Washington University in St. Louis

Siteman advances to NCI comprehensive status

BY GWEN EDISON

The Siteman Cancer Center has joined the highest-ranking cancer research and treatment institutions with a designation by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) as a Comprehensive Cancer Center.

This distinction recognizes Siteman's broad-based research, outreach and educational activities and provides Siteman with research funding of $21 million. In addition, the designation is acknowledgment that the people of the St. Louis region have access to novel cancer therapies and cutting-edge research," said Timothy J. Eberlein, M.D., director of the Siteman Cancer Center. "It also adds the $130 million in cancer research grants already held by researchers and clinicians affiliated with Siteman.

"This research will lead to improved strategies for cancer prevention, detection and treatment that will reduce the burden of cancer locally and nationally." To achieve comprehensive status, a cancer center must succeed in a rigorous multistage review process. Siteman was awarded comprehensive status because of its strong basic science and clinical trial research programs; cancer prevention, control and population-based research programs; and a body of interactive research bridging these areas.

The center was also recognized for its outreach and education for residents of the St. Louis region and for health-care professionals. Since its inception in 1999, Siteman has provided the most effective, up-to-date care to people in the surrounding community and nationwide. It is the only NCI-designated cancer center within a 240-mile radius.

In the past year alone, the more than 300 WUSTL physicians affiliated with Siteman cared for nearly 6,000 new and returning patients, and they conducted more than 350 clinical trials.

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Baugh to head African and Afro-American Studies

By Neil Schneider

John Baugh, Ph.D., a well-known African-American linguist and educator, will be the inaugural holder of an Arts & Sciences endowed professorship. He has been a leader in the movement to assure representation of the African-American experience in the classroom. Baugh previously served for 14 years as professor of education and linguistics at Stanford University. He earned an earned doctorate in educational linguistics from the University of Pennsylvania.

Baugh's most recent work is on identification of the race of speakers from their voices during telephone conversations. He has also revealed a "newly gestaltizing" important policy implications about discrimination in housing can be drawn from this research. Baugh received a Fulbright Scholar award in 2004 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for his work in this area.

"John Baugh is a scholar of international reputation," said Edward S. Macias, Ph.D., executive vice chancellor, dean of Arts & Sciences and the Barbara and David Thomas Distinguished Professor in Arts & Sciences. "He has been an award-winning teacher and an enthusiastic, effective and talented scholar. We look forward to his active leadership in African-American and Afro-American Studies programs and his role in many other parts of Arts & Sciences."

"I think it is very fitting and appropriate that he be named the inaugural holder of the Margaret Bush Wilson endowed professorship. Margaret was a strong leader in the Civil Rights Movement and she be actively involved in the University community for many years."

Baugh is a founding member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. He is the former executive vice chancellor, dean of Arts and Sciences and the Barbara and David Thomas Distinguished Professor in Arts & Sciences.

Tuition, fees for 2005-06 announced

Graduate and professional tuition

Graduate School of Arts & Sciences and graduate programs in the School of Architecture and the School of Engineering & Applied Sciences: The 2005-06 tuition will total $24,660, an increase of $2,065 (9.3 percent) over the current charge of $22,595. The board of directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the American Red Cross, to Ann Prenatt, Vice President for Student Affairs and was sponsored by the Office of Student Activities and was attended by 45 students and several university administrators. The seminar, titled "Refocusing Community Experience," is sponsored by the Office of Student Activities and was planned in conjunction with a student steering committee.

We have made some wonderful improvements to the campus over the past year with more to come. For example, this past spring we dedicated the newly renovated John M. Olm Library—a $3.5 million project that makes this facility a cutting-edge provider of information as well as a welcoming place for student study and research. In August we opened the Forrester House, residence hall on the South 40. This is an eating and residential facility to be constructed on the South 40 over the past 7 years. Another residence hall will be completed in time for the fall semester.

"We continue to make exceptional progress in serving our core mission of teaching and learning. Our new director of student academic affairs, Dr. David Wrighton said. "He is an exceptional leader, and we are grateful to have him leading the university in the advance of Washington University in St. Louis."
School of Medicine Update

Knights establishes breast health center, program at Siteman

BY KIM LETING

Each year, more than 50,000 women are screened for breast health at the Siteman Cancer Center for screening mammograms, digital diagnostic mammograms, breast cancer treatments and follow-up visits.

Charles F. and Joanne Knight have donated $5 million to support cancer care programs at Siteman. The commitment will enable the center to expand the Knight Breast Health Center and Breast Cancer Program.

"The Knights' long history of generosity and support has had a profound impact on the growth and success of not only the Siteman Cancer Center, but also the entire Washington University community," said Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton.

