University renames center in honor of Weidenbaum

By Robert Batterston

Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton has announced the appointment of a new director of the center for the Study of American Economic Policy at Washington University in St. Louis and a new name for the center.

Steven S. Smith, currently the distinguished McKnight University Professor of Political Science and law at the University of Minnesota, will assume the top administrative position at the University public policy center on June 1.

The University will honor the late Murray Weidenbaum with the renaming of the center, which originally was funded by a grant from the Olin foundation and continues to be entirely self-funded with donations from foundations, corporations and individuals.

In 1981 and 1982, Weidenbaum was President Ronald Reagan's first chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors. He helped formulate the economic policy of the Reagan Administration and was a key spokesman for the Administration on economic and financial issues.

He was also a faculty member at the University since 1964 and was chairman of the Economics Department from 1966 to 1969. He continues to serve as the Malcolm Ford Distinguished University Professor. The author of eight books, including six editions of "Business and Government in the Global Marketplace," Weidenbaum has written several hundred articles in publications ranging from the American Economic Review to the Wall Street Journal.

He received the National Order of Merit from France in recognition of his contributions to foreign policy. In 1999, Weidenbaum was elected chairman of the Congressional Trade Deficit Review Commission. Weidenbaum will continue his writing and research at the Center following his return from a one-year sabbatical.

"In naming the Center in honor of Professor Murray Weidenbaum, we pay tribute to his exceptional leadership and distinguished contributions as an economist, faculty member and public servant," said Chancellor Wrighton. "His contributions will be enduring, and naming the Center in his honor will be inspiring to future generations of people associated with Washington University faculty in Arts & Sciences, "At the University of Minnesota, I will join the Washington University faculty in January as the first Kate M. Gregg Professor of Social Sciences."

Sandor Spring, a senior engineering student, examines a stirling engine fan with Kenneth L. Jerin, D.S.C., Earl E. and Myrte E. Walker Professor of Engineering. The fan was built by students in Mechanical Engineering (ME) 304, Introduction to Manufacturing Processes.

Spring is a student in ME 143, the Machine Shop Practicum, taught by Patrick Harns, technical laboratory technician. The courses are meant to give students practical experience in building things using principles of engineering. Spring enrolled Jerin during Engineering Week, which ran from Nov. 13-18, and features a host of events and activities, including a pageant, gaming competitions, tours, demonstrations and a bell on Nov. 16.

Paulson installed as William Gardner Hammond Professor of Law

By Ann Nicholson

Stanley L. Paulson, J.D., Ph.D., professor of law and legal philosophy, was installed as the inaugural William Gardner Hammond Professor of Law on Nov. 20.

"This new chair provides a wonderful opportunity to recognize not only the outstanding contributions of a member of the law faculty, Stanley Paulson, but also to pay tribute to such an important person in the history of the law school, William Gardner Hammond," Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton said. "Dean Hammond's precedent-setting scholarly approach to legal education provides an appropriate basis for celebrating the achievements of Professor Paulson, who has earned extraordinary distinction in the field of legal philosophy."

"Stanley Paulson is truly one of the world's great figures in comparative jurisprudence and is widely recognized as the authority on the work of legal philosopher Hans Kelsen," said Joel Seligman, J.D., law school dean and the Ethan A.H. Shepley University Professor. "I can think of no one more deserving of this new named professorship, which along with the inauguration of our Institute for Global Legal Studies, is helping to celebrate the school's increasing commitment to international and comparative legal studies."

Paulson is an internationally recognized scholar in legal philosophy. His work has centered primarily on Hans Kelsen (1881-1973), considered by many to be the 20th century's leading legal philosopher. In addition to extensive work on Kelsen's legal philosophy, Paulson's research has focused on Kelsen's role as framers of the Austrian Constitution of 1930 and architect of constitutional review in Europe.

Paulson has frequently taught and conducted research in Europe. Among his many posts, he has been a Fulbright lecturer at the University of Venice and later at the University of Goettingen, and an Alexander von Humboldt Fellow.

