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Schizophrenia progress
New generation antipsychotic drug lowers risk

By Jim Davies

A second-generation antipsychotic drug lowers the risk of relapse in patients with schizophrenia by nearly half, according to a team of researchers led by psychiatrists in the School of Medicine. Results of the two-year, multicenter study were reported in the Jan. 3 New England Journal of Medicine.

Just less than 1 percent of the general population suffers from schizophrenia. The economic burden of the disease was estimated at $81 billion per year in the early 1990s. Much of that cost can be attributed to the consequences of psychotic relapse, which is common among schizophrenic patients.

Past studies of antipsychotic drugs tended to be short-term trials, lasting four to eight weeks. They had shown that second-generation drugs helped reduce psychotic symptoms, but longer-term studies were needed in order to determine their long-term effects on the disorder, especially on relapse. “Schizophrenia is a chronic, psychiatric illness,” said John G. Csernansky, M.D., the Gregory B. Couch Professor of Psychiatry in the medical school and the study’s principal investigator. “Relapse is common even under the best of circumstances, with an average patient relapsing at least once every one to two years. Because of the chronic nature of the illness, it is very important to determine whether newer drugs can diminish the relapse rate.”

Endowed professorships in campaign top 100

On the road again

Karl Scherer of Hartmann’s Towing (top) fluids of student Diana McAlpine’s (left) car as her room-

ate, Erin Diln, looks on. Hartmann’s Towing teamed with University Police and Parking Services to provide free inspections of students’ cars before the Christmas break. The first-

time effort resulted in the inspection of 140 cars, including the oil, windshield-washer fluid, radiator and battery levels, and the tire pressures. Don Strom, chief of University Police, said this could become an annual event and might eventually include inspections before other long breaks or holidays.

Math Circles program presents unique perspectives

By Tom Fitzpatrick

at spring, Clayton resident Jennifer Jeffrey was searching for an extracurricular mathematics program for her son, Chris, and a small group of sixth- and seventh-graders from Wydown Middle School when he dawned on her: Try the big school next door.

Jeffrey felt comfortable looking into Washington University because her parents, the late Sterling Schoen, Ph.D., a profes-

sor in the graduate school in the Olin School of Business, and Patricia Schoen, an adjunct professor in the Olin School and later an instructor in University College in Arts & Sciences, had spent a good portion of their careers here.

Jeffrey had visited campus many times. Still, she was a bit apprehensive when she called the Department of Mathematics in Arts & Sciences and was put in touch with Steven G. Krantz, Ph.D., professor and chair of mathematics.

“Frankly, I didn’t know if the chairmen of a university math-

ematics department would be inclined toward dealing with junior-high students,” Jeffrey said. “What I had been looking for without much success was something practical and conces-
tual that would be held regularly and keep kids who already had a strong interest in mathematics challenged.”

“ar was it in this context that Krautz began to consider a program called Math Circles. Originating in the highly

respected and intense intellectual tradition of Russia, Math Circles is intended to provide a perspec-
tive on math that is not always found in the classroom.

Math Circles endorses to present mathematics as a living, breathing entity that can truly take in a student’s imagination. Krautz knew of the Math Circles programs at Harvard University, instituted by well-known mathematicians Barry Mazur and Robert Kaplan, and of another at the University of California. Berkeley. ‘I know the possibility some thought and engaged in a bit of research. As a result, this past fall he inaugu-

rated the Washington University Math Circles program.

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**Distinguished faculty, alumni awards nominations sought**

**Personal development of students.** The University will sponsor a MLK Day to be observed Lecture and reception will be held Jan. 21 at 9 a.m. in Graham Chapel on the Hilltop Campus and the Eric P. Newman Education Center at the Medical Campus are among this year's contributing factors of King's contributions and legacy. The University will sponsor a Commemoration Celebration at 7 p.m. Jan. 20 in Graham Chapel. The theme for this year's event is "Realizing The Dream." Chairmen Mark S. Wrighton will greet the audience, and Linda Kennedy, director of the Black Repertory Theatre will be the keynote speaker. The program will include a performance by the Visions Choir. There will also be vignettes and testimonies by University students. A reception in the Women's Building's Library will follow the program. The event is free and open to the public. For additional information, contact Arva Lloyd Redf, director of Student Educational Service, at 935-9700.

