Admissions

University’s front door

BY JESSICA N. ROBERTS

obody watches their mailbox as closely as a high school senior during April. Double that excitement and you'll come to the University's Office of Undergraduate Admissions' enthusiasm for the entire college-selection process.

Working on a cyclical schedule, the admissions office spends each part of the year focused on attracting superior, well-rounded students to the University.

In the fall, a group of admissions officers spread across the country, visiting high schools and college fairs while meeting with admissions personnel. This year, they met with two classes of students and working with college counselors.

The winter is spent reading an ever-increasing number of applications. This year, the office received a University-record of nearly 21,000 applications for undergraduate admission.

Spring is the busy but rewarding part of the office. April Welcome, a monthlong series of events giving high school seniors who have been admitted to the University more of a feel for what the campus and community offers, brings admissions officers in close contact with students.

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Final decisions

Michael Rosenberg, member of the Student Admissions Committee, gives a campus tour to a group of prospective students as part of April Welcome, a monthlong opportunity for admitted students to experience the University community and the St. Louis area. Visitors to campus participated in a packed schedule of events, including athletic and cultural events, special workshops, presentations and class visits. One of the main events during April Welcome was Multicultural Celebration April 20-22, which attracted more than 400 prospective students.

Washington People: Joseph W. St. Geme III, M.D., excels in his numerous roles

By TONY FITZPATRICK and BENEDICT WATSON

For their outstanding academic accomplishments, Raymond E. Arvidson, Ph.D., and Robert H. Waterston, M.D., Ph.D., have been named who have been admitted to the school of Medicine and Sciences, has been awarded the Arthur Holly Compton Faculty Achievement Award. Waterston, the James S. McDonnell Professor and chair of the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, has been named the James S. McDonnell Professor and chair of the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, has been named the Carl Planetary Sciences in Arts & Sciences, and Robert H. Waterston, Ph.D., of the School of Medicine are recipients of faculty achievement awards for 2001.

These faculty achievement awards are a wonderful opportunity to annually recognize two outstanding members among the University’s numerous scholars and professors," Wrightson said. "This year's recipients are truly exemplary. Their research and scholarship, recognized prominence in their fields, and dedication and service to the University community constitute the basis for the important recognition they have received.

Arvidson and Waterston will receive $5,000 honorariums and framed citations at a formal ceremony at the medical campus Sept. 19.

Arvidson and his research group manage NASA's Planetary Data System Geosciences Node, a facility available to planetary scientists worldwide, containing images and planetary data from missions to Mars, the moon and Venus. A 50-year veteran of NASA missions and programs, he is an interdisciplinary scientist for NASA's Mars Surveyor Program Mission as well as the principal investigator with the Athena science team for the 2003 and 2005 rover missions.

Arvidson is a widely acclaimed leader in the field of space sciences and an innovative, devoted teacher of young people.

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Seismologists map active region’s mantle flow pattern

By TONY FITZPATRICK

University seismologists and colleagues at Brown University and Scripps Institute of Oceanography have mapped the flow pattern of the earth's mantle in one of the most methodically active parts of the world. Using a unique array of sea-floor seismometers deployed in 1994, Gideon Smith, Ph.D., senior research scientist of earth and planetary sciences in Arts & Sciences, and Douglas Wiens, Ph.D., professor of earth and planetary sciences in Arts & Sciences, have mapped out how the mantle flow pattern varies near the Tonga subduction zone in the south Pacific Ocean, where a plate on Earth's surface descends into the mantle.

The results of this study help scientists understand the path followed by material that is erupted from volcanoes. The material erupting at volcanoes near the Tonga and Fiji islands has flowed many hundreds of miles, originating deep in the earth near the Samoan islands to the north.

The research, supported by the National Science Foundation, is published in today's issue of Science.

Smith examined seismic velocimetry, a phenomenon where the velocity of a seismic wave depends on its direction.

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By NEIL SCHROEDER

Ben Smilowitz, sophomore political science major in Arts & Sciences, has been instrumental in helping draft and lobby for the Younger Americans Act (YAA), a bill currently in committee before the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives.

