Young chemists Katie Nichelson, 11, and Greta Torpe, 14, participate in the "Rainbows in a Straw" chemistry experiment, one of more than a dozen educational activities offered as part of the University’s Take Our Daughters to Work Day 2001. About 150 girls visited campus April 26 as part of an national initiative sponsored by the Ms. Foundation. Since 1994, the University has sponsored this organized effort to introduce adolescent girls to a wide range of career possibilities and encourage them to assume positive role models. This year, several medical-related topics were introduced: It wasn’t all work though — as usual, one of the highlights of the day was a visit and demonstration by the national champion women’s basketball team.

By LIAM OTTEN

Edison announces 2001-02 OVATIONS! season

"Preparing this season, I felt like a kid in a candy store. All the selections are lined up row upon row, each tempting and tantalizing in its own way. I invite you to consider these offerings and dig in with both hands." — Charlie Robin

The Center for Social Development (CSD) at the George Warren Brown School of Social Work in launching a new Global Service Institute focusing on the research and promotion of civilian service worldwide. CSD recently received a two-year, $3 million grant from the Ford Foundation to begin a long-term project targeted to globally developing community service and creating an international information network on service. The new Global Service Institute will concentrate on studying, informing and assisting in the development of service in areas such as the environment, public facilities, public safety and educational development. Said institute co-director Sherraden, Ph.D., CSD director and the Benjamin E. Youngdahl Professor of Social Development, "While service both through governmental and nongovernmental organizational entities is expanding in many countries, very little is known beyond anecdotal information about what motivates people to participate in such volunteerism and which policies and structures would best promote service as an institution." Sherraden noted that service is growing in many countries not only among youths, but also among adults, including growing populations of elders. "Service has become a means of promoting social and economic development, citizenship, skill development, national building and humanitarianism," he said. "It may one day become accepted, and even be taken for granted, in the same way that education and employment are in many countries today." Sherraden noted that the U.S. Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930s was historically one of this country’s most successful national public service programs. Today, organizations such as AmeriCorps, Peace Corps, Senior Volunteer Corps, Habitat for Humanity, YouthBuild and the Student Conservation Association are examples of other successful service-based programs. On a global scale, service in Germany is so productive for young people that it holds almost universal political support. Many Latin American countries have required service of students in higher education. However, in most countries, service is only beginning to emerge and is rarely defined. Sherraden said. The Ford Foundation, which has long-supported service and volunteerism in the United States, began to chart a new direction in international service two years ago when it hired consultant Susan Stroud, a founder and first director of Campus Compact, which promotes service by college and universities throughout the nation. In January 2000, the foundation sponsored an international conference on service in San Jose, Costa Rica, which laid the groundwork for the University’s Global Service Institute.

Sherraden, Nia institute’s co-director

By ANN NICHOLSON

Institute promotes service worldwide

By JESSICA N. ROBERTS

Fun at work: 26th annual Staff Day set for May 21

Come one, come all! Sam Omwosa-Agyeman (left), president of General Distribution, discusses his products with fair participants at the University’s Preferred Supplier/Supplier Diversity Fair in Francis Gym April 24. The event provided an opportunity to meet and interact with some of the University’s preferred contract suppliers, including many minority business enterprises. Over 30 businesses participated in the two-day fair, which was also held at the medical school April 25.
Institutional social sciences focus of summer program

By GERRY EVERDING

University doctoral students from Albania, Armenia, Germany and the United States will constitute the inaugural class of a new summer research program offered by the University Center for New Institutional Social Sciences (C-NISS).

Designed to foster and encourage interdisciplinary education and research in new institutional social sciences, the center was founded in 1999 by Douglas C. North, Ph.D., co-recipient of the 1993 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences and the Spencer T. Olin Professor in Arts & Sciences. A primary goal is to support a course Meyer will develop for the upcoming academic year. Students will receive funding to support the course.

WashU's Center for New Institutional Social Sciences has come to represent the university's commitment to the mission of its College of Arts & Sciences. It embodies an idea that social science research—the community of scholars and students that represent the center—can come to represent.