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Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton, right, and Joel Seligman, J.D., law school dean and the Ethan A.H. Shepley University Professor, left, congratulates Stanley L. Paulson, J.D., Ph.D., professor of law and of philosophy, on his installation as the inaugural William Gardner Hammond Professor of Law.
United Way drive exceeds goal

**By Neil Schoenberger**

Thanks to the generosity of the University community, the community has not only met its 2000 United Way giving goal, it has far exceeded it.

The goal this year was $425,000. As of Nov. 28, the University faculty and staff raised more than $450,000 for the United Way of Greater St. Louis.

The myriad of fundraising activities included a carnival, barbecues, hotdog and raffle. One employee even donated $25,000 personal airline flight miles to be auctioned.

"We are extremely grateful to everyone who volunteered this year's United Way campaign and helped to surpass our goal," said Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton. "I have come to know and appreciate the wide range of services the United Way provides in the St. Louis community. I am proud to see that Washington University contributes to a strong supporter of such a worthy cause."

More than 160 local health and human services organizations in Illinois and Missouri benefit from contributions to the United Way of Greater St. Louis. In fact, one in three people in the St. Louis area has been helped by United Way funded agencies through job training, family-counseling, daycare services, the YMCAs, the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association and other programs.

"One of the keys to this campaign is that more than 90 percent of every dollar donated goes directly to United Way supported organizations," said Ann Pretti, executive director of human resources and executive chair for the 2000 United Way campaign. "The administrative costs are extremely low."

Pretti said the hard work of the campaign co-chairs and volunteers did not go unnoticed. "We truly appreciate everyone who helped to make this year's campaign a great success. People worked diligently and creatively to bring awareness to the United Way and we are very grateful for their time and energy."

All the contributions and pledges made during the 2000 United Way campaign will go directly to United Way (at 314) 725-9392 (in St. Louis, Mo.) or (314) 286-0111 (outside St. Louis, Mo.) on Jan. 1, 2001. "If you are still planning on contributing, please do so," said Pretti. "We continue to receive all pledge cards.

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**Filmaker Burns to present a screening**

**By Barbara Rea**

A acclaimed filmaker Ken Burns will show a screening of his new documentary on the history of jazz on Thursday, Dec. 7 at Washington University. The screening will be accompanied by remarks by Burns and Gerald L. Early, Merle Kling Professor of English and African and Afro-American studies in Arts & Sciences, who is interviewed in the film. The event, which will be held in Graham Chapel at 7 p.m., is free and open to the public; doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

"This is not just a documentary and co-produced by Burns. The-10-part series ultimately the history of jazz from its inception, from the turn of the 20th century in New Orleans and it black jazz and R&B and red, to the present, as an an international audience."

"No music tells the story of a diverse America better than jazz," said Early. "Its roots are African American but everyone from Jews to cowboys, from the elderly, from the radios and the religiously observant, have played an important role in its development. It is a music that has become America's great art music, and it has now become America's great art music."
The main honorees and their awards were: (front row, from left) Rosa Maria Davila, M.D., Class of 2002 Professor of the Year; Jane Phillips-Conroy, Ph.D., Class of 2003 Professor of the Year; Karen Dikranian, M.D., Ph.D., Class of 2003 Stanley J. Lang Lecturer of the Year Award; Jason Kaufman, Class of 2003 Teaching Assistant of the Year; (back row, from left) Erika C. Crouch, M.D., Ph.D., Class of 2002 Coursermaster of the Year; Madeline Kraus, M.D., Class of 2002 Lecturer of the Year; and Robert S. Wilkinson, Ph.D., Class of 2003 Coursermaster of the Year.

**Teachers recognize outstanding professors at ceremony**

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The Class of 2002 awarded Rosa Maria Davila, M.D., associate professor of pathology, for her exceptional explanations and for organizing extra review sessions for students before exams. Kaufman said he often patterns his life after his favorite teachers. Those who have left the greatest impression on him were extremely passionate about their subject and teaching. "But the subject matter can be secondary to that enthusiasm," he said. "My favorite teachers must often be the ones that surprise me with how excited they are about their subject."

