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### Medical News: Minimally invasive colon cancer surgery is effective, safe

A study published in the journal *Gastrointestinal Endoscopy* found that minimally invasive surgery for colorectal cancer is effective and safe, with similar outcomes to traditional open surgery. The study compared 120 patients who underwent minimally invasive surgery with 120 patients who had open surgery. The results showed no difference in recurrence rates, mortality, or complications between the two groups. This suggests that minimally invasive surgery can be an effective alternative for patients with colorectal cancer.

### Arts: Ceramics and sculpture majors make works for Soulard health clinic

The ceramics and sculpture majors at Washington University have created works of art that will be on display at the Soulard Health Clinic. The students, led by Professor Emily K. Baker, have been working on this project as part of their senior capstone project. The pieces include sculptures, ceramics, and mixed media installations that will be displayed in the waiting area and patient rooms of the clinic. The goal is to provide a healing environment for patients and their families.

### Washington People: Eizabetha Slodkawska chairs Romance languages and literatures

Eizabetha Slodkawska has been appointed as the new chair of the Romance languages and literatures department at Washington University. She is a professor of French literature and has conducted research on French cinema and postcolonial literature. Her appointment is part of the university's ongoing efforts to diversify and expand its academic programs.

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### Kemper elected board chairman

**At its May 7 meeting in the Charles F. Knight Executive Education Center, the University’s Board of Trustees elected R. Kemper, president and chief executive officer of Commerce Bancshares Inc., as chairman of the board for the 2004-05 fiscal year, according to Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton.**

The trustees elected John F. McDonnell, retired chairman of the board of McDonnell Douglas Corp., and Stephen F. Brauer, chief executive officer of Hunter Engineering, as vice chairmen. Three new trustees were elected to the board: Cynthia Brinton, president—Missouri, SBC Southwestern Telephone Co.; Iraill J. Kent, chief executive officer, Coegli LLC; and Lawrence F. Thomas, principal, corporate trustee. A new trustee was elected.

Elected as a life trustee was Sam Fox, chairman and chief executive officer, Harbour Group, Ltd., chairman of the Campaign for Washington University and a longtime trustee. Elected trustees emeritus were Clarence C. Barkdale, and Benjamin P. Edwards III, chairman emeritus of A.G. Edwards Inc.

Four students were named 2004-05 representatives to the board. Undergraduate appointees are Zachary Friedman, Clemmons, N.C. (College of Arts & Sciences, Class of 2005); and Teresa Sullivan, Aurora, Ill. (College of Arts & Sciences, Class of 2005).

The graduate student representative is Benjamin K. Price, Washington University. He was elected as a representative by the graduate student representatives.
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Chancellors Mark S. Wrighton and Deborah Harmon Smith, Wrighton further applauded Macias at the event by announcing that the executive vice chancellor and dean of Arts & Sciences would be the inaugural holder of the Barbara and David Thomas Distinguished Professorship in Arts & Sciences. Congratulating Macias are (from left) David Thomas, Wrighton, Barbara Thomas and Macias' wife, Tedi.

Thomas endow professorship; Macias named inaugural holder

BY BARBARA ESA

Edward S. Macias, Ph.D. (right), receives congratulations at his surprise birthday party, given by Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton (left). Macias further applauded Macias at the event by announcing that the executive vice chancellor and dean of Arts & Sciences would be the inaugural holder of the Barbara and David Thomas Distinguished Professorship in Arts & Sciences.

Edward S. Macias, Ph.D., executive vice chancellor and dean of Arts & Sciences, has announced that the Barbara and David Thomas Distinguished Professorship in Arts & Sciences, Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton announced.

The professorship is a gift of Barbara and David Thomas, who also endowed a professorship in the humanities five years ago. A formal installation is planned for next year.

"Barbara and David Thomas are tremendous supporters of Arts & Sciences, and this professorship joins a list of many generous gifts they have bestowed upon Washington University," Wrighton said. "Their support is a tribute to the valuable teaching and scholarship that our faculty and students pursue.

"Thanks to their extraordinary generosity, we can recognize Ed's many contributions as a scholar in his field and a champion of great teaching."

Wrighton also praised Macias for his visionary leadership at the University.

In his leadership roles, Ed has been a major force in strengthening and broadening the arts and sciences at Washington University," Wrighton said. "As provost, he chaired the committee to prepare for the 21st century. As executive vice chancellor and dean of Arts & Sciences, he helped make those future initiatives possible."