We hope to turn the center into a vital organ of teaching and research within Arts & Sciences.
Researchers have found that women who have cardiac surgery have a significantly greater risk for stroke than men having the same operation.

Investigators from the School of Medicine at Washington University showed that, even after considering other risk factors such as age, diabetes and smoking, the risk for stroke is higher for women. They reported their findings in the May 1 issue of Circulation, the journal of the American Heart Association.

"Being female was independent of other risk factors," said Charles W. Hogg Jr., M.D., the paper's first author. "There seems to be something about a woman that predisposes a patient to a higher risk for stroke after heart surgery."

Hogg is associate professor of anesthesiology, analyzed clinical information in parts of the database that contain information about female patients and women who have cardiac surgery.

The findings were based on analysis of 8,473 patients undergoing cardiac surgery. Of those, 3,284 were women. Thirty-two percent were women. In the days following heart surgery, 3.8 percent of the women suffered some type of neurological event — a stroke, transient ischemic attack or coma. Only 5.7 percent of the male patients suffered any neurological problems. The risk was 1.6 times greater for the women.

In addition, the death rate after surgery was higher for women than for men — 5.7 percent versus 3.9 percent. Among the patients who suffered strokes, the rates were 32 percent versus 28 percent.

"It seems clear that women have a higher incidence of neurological events after cardiac surgery, higher mortality rates and longer hospital stays," Daviia Román said. "Post-operative stroke is a devastating complication for both men and women. It is associated with significant suffering for patients and their families and results in high health-care costs."

"Our challenge is to identify the factors that lead to post-operative stroke, devise aggressive strategies to prevent them from occurring," Daviia Román and Hogg hypothesize that decreased levels of estrogen contribute to the risk for women. Most female heart surgery patients are operated on 10-15 years after they go through menopause. Estrogen is believed to help protect women from heart disease and stroke. "The research has shown that the hormone also protects brain cells from injury. Men have less estrogen than their systems in pre-menopausal women, but they do make some by converting a portion of their male hormone, androgens, into estrogen. In that way, men can maintain some level of estrogen throughout life. But once women go through menopause, their estrogen levels decrease to practically immeasurable concentrations."

"Unfortunately, the STS data do not reveal which women were on hormone replacement therapy," Hogg said. "But when we looked at our own data from Barter-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, we found that fewer than 1 in every 25 patients came for heart surgery were taking estrogens at that time."

Daviia Román and Hogg's colleagues are comparing the use of estrogen administered at the time of cardiac surgery with those that do not use the therapy. The study is being conducted at various hospitals affiliated with the University of Washington at BJC HealthCare.

New clue for treating bone, blood disorders uncovered

Researchers have the first evidence that a protein essential to bone and blood clotting plays two distinct roles, one of which is similar to the role of the other.

"By taking advantage of genetics, we might be able to develop drugs that selectively influence one system or the other," said Deborah V. Novack, Ph.D., then "We'll have a much more specific treatment for bone disease without harming clotting," Novack said.

Novack, an instructor in pathology, is first author of a paper in the May 1 issue of the Journal of Clinical Investigation. Xi Peng, Ph.D., research associate in pathology, is the other first author. Steven L. Teitelbaum, M.D., the Wilma and Roswell Professor of Medicine and Duke University professor of medicine, is first author of a paper in the May 1 issue of the Journal of Clinical Investigation. Five of the six variant genes identified added back the gene for normal beta-3 integrin. This manipulation enabled the cells to function normally. But a gene with a piece of the tail missing was unable to restore normal function. The tail is called the tail adds to integrin. The animals' osteoclasts were unable to function properly.

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This finding suggests that beta-3 integrin is a protein that might be a target for a control for risk factors such as high blood pressure, age, diabetes and smoking, they still found women to be at increased risk.

"Not only are women more likely than men to have a neurological event after heart surgery, but when they do, they are more likely to die in the 30 days following surgery," Hogg said. "That higher risk is not explained by any currently known risk factors."