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Washington University Dance Theatre takes stage at Edison

By Lisa Ottew

Washington University Dance Theatre, Dec. 8-10, will present a new production of repertory choreography combined century modern and ballet.

"Fast Forward/Looking Back," a reimagining of the classic, will feature almost 40 student dancers (selected by audition) performing a total of six dances. These include re-stagings of renowned works by Paul Taylor (b. 1930) and Antony Tudor (1908-1987) in as well as new works by faculty choreographers, all of whom are premiere. Scott Cowell, Ph.D., director of the Dance Program, explains that the title "reflects our continuing emphasis on contemporary choreography combined with our recent practice of re- staging recognized classics of 20th-century modern and ballet choreography."

Tudor’s landmark ballet "Little Improvisations," which follows two children as they awaken and begin to play on a rainy day, has been re-staged for the concert by Carl Corry, former assistant ballet manager for New York’s Joffrey Ballet and a visiting artist with the PAD for this year. The re- staging was made possible by Sally Biss, executive director of Dance St. Louis, who also serves as the executor of the Antony Tudor Ballet Trust.

Taylor’s hilarious "3 Epitaphs," which originally premiered in 1956 and was later restaged by Rauschenberg, is recreated for WUDT by Edith Cowley, long-time member of the Paul Taylor Dance Company and also a visiting artist with the PAD for this fall. Both the Corry and Tudor residencies were made possible by the university’s Worseck Dance Fund. Set to traditional American folk music, this modern classic will recreate Rauschenberg’s off-kilter costumes and explore the movement of five creatures who may or may not be human.

Also on the program are: "Departures" by Cowell enlists 10 dancers in this exploration of the mixed emotions gained by the act of departure. Set to the music of John Corigliano and Tetsuro Naito, the piece examines the reluctance to leave the security of the familiar, the tension between the new and the one’s attachment to the old and the eager, rigorous embracing of new opportunity. Cowell, former choreographer for the Koby Ballet Repertory Company in Tokyo, has choreographed more than 50 dances presented in New York, Hawaii, Tokyo and St. Louis, among others.

"Tuxedo Junction" Cecily Slaughter, artist-in-residence, debuts this rollicking new work for 20 dancers, which charts the arrival in a small, gossipy town. Set to the music of Nylons and Kenly Smith. Slaughter, a longtime member of Dayton Contemporary Dance, has performed in principal roles by such major choreographers as Alvin Ailey, Donald McKayle. Duppies Davis and Talley Beatty, among others.

"Rundown" Christine Knoblauch, "Sculptor's "Old Troubadour" and creative director of the Ballet Program, enlists 11 dancers in this examination of minimalist composer Philip Glass' "Company." O'Neal, a former member of the National Ballet and the Cincinnati Ballet, is the "King of the Pointe." Performed in Kristen "A Chorus Line," among other roles. Her many awards have included a bronze medal from the International Ballet Competition in Varna, Bulgaria.

This improvisational work by David W. Marchant, senior artist-in-residence, will be featured as part of "Washington University Dance Theatre" Dec. 8-10. The show features student dancers performing professionally choreographed works.
Tuesday, Dec. 12
8 p.m. DCU Center concert. Eric Anthony, dir. Graham Chapel. 935-9481.

Worship

On Stage

Friday, Dec. 8
8 p.m. WDQ Dance Theatre. (Also Dec. 9, noon.) Center, 935-9481. $12, $10, WU faculty, staff and students.

Sports

Friday, Dec. 1

Saturday, Dec. 2
6 p.m. Men's Basketball. Catholic Student Center. 6352 Forsyth Blvd. 935-9191.

Friday, Dec. 8
6 p.m. Women's Basketball vs. John Hopkins U. Athletic Complex. 935-5220.

Saturday, Dec. 9
8 p.m. Men's Basketball Lopata Classic. vs. St. Scholastica. Athletic Complex. 935-9520.

Talking shop

Adressa Franz, who won a Tony Award for her portrayal of Linda Loman in the Broadway revival of Arthur Miller's "Death of a Salesman," discussed her work, professional experiences and philosophy of acting with students from the Performing Arts Department in Arts & Sciences last week. Franz was in St. Louis as part of the show's current national tour.