For the past 34 years, Macias has served in many different roles at the University. He joined the Arts & Sciences faculty in 1979 as an assistant professor of chemistry and became a full professor in 1984. In the 1980s, Macias added administrative roles to his full-time teaching and research, serving as the director of the Summer School program and as part of the Department of Chemistry. In 1988, he was appointed provost, and in 1995 he was named to his present position.

His research interests include environmental and nuclear chemistry, focusing on the chemistry and physics of atmospheric particles and the effect of these particles on haze and air pollution.

Widely consulted for his expertise, Macias has been called upon to assist national and governmental institutions, including the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences.

Macias earned a bachelor's degree from Colgate University in 1966 and a doctorate from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1970.

The Thomases are dedicated supporters of Arts & Sciences. Barbara Thomas is a WUSTL alumna, having graduated in 1976 with a degree in drama. After several acting jobs and graduate work in both drama and music, she entered the corporate world and is now senior vice president and chief financial officer of HBO Sports.

In recognition of her support of boxing, both individually and through HBO, she was inducted into the Boxing Hall of Fame last year.

She has been a member of the University's Board of Trustees since 1994 and has served on the Arts & Sciences National Council for 13 years. In addition, she has provided leadership support for the Campaign for Washington University by co-sponsoring major gifts with her husband and serving on the national vice-chair of the regional campaigns.

Barbara met him when they were graduate students at Northwestern University, each earning a master of business administration degree in 1979.

In addition, David Thomas earned an additional graduate degree in East Asian studies from the University of Illinois in 1980 and is currently chancellor of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

He serves as president of the Trenton School Board of Trustees and is on the board of Meet the Composer, an organization that increases opportunities for composers by fostering the creativity, performance, dissemination and appreciation of their music.

'Snuf study' researcher to give Friedman Lecture

BY GAIL Z. RACKER

What do names have to do with understanding aging? A lot, according to renowned author and epidemiologist David Snowdon, this year's key note speaker for the Center for Aging's Fourth Annual Friedman Lecture. The lecture and an update on the center's activities will be from 6-7:30 p.m. May 18 in Baker University Hall Auditorium.

Snowdon has studied 678 women from the School Sisters of Notre Dame, a religious order. Each gave her unprecedented access to personal and medical histories and pledged to donate her brain to his research.

Washington University is celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2003-04. Special presentations will be made throughout the yearlong observance.

In 1963, the University obtained land classified as surplus property from the federal government and turned it into what is now the Tyson Research Center, a 2,000-acre field station near the Meramec River, just outside the St. Louis metropolitan area. In 1974, a sizable portion of Tyson was included in Missouri's Tyson-Tyson Quarry District, a 44-square mile area listed in the National Register of Historic Places. This unit is derived from the presence of several ft. thick terraces of sand and gravel that lap the edge of the delta. Tyson is managed by WUSTL and is available for research and environmental studies (such as the biodiversity and ecosystem study above that used 300-gram DNA bait to stimulate small pond communities). Part of the Organization of Biological Field Stations network, Tyson is also used for educational and other activities by researchers and approved outreach groups. One-hundred forest covers about 85 percent of the hilly, karst-dominated landscape that is home to many varieties of ferns, mush- rooms, and other plants and trees. While bears, mountain lions and elk can no longer be found at Tyson, deer, coyotes, foxes, bobcats, bats and other mammals remain. Bird-watching is a popular activity at Tyson, as is looking for butterflies and dragonflies.

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First-year students receiving history of medicine book award

Minimally invasive colon cancer surgery is effective

By Gila Z. Reckless

G etting treated for a common type of cancer just became easier. An international team of surgeons, including two from the School of Medicine, determined that minimally invasive surgery is as safe and effective as the open surgery for most patients with cancer confined to the colon.

In the cosmetic benefits of having a smaller incision, patients who received the minimally invasive procedure, called laparoscopically assisted colectomy, also required one less day in the hospital, one less day on intravenous pain killers and one less day on pain killers.

The team cautioned, though, that the procedure is only safe and effective if stringent surgical standards are followed.

“We found that, in the hands of an experienced surgeon, laparoscopically assisted colectomy is indeed an acceptable alternative for treating colon cancer. Now we have the task of defining who is an ‘experienced’ surgeon.”

Ludmerer receives history of medicine book award

Ludmerer was born in Long Beach, Calif., and earned a bachelor's degree in history and science in 1968 from Harvard University. He then went to Johns Hopkins, where he earned a master's degree in the history of medicine in 1971 and a medical degree in 1973.

He joined Washington University in 1979 as assistant professor of medicine and of history. He was named associate professor of medicine and of history in 1986, and he was promoted to professor of medicine and of history in 1992.