The researchers studied patients undergoing open heart surgery, bypass surgery, valve repair or replacement surgery and combined cardiac surgery. For every type of surgery, women had a significantly greater risk for stroke or other postoperative neurological event. They also had higher death rates following surgery than their male counterparts.

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Pediatric Outreach Program (From left) Second-year medical student Ashley Flynn, her "match," Jada Gilbert, and Cortez Rice play volleyball at the spring picnic of the Pediatric Outreach Program (POOP) Sunday in Tower Grove Park.

A group of medical students started POOP five years ago to provide support to children with chronic illnesses and their siblings. Each child in a family is matched with a medical student, and the pairs get together twice a month. POOP now has almost 40 matches.

Hazardous waste managed in pilot project

The School of Medicine has joined a voluntary demonstration project to handle chemical waste generated by laboratory experiments. The University and nine other academic organizations in partnership with the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) are testing "best management practices" for handling laboratory chemical waste in an effort to help universities comply with federal regulations.

"We have shown that there are both similarities and environmental stewardship," said William A. Peck, M.D., executive vice chancellor and dean of medical affairs and dean of medical education, "but the greatest ideas come from."
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Exhibitions


Lectures

Friday, May 4


Monday, May 7


OVATIONS!

2001-02 series offers array of presentations — from Page 4

"Copenhagen," which explores the relationship between atomic pioneer Niels Bohr, a half-Jewish Dane, and Werner Heisenberg, head of the Nazi nuclear effort. Author David Sedaris, whose sardonic tales are regularly featured on National Public Radio's "Morning Edition" and "This American Life," also takes the stage that month. More in-depth review and selections from his latest book, "My Tidying Day." 935-5220.

For music lovers, the season — and the ovations! for young people series — gets off to a bang with Scrap Arts Music, a Vancouver-based percussion ensemble that combines on-stage made instruments built from recycled and salvaged materials. In November, the Grammy Award-winning boy's band, the Osibisa Quartet, presents two concerts of contemporary world music featuring a different program. In December, jazz pianist Jacky Terrasson welcomes the holidays with "A Charlie Brown Christmas,"

trainise in pulmonary and critical care medicine, Room 1050, Medical Sciences Research Bldg. 362-0863.

Monday, May 14


Tuesday, May 8


Wednesday, May 9


Friday, May 11


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9:30 a.m. Mothers and Babies Research Center conference. "9-12-1 Calcium "Tea" (also May 5, same time)." 935-9191.

Friday, May 4

8 p.m. Wii Opera concert. Includes Act 4 of Johann Strauss' "The Tyrolean." 362-0863.

Music

Saturday, May 5

3:30 p.m. Men's and women's track and field. Meet Lane Championship Meet. France Field. 935-9203.

Saturday, May 5

1 p.m. Women's softball vs. Webster U. softball. 935-9203.

Sports

Friday, May 4


Sunday, May 6

9 a.m. School of Art's 25th anniversary design show. "Reflections." Cost: $5. 935-3900. Presentation and reception at the Saint Louis Art Museum. 6350 Forest Park Blvd. 935-3900.

Worship

Friday, May 4

11:15 a.m. Catholic Mass. Catholic Student Center, 6204 Forsyth Blvd. 935-9191.

11:30 a.m. Muslim Friday prayer. Includes sermon and service. Language Lounge, Malcolm X Student Center. 935-3904.
Various community organizations approached the organizations, they'd like to work. Students then service, who helped them research. Stephanie Kurtzman, coordinator, not be swayed by pyrotechnics. "Our Little Haven and Habitat for Humanity, the students have developed a half-dozen fully produced, 30-second public service announcements created this semester by students in the Film and Media Program in Arts & Sciences who, for work in the area of professional-quality software.