Worship

Friday, Dec. 1
11:15 a.m. Feast of the Immaculate Catholic Mass.

Saturday, Dec. 2
11:15 a.m. Interfaith prayer for peace. Sponsorship by the Catholic. Student Center. Graham Chapel. 935-9191.

5 p.m. Dinner dinner. Catholic Student Center. 6352 Forsyth Blvd. 935-9520.

And more...

7 p.m. Continuing Medical Education seminar. "Fingers to Toes." Comprehensive care for your patients. Cost: $110. copies of the music book are $45.

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Sports Section

The streak continues

The women's basketball team stretched its win streak to 72 games with a pair of wins at the start of the conference schedule. The Bears opened the second stanza on a 16-6 run to put the Blue Jays trimmed the lead against University, Nov. 19, and WU came back to take on... 9 a.m. Continuing Medical Education seminar. "Ten Years" as both a celebration of the choir's first decade and as tribute to the university's longstanding vocal tradition. He also pointed out the several works on the disc were written especially for the choir... a setting of the Lord's Prayer in Church Slavonic. Copies of "Ten Years" will be available for purchase and the concert will include several works featured on the album, among them: "When David heard," by Thomas Weelkes, and the 17th century hymn "Hancapacuch ciussiciam," by Juan Peir García. For more information, call (314) 935-5541. The 60-plus members of the Chamber Choir are drawn from across the university community, including undergraduates, graduate students and faculty from both the Hilltop and medical campuses. The choir has performed in Chicago, Dallas, Kansas City and other Midwestern cities; earlier this fall they also were called to sang the "Star Spangled Banner" before an audience of 60,000 at a Rams football game.

Music department schedules holiday concerts

Paulson

Law school names Hammond Professor
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at the Free University of Berlin and also at Muenster and Goettingen universities. He was a research fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Foreign Public Law and Public International Law in Heidelberg. He has served as Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft Guest Professor in Muenster and Goettingen. He teaches a short course at the Federal Academy of Public Administration in Vienna each year, and he serves as international correspondent of the Hans Kelsen Institute, Vienna, appointed by the Austrian federal chancellor.

Paulson earned a bachelor’s degree in 1966 at the University of Minnesota; a master’s degree in 1966 and a doctorate in 1968, both from the University of Wisconsin at Madison; and a juris doctorate in 1972 from Harvard University. Writing in English and German, he has published nearly 100 papers to date. He often works with his wife, Bonnie, whom he calls “my great sparring partner and research consultant.” The Paulsons’ second book, “Normativity and Norms. Critical Perspectives on Kelsenian Themes,” contains papers from 27 authors representing 12 countries. His current work-in-progress is a treatise on Kelsen’s theory from a juridico-philosophical perspective.

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Notables

Speaking of

Ronald S. Indeck, Ph.D., professor of electrical engineering, and Joseph A. O'Sullivan, Ph.D., professor of electrical engineering, attended the Fifth Perpen- dicular Magnetic Recording Conference 2000, held October 23-26, in Sendai, Japan. At one of the conference's invited sessions, they delivered a paper they co-wrote, "Signals, noise and perpendicular recording system performance." Engineering graduate students Andrew Gallian and Adam A. Wulczyn from the paper's other co-authors, XXX.

Kenneth W. Chilton, Ph.D., chancellor and president at the Center for the Study of American Business, recently spoke at a conference on "Green Politics" at St. Vincent College, Latrobe, Pa. His remarks were titled, "The Bankruptcy of a New Eco-Nomics." And were an analysis of Vice President Gore's economic proposals compared to those of Perot in the Balanced Budgets

Merrifield, the Horten and Tobias Lewin Distinguished University Professor Emeritus in the Humanities, represented the International Association for Philosophy of Science and Social Philosophy at the Third Asian Symposium on Narratives in Naming, China. He then lectured at the University of Tokyo and the Chonjyu National University in Korea and at Andaz University. Nagoya and Sejo University, Tokyo in Japan.