"This gift is further testament to Chuck and Joanne's exceptional commitment and service to the St. Louis community and beyond. It is not an overstatement to say that their generosity will help better and, in many cases, save the lives of thousands of people," Wrighton said.

As one of the cornerstones of Siteman, the breast center is playing an important role in the first large multi-center study, led by the National Cancer Institute, comparing digital mammography to conventional mammography. The aim of the study is to detect breast cancer.

"In the last 30 years, while the incidence of breast cancer has doubled, we have not made progress in detecting the disease at an earlier stage," said Matthew J. Ellis, M.D., Ph.D., head of the Breast Cancer Program at Siteman. "This coalition of resources and expertise will allow us to detect breast cancer at a much earlier stage and to offer patients a wide range of treatment options."

"I cannot imagine a more distinguished member of the St. Louis community than Charles F. Knight," said Dr. Jill Ellzey, M.D., director of the University of Missouri's Comprehensive Cancer Research Center, BioMed 21, which aims to translate basic genetic data into new therapies.

"I extend my heartfelt thanks to Chuck and Joanne for their extraordinary leadership and commitment to the Siteman Cancer Center," she said. "This gift will provide a steady stream of support and will enable the center to undertake new initiatives that will benefit our patients."

Ellzey added that as a "key member of the Siteman Cancer Center Community Advisory Board, Joanne's active participation has also provided us with valuable insights as we continue to enhance the center's programs."

Charles F. Knight was chief executive officer of Emerson from 1973-2000, chairman of the board from 1974-2004 and is now chairman emeritus. He and Joanne have been actively involved in the St. Louis region, the University of Missouri and Barnes-Jewish Hospital for more than 30 years.

"Charles Knight was instrumental in securing a $10 million commitment from Emerson's Charitable Trust and the Schroeder-Bush Foundation to expand vital research space and support at the Siteman Cancer Center," Ellzey said. "The first priority for funding through the Emerson-Bush grant has led to expansion of cancer research space and programs in a new cancer research facility. The basic and applied research and new clinical programs supported by this gift distinguish the Siteman Cancer Center and are key to finding new treatments and diagnostic techniques for cancer patients."

Knight's dedicated service to the University earned him the 1997 Robert S. Brodows Award.

The previous year, he was awarded an honorary doctorate of science in recognition of his service to the University and the St. Louis region.

Knight's work on behalf of the University includes serving as a trustee from 1977-1990. He also co-chaired the corporate committee for the 2002 Campaign for Washington University. The campaign, which ended June 30, raised $589 million.

Knight serves as chairman of the Olm School of Business National Council and is one of the school's strongest supporters. In 2001, the Charles F. Knight Executive Education Center at the Olm School of Business was completed and dedicated in his honor. Joanne Knight is also a community leader who has been involved with many University and charitable causes.

At the University, she has served on the board of directors at Central Institute for the Deaf and is a founder of the Board of the School of Art National Council.

By Gwen Edson

University scientists elected AAAS fellows

Six University researchers have been named fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), the world's largest general scientific society. AAAS elects the rank of fellow—the highest honor it confers—to researchers who have made scientifically or socially distinguished efforts to advance science.

Elliot L. Elen, Ph.D., the Alumni Endowed Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics, was honored for developing theoretical and experimental approaches to the use of novel fluorescent methods for studying virologic properties of cells, and for the investigation of viral antagonists and drugs to neutralize viral infection.

"I plan to continue working tirelessly to promote Dr. King's vision of service to the less fortunate in our society," Ross said.

Elen also was honored for his efforts to improve medical education in Latin America and the Caribbean through the use of travel grants, institutional awards and academic programs.

John DiPersio, M.D., the Lewis T. and Rosalind B. Apple Professor of Medicine, thanks Siteman patient Debra Ochs for recruiting her battle with leukemia during the Jan. 4 news conference announcing Siteman's National Cancer Institute Comprehensive Cancer Center designation. Under DiPersio's care, Ochs underwent a successful bone marrow transplant last summer.

For the past three years, Ross has served president of the Missouri City Medical Forum, a leading local medical organization that promotes the elimination of health-care disparities.

He serves as the commission's executive director and a board member of the Missouri Foundation for Health, one of the nation's largest health-care foundations.

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Tom E. Phillips-Conway, Ph.D., professor of anatomy and neurobiology and professor of otolaryngology in Arts & Sciences, was honored for distinguished contributions to the study of primate social behavior and species diversity, especially in wild monkeys and baboon populations in Africa.

