have the opportunity to work with the distinguished members of the Faculty Senate Council to serve our Washington University community," Cryer said after his election.

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New logo provides new print options, too

A new logo now identifies Washington University in St. Louis. The logo revisions followed her report to the Board of Trustees May 5, in Thomas’ office.

The new designs were presented to the University’s Management Team in June. Work to phase in its use began in July, and roughly 38 percent turnout was the correct edition. The logo is not to be reproduced in a small, medium or large (poster) size. The logo is for use in signage, clothing, printed materials and other applications.

The logos are in a self-extracting archive. Once you click on S, M, or L, the file will begin to download.

Netcspse: Washington University in St. Louis Logotype

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Brown Bag Discussion
Topic: Mongolian election
Where: Brown Hall (tbd)
When: 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm Wed.

Film series examines tough social issues

By ANNE MICHLIN

Alcoholism, racial prejudice, intergenerational family values and AIDS are among the issues confronted in "BKEE: LIVES 35 Years of Social Issues in Cinema," a film series at the George Washington University School of Social Work, set for Sept. 14-17. The series produced by nationals of one film each from the 1920s to the 1990s, is part of the school’s 35th-anniversary celebration.

circles, including an editorial cartoon display and a conference on the future of social work — provides a powerful means of celebrating the many important contributions of social work during the school’s 75-year history," and Dean Shaw, Kenilworth, PA. "Violet Horvath, film festival coordinator and a social worker, doubted 38 percent turnout, de- rated on the event. "The series presents a broad view coming to the forefront of social work in a given decade during the George Washington School of Social Work’s history," she noted, "and that they were explored through a variety of techniques in the film industry. The film festival committee considered more than 100 films before narrowing down the series to eight. It was a difficult process, but with the help of the film consultants and performing arts faculty, the result is one that balances a variety of compelling social topics with strong production and acting values," she said.

Area film critics and faculty in the Arts & Sciences will offer immediate first reactions and reactions to the films when they first were released. Social work faculty will hold her discussions afterward on the impact the films presented.

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School of Medicine researchers, in partnership with the University of Alberta in Edmonton, have received a five-year, $2.2 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to continue their work on islet cell transplantation. The grant will fund the School of Medicine’s ongoing research to determine the long-term survival and function of islets transplanted to treat diabetes.

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Lectures

Wednesday, Sept. 6
1 p.m. Noon-1 p.m. Molecular biology and genomics workshop. “Transcription Factors and Nontraditional Narrative Forms.” David C. Gilmour, prof, of molecular biology, Washington University.
1 p.m. Noon-1 p.m. Molecular biology and genomics workshop. “Hematology and Cancer.” Gary G. Borisy, prof, and chair of molecular vertebrate genetics, University of Wis. 935-4060.
5 p.m. Gallery of Art panel discussion.

Exhibitions


"Eleanor Antin: A Retrospective." Kevin L. Robinson, painter. September 8 through November 5 (reception from 5 to 7 p.m., Sept. 8). Gallery of Art.

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Dr. Ruth’s open Assembly Series

Dr. Ruth Westheimer, psychosexual therapist and media psychologist, will open the fall Assembly Series with a lecture at 11 a.m. Sept. 15 in Graham Chapel. Westheimer’s talk will feature her new book, co-written with Pierre Leiby, titled “Unlocking the Secrets of Campus Life: The Savvy Student’s Handbook.” As the author of Assembly Series lectures, Westheimer’s address is free and open to the public.

“Dr. Ruth’s” innovative radio program, “Sexually Speaking,” first began airing as a 15-minute radio show in 1980 in New York City. Today, the show is widely distributed throughout the country and now is one of many media venues Westheimer uses to advance the cause of sexual literacy. Her television career spans both broadcast and cable, and her shows are syndicated to viewers worldwide.

Author of 12 books, Westheimer teaches as an adjunct professor at New York University and is a fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine. She has her own private practice and is a regular lecturer on the college campus. International student speakers have expanded to include books on the role of grandmothers and the value of the family.