Among many honors, Ludmerer received the Nicholas E. Daniels Memorial Award from the American College of Physicians in 1997, the Distinguished Alumni Award of John Hopkins University in 1999, the Daniel Tosteson Award for Leadership in Medical Education from Harvard Medical School in 2001 and the Abraham Flexner Award for Distinguished Service to Medical Education from the Association of American Medical Colleges in 2003.

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In addition, he has served on the editorial boards of nine professional journals and delivered named lectures at more than 150 educational institutions or professional societies.

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He is being honored for his book, Time to Heal: American Medical Education from the Turn of the Century to the Era of Managed Care.

The award, which recognizes the author of the outstanding book in the field of history of medicine published during the preceding five years, was announced May 1 at the AAHM's annual meeting in Milwaukee, Wis.

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Commencement Week

University Events

University Events listings a portion of the activities taking place May 14-20 at Washington University. For the complete activities calendar for the five-day edition, visit the Office of Weekly Events at

Exhibits

Friday, May 14 6-9pm Faculty of Arts Trivia Exhibition (Part II), Del Lee Gallery, Delmar Ave.

Continuing

School of Art, Bachelor of Fine Arts Show. Thursday through Sunday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. of Artistry

Lectures

Friday, May 14 9:15 a.m. Pediatric Grand Rounds, "Pro- gram in Development of Infants - Emerging Area". Stuart Kornfeld, prof., of psychiatry and neurology, U.S. Children's Hospital.

Neonatal Critical Care and Physiology Seminar: "New Beginnings: The First Decade in Neonatal Critical Care and Physiology", by Lawrence S.B. Goldstein, prof., of cellular biology and of chemical biology, University of Chicago and of pediatrics, U. of Calif., San Francisco. Thursday, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Delmar Medical Library, 7th Fl. Room 742-4256.


Board

Brauer served as U.S. ambassador to Belgium - From Page 1

Council

"David Kemper has taken an extraordinary interest in the University and has devoted not only his time but his support, for many important initiatives especially the recent announcement of the naming of the Mildred Lane Kemper Art Museum in honor of his late mother," Wrighton said.

Wrighton noted that Kemper had supported the University in a number of ways, including his support of the School of Engineering and Applied Science.

Kemper was also an avid supporter of the arts, and he has served as a trustee of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra and the St. Louis Art Museum.

Wrighton mentioned the success of the Kemper Center for the Arts at Washington University, which has been operated by Kemper for more than 15 years.

Wrighton also noted that Kemper was a dedicated supporter of the University's Supplier Diversity Program, which has helped to increase diversity in the University's supply chain.

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About the new trustee

Cynthia J. Brinkley is president of Missouri South, a Christian university in the United States. She is responsible for all regulatory, legal and financial external affairs activities in Missouri, a position she has held since July 2002.

She previously served as president of SCAC Arkansas, where she was the state's business leader of the year in 2002. Brinkley joined the company in 1995.

She is a graduate of the University of Missouri with a bachelor's degree in journalism, and of Truman State University with a bachelor's degree in political science.

Jerald L. Kent is president and chief executive officer of Coeleg III, a broadband telecommunication company that was formed in 2002.

A 20-year veteran of the cable television industry, he began his career as an executive of Cox Cable Associates Inc., and then co-founded Charter Communications in 1989.

Prior to founding Coeleg, he was president and chief executive officer of Charter Communications. Under his leadership, Charter grew to serve seven million customers as the nation's fourth-largest cable operator.

The following programs begin at 2 p.m.

Health Administration Program: "Leadership: The White House Plaza Hotel, Grand Ballroom.

Program in Genetics Epidemiology: "Genetics and Cancer," McLean Medical Research Building, Cancer Center.

Louise B. Johnson Norris Art Museum.

The following programs begin at 7 p.m.

Friday, May 21 7:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m. May 23.) Cost: $945 per person.

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Friday, May 18 8 a.m. Board of Physicians and Surgeons. creamy. Washington University, 1854-2004. Wrighton served as U.S.

Friday, May 21 4:30 pm. College of Arts & Sciences Recognition Ceremony. Washington University, 1854-2004. Wrighton served as U.S.

Friday, May 21 1:30 p.m. School of Architecture & Applied Science Recognition Ceremony. Washington University, 1854-2004. Wrighton served as U.S.


Saturday, May 15 10:30 a.m. "150 Years of Washington University, 1854-2004." Wrighton served as U.S.

Saturday, May 15 2:30 p.m. "Washington University: A Century of Leaders in Business & Medicine." Wrighton served as U.S.