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Medical students honored the very best medical educators recently during the annual Distinguished Service Teaching Awards ceremony held at the Eric P. Newman Education Center.

In addition to the faculty members receiving Distinguished Service Teaching Awards, 10 students were honored with top-tier recognition. The annual fall ceremony honors educators from the previous academic year.

At a time when School of Medicine faculty face challenging research schedules and the Alumni gap in numbers of patients, the students recognized M. behind-the-scenes preparation, creativity and topic mastery takes it to be an outstanding teacher.

The Class of 2004 awarded the Professor of the Year to Dana R. Abendschein, Ph.D., associate professor of medicine and Beckman Young Career Professor. The Master of the Year was awarded to Robert S. Wilkison, Ph.D., professor of cell biology and physiology, and the Stanley J. Lang Lecturer of the Year was presented to Bradley A. Fontan, M.D., the Saffitz, M.D., Ph.D., the Paul E. Hickman Memorial Lecturer.

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Michael Caputon, Ph.D.
Mohit Chawla, M.D.
William Hartl, M.D.O.M.
Boo Yoo, M.D.
Robert Mercer, Ph.D.
Jane Phillips-Conroy, Ph.D.
Anil Varghese, M.D.
Barry Steckman, M.D., Ph.D.
David Windus, M.D.

Distinguished Service Teaching Awards from Class of 2003

Dana Abendschein, Ph.D.
John Abraham, M.D.
Marc Bernstein, M.D.
Erika Grouch, M.D., Ph.D.
Rosa Daviva, M.D.
Eugene Johnson, Ph.D.
Stanley Mader, M.D., Ph.D.
Gregory Storch, M.D.
Paul Stoller, M.D.
David Windus, M.D.

Clinical Teacher of the Year Awards from Class of 2002

Martin Bower, M.D.
Michael Brum, M.D.
Thomas De Ferr, M.D.
Gerard Doeherty, M.D.
Richard Hodgkins, M.D.
Mary Minner, M.D.
Gary Miller, M.D.
Jeffrey Slaby, M.D.
Thomas Bovbjerg, M.D.
Joseph St. Gerne, M.D.

Resident of the Year Awards from Class of 2002

David Cohn, M.D.
Ben Chang, M.D.
David Cohn, M.D.
Gregory Esper, M.D.
Rachel Heflin, M.D.
Chi Kim, M.D.
Robert Naikshim, M.D.
Louis Niu, M.D.
Emanuel J. Vlastos, M.D.
Charles Vollmer, M.D.

Scott G. Hickman, M.D., (center), professor of medicine, receives engraved brownstone honorific plaque as Master of the Year Award. Pete Gabriel (left), president of the School of Medicine's Class of 2002, and William J. Peck, M.D., executive vice chancellor for medical affairs and dean of the School of Medicine, congratulate Hickman.
University Events

Family-comedy-drama Three Days of Rain at A.E. Hotchner theater

By Lisa Otten

How well can we know our parents, their loves and losses, their triumphs and disappointments? Are the adult children’s hand-written realizations ever more unverified speculation than insight? For these are the questions posed in Richard Greenberg’s quick-witted yet poignant family-comedy-drama Three Days of Rain. The musical is a season seminar for the Performing Arts Department (PAD) in Arts & Sciences.

A 1998 finalist for the Pulitzer Prize, the play takes hold at family mismatched communication through a pair of triangular relationships that jump forward and back in time, cutting across two generations of an unsettled New York family. The story begins in 1952, at 8 a.m. Jan. 17 and 18, at 8 and 9 p.m. Jan. 19, and at 8 p.m. Jan. 20. Performance place is the A.E. Hotchner Studio Theatre, located in Mallinckrodt Center Center Room 208.

The story begins in 1952, when the charming yet neurotic Walker (played by senior Charles Olson) reconnects with married older sister Nan (graduate student Kerry McBride) — Walker’s lifelong friend (Mulvaney) after the death of their mother. The dust is dispelled, an air of optimism reigns.

"University Events" lists a portion of the University calendars for the School of Medicine (medicine/molecular biology), School of Nursing, School of Education, the Graduate School of Business, and School of Social Work.