The bill will create a national youth policy based on the fact that young people are critical resources for community building. If passed, YAA would allocate $5 billion over four years to community-based organizations to engage young people in community and decision-making at all levels, from local and federal level. Through the act, community boards would be established across the country — one-third of the boards would be youth oriented. To determine where YAA money goes, also, an Office of National Youth Policy would be established at the White House.

Smilowitz, who has been interested in community service and public policy since an early age, hopes his degree from the University will lead him to law school and eventually to Congress. But for now, he's content to be involved with the board of trustees of the National 4-H Council, the St. Louis Hillel at Washington University and the Student Union Senate, and College Democrats during election season.

He also worked in Washington, D.C., met several influential politicians, started his own national organization to fight for students' rights and representation, he's writing a book, and he's working to get groundbreaking bills passed by the highest lawmaking bodies in our country. All in a day's work for the Hartford, Conn., native.

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new course melds social work, law disciplines

By Ann Nicholson

A new interdisciplinary seminar pooling the talents of School of Law and George Warren Brown School of Social Work students is enabling students to negotiate the law school's Civil Justice this semester. Jane Aiken, J.D., being offered for the first time of law and social work, which is offered for the first time this semester, Jane Aiken, J.D., professor of law and director of the law school's Civil Justice Clinic, and Melissa Jonson-Reid, Ph.D., assistant professor of social work, are team-teaching the course.

"The seminar examines the differences and similarities in both fields' professional jargon, ethics, values, means of engaging and serving clients, and professional regulation," Aiken said.

"Using simulations and community-based projects, the course enables students to negotiate through the strengths, weaknesses and conflicts inherent in combining the two careers. It also emphasizes how such issues affect practice with diverse and oppressed populations."

"While the class is aimed at students in the dual J.D., or MSW students who are interested in the increasing interaction between the two practices. Founded in 1972, the dual J.D.-MSW program is the oldest of 22 nationwide. While the program has long drawn upon course work from both schools, this is the first time a seminar specifically has focused on the interdisciplinary relationships between the two fields.

Third-year law student Alicia Walter, who worked as a law clerk for a large law firm while in law school, plans to work in both fields. She said the seminar helps students understand the law and social work students navigate through a different mind-set.

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Based on her experiences, dual degree student Brendan Colegal will publish her views on the combined practice of law and social work in an upcoming edition of the law school's Journal of Law and Policy. She wrote that while social work skills such as empathetic listening, crisis intervention, evaluation, and referral are critical to the mix, "social workers' clients must often overcome a number of barriers, including legal ones. For that reason, it is critical that social workers have some understanding of the law in order to understand and explain their clients' legal rights."

Jonson-Reid noted that the seminar draws on the models of clinical work at the law school and practicum experience at the social work school while "challenging students to learn in law school. This class has taught me things to all clients, but for students to gain a better sense of "where my professional ability and skills stop, and where my skills combined with the assistance of other experts would best serve my clients.""

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The seminar allows students to directly experience what they have learned through teams of students providing free, multidisciplinary expertise to community groups, including the Parental Care and Social Workers Organization, Special School District, Older Women's League, Legal Services of Eastern Missouri's Children's Alliance and Parental Relocation Statute Advocacy Coalition, added.

The students have been helping both groups by assisting the immediate needs of individuals and clients with advocating for larger policy or legislative changes to ameliorate systemic policies. For example, in addressing community issues, law students to gain a better sense of "where my professional ability and skills stop, and where my skills combined with the assistance of other experts would best serve my clients.""