Herbert W. Vogel, M.D., Ph.D., professor of pathology and immunology and of molecular microbiology, was recognized for his distinguished and numerous contributions to the understanding of viral pathogenesis, latency, immunity and immune evasion of gamma herpes viruses and for his work on the development of new pathogens.

From Arts & Sciences, Gaye J. Proulx, Ph.D., professor of neuroimmunology, was honored for her studies on the domestication of plants by native North Americans and the spread of maize in this region. Eriq J. Richards, Ph.D., associate professor of biology in Arts & Sciences, was honored for his fundamental studies of cytokine and chemokine biology, especially the role of DNA methylation in the epigenetic stability of the cytokine gene.
Women’s health focus of major exhibit; opens today

By ELAINE OTTO

Women’s bodies — nude, adorned, eroticized, abstracted — figure prominently in the history of art. Yet the art of women’s health is shockingly ignored.

The very concept of women’s health began to take shape only until the early 1970s, with the groundbreaking publication of the book Our Bodies, Ourselves, and “women’s health” did not appear in print until the 1980s. For decades, the medical establishment, the media, the medical community and the wider public ignored the reality of women’s health.

For centuries, women were discouraged from fully participating in the art world. Women artists were often excluded from art shows and their work was not taken seriously.

In the 1980s, women’s health became a major issue, and the art world began to address the topic. The Mildred Lane Kemper Art Museum, part of Washington University in St. Louis, is presenting “Inside Out: Women’s Health in Contemporary Art,” which includes more than 50 works by internationally known artists and cultural producers. The exhibition opens with a reception from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today and runs through April 24.

“Inside Out” demonstrates that art and culture really matter. These kinds of visual representation make us conscious of issues that affect us daily.” Inside Out features approximately 50 artworks in a variety of traditional and cutting-edge media by more than 30 internationally known artists and artists’ groups. These include Ida Applebroog, Sadie Benning, Museum Conk, Mark Dion, I. Morgan Peet, Sentinels, Nan Goldin, Gran Fury, Lynn Hershman, Kathy Hinde, Mary Heebner, Kitty Howard, Nika Kachaturian, Barbara Kruger, Zoe Leonard, Kerry James Marshall, Michelle McElroy, Tom Onorato, Qurandy Raugh, Richard Ringham, Donna Schmacher, Cindy Sherman, Katherine Steward, Kiki Smith, Ellen Spier, Elizabeth Subrin, Tra, T. Kien-Trung and Hannah Wilke.

The exhibition also features one new work designed specifically for this show, the video installation Mood Swings by Victoria Vena. The exhibition opens with a reception from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and will remain on view through April 24. Before the opening, Milseq will host a panel discussion on "Art, Performance and the Body: A Conversation With Artists Zoe Leonard, Onorato, Katherine Steward and T. Kien-Trung" from 4-6 p.m., followed by a performance of "Shadow Women," a work by Katherine Steward and That Uppity Theater Company from 7-9 p.m.

In conjunction with “Inside Out,” more than 30 campus and community partners will present some 60 related events, ranging from panel discussions, concerts, exhibitions and theatrical performances to community engagement and screenings. To request a copy of “Inside Out: Women’s Health in Contemporary Art,” contact Stephanie Parrish (935-7918).

Wednesday, Jan. 26


4:30 p.m. Celebration: "The Physics of the Atmospheres: Science, Society and the Challenges to the Explorer of Planet Dynamics." Vasili Lubchenko, dept. of physics, U. of Alaska Anchorage. (2:30 p.m. coffee, Compton Hall, Rm. 245.) Compton Hall, Rm. 245. 454-4858.

Thursday, Jan. 27


Concert Jan. 23 to mark Graham Chapel organ dedication

By ELAINE OTTO

For the past several years, Graham Chapel — one of the oldest and most beloved buildings on campus — has undergone a series of much-needed renovations, from cleaning and lighting upgrades to a new HVAC system. Most recently, a major restoration of the chapel’s organ was funded by the Roland Quest Memorial Trust, directed by Howard Kelsey.

The organ, purchased from the Hammond Organ Company of St. Louis, was replaced in 1936 with an organ that many believed to be one of the finest in the city. It has since undergone a number of renovations and restorations since its installation, and that Graham Chapel was essential to that evolution.

In 1986, a major refurbishment by Petty-Eyring of Chicago was completed. The organ was rededicated in 1986.

Now it is time to celebrate the organ’s rededication. The program will open with three works by Bach in a series of 18 recitals. The program will continue with a string quartet, concerto and extended performance as well as a five-day march meal.

The program concludes with "Chovash in E Major" by Cesar Franck and will conclude with a program of works from the Sixth Organ Symphony of Charles-Marie Widor.

