Post office moves from 'temporary' place

By ANDY CLENDINNEN

For some people, temporary means a few days, or perhaps a few weeks. For the Hilltop Campus post office, temporary meant more than 20 years.

In the mid-1980s, the post office was moved to the "trailer" adjacent to Forest Park Parkway as a temporary home.

Now, two decades later, the post office is moving again, this time to a hopefully permanent location in The Village Student Mail Center, 6885 Snow Way, near Big Bend Boulevard in The Village area.

The post office will be open for business in its new location Jan. 31, and there will be no interruption of service during the move.

The Hilltop Campus post office is permanently moving to The Village Student Mail Center to provide U.S. postal services to the University community, and to operate the existing mail center for the students assigned to The Village area," said Peggy Smith, mail services manager.

"This is also an opportunity to save the University some operating expenses by consolidating mail services in the student Village with postal services provided for years at the campus building."

In September, Campus Mail Services relocated its sorting and metering functions to North Campus on Rosedale Avenue, but aside from changing locations once again, not much is expected to be different following the latest shift.

"This is the final phase of the Campus Mail Services move," Smith said. "The University community can expect to receive the same postal services during the same hours as presently offered."

"The students living in The Village area will receive the same postal services during the transition and fast pumping of mouthparts during the latter phase of their extended lives."

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The group then sought to uncover the underlying mechanism for the effect of the anticonvulsants.

It was found that the drugs did not mimic the anti-aging effects of certain restraints, because the worms had abundant food and looked well-fed. The researchers also demonstrated that anticonvulsants did not extend life by protecting the worms from pathogenic bacteria in their environment.

Water sources around the nation and in several cases has made its way into citizens' tap water.

Biswas discovered that a nanostructured form of a compound called titanium dioxide causes MTBE to react with dissolved oxygen so that it yields the harmless gas carbon dioxide. This reaction proceeds via oxidation of MTBE on the surface of the titanium dioxide to produce a harmless end product.

Biswas then designed nanostructured configurations of this catalyst to optimally degrade the pollutant.

"These photo-catalysts can be powered by an artificial light source or can be designed to run on solar power," Biswas said.

Biswas presented his research at the American Chemical Society's annual meeting in Jan. 31 issue of the journal Science.
Saigh Foundation provides professorship gift; Rudy installed in recent ceremony

By Tony Fitzpatrick

Yoram Rudy, Ph.D., professor of biomedical engineering in the School of Engineering & Applied Science, was installed as the inaugural Fred Saigh Distinguished Professor of Engineering in a recent ceremony.
Analysis of chicken genome offers new insights

BY MICHAEL C. PURDY

The first detailed analysis of the chicken genome has identified a previously unknown gene that may provide clues to understanding the human genome. The findings, reported in the December issue of the Journal of Molecular Biology, include a report on the chicken genome sequence and its comparison to the human genome.

Scientists found the chicken genome has about the same number of genes as the human genome: 20,000-25,000 versus the human genome's estimated 20,000-25,000 genes.

However, there are currently only one report in the field on the identification of the chicken genome. The study was reported in the Jan. 16 issue of the International Journal of Developmental Neuroscience.

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Cervical cancer treatment methods depend on age

BY GWEN ERICSON

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SIDS linked to lack of tummy-sleeping experience

BY GWEN ERICSON

Babies who never sleep on their stomachs don't learn behavio that may lessen their risk of sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), according to School of Medicine researchers. Babies who were 3 to 37 weeks old were observed by the researchers.

But, this study showed that advanced age itself strongly affected survival, independent of other factors. Women over 70 with cervical cancer had about 1.6 times the risk of death as did comparable women under 70 having the same tumor stage, type of treatment and additional medical diagnoses.

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By Liam O'tten

Widely considered the greatest anti-war play ever written, Euripides' Trojan Women (415 B.C.) remains both timeless and timely, a poignant meditation on the aftermath of battle. Ron Himes — the Henry E. Hampton in artist residence as well as founding director of the St. Louis Black Rep — is directing a new production of Euripides' enduring parable for the Performing Arts Department in Arts & Sciences.

The Trojan Women is set in the days following the fall of Troy, famously described in Homer's Iliad. The drama focuses on the women of the defeated city, who still grieving lost sons, husbands and brothers — learn from the Greek herald Talthybios (Junior Pushkar Sharma) that they will be distributed among their conquerors.

Directed by Lindsay Brill, the former Trojan queen, will be given to the heads of their conquerors. Her daughter, the prophetess Cassandra (senior Laura Harrison), is allotted to Agamemnon; and Andromache (senior Lauren Janich), is taken by Neoptolemus, son of Achilles.