The annual Thurtene Carnival, Saturday and Sunday in the North Brookings parking lot, was a huge success. More than 100,000 people attended the two-day event, helping the Thurtene Honorary raise money for this year's charity, Make A Difference Center. This year's fair featured nine themed facades designed and constructed by students, which housed student-performed plays. Above, senior Kristina Chistoni, who won her fellow "townspeople" in the Sigma Phi Epsilon/Alpha Phi production of "A Streetcar Named Desire," won her fellow "townspeople" in the Sigma Phi Epsilon/Alpha Phi production of "A Streetcar Named Desire," won her fellow "townspeople" in the Sigma Phi Epsilon/Alpha Phi production of "A Streetcar Named Desire," won her fellow "townspeople" in the Sigma Phi Epsilon/Alpha Phi production of "A Streetcar Named Desire," won her fellow "townspeople" in the Sigma Phi Epsilon/Alpha Phi production of "A Streetcar Named Desire," won her fellow "townspeople" in the Sigma Phi Epsilon/Alpha Phi production of "A Streetcar Named Desire," won her fellow "townspeople" in the Sigma Phi Epsilon/Alpha Phi production of "A Streetcar Named Desire," won her fellow "townspeople" in the Sigma Phi Epsilon/Alpha Phi production of "A Streetcar Named Desire," won her fellow "townspeople" in the Sigma Phi Epsilon/Alpha Phi production of "A Streetcar Named Desire," won her fellow "townspeople" in the Sigma Phi Epsilon/Alpha Phi production of "A Streetcar Named Desire," won her fellow "townspeople" in the Sigma Phi Epsilon/Alpha Phi production of "A Streetcar Named Desire," won her fellow "townspeople" in the Sigma Phi Epsilon/Alpha Phi production of "A Streetcar Named Desire," won her fellow "townspeople" in the Sigma Phi Epsilon/Alpha Phi production of "A Streetcar Named Desire," won her fellow "townspeople" in the Sigma Phi Epsilon/Alpha Phi production of "A Streetcar Named Desire," won her fellow "townspeople" in the Sigma Phi Epsilon/Alpha Phi production of "A Streetcar Named Desire," won her fellow "townspeople" in the Sigma Phi Epsilon/Alpha Phi produc
Pediatrics department receives special research designation

By Anne Exrieuf Shepherd

The Department of Pediatrics once again has been named a Child Health Research Center (CHRC) in Developmental Biology, an honor bestowed on only four institutions nationwide in the last two years.

The center, funded by a $2.1 million grant from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, will support the principal investigator and six clinician-researchers. The Department of Pediatrics was first designated a National Institute of Health center of excellence in 1996.

"Ultimately, this center is designed to create a new generation of pediatric physician-scientists," said Jonathan D. Gillin, MD, the Harriet B. Spoehrer Professor and chief of the Department of Pediatrics, chief of the Children's Hospital Research Center, and light refreshments will be served from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Faculty Council.

The talk is sponsored by the Executive Committee of the Pediatric Chair, and light refreshments will be provided.

"That support has been terrific!" said Bradley L. Schlaggen, M.D., Ph.D., professor in the Department of Pediatrics, and principal investigator of the center's program director. "This support will nurture their careers until they become independently funded scientists."

"This support has been critical in attracting the best and brightest young people to the field of pediatrics. Before they can apply for federal funding, children's brains to those of adults, using a technique called functional magnetic resonance imaging. Such a comparison would provide important information about how brain activity develops as a child matures."

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The Fashion Design Program at Saint Louis Galleria will present its 72nd Annual Fashion Show at the Saint Louis Galleria this May. The fully choreographed, Paris-inspired runway features some 50 models wearing more than 100 outfits created by the program's seven seniors and 11 juniors.

The show is titled "Reflections," kicks off with a reception at 7:30 p.m., in the Galleria's Garden Court, located near the entrance at Lord & Taylor. The main event gets underway at 8 p.m., and is followed by a dessert reception for designers and audience.

Ticket prices, $45 for University students and employees. Tickets with special seating (and recognition in the program) range from $150-$350, with all monies over $45 going to support the Fashion Design Program.

"Fashion is musical and magical any time, always 20-20, but only when you reflect on it," said Leigh Singleton, head of fashion design, explaining this year's theme. "It's only a decade or so, it's always the fashion's past, students have been able to discover something about the historic and emotional significance of shape and color and texture, which are really the focus of fashion."

The fashion show is chaired by fashion design instructor Susan Straight, along with members of the community.

Highlights of the show include "the memory" signature collections, in which each student creates a fully realized line of clothing, and, in the grand finale, a wedding dress, selected by competition. Outstanding student designers are recognized with a variety of scholarships, cash prizes and recognition. Last year more than 700 people attended the event, which raised more than $25,000.