Kemble, professor of organ at the University of Michigan, has performed throughout North America and Europe, and including the complete works of Bach in a series of 18 recitals. His recital includes Bech’s organ cycle Clavivarii Sii, and he is the only person to perform in the International Organ Competition of the Prague Spring Festival.

The Graham Chapel organ has undergone a number of renovations and restorations since its dedication in the early 1930s. The organ, built by the Egan Organ Company of St. Louis, was replaced in 1936 with an organ from the Hammond Organ Company of Chicago.

In 1949, a new organ from the M.F. Miller Co. of Hagerstown, Md., was installed thanks to a bequest from A. L. Blaisdell. Newfound strength, Howard Hewitt, director of musical arts, established the Department of Music in Arts & Sciences, which in turn helped develop a nationally renowned graduate program in organ performance studies (directed by Howard G. Green).

In 1986, a major refurbishment by Betty Maddigan Organbuilders of Hopewell, N.J., was added to the organ along with a new console and internal and external reeds. In addition, the organ is now equipped with a new lighting system provided by the Zarratt Trust, managed by his friend Phyllis Tirmenstein, and that Graham Chapel was essential to that evolution.

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North River Chicago Dance Comes to Edison

BY LISA OTTEN

The River North Chicago Dance Company, the eclectic, 13-member team known for organizing workshops and contemporary choreographers, will return to Edison Theatre for performances Jan. 21-23.

Shows — sponsored by Dance St. Louis and the Edison Theatre — are open to the public for $28, $24 for seniors, and $18 for students and children.

Tickets are available at the Edison Theatre box office (935-6543); the Danse St. Louis box office (634 N. Grand Ave., 534-6622); the Danse St. Louis Web site (dancesouthsouthernusa.com); and through Metrotix, (534-1111).

For more information, call 935-6543.

Monday, Jan. 24


Wednesday, Jan. 26


Sunday, Jan. 30


Service award nominations sought

BY NEIL SCHINNERR

The Community Service Program is seeking nominations for the annual Neil Schinnerr Volunteer of the Year Award. Nominees must have served a significant amount of time on the University's campus through community involvement; or

BY JESSICA MARTIN

For the former U.S. solicitor general and founder of the American Civil Liberties Union, the Lesbian & Gay Rights Project and the president of the National Breast Cancer Coalition, the part of the spring lineup for the School of Law's seventh annual Public Interest Law Speakers Series.

Tickets are $28; $24 for seniors and WUSTL faculty and staff and $18 for students and children.

The series kicked off Jan. 19 with a lecture by Jonnie R. Jones on "Dr. Martin Luther King's Legacy: An Economic Justice Perspective." Jones, professor of civil law and supervising attorney for the small business clinic at George Washington University, was the Black Law Students Association Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Speaker.

The remaining presentations will be held in Anheuser-Busch Hall and are free and open to the public. The schedule is:


• 11 a.m. March 23 — William P. Quigley, the Janet Mary and H. St. John Jones Professor of Law and director of the Loyola Law Clinic and AIDS Access Project at Loyola University, New Orleans, will speak on "Laws, Poverty and the Law: Where Do We Go From Here?"

For more information, call 935-6958.


Sam Fox School dean's advisory committee

By LAM OTTEN

Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton has appointed an advisory committee to search for the dean of the Sam Fox School of Design and Visual Arts.

The committee includes Richard J. Smith, Ph.D., the Ralph E. Morrison Distinguished University Professor of Architecture, and Suzanne Sincoff, effective immediately, to chair the committee. They are joined by faculty members who will serve on the committee until a dean is selected.

Other committee members are: Shirley K. Baker, chancellor; Barbara Murphy Bryant, dean of visual arts; Marianne S. Bollino, a member of the Architecture Graduates Advisory Council; Lisa Bonchek, assistant professor of art; Stanford C. Chihia, Ph.D., associate professor of art history and archaeology in Arts & Sciences; and Donald L. Dierksen, Ph.D., professor of Architecture; Sabine Eichmann, Ph.D., curator of the Mildred Lane Kemper Art Museum; and Peter B. MacKeith, Ph.D., director of architectural studies.

The committee is charged with identifying 5-10 candidates with the potential to become the School of Design and Visual Arts’ sixth dean.

The search will conclude in early 2019.

Sincoff Fellow of the American Institute of Architects

By KEN HOFFMAN

Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Suzanne Sincoff has been named Architecture Bachelor’s Degree Fellow for 2018-19 at Washington University in St. Louis.

Her appointment comes ahead of the university’s centennial celebration. She will have the opportunity to contribute to the planning of programs and special events throughout the academic year.