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Baseball stops Webster. finishes season 18-16

The baseball teams ended its 2001 season with a 4-3 run, including a doubleheader sweep over Webster University (11-32-1) on Tuesday's final game that gave the Bears a winning record, 1-8. It was the season end at Kelly Field, and several of WU's departing players had big days. Jon Card got the win in Game 1, tossing 5 1/3 innings and giving up four runs. Graham Mcbride and Ramos May each went 2-3, and May and Greg Krieger charged home runs. A trio of seniors went out on a positive note in Game 2. In his last collegiate game, Dusty Deschamp hit his first career home run, a three-run blast that stretched the Bears lead to 8-4. Fellow senior Kevin Lux had given WU a 4-3 edge with a homer in the third, and shortstop Andy Smith helped preserve the lead with several spectacular stops in the field. Senior pitcher John O'Connell tossed a complete game, giving up just one earned run and walking nine, striking out four.

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But WU fell, 1-0. The Bears didn't fare much better in Game 2, losing 3-1. They traveled to Bloomington, Ill., to square off against Illinois Wesleyan University, who hosted the contest at 3:30 p.m. on the season. The Bears were handed a 10-2 loss in the opener but came back for a long battle in the nightcap. After the teams traded runs in the 10th to break a scoreless tie, the Bears finally looked like they were going to score. On the board in the top of the 11th, highlighted by senior first baseman Anne Gregory's three-run home run. The Tanners also had a half-dozen fully produced, 30-second public service announcements created this semester by students in the Film and Media Program in Arts & Sciences who, for work in the area of professional-quality software. Yet for all the intricacies of "motion graphics" and programs like Adobe's "Aftereffects" and "Premiere," the young filmmakers quickly realized that the question of how to do something was far less important — and far more difficult — than the question of why. Several students pointed out that, left unchecked, the urge to demonstrate technical proficiency could even prove an obstacle to crafting a coherent and appropriate message. "At first, the tools took me in the wrong direction," senior David Ready admitted. Ready said he worked through several drafts of his spot for Alzheimer's Association before completing a final version, a moving collage of worn yet spirited faces fading in and out to a seven-sweet guitar score by undergraduate Ilyia Benton. "The spot's only 30 seconds, so you want it to have impact, but dealing with Alzheimer's is a delicate issue," Ready said. "My first draft might have looked cool, but it was horrid — not what Alzheimer's Association is all about." Senior Charlie Liu, who worked with Life Crisis Services, a suicide prevention hotline, agreed. "You look at commercials or film trailers, and there's all these lightning bolts and flames and other dazzling effects, but it really all comes down to how you represent the organization," Lin said. "It's such a serious subject, and for my piece at least, I had to strip it away from all the other dazzling effects, but it really made the spot much simpler. Lin's contribution certainly does that. She shot in evocative black-and-white, and the piece depicts a seemingly tired young woman portraying a senior citizen, both printed in bright yellow, and the calm, steady sound of water washing onto a beach.

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Rockin’ the night away (From left) Freshman Dan Spekin, junior Jonathan Pepper and senior Josh Cohen, members of Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity, rock away the afternoon as part of the organization’s annual Rock N’ Care fund-raiser. Members of the fraternity voluntarily took to the stage on rocking chairs outside of Merce Hall from April 22-26. The project raised more than $4,000 for the Children’s Cancer Fund at St. Louis Children’s Hospital.

Chi Epsilon honor society charter members initiated

The initiation of the University’s chapter of Chi Epsilon, a society devoted to civil engineering, and its charter members was held Sunday at Wohl Center. Christopher J. Byrne, Ph.D., Edward H. and Florence G. Skinner Professor in Systems Science and Mathematics and dean of the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, initiated the students. Three Chi Epsilon national council members, Bob Henry, Olir Dart and Thomas Petry, performed the petition.

Three alumni — Katherine Culligan, Jennifer Scheditor, Jeannette Abbott — were recognized. Also honored were the following students: Ellen Beckson (president); Angela Stark (vice president), Katie Owen (treasurer), Jennifer Becker (secretary), Kathryn Sarnecki (activities). Cory Morgan, Scott Johnson, Adam Schuster, Daren Ols, Martin Martinez, Scott Womble, Wade Desrozier, Brynn Hawehals, Michael Witt, Caroline Barnett, Marc Carruthers, R. Tyler Ralf (2001 president), Steven Fiske (2000 vice president), Cassandra Goodwin (2001 secretary), Wade Desrozier (2001 treasurer), Tamar Kevel (2000 activities) and Trevor Annong (2001 activities).