Exhibitions

"Non War in America and Other Paintings." Walter Gruebel, St. Louis. Through March 31, 2000. Room 320 Anheuser-Busch Hall. 935-7499.

Lectures

Friday, Jan. 11
9:15 a.m. "Family Grand Rounds.
"Diagnoses and Treatments of Hemorrhagic.
St. Louis. Room 306 Clinical Sciences Research Bldg. 362-4600.

"Newell Truex, chairman, neurosurgery department. Room 500 Clinical Sciences Research Bldg. 362-3456.

4 p.m. Biology seminar. "RNA Interference:
how Molecular Biology.
Amy Green, University of Washington, Seattle. Room 320 Clinical Sciences Research Bldg. 362-3456.

4 p.m. Immunology Research Seminar Series. "The Effect of Productive Engagement on Life-Wide Walking.

Tuesday, Jan. 15

5:30 p.m. Molecular biology and biophysics evening seminar. "Structure and Function of the Human Genome.

Wednesday, Jan. 16
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Math Circles

Krantz's program enriches intellectual growth

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For approximately 10 Wednesday evenings in the fall semester, from 4:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., approximately 10 sixth- and seventh-grade Wydown students came to Cupples I Hall Room 199 to partake in a Math Circles presentation led by faculty member, graduate student or undergraduate math major. One of the latter was Adam Rosenithal, a senior mathematics major from San Diego who gave a presentation on compass and straight-edge constructions.

"We don't give lectures," Krantz said. "We're facilitators. We try to share some of our mathematical interests so that the kids don't just quit; they kept talking about it. Finally, their parents had to drag them away!"

Krantz said he often deals with what is known as the four-color problem, and the problem entails showing that any map (consisting of countries) on a sphere can be colored with just four colors. The only rule is that no two adjacent countries can be of the same color. While the problem sounds simple, it took mathematicians 150 years and ultimately 2,000 hours of supercomputer time to prove it in 1976, by University of Illinois mathematicians Kenneth Appel and Wolfgang Haken.

Krantz also showed them that a map on the surface of a donut can require seven colors, and that a more complicated surface, for instance, a donut with two holes, may require even more colors. "It's a wonderful problem that you can explain to anyone," Krantz said. "It's still, it is real mathematics. You can go to Princeton and study this subject for a doctorate. There's nothing fluffy about it at all."

"And it has applications. When Steve Wormley of Apple Computer designed the 256K chip, he used graph theory ideas similar to those that we use to study the four-color problem.

Among other mathematical foibles that the students were exposed to in the fall were topological constructions or the liar and truth-teller problem (imagine everyone on an island looks the same, but some are liars, some are truth-tellers, how do you find out who's who?), which applies logic theory and game strategy.

"A lot of people have used the [four-color] problem as a way of teaching logic theory. But this student or undergraduate math major can't really do the problem," Rosenithal admitted.

Math Circles has reconvened for the spring semester with classes taught mainly by track faculty, meeting once a week just as in the fall. Krantz is hoping the program will expand so that more than one class can be offered in the future. "Dr. Krantz and his faculty and students have just done a really excellent job," Jeffrey said. "I can't say enough about the program. The kids come out of the class and they are so excited. Every week it's class, it's better than the last."

"Math Circles has provided us with something extra that fosters their love of mathematics. They're totally delighted."
Notables

Obituaries

Gigars, chemical engineering graduate student
By Tony Fitzpatrick

Dr. Gigars, a graduate student in chemical engineering who would have been a new arrival in Seattle, Dec. 17, 2001, in an auto accident in northern Iowa while en route home, to visit family in Minnesota. Dr. Gigars was born in 1974, in Moradabad, located in the northeastern part of Uttar Pradesh, one of the most rural states in India. He spent most of his life in the northern part of India, in the city of Kanpur. Dr. Gigars worked for the government of India as a scientific officer. Giant research interests are broadly defined in terms of social cognition, stereotyping, prejudice and children's perceptions of violence, race and ethnicity, and cultural diversity. He is particularly interested in using social psychological and developmental theories to examine and understand social issues such as violence, oppression and prejudice.