A native of Germany, Westheimer escaped the Holocaust when she was sent to an orphanage in Switzerland for German Jewish children. As a teenager, she traveled to Israel, joining the Jewish freedom fighters. She immigrated to the United States in 1966. She received a master’s degree in sociology from the New School for Social Research, New York, and a Ph.D. in education in the interdisciplinary study of the family from Columbia University’s Teacher’s College. Westheimer’s Assembly schedule also features:

• Cuban-American author Oscar Hijuelos, delivering the Antigua Rodriguez Latino Awareness Week Lecture Sept. 20. Hijuelos has written several novels including “The House of the Spirits” and “Play Songs of Love” for which he became the first Hispanic writer to win a Pulitzer Prize.

• Political satirist Al Franken, delivering the annual Carson-Dickinson Lecture Oct. 18. The former star of “Saturday Night Live” and recent star of NBC’s “Late Night with Conan O’Brien” will share his irreverent thoughts about the upcoming presidential campaign.

• Singer, performer, composer, cultural historian, curator and activist Bernie Johnson Reagan, providing a keynote address for the Black Arts & Sciences Festival Oct. 30. Best known as a performer of the acclaimed cartoonist/actor team of “Lateline” and “Saturday Night Live,” Johnson Reagan has become the first African-American writer to win a Pulitzer Prize.

• Psychologist James P. Callin, the Virginia M. Ullman Professor of Natural History and Environment at Arizona State University, discussing the puzzling demise in the population of amphibians over the last decade. Collins will help decipher its causes and the meaning for our environment in the Thomas Hall Memorial Lecture at 4 p.m. Sept. 28 in Room 215, Rebstock Hall.

• Ecologist and biologist Carolyn Westerfield, serving as keynote for the annual Outreach Conference Oct. 4. The title of her talk is “A Memoir of a Memm.”

• New Yorker staff writer Philip Gourevitch, discussing his new book “We Wish to Inform You That Tomorrow We Will Be Burning Our Books at the Square,” which explores in depth the causes and effects of the Rwandan genocide.

Dr. Ruth’s Assembly Series take place on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. in Graham Chapel, unless otherwise noted. For more information, visit the Assembly Series Web page (http://wp.usw.edu/assembly) or call 935-5285.
University opts to manage Fraternity Row buildings

By David Mossenhoff

In an effort to demonstrate a joint commitment to the future of Greek life, the University has opted to provide fraternities with regular janitorial service, house maintenance, safety improvements, upgrades to house exteriors and interiors and improved landscaping of the Fraternity Row.

In a joint effort, the process which included meetings with students and representatives from Greek chapters, the University recently exercised the clause in each fraternity lease to terminate the lease and assume operation of the fraternity house from individual house corporations.

The option to terminate the lease required a one-year notice prior to June 30, 2000. Representatives of the University met in late July with the president of each house corporation to discuss the details. Two of the fraternities were already operating under this plan, and, as of Sept. 1, six of the seven fraternities chose an immediate go-forward, foregoing their option to delay for a year.

"Housing expectations are changing across the country," said Ralph H. Thaman, associate vice president for Student Affairs and planning and management. "In Washington University already has incorporated these expectations in the South 40. While the Greek experience is different from that on South 40, we hope University respects that — the same quality of living considerations need be maintained. We want to ensure the future of the Greek experience by investing in the facilities and creating complimentary services that will specifically focus on the residential aspects of the Greek experience."

Thaman stressed that the University's involvement in this project means that the new Greek Row "will be part of a meaningful fraternity experience that will contribute to the future of the Greek life experience on campus."

Fraternity members living in each house on what is now "fraternity living" contracts with the University for housing and services. Washington Greek housing will be managed under a community model through the Greek Life Office. The room rate will be comparable to a twin in the off-campus residences but is unique to the Greek housing.

A three-year phase-in timetable has been established to better allow for financial planning, because each fraternity's scale of room and board charges, these scaled are weekly as a "starter rate" after the three-year phase-in period, all fraternities will be on the same bed rate.