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Dedicated to the purpose of maintaining and promoting the status of civil engineering as an individual profession, Chi Epsilon recognizes the characteristics of the individual civil engineer who is deemed to be fundamental in the successful pursuit of an engineering career. It also aids in the development of those characteristics in civil engineering students.

Engineering is assuming a constantly increasing responsibility for the well-being of all people and thus calling for the competence of the highest order. Chi Epsilon from its very inception has been committed to the development and exercise of sound reasoning and the development of traits of character and technical ability among civil engineers, and its members by precept and example toward an even higher standard of professional service. Therefore, students in the upper one-third of the junior and senior civil engineering classes are eligible to be invited to join.

Summer Writers Institute June 18-29

By JESSICA N. ROBERTS

A rea writers looking to explore techniques in fiction, poetry or creative nonfiction while advancing their craft can join some of St. Louis’s best writers for a two-week intensive creative writing experience.

The University’s Summer Writers Institute June 18-29 brings together instructors and participants for workshops focused on developing writing skills. Tuition for the two-week program is $800. The Summer Writers Institute is a program of the University College in Arts & Sciences. Workshops will be held weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

— Peter Leach in fiction, Catherine Rankovik in poetry and Rockwell Gray in creative nonfiction — will provide both instruction in the genre and criticism of participants’ work.

Fellows for the first week of the program, groups will discuss writing in a journal. The second week’s discussions will center on new writing products, design projects and exercises and assignments. Students will also attend a variety of afternoon sessions including faculty readings, craft talks and panel discussions.

Guest faculty for the institute include: Carl Kertek, Mary Troy, Doreen Salli, Allison Funk, Lawrence Revard, David Clewell, Quo Xudong, Donald Finchel, emeritus professor of English in Arts & Sciences, and William Gass, distinguished University Professor emeritus in the Humanities and former director of the International Writers Center in Arts & Sciences. Campus Life will also lead a workshop for participating students.

Special events for participants include a student-led telephone, a reading of a panel of literary magazine editors and several social events.

Response from prospective participants is not overwhelming.

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Campus Alert — April 30

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1:30 a.m. — Two male students were walking across Lot 35 south of Emerson and Prinz hall. A small blue van containing three people pulled up and two masked individuals exited the vehicle. One of the subjects displayed a handgun and demanded the students’ wallets and book bags. The subjects took the items and then fled in the vehicle east on Forsyth Boulevard. The students were not physically injured, on May 1, University and St. Louis County Police arrested one of the suspects in the armed robbery.

An investigation is continuing.

Precautions: If you happen to walk in a group or with another person. Report any suspicious people or activity. Don’t take unnecessary risks.

Contact University Police for a security escort if necessary.

Response: Report suspicious activities immediately to the University Police at 935-5555 or via Blue Light Emergency Telephone at 935-6333. Contact University Police to report any information that might assist in this investigation.

April 27

6:26 p.m. — Three students were accosted carrying alcoholic beverages in the South 60. University Police confiscated the alcohol and referred the students to the Student Judicial Administrator.

April 28

3:23 p.m. — Two males were attempting to sell fake identification cards. The suspects, who are not University students, were identified and trespassing warnings were issued.

May 1

11:22 p.m. — A student reported that an unidentified female was inside her Unruh Residence Hall room when she returned from errands. The suspect stated she was looking for something; paused, and then stated she was looking for the wrong room. When the roommate returned, she did not know the person by description. Both students stated their door was unlocked but the door was shut. Nothing items were reported missing. The suspect is described as an African American female, approximately 5’6”, 150 lbs. with braids. At the time of the incident, the suspect was wearing a tan shirt and blue jeans.