"Reflections" marks the seventh year of collaboration between the University and the Galleria. Singleton said, "It's been a great opportunity to invite the models' makeup will be done

Students' clothing designs such as this dress will be modeled May 6 at the 72nd Annual Fashion Show at Saint Louis Galleria.

"The biggest transition for young designers is from 'it's about me' to 'it's about them,'" Singleton said. "We want students to be able to find the eyes and ears of the customer, and the professionals can help them learn to do that."

"Ultimately, we're preparing students for the real world. Not just more college."

Tickets are available at the Edison Theatre Box Office (935-6543), at the Galleria Concierge Center and through MetroTix (541-1111). A limited number of tickets will be available at the door. For more information, call 935-9767.
April 20
12:38 p.m. — An Office of Housing and Residential Life employee reported that a four-foot-high, adjustable stainless steel chair was stolen from the east end of Ulin's Cafe. The theft occurred between 12 a.m. - 2 p.m. April 19. Total loss is valued $650.

5:47 p.m. — An unknown person punched in the face by an unknown assailant near a 1997 Jeep parked on Lot 3 and took a Sony combo CD player from the dashboard. Total loss is valued $450.

April 21
4:14 p.m. — While on patrol, a radio broadcast announced that the University City Police Department was looking for a suspicious male in the area of Big Bend Boulevard and Forest Park Parkway. He matched the description of the suspicious person reported missing from Millbroke No. 2. A check revealed active warrants and a search warrant for a concealed weapon. The suspect also had prior trespassing warrants and was arrested and booked on the above charges.

April 22
12:30 a.m. — A student was punched in the face by an unknown white male for mocking an award that Theta Xi Betaon received. The incident will be referred to the Greek Coordinator.

7:53 a.m. — The senior project manager for McCarthy construction stated that between 5 p.m. April 20 and 3 p.m. April 21 unknown persons obtained entrance to building No. 4 located in the Small Armory Area. Construction site and spray painted the concrete floor and a box used to hold tools. The persons also took a microwave that was sitting on a table in the room. Total loss is valued at $100.

9:36 a.m. — A student reported that he parked his 1994 Sebring Cherokee at Lot 35 at 8:30 p.m. When he returned at 10 a.m. May 1, an unknown person had taken his laptop computer from his car. Total loss is valued at $2,730.

Additionally, the University Police Department responded to four reports of theft, two reports of vandalism, two reports of automobile accidents, one report of impeding traffic, one false alarm and one drug offense.

Women win UAA track title; men 4th
The women's track team captured its fifth University Athletic Association championship — its third in the last four years — Saturday and Sunday at the UAA Championships held at University City. The men fared well too, taking third place. The women took first in 11 of 20 events and grabbed the title by 46 points over its closest competitor, Wittenberg. The Bears also took two of three relays, nabbing the most outstanding performance of the weekend. The Bears went to senior Zari Ramasy, and the coaching staff of the year, as head coach Robert Higdon and assistants Ken McElhinney, David Cerver and Cloudia Sigand took home that honor. Ramasy won the 100- and 400-meter hurdles, with her 1:04.59 in the 400 good enough for a provisional qualification into the NCAA championship meet. Another woman of the meet wasn't the third-place finisher in the 200-meter dash. Useless McElhinney set a conference record in the 400-meter relay and turn in a 1:06.60 relay.

And more...

April 24, Thursday
7:20 a.m. Continuing Medical Education conference, "Current Challenges in Primary Care Physician," Dr. E. Phillips. Sponsored by the School of Medicine. To register, call 362-6997.

7:30 a.m. Continuing Medical Education conference, "Update in the Ophthalmia and Management of the Normal Eye," Dr. H. Zinn.

7:40 a.m. Continuing Medical Education conference, "Rheumatoid Arthritis: Is There a Cure?" Dr. R. Brown.


1:30 p.m. American Heart Walk. Sponsored by Washington University Distinguished Alumni. To register, call 362-6997.