Meanwhile, Helen (junior Jennifer Letchworth) is condemned to return to Greece with her former husband, Menelaus (junior Chris Wilson).

Himes noted that, in its focus on female characters and their less-than-heroic depiction of the conquering Greeks, the Trojan Women was revolutionary for its day.

"I think that Euripides was trying to give women a voice," Himes said. "Men waged the war, but the women were the ones who suffered most."

At the same time, Himes sees powerful resonances between the Trojan Women and our own strife-filled era.

To that end, the production will feature timeless, costume-less sets and -des — designed by Rosie Krug, senior artist-in-residence, and Christopher Pickart, artist-in-residence, respectively — and, in counterpoint to the dour Greek dialogues, a hip-hop-inspired chorus.

The Trojan Women will play a busy time for Himes. He is directing Javen's Johnson's Cryin' Shame (through 10 Jan. 30), Rep and will soon direct Bill Harris' Stories About the Old Days (Feb 9- March 6).

For more information about either production, call 534-3810.

Himes founded the Black Rep, one of the nation's largest African-American producing arts organizations, in 1970, while a WUSTL student.

He has produced and directed more than 150 plays and musicals, including: The Better Family Life's Creative Artist Award; The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Life and Legacy Award from the National Pan-Hellenic Alumni Council; and honorary doctorates from WUSTL and the University of Minnesota-St. Louis.

Euripides (c. 480-406 B.C.) was one of three great tragedians of ancient Athens, along with Aeschylus and Sophocles.

He is estimated to have written more than 90 plays of which 18 survive, most famously Medea (431 B.C.) and Electra (420 B.C.).

Though frequently based on the exploits of Athenian heroes, his works helped re-shape tragic therapy through their skeptical tone and strong secondary characters. Tickets for The Trojan Women, being staged in the A.E. Hotchner Studio Theatre by the Performing Arts Department in Arts & Sciences.

Arm Marie Mohr (left) as Andromache and Lindsay Brill as Hecube in Euripides' 'The Trojan Women', being staged in the A.E. Hotchner Studio Theatre by the Performing Arts Department in Arts & Sciences.


"The Trojan Women" readings. Tickets are available through the Ed- icion Theatre Box Office, 935-6543, and all MetroTix outlets.

For more information, call 935-6543.

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Exhibits

Inside Out Loud: Visualizing Women's Health Through Technology and Design, Through Jan. 30, 6 p.m. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Center for the Application of Technology and Design (calendar.wustl.edu) and the School of Medicine (medschool.wustl.edu) (web site wustl.edu).

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1 p.m. Program in Physical Therapy Research Seminar. "Trafalgar: Performance in Individuals With Acute Hemiparesis." James Wigger, doctoral student in physical therapy, 4444 Forest Park Blvd., 935-6900.

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Carmen is perhaps the ultimate femme fatale, a rebellious, enigmatic, yet faithful Gypsy who maddens her Spanish lover, with tragic results.

Through this seemingly large story, Georges Bizet's 1875 opera — reputedly the most popular ever — Carmen's story has continued to inspire new re-workings in a wide range of media, from ballet and theatre to films such as La Belle Carmen (1934—5) — and Bizet's original score retelling, which features an African-American cast — Carmen: A Hip Hop Opera (2001), a modern version directed by Robert Townsend.

On Jan. 30-31, the Center for the Humanities in Arts & Sciences will present a symposium on "The Many Faces of Carmen" as part of its 2004-05 Translation Series, an ongoing program of lectures that explores the fundamental cultural importance of the act of translation from a variety of perspectives.

The event co-sponsored by the Department of Music in Arts & Sciences will include screenings of Carmen Jones and Carmen: A Hip Hop Opera, as well as a panel discussion with specialists in literature, theatre, film and music.

Wine tidings will take place from 1-5 p.m. Jan. 30 at the Music Classroom Building, Room 102.

The panel discussion will take place from 7:30-9 p.m. Jan. 31 at the Arts & Sciences Laboratory Science Building, Room 300. Participants will include Dan Friedman, dramaturge at the Castillo Theatre in New York City; Evelyn Gould, professor of Romance Languages at the University of Oregon; Dominique Prochnow, professor of music and Jeff Smith, director of Film & Media Studies in Arts & Sciences.

All events are free and open to the public.

For more information, call 935-5756.
Seth Carlin, professor of music in Arts & Sciences, will conduct the Kingsbury Ensemble as part of the University's Spring Season. The concert will begin at 8 p.m. on Jan. 29 in Lumley Lounge, 935-5930.