Of note

Christopher I. Byrnes, Ph.D., president of the Olin College of Engineering and the Olin Engineering School dean, will be funded by the Air Force Office of Scientific Research for his study of nonlinear control systems. The grant amount is $480,000 for three years.

Troy-Jong Tarn, Ph.D., professor of systems science and mathematics, has received a second lifetime achievement award from AutoSoft—International Journal on Intelligent Automation and Soft Computing. In recognition of his pioneering and outstanding contributions to the fields of robotics and automation. Tarn received his award at the Fourth Biennial World Automation Congress, held June 11-13 in Maui, Hawaii. Jonathan S. Turner, Ph.D., the Henry Edwin Sever Professor of Engineer- ing and professor of com- puter science, has been named a fellow of the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM). The world’s first educational and scientific computing society, ACM has more than 80,000 professional and student members worldwide...

Jeffrey M. Gidday, Ph.D., associate professor of neurosurgery, has received a $900,000 award from the Heart, Lung and Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health for a research project titled, "Epidural Hypoxia and Acute Cerebrovascular Inflammation." The study will investigate mediators and modulators of inflammation in the cerebral circulation in perinatal animals subjected to intermittent hypoxia as a model for the spectrum of prematurity and respiratory distress syndrome...

Student Life, the student newspaper of Washington University, recently was named a 2000 National Newspaper Publisher Finalist by the Associated Collegiate Press (ACP) and the Newspaper Association of America Foundation. The 40 Newspaper Finalist finalists were honored at an awards ceremony during the ACP's College Media National Association College Media Convention held earlier this month in Washington D.C.

Mark D. Levin, M.D., clinical instructor in emer- gency medicine at Washington University School of Medicine, has been selected for the position of medical director for the St. Louis Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services. He was also asked to be part of the medical response team and motorcade for Vice President Al Gore at the third presidential debate held at the University... Ronald D. DeMatto, instructor in neurology, has been selected to receive the 2000 Poletsky Award of $1,000. DeMatto is a postdoctoral fellow in the lab of David M. Holtzman, M.D., associate professor of neurology. DeMatto is known for his work in lipidoprotein biology and has made a number of important discoveries on how these chemicals function in the Alzheimer’s disease process. The Poletsky Award recognizes outstanding students pursuing careers in dementia care and/or research...

James M. Watson, doctoral candidate in experimental psychology, Amanda J. Myers, doctoral candidate in neuro- logical science and Tiffany F. Perkins, graduate student in occupational therapy received the Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center Director’s Awards of $500 to support their educational pursuits in Alzheimer’s disease/aging research...

Late Keopnick, associate professor of German in Arts & Sciences, recently received the Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Prize for studies in Germanic languages and literatures for his book "Walter Benjamin and the Aesthetics of Power." The prize, awarded by the Modern Language Association of America, consists of $1,000 and a certificate and is given annually...

Dennis W. Choi, the Andrew B. and Gretchen B. Jones professor of neurology and head of the department of neurology in the school of medicine recently received the Santiago Grisolia Chair from the Fundación Museu de les Ciències Prínceps Feliu in Valencia, Spain. As part of the award, Choi gave five lectures on the subject of neuro-

Legal eagles

Missouri Supreme Court Judge Stephen N. Limbaugh, far left, discusses strategies with the winning teams in the Wiley Rutledge Moot Court Competition at the School of Law. Of note: are second-place winners Ivan Poullaos and Adam VanGrack, both second-year students; and first-place winner Teresa Young a third-year student. Young's teammate, Russell Riggin, also a third-year student, is not pictured. The two teams, who argued before a panel of Missouri Supreme Court judges in last month's finals, will compete nationally in March...

Bills

Burns

Filmmaker to offer screening of "JAZZ"—from page 2

Alone: The Story of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony" (1999).

"Baseball," broadcast in 1994, was the most-watched series in PBS history; "The Civil War," which aired in 1990, won more than 40 awards, including two Emmys and two Grammy's. They introduced millions of viewers to the language...