1:30 p.m. St. Louis rvshow. Sponsored by the St. Louis County Fair. To register, call 362-6997.

2:00 p.m. NTU Menses tournament. Sponsored by West Campus Conference Center. To register, call 362-6997.

5:00 p.m. St. Louis Cardinals vs. St. Louis Cardinals. For tickets, call 362-6997.

Tuesday, May 1
4:00 p.m. First-year orientation, "Wigner," with Dr. Gary Eichler. English major, Dr. J. M. Brown.

Friday, May 4
11 a.m. Women's softball. Sponsored by West Campus Conference Center. To register, call 362-6997.

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Wish for Success

Wishing you success in your endeavors,
Mark Z. Wu

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Sports

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Saturday, May 5
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Worship

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11:15 a.m. Catholic Mass. Catholic Student Center, 6525 Forsyth Blvd. 362-9519.

1:30 p.m. Student Sacrament of Reconciliation. Sponsor: St. Louis Catholic Student Center. To register, call 362-9519.

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Campus Watch

The following incidents were reported to University Police April 19-24. Readers with information that could assist in investigating these incidents are urged to call 362-9595. This information is provided as a public service to promote safety awareness and is available on the University Police Web site at www.wustl.edu/-wupd.

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Community contribution: Joel Fones (left) and Scott Adams, first-year graduate students in the School of Architecture, are working with the Design Collaboration Team for Bi-State Development Agency's Crosstown Metrolink Expansion to fabricate models and other visual support materials for eight new Metrolink stations. The models serve as a resource for the design team and are also used in public meetings concerning the proposed route between Forest Park and Shrewsbury. Adams and Fones were offered the job on the strength of a speculative Metrolink station they designed for a graduate-studio led by Jacqueline Tatom, assistant professor of architecture and co-director of the Master of Urban Design Program.

Admissions

Work environment aids in office's success

"This job has exceeded my expectations. From the time I started in the office, everyone provided them with the tools and gave them the job for the people. Really work together in the office. Everyone's doors are open and it's a friendly atmosphere," said Joel Fones. "Workers work with each other because they want to be a part of shaping the next generation of the University. And... it's fun," said Lee Nuckolls, an admissions officer. "The admissions office is a large resource for the students, and the hard work the employees and the faculty put into the work environment create an environment where I feel comfortable."

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Admissions officers also attribute their office's success to the support from the University as a whole. "It's a part of the campus. We interact with every aspect of the University," said Nuckolls. Student volunteers and faculty play a significant role in the admissions process. "We have a lot of support from the rest of the campus," Boyer said. "People really work together in the office. Everyone's doors are open and it's a friendly atmosphere," said Joel Fones. "Workers work with each other because they want to be a part of shaping the next generation of the University. And... it's fun," said Lee Nuckolls, an admissions officer. "The admissions office is a large resource for the students, and the hard work the employees and the faculty put into the work environment create an environment where I feel comfortable."

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**Notables**

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**BY LAM OTTEN**

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**Terry L. Brown**

He was awarded the 2001 Dean's Medal for service to the school.

Brown is principal of the firm Terry Brown Architect and an assistant clinical professor at the University of Cincinnati's College of Design, Architecture, Art, and Planning. His work has been featured in numerous publications, including the Architectural Record and the Architectural Digest, and he holds a master of architecture degree from the University of Illinois in 1974.

**Karl A. Grice, AIA**

A native St. Louisan, he is principal of the architecture firm Grice, a principal in the brand national education, and chairman of the AIA Illinois Board. He currently sits on the hotel board of directors. The school's environmental policy focus is on tradition in the future.

**Christopher A. Grubbs, AIA**

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Embracing daily variety

Joseph W. St. Geme III, M.D., loves his numerous roles as a leader, a teacher and a father.

It is needed, too, for strategically leading his division. More often than not, his day includes some of each. "I just love all of those experiences," St. Geme said. "I couldn't really imagine giving up any of those things right now.