John J. Bettis, Ph.D., joins the Department of Psychology in Arts & Sciences as assistant professor. He earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Kentucky in 1999. Dr. Bettis did his graduate work in social psychology and received his doctorate in 2001. Before coming to Washington University, Dr. Bettis was a research assistant at the University of Kentucky's Social Work Research Development Center on Poverty. Research interests include intergroup conflict and the impact of research interests are broadly defined in terms of social cognition, stereotyping, prejudice and children's perceptions of violence, race and ethnicity, and cultural diversity. He is particularly interested in using social psychological and developmental theories to examine and understand social issues such as violence, oppression and prejudice.

McNeely, junior anthropology student
By Neil Schoenherr

Junior Julia V. McNeely died Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2001, in an auto accident in northern Iowa while en route home, to visit family in Minnesota. Dr. McNeely was an avid writer. She wrote for Distray, the student-run campus magazine. She had studied Swahili her sophomore year and was planning to study in Kenya last summer. She was an avid pianist and a horse lover who always had a horse at home in Natchez. "Julia was a terrific friend," said roommate Jenny Moffat. "She had such a gentle and compassionate way of saying things and being there for anyone who needed her. She was always there to listen, and she gave great advice. Julia will truly be missed."

"But the memories will be treasured forever, and remembering her great smile will keep us going," said Dr. Marchay Smith, the Ralph E. Morrow Distinguished University Professor in Arts & Sciences and chair of the Anthropology Department. "McNeely was my academic adviser. The Washington University community is a state of extraordinary young people, and Julia McNeely was one of the most extraordinary of all," said Smith. "She was gifted with generosity, enthusiasm and compassion, and she extended her kindness to everyone. She was an active member of the anthropological department, among many other groups on campus. She will truly be missed.

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A 'born detective' and 'wonderful treasure,' Carole A. Prietto serves as University archivist

BY TERRE MCCLAIN

Carole A. Prietto

University title: University archivist
Number of years at the University: 12
Academic degrees: B.A. in history; University of California, Santa Barbara; M.A. in history; University of California, Los Angeles

Personal interests/hobbies: Reading, web page design, music

Concerned that the people who are using the archives get what they need for their research. She is very service-minded.

Prietto is not a librarian by training; she's a historian. In fact, her "second hat" is subject librarian for the Department of Classics in Arts & Sciences. She selects the books that go into the library for classical studies. History is her passion. It's what she reads for fun.

"I've always liked history," she says. "That's a wonderful world, history teacher in ninth grade who turned me on to ancient Greek and Roman history. All through school I just kept reading about it. When I got to college, I took every ancient and medieval history course I could.

A loop. We sing a Seminary Night Fever medley! We've performed at the Sheldon Concert Hall and Fair St. Louis. We've done St. Louis Cardinals baseball, where we sang the national anthem.

St. Louis History Chorus participates in the annual Sweet Adelines music competition.

"St. Louis History Chorus has won nine regional championships in Sweet Adelines International," Prietto says proudly. "Winning at the regional level qualifies you for the international convention, which is basically the world championships of women's barbershop harmony. St. Louis History Chorus is consistently in the top 20 worldwide, so it's a very, very good group. Very progressive, very forward-looking.

Planning the future

University Archives collects and maintains the University's permanent historical record, from 1833 to the present day, as well as a St. Louis history collection. The collection includes manuscripts, print, sound recordings, film, video, and works of art. In 1998, Prietto presided over the archives' move from cramped space in Olin Library to larger, climate-controlled facilities in the West Campus Library.

One of the major tasks Prietto faces over the next two years is helping the University prepare for its sesquicentennial celebration in 2003-04. "It's a big job," she says. "It's something that I'm really looking forward to. I'm going to enjoy it."

Prietto says, "This is going to be a heavily illustrated book, and it's going to call upon all of the photographic resources at University Archives. I'm learning a lot from it. There are many interesting human stories that will be told for the first time with this book.

In addition to her sesquicentennial preparations, Prietto continues to set important goals for herself.

"Professionally, I'm looking into getting my master's degree in library science because in the academic library world it is such an important credential," she says. "In terms of future goals for the archives, I think I'd like to do more to make the collection available over the Internet. We have such great photographic collections that I would like to expand access to them as much as I can."

You can hear the enthusiasm building in her voice. It's a lovely voice. A singer's voice.

Carole A. Prietto with the Stanley Cup during a 1997 visit to Toronto's Hockey Hall of Fame.

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