In an effort to avoid a win-win situation, Thaman said, "The University has both the resources and the responsibility to assist the Greek community transition to a facilities vantage point." He said the University "fully supports our students are Greek, as are a significant number of alumni, investing in the facilities and creating a program that will specifically focus on all aspects of the Greek experience will help ensure the future of Greek life on campus."

Workshops provide help with skills

Whether you want to improve your writing, increase your computer skills, take charge of your career or do some financial planning, workshops offered through University College, the evening division of the Arts & Sciences, is for you. Many of these three- to six-week sessions, which have limited space, are free or offered at a minimal fee. They can help you examine party platforms and candidates' positions on controversial issues. In addition to politics, short courses explore topics including literature, music, community affairs, technology and current events.

Getting Started on the Internet — A workshop for those new to surfing the Internet and those wishing to see it more effectively. -- Dianne St. Clair, director of Computing Services, will teach the workshop, which meets from 2 to 3:30 p.m. each Wednesday in October, participants will examine party platforms and candidates' positions on controversial issues.

The fiction workshop will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. each Thursday in October.

• Music and Dance — Marietta Stravinsky at the St. Louis Symphony — Examine the ballets for which Stravinsky composed music and the choreography of Fokine, Niurkyn and Balanchine. Taught by Dr. Christopher Heath, assistant professor of music at the University of Missouri, the workshop will meet from 10 a.m. to noon Oct. 21.

• Understanding Plant Biotechnology: The Science and Controversies — Explore the science and measuring debate surrounding genetically modified foods and agricultural products. Designed for the nonspecialist, the course will examine the process of introducing genetic material into plant species and compare it to traditional crop breeding, examining ethical, environmental and social issues. Taught by Dr. Michael Paterson, professor of genetics at the University of Arizona, the course meets from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursdays, Oct. 19-Nov. 2.

• Seeing the Internet to Explore Texts — This course examines specific resources and practice general Internet skills to help in genealogical research or learning about the past. Taught by University students, the workshop meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. for the first four Mondays of October.

• Career — Learn important skills and strategies for managing your career. Instruction Nancy Jones, career counselor at the University Career Center, will lead the workshop, which meets from 9 to 11 a.m. Fridays.

• Navigating the Net — A workshop for those new to surfing the Internet and those wishing to see it more effectively. -- Dianne St. Clair, director of Computing Services, will teach the workshop, which meets from 9 to 11 a.m. Fridays.

• Taking Charge of Your Career — Learn important skills and strategies for managing your career. Instruction Nancy Jones, counselor at the University Career Center, will lead the workshop, which meets from 9 to 11 a.m. Fridays.

• Finance: Managing Your Personal and Professional Success — A workshop for managing your finances to achieve your educational, personal and professional goals. The latest information on scholarships, grants, loans, payment options and application forms will be shared. -- Mary Huntley, University College financial aid coordinator, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Oct. 19.

• Taking Charge of Your Music — A three-year phase-in timetable has been established to better allow for financial planning, because each fraternity's scale of room and board charges, these scaled are weekly as a "starter rate" after the three-year phase-in period, all fraternities will be on the same bed rate.
Notables

Fulbright grant takes Gautham Yadama to Nepal

Gautham Yadama, Ph.D., associate professor at the Graduate School of Social Work, will conduct research in Kathmandu, Nepal, during the 2000-2001 academic year through a grant from the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. He is one of 11 worldwide recipients of the Fulbright award.

Yadama, who has worked with urban residents working collaboratively within their neighborhoods and in conjunction with the state to build sustainable communities, is exploring how public policies affect children and families, especially children in low-income families.

"Our goal is to understand how public policies such as welfare reform affect children's futures," said Yadama. "I am particularly interested in the ways that longer children stay in neighborhoods, that the state and communities can collaborate at the local level to supply critical public goods."