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Arts & Sciences to recognize achievements of 6 alumni

Arts & Sciences presents staff awards

Arts & Sciences is known to more than 80,000 donors, hundreds of volunteers, the entire campus community and educational institutions around the world as the leader of the Campaign for Washington University, which has generated nearly $1.5 billion, including more than $185 million to Arts & Sciences and University College.

He majored in psychology, using his math abilities in ecuiole electives, and concentrated in marketing in the Olm School's master of business administration program.

Isikoff is an award-winning investigative correspondent for Newsweek. During 30 years of reporting, he has mined for facts behind Whitewater, Iran-Contra, the Persian Gulf War, Democratic campaign contributions and Enron.

The arts & sciences Laboratory School presents the 2004 Junior Library Guild Story of Red Rubber Ball, published this month and is a 2004 Junior Library Guild Selection.

Arts & Sciences Laboratory School was done in the laboratory of Stanford Peng, M.D., Ph.D., assistant professor of medicine in the Department of Immunology and Microbial Disease. Ross research on the regulation of immunoglobulin synthesis was done in the laboratory of Jason Weber, Ph.D., assistant professor of cell biology and director of the Stanhope Research Center was done with Jamie Kintzle, Ph.D., postdoctoral researcher in biology. He did a study of disruption in ecosystems and their subsequent susceptibility to invasion by exotic species.

Jonathan Horn and Dan . . .
Elzbieta Sklodowska has defined the future vision of the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures

Elzbieta Sklodowska, Ph.D. (right), professor and chair of Romance languages and literatures in Arts & Sciences, discusses a research project with Vicky Albornoz, lecturer in Spanish.

Elzbieta Sklodowska, Ph.D., also a professor of Spanish in Romance languages and literatures, "Every day I learn valuable lessons from the interaction between diverse cultures, experiences and perspectives."

"As a fledgling chair, I have benefited enormously from the practical advice and guidance of my predecessors, Nina Davis, who had chaired the department for six years. I think that the transition has been quite smooth, thanks to the collegiality and synergy of our department."

Her colleague thinks she's "a human being, Elzbieta has no equals. Washington University is fortunate to count her among its ranks."

"For me, entering the realm of teaching and research, I have relied on this university's support and this university's dedication of the faculty."

"We have some of the best researchers in the country."

"Our faculty and teaching assistants are attuned to pedagogical and technological innovations of our times, but they still remain focused on skills and values traditionally associated with the humanities."

"The presence of our faculty extends beyond departmental boundaries, into comparative literature, International and Area Studies, Women and Gender Studies, Film and Media Studies and into the local communities."

"Thanks to the initiative and dedication of our colleague Virginia Braux, our outreach programs for the local Hispanic community have flourished in recent years."

"Sklodowska's own efforts have also contributed to the success of the department."

"Sklodowska has been inspired by recent trips to Cuba, centers on the surge in artistic and literary activity in Cuba since the 1990s. Because much of that activity is largely uncharted by literary critics, there is a lot of material to be compiled, analyzed and published."

"Doing research on contemporary Cuban culture and literature is a truly forward-looking project, and I am happy to encourage my doctoral students to explore exciting new lines of inquiry," she said."

"Sklodowska is a recognized expert on Spanish-American testimonial literature."

"She has received numerous awards for her writing, including the Mexican literary award "Premio Flora" for best critical essay, and the Northeast Modern Language Association Foreign Language Book Award for her piece on Latin American testimonial literature — the first book-length study on the topic."

"Sklodowska also serves on the editorial board for five journals and is the general co-editor for Latin American literature for Revista de Estudios Hispanicos, published by the University by her department."

"Sklodowska's husband, Philip, works as a theater director and a German and Polish translator."

"They have two children — Alexander, 14, and Inka, 8."

"When she isn't teaching, researching or managing the department, Sklodowska likes to engage in culinary experiences, ranging from Thai curries to multicolored feasts. She also enjoys traveling with her family — both Europe and the Caribbean are on their radar for their next travel destination."

"While being chair of the department certainly keeps her very busy, she positions herself to take on new challenges."

"The world I know best before becoming chair was that of teaching and research," she said. "Now my duties have been multiplied and my responsibilities magnified."

"For me, entering the realm of administration can be likened to the experience of learning a foreign language. Fortunately, once again, I have found encouraging teachers and patient interlocutors, both at the University and at home."

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"Working at the intersection of three languages housed in one department — French, Italian and Spanish — can be both challenging and invigorating," said Sklodowska, PhD, also a professor of Spanish in Romance languages and literatures."

"Every day I learn valuable lessons from the interaction between diverse cultures, experiences and perspectives."