Additionally, University Police also responded to one report of a liquor violation, nine reports of theft, five reports of vandalism, two reports of automobile tampering, two reports of automobile break-ins and one report of disturbing the peace.
Notables

Introducing new faculty members

The following are among the new faculty members who joined Washington University in St. Louis in 2001. Others will be introduced periodically in this space.

Robert J. M. Gifford, Ph.D., joins the Olin School of Business as assistant professor of marketing. He earned a bachelor's degree from the Catholic University of Lisbon, Portugal, in 1994, and a doctorate in management science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2000. He has taught at the University of Coimbra, the Universidade Autonoma de Lisboa and Catholic University in Lisbon. Silva's research attempts to derive marketing implications from the mechanics of consumer and firm behavior. He was an ASAP-Shibor Doctoral Consortium Fellow at MIT in 1997.

Joseph T. Taylor, Ph.D., joins the Olin School of Business as assistant professor of management. He earned a bachelor of science degree from Vanderbilt University in 1991 and a doctorate from the Massa- chusetts Institute of Technology in 2000. Taylor's research examines portfolio management, risk management, and decision theory. Prior to joining Olin, he was a teaching assistant at Harvard University and held the Hugh Hampton Young Memorial Fellowship at MIT. He also was a marketing representative at IBM.

Phillis wins Academy Award in Literature from the American Academy of Arts and Letters

Phillips earned a bachelor's degree, magna cum laude, in Greek and Latin from Harvard University in 1981 and a master's degree in Latin and classical humanities from the University of Massachusetts Amherst in 1983. He earned a master's degree in creative writing from Boston University in 1993 and joined Washington University later that year for a joint appointment in the Department of English and the African and Afro-American Studies Program. He was named director of the Writing Program in 1996.

Phillips was one of the American Academy of Arts and Letters' 250 members who nominated candidates and a rotating committee of writers select the nominees. The members of the 2001 committee were Russell Banks, Horstene Calihan, Francine Gray, Kenneth Koch, J.D. McClatchy and Richard Peier. Other recipients were Gay Davenport, David Ferry, Alois Niery, Frederic Tuten, Tobias Wolff and John Yau.

The academy was founded in 1886 to "foster, assist and sustain an interest in literature, music and the fine arts." Each year, the academy elects members and gives awards to distinguished authors, artists, architects, writers and composers (who are not members).

Correction

April 27 issue, Page 3: An incorrect photo was published with a story about

Washington University in St. Louis

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS

May 4, 2001

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Phillips was honored with the 2001 Poetry Prize from the American Academy of Arts and Letters. Phillips will receive the award at a special dinner on May 6.

By EMIL OTTEN

Carl Phillips, professor of English and director of the Writing Program in Arts & Sciences, recently received a 2001 Academy Award in Literature from the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

Phillips was one of eight recipients of a $7,500 prize, which honors both established and emerging writers in drama, fiction, nonfiction and poetry. Phillips is the author of five volumes of poetry: "The Tether" (2001); "Pastoral" (2000); "From the Devotions" (1997), nominated for the National Book Award in poetry; "Curtis" (1995), winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award and the Lambda Literary Award in Poetry; and "In the Blood" (1992), winner of the 1992 Samuel French Morse Poetry Prize from Northeast ern University Press.

His tenth collection of "Sophode's "Philologos" is forthcoming from Oxford University Press.

"I'm very much looking forward to the launch of Pinsky's "Favorite Poem" Project at the University of Maryland College Park," Phillips said. "I've also received award from the Guggenheim Foundation, the MacArthur Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Academy of American Poets."
From a childhood game in a lifelong devotion, I. Jerome Fiance's love for medicine and people was fostered at home. Playing house with his two older sisters, Fiance, M.D., emeritus clinical professor of medicine in the School of Medicine, was always assigned to be the doctor. This role fit him well as a young child and later in life.

His childhood dreams led him to a career at the medical school spanning 63 years, touching hundreds of lives. When he "retired" at 87, Fiance still wanted to help people, so he started his second career in urban renewal and development. "I have always wanted to work with people who are at some disadvantage, whether that be by illness, economic or political circumstances," said Fiance, now 89.