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these administrative changes is to increase the number of graduate programs in design and the visual arts so that we can continue to recruit faculty and students of the highest caliber:

"We will continue to increase our investment in new and renovated facilities and expand our facilities. The plan allows families to spread all or part of their tuition payment over several months, allowing families to decrease the effect of monthly payments on their family budget. The university will incur $6.9 million in interest payments each year on borrowed funds. The tuition plan allows families to decrease the effect of monthly payments on their family budget.

"The university is committed to strengthening our academic programs in design and the visual arts so that we can continue to recruit faculty and students of the highest caliber. The new academic programs will allow us to enhance the quality, impact and reach of our academic programs, and we expect to continue to recruit faculty and students of the highest caliber."

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Obituaries

Lois Eliot, wife of former chancellor, 92

BY ANDY CLENDENNEN


Born Feb. 19, 1912, in Oak Park, Ill., Lois graduating class at Smith — a position she held for many decades.

The couple came to Washington University in 1952, where Thomas Eliot took a faculty position as professor of political science.

In the 1950s, Mrl. Eliot became involved in a research project called the "baby tooth survey" in which baby teeth were examined and Stenotomum, a form of radiations from nuclear fallout was just one of the many scientific activities and interests she was engaged in throughout her life.

In 1962, he became chancellor and held that position until leaving the University in 1971. She was the one with the social skills," said her daughter, Nancy Eliot Uelt.

"While Dad ran the University, she ran the household," said Mrl. Eliot, which might include anything from a small after-school faculty wives tea to a full-sit down dinner with the prime minister of Singapore and his entire entourage, including bodyguards and secret service.

"Northeastern was so smooth managed to do this with complete grace and unflagging ability, said Lois Eliot memorial.

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Overcoming incredible odds

Dedication and determination define Dmitri Yablonskiy’s physics career

In the Ukraine, Yablonskiy joined a physics division that received more than 100 scientific papers and won the republic’s highest physics medal. Although scared, he decided to make a chance for himself by applying to universities he hadn’t even heard of. "In my 30 years here," he says, "I have never heard of any Ukrainian students attending two universities at the same time."

But he’d much rather savor his dream of making a new life for himself, even if it meant making no arrangements for a job in the United States. "I will talk about the difficulties of making a new life for my family looked very bleak."

Constant collaboration

Now a professor of physics in Arts & Sciences and of radiology in the School of Medicine, Yablonskiy will talk about the difficulties of his early days in the United States, but he’s much rather savour his dream of making a new life for his family looked very bleak.

A professor of physics in Arts & Sciences and of radiology in the School of Medicine, Yablonskiy has risen to the rank of fully tenured professor faster than anyone he’s ever known in his 30 years here.

"Dmitry’s ability to reach out and communicate with other people is amazing. He’s not the least bit afraid to get deeply involved in efforts to tackle biologically significant problems. He’s willing to roll up his sleeves and become a significant contributor."

Marc E. Raichle

"If you heat the brain externally, the heat will only go 3 to 4 millimeters deep, while the increase in 15 to 16 centimeters will stay at the temperature it starts," he explains.

Yablonskiy and Sukstanskiy hope to lay the groundwork that may one day enable scientists to answer one of the most basic brain temperature questions: Throughout evolutionary history, how has the brain always been kept in such a narrow temperature window?

"In most species, humans and animals, the brain is always kept between 36 and 37 degrees Celsius (96.8 and 100.4 Fahrenheit)," Yablonskiy explains. "Why this narrow window? It’s very basic and very important — the question that is still up in the air.

Yablonskiy’s research also has applications in clinical treatment. In the past decade, neurologists have become interested in using hypothermia to slow brain injury. Cold slows the rate of chemical reactions that drive metabolism, potentially slowing the chemical chain reactions that can cause injury in patients with stroke and other brain trauma. Yablonskiy and Sukstanskiy are helping scientists consider their options for creating such cooling effects in the brain.

In addition to his work with Raichle and Ackerman, Yablonskiy is adapting MRI for use in analyzing the microstructure of the brain. The project is another example of the collaborative atmosphere that he loves at the University. His colleague on this project includes Mark S. Corrada, Ph.D., professor of physics; Joel D. Cooper, M.D., professor of neurology; and Marc E. Raichle, M.D., professor of radiology, of neurology, and of anatomy and neurobiology.

"Dmitry’s ability to reach out and communicate with other people is amazing," Yablonskiy’s colleague says. "He’s not the least bit afraid to get deeply involved in efforts to tackle biologically significant problems. He’s willing to roll up his sleeves and become a significant contributor."

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