"Praised by colleagues for his leadership, looked for the Infection Disease Society of America for outstanding achievement in infectious disease research — by all accounts, St. Geme excels in every role. "As a leader and a teacher, he is understanding, considerate and supportive," said Penelope G. Shaakford, M.D., professor of pediatrics and associate professor of molecular microbiology. "He has a great sense of humor, often directed at himself."

Those who have been taught by St. Geme agree. "There's hardly anything he doesn't do well," said David Hendrixson, Ph.D., who did his thesis work in molecular microbiology in St. Geme's lab. "He's obviously very successful, but he comes across as an average, ordinary guy."

"I still call on him for advice," added Hendrixson, now a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Michigan. "I will always consider him a mentor no matter where I am in my career."

A father's influence

Born in Minneapolis the second of six children, St. Geme looked up to his father, after whom he was named and with whom he shared many interests. Joseph St. Geme Jr., M.D., moved his young family to southern California so he could chair the pediatrics department at the University of California, Los Angeles. In fact, his research in childhood infectious diseases won him professional praise and caught the attention of his young son, who enjoyed going into the lab on weekends to help his father carry on experiments.

"I also remember going in to make rounds with him in the neonatal intensive care unit and getting pretty worried when premature babies for the first time," St. Geme said of his college years.

Throughout his education — as an undergraduate at Stanford University, as a medical student at Harvard Medical School and as a resident in pediatrics at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia — St. Geme consulted with his father. In doing so, he gained a growing understanding and deepening respect for the top-notch academic he'd known all his life. "Certainly my dad has been a major influence in my life," St. Geme said. "I feel very lucky to have had him as a dad and as a role model."

Then, during St. Geme's third year of residency, he lost his role model and sounding board when his father died of a cardiomyopathy. Even now, 14 years later, St. Geme still feels the loss. "They definitely were times during my fellowship and my earlier faculty years, and there is a deepening respect for the top-notch academic I had known all my life."

Joseph W. St. Geme III, M.D., associate professor of pediatrics and molecular microbiology and director of the Division of Pediatric Infectious Diseases at the School of Medicine, and graduate student Amy Zoch review a protein gel to find evidence of an adhesion that is part of a recent study.

When he wasn't on the field, St. Geme worked in the lab of well-known immunologist Hugh McDermott, M.D., a move he credits with stimulating his interest in basic research. He reapplied, Harvard accepted him into his next class, and the rest is history.

Tomorrow's children

Today, St. Geme's research has him poised to make a difference in the lives of untold numbers of children around the world. By studying the bacterial organism Haemophilus influenzae, a common cause of respiratory tract infections such as middle-ear infection, sinusitis, bronchitis and pneumonia, he is shedding light on the precise ways in which cells become infected. Under-standing the bacterium at the molecular level could translate into generation of a vaccine that will be effective in virtually eliminating this organism as a cause of disease in children. "I think we're making pretty good progress in that respect."

In addition to studies specifically targeted at H. influenzae, St. Geme's research looks more generally at patterns of infection in children. By defining paradigms that apply to a variety of disease-causing organisms, his work helps provide insights into preventing infection by other pathogens.

In one line of research, he is studying human milk to learn more about its properties that help protect against infection. With collaborators in Boston and New Zealand, St. Geme is making observations about a breast milk component called lactoferrnin, which could translate into new therapeutic approaches.

"I'm researching into the molecular mechanisms underlying the interactions of H. influenzae with the human host promine to provide improved immunization and alternative anti-microbial therapies for tomorrow's children," said Alan L. Schwartz, M.D., Ph.D., the Harriet B. Spradere Professor and head of pediatrics. St. Geme and his wife, Lynn White, M.D., also a member of the faculty in pediatrics, value their roles as parents and stay actively involved with their three sons, Joe IV, David and Tom.

Soccer games, baseball practice and carpel tunnels are just part of the routine in a family that sees variety as the spice of life.

"Generally, I think Lynn and I do a pretty good job of balancing our professional lives and our personal lives," St. Geme said. "In some ways, our boys have forced us to do that. It may be that we have dinner together at 5:30 or at 8:30, but almost all the time we have dinner as a family.

Although his sons are a long way from choosing their own careers, they don't have to look far for advice when the time comes. They can just ask their dad.

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