Merrifield to serve as director of community relations

Leah Merrifield has been named director of community relations for Washington University's University Neighbors' Council. Pamela S. Lokken, director of governmental and community relations, will serve as the University's primary liaison to local associations and neighborhood organizations, be a resource for the University's neighbors and coordinate the activities of the Washington University Neighbors' Council.

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Burns' unique documentary film style, which incorporates still-in-motion film techniques with a heavy reliance on the first-person narrative, telling stories from the viewpoint of the average person. For his contributions, Burns was the first filmmaker to be inducted into the Society of American Historians. "JAZZ," a General Motors Mark of Excellence Presentation that will air on KETC-TV beginning Jan. 8, 2001. Visit the website www.pbsjazz.org, for more information about the film. For information regarding the University event, call 933-5285.
Performing a balancing act

Cheri Boeglin Casanova continues to keep the psychology department running smoothly

BY ELLEN HARRIS

met on a Monday, and by Friday, Sandel said, “Okay, I’ve thought about it. Can you start today?” Her first morning on the job, Oct. 12, 1982, Sandel showed her his two offices flanking hers. Both were piled to the ceiling with stacks of journals, papers and unopened mail. “See what this can do with this,” the chairman told the 21-year-old. “Clean the place up. I’ll be gone for two weeks.”

“That’s how I got my start,” says Casanova, now 59, with a wide open smile. “A co-worker helped me. I just stayed.” And stayed. Roediger is the fourth chairman she has worked with. “Why would I want a new job, when every new chairman is like starting a new job?” she says.

As Roediger walked through the door in 1991, Casanova, a 45-year-old mother who had been struggling with her career, decided to pursue a second bachelor’s degree and received her medical assistant degrees. Casanova later followed her boyfriend to St. Louis, where they studied and received their medical assistant degrees.

Today she is juggling a tenure search, a child arrived six weeks early. “That’s how I got my start,” Casanova says without any self-consciousness.

Since Casanova started, when she arrived, Casanova was 35, and received their medical assistant degrees. Casanova later followed her boyfriend to St. Louis, where they studied and received their medical assistant degrees.

They’ve flown by. I have this job here, I can’t believe it’s 18 years. I’m either at work or with my kids,” Casanova continues.

They were married at the Whitmore House and they traveled extensively before having a family. He is now the controller and vice president at The Daniel & Henry Co., corporate insurers.

“Cheri keeps track of it all without ever losing her poise. She creates an atmosphere that’s friendly, professional and task oriented. She is a gem!”

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been very helpful in making a big and important department work smoothly. She is terrifically competent and does a great job of balancing the many aspects of her job, while at the same time remaining cheerful and helpful. I’m especially grateful for her efforts in recruiting our current psychology department chair, Roddy Roediger.”

Casanova turns pink at the compliments. “Whenever someone asks how long I’ve been here, I can’t believe it’s 18 years. They’ve flown by. I have this job under my belt. I can manage it and raise my two children.”

She grew up in small-town Jasper, Ind. Her father, Albert Boeglin, was a car salesman and her mother, was the only daughter sandwiched between her older brothers, Brett and Bart. “Right now this is what I want to do and where I want to be,” she says as she opens the red oak door.

ask, “Are your children adopted? They look like Bob, whose parents emigrated from Bolivia to St. Louis. Adam is six and his sister Emma Ann — named for both grandmothers — is four. “One of the perks here is being able to take a walk alone through the beautiful campus.”

On cue, the fire alarm blares in the Psychology Building. Casanova calls the campus police, picks up her keys and we march outside. “I love this campus,” she continues. “No matter how stressful it is in here, I can always step outside into a pastoral setting.”

Working in the department of psychiatry itself is a perk, she notes. “If I have a problem, with the children, for example, I can go to the various experts on our faculty.” When Adam began shattering at age three, Casanova asked Mitchell Sommers and Desiree White, professors of psychology in Arts & Sciences for advice. They recommended a speech pathologist “who has done wonders for Adam,” says her mother.

The fire alarm is over, students and faculty are milling back into the Psychology Building. Casanova walks back briskly. “Right now this is what I want to do and where I want to be,” she says as she opens the red oak door.