"My research will include interview and community-based research in Nepal to understand how public policies influence high school completion rates or reading achievement." 

At the macro level, the network will gather quantitative and qualitative data on how much money federal, state and local governments spend on children in the United States? How is that money distributed across government programs? How often do it affect children's lives? How do public policies influence high school completion rates or reading achievement?

On assignment

Virginia Dowling Tailor, director of administration and planning for Washington University Libraries, has been appointed to a three-year term on the Literary Awards Committee of the American Library Association, an award for outstanding achievement in the presentation of the cultural, social and economic aspects of the Black Diaspora. The committee reviews and recommends publications by African-American authors throughout the year and selects award recipients in the following areas: Fiction Award, Nonfiction Award, First Novel Award Citation and the Outstanding Book Contribution to Publishing Citation. The appointment was made at the recent meeting of the American Library Association in Chicago.

Speaking of

John W. Hopkins III, Ph.D., professor emeritus of biology and inductee, died Thursday, July 20, at his home in Baltimore from injuries he suffered in an automobile accident. He was 67.

Hopkins was a professor of biology at Washington University for 33 years before retiring last year. Hopkins came to the University in 1966 as professor and chair of the department. He succeeded the renowned Victor Hamburger, Ph.D., the Edward Mallinckrodt Distinguished University Professor Emeritus of Biology.

"One of the joys of my life was working with very young children break up with this mutant parasite, the parasite to make LPG led to much less virulent. Restoring these findings have increased evidence for titanium carbide nanocrystals published in two scientific journals — the most recent discovery — published in the June 1997 issue of the "Nature" journal. We found that the longer children stay in neighborhoods, the state and communities can collaborate at the local level to supply critical public goods."

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As a result, local government resources are stretched thin, Yadama said. "Rapidly growing urban municipalities, such as Kathmandu, are falling short of providing adequate roads, water supply, electricity, sanitation, and garbage collection services," he said. "While the city is growing and inadequate, neighborhoods must actually support all the necessary public goods, or collaborate with local governments to jointly supply these public goods.

Yadama believes that the lesson learned in Nepal is relevant to revitalization of urban cores in neighboring countries in the United States that have been left untouched by the new economy. As community economic development and urban housing policies have become increasingly decentralized, developing ways of addressing these needs across all U.S. cities has become more critical, he said.

"Our primary research recipients are selected for outstanding propositions and leadership potential. The prestigious international academic exchange program is sponsored by the U.S. State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs to promote understanding between citizens of the United States and other nations."

Network gains grant to continue research on family, economy

The University has received a three-year, $5 million continuation grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation for the Network on the Family and the Economy. The research network is co-directed by Robert A. Pollak, Ph.D., the Herman B. Wells Distinguished Professor of Economics in Arts & Sciences and the John M. Olin Professor of Business. The network focuses on how public policies affect children and families, especially children in low-income families.

The network is supported by a grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, which supports research, conferences and the dissemination of research findings. In addition to Pollak and Warheit, the network's core team includes ten professors of economics at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, seven professors from the University of Oregon, two from Columbia University, Northwestem University, Princeton University, Syracuse University, the University of Michigan and the University of Pennsylvania.

"Our goal is to understand how public policies such as welfare reform affect children's futures," said Pollak. "By conducting research in selected states and within particular neighborhoods, the more likely they are to succeed as adult citizens, we will be able to better understand how public policies influence high school completion rates or reading achievement."

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Aneurysm experts work at cutting edge

Robert Thompson, M.D. (right), works on isolating enzymes involved in aortic aneurysms with Jason Lee (left), a surgical resident, and Charles W. Wylie Jr., M.D., instructor in surgery.

When he first began medical school at the University of Michigan, Thompson admits, he was "very relaxed." Thompson began his collegiate studies at Hope College in the small town of Holland, Mich. At Hope he majored in sculpture and medicine. But while most medical students grope for the more mention of the dreaded organic chemistry class, Thompson was inspired by it. The course also provided his first introduction to a scientific research.

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