William Peck, M.D., executive vice chancellor for medical affairs and dean of the medical school, knew of Fiance's passions when he retired in 1998 from an active medical practice at the medical school. "Jerry is extremely bright, has great common sense, community awareness, and works tirelessly. He is the ideal person to bring together the Washington University Medical Center and the Forest Park Southeast neighborhood development project."

The "total approach"

In the mid-1960s, Fiance and other physicians started a free medical clinic as part of a program of revitalization in a depressed north St. Louis neighborhood. The clinic, however, shut down after five years because, oddly, very few people used it and its services. Fiance said he was naive about community development.

"The clinic failed because other needed services for the revitalization were left out," Fiance said. "We didn't realize what other services and other development was needed to support our efforts. I made up my mind that I would learn from this experience, and if I ever had a chance to do something like this again, I would not leave anything out. If you are going to start a clinic, you need a total approach."

When offered the opportunity to work with the FPSE neighborhood, Fiance quickly accepted. It wasn't going to be easy, he said. "When I first talked to the FPSE neighborhood, they were so happy to have a medical clinic, but they wanted to have a community-based clinic. That's what I needed to work with."

He said he was naive about community development "before I retired. I never had time to be aware of the stresses that childhood experiences involve in the totality of what it means to be healthy." Fiance also cited the school as an example of the total approach to development. "The clinic failed because none of these obstacles were being affected by the clinic. The infant mortality rate was twice the national average, 37 percent of the children had high blood pressure, and ADHD was 30 times more common.

"Fiance was facing a serious health issue. "Health doesn't just mean the absence of disease," Fiance said. "Health is related to the totality of an individual's environment. It is directly related to education, housing, economic opportunity, security of one's neighborhood and access to recreation, to entertainment, to shopping, to different social services. That's why we have the totality of what it means to be healthy."

Community-driven plan

To upgrade the well-being of the FPSE neighborhood and its residents, Fiance enlazoned the management assistance of Richard Baron, chief executive officer of McCormack Baron and Associates, a leader in urban renewal and development. Under Baron's management, the FPSE community, the medical center and First Bank drafted a strategic neighborhood-redevelopment plan that has mustered support from city and state officials, foundations and area businesses.

The plan, which calls for reopening an elementary school, developing a community center, and revitalizing and creating mixed-income housing, has started to be successfully implemented. The plan also includes attracting commercial development on Manchester Avenue and establishing health, welfare and employment services.

Fiance, who grew up in a "warm, loving home" in Brooklyn, N.Y., credits his family's support for his success and stresses that childhood-development programs are most important to the FPSE neighborhood. Fiance believes the "intergenerational park" developed by the St. Louis Science Center and the Biz-Starts Transit Authority, the Adams School, an elementary school that opened in 1992, is an example of the total approach to addressing the needs of an individual's environment.

"He enjoys his work so much. It is very infectious. It is hard to be around him and not be enthusiastic, excited and happy with what you are doing," Bernard Shore, M.D., said.

Yet another career?

"With the pace of the neighborhood's progress, Fiance believes his role will almost certainly be one of complete five years down the line, at which time he will be looking for his next job."

"I told Dr. Peck that when this job is about finished, I will be about 95, and at that point he better give me another job to do, because I will be ready for it," Fiance said.

Fiance shows no signs of slowing down. He still goes to his office at the medical school daily. At the end of the day, Fiance heads home to his wife, Rosemary. On the way home, he shops at Schnucks and has dinner on the table by 5:45 p.m. After dinner, the evening with Rosemary begins. He sits down to read The New York Times. "Before I retired, I never had time to read the paper from front to back," Fiance said.

Fiance's retirement hasn't left him with a lot of time, but he is thankful for the opportunity to pursue this and other long-term interests.

"This kind of activity has been in the back of my mind for a long time...ever since I worked in north St. Louis," Fiance said. "I get the feeling that maybe this was what I was pointed to all along, but I got here very late in life."

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