The performance is the final concert of the 2010-11 series, which opened this fall with a performance of American music by the early music ensemble, the Hambledon Band. The Kingsbury Ensemble specializes in music of the Baroque and classical periods, employing historically accurate practices and instruments, and performs in acoustically appropriate settings.

Maryse Carlin, instructor in the Department of Music, directs the ensemble, which frequently draws performers from across the United States. The pianist, the main keyboard instrument of the classical era, bridges the Baroque harpsichord and the modern piano.

"Work, Families and Public Policy"" BY JESSICA MARTIN Faculty and graduate students from St. Louis-area universities, with an interest in topics relating to labor economics, law and social welfare are being invited to take part in a series of Monday brown-bag luncheon seminars, beginning next Monday, through April at Washington University.

Now in its ninth year, the "Work, Families and Public Policy" series features one-hour presentations on research interests of faculty from social science and national universities. Presentations will be held from noon-1 p.m. in Eliot Hall, Room 100, and will be followed by a half-hour discussion.

Robert A. Pollak, Ph.D., professor and chair of the Economics in Arts & Sciences; Robert J. Sampson, dean of Social Sciences at Harvard University; and Robert J. Sampson, dean of Social Sciences at Harvard University; will organize the program for the series.

The co-organizer is Michael W. Sherraden, Ph.D., professor of economics at the University of California, Los Angeles, and a faculty member of the Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy in Arts & Sciences.

"Nonprofit Organizations and the Value of Women's Work" • March 26: Cynthia Maunder, Ph.D., deputy director of The School of Social Work's gerontology concentration at the University of Michigan, will present "The Value of Women's Work on Nonprofit Ventures at the School of Social Work" and discuss "Revenues and Trends on Revenue Generation in the Nonprofit Sector."

"(March 24: William Landers, M.D., professor of internal medicine and faculty associate for the Office of Social Research at the University of Michigan, will present "The Health Economics of Aging Parents." This lecture is co-sponsored with the Institute of Internal Medicine and will discuss "Work's gerontology concentration and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention."

The lectures are free and open to the public.

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(3) Submit "University Events" items to the campus events office at least six weeks in advance. Submissions may be e-mailed, mailed, or delivered to the events office. The events office may not be able to accommodate events that happen on a shorter timeline. For more information, contact the events office at 362-7196.
Water

MTBE increased levels in gasoline after 1990

ing, held recently in Philadelphia. One of the researcher's inno-
vations was a developing a special micro-
lamp (cones) that emits a pure and very rea-
sonable amount of light. But that's not all. This system can also be used to produce ozone, which speeds up the oxidation of MTBE to carbon dioxide.

Biswas felt it was important to find a way to remove this pollutant because it "is a toxin and has been implicated as a cause of cancer among men," he said. Even more immediately obvi-
ous, Biswas said, is that water pollution is a health problem in this country, especially in underdeveloped nations. Biswas concluded that MTBE contamination is a threat to human health, too, through exposure via groundwater sources.

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Elgin named assistant dean at the Olin School

By EILEEN P. DOGAN

Patrick S. McLeod, Ph.D., has been named assistant dean in the Olin School of Business, in addition to his position as managing director of the Washington University-Fudan University Joint Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA) Program. The move, which took effect Dec. 1 and was announced by Olin Dean Stuart I. Greenbaum, Ph.D., the Bank of America Professor of Managerial Leadership, said McLeod’s position will allow the school to “stake even more claim to a number of the high-caliber students, faculty and members of our business community.”

“I sincerely appreciate all of the hard work he is doing for us in Shanghai,” Greenbaum said.

McLeod is stationed in Shanghai, China, Classes in the 18-month WUSTL-Fudan Joint Program.

Neuman named director of news and information for Olin School

Shila Neuman has been appointed director of news and information for the Olin School of Business, effective Jan. 10.

As a member of the Office of Public Affairs staff, she will develop and execute policies and information strategies for the Olin School and other business units.

Neuman comes to the University from WPKN radio, a National Public Radio affiliate in New London, Conn., where she had been a reporter and producer for five years.

“We’re delighted to welcome Shila to the Olin School,” said Judy Jasper Leicht, associate vice chancellor for communications and continuing education. “Her experience bring important strengths to the Olin School’s public relations efforts and to the University School.”

Neuman said, “Being affiliated with Washington University is an honor. I look forward to making a difference for the institution, but I also think it’s somewhat genetic; both of my parents are alumni and my mother works in the medical school.”

The Code of Conduct governs “members of the University community”—employees, volunteers, and those who do business with the University. It states the ethical and legal standards that guide their decisions and actions as community members. The statement sum- marizes the Code of Conduct’s key features.

The Code of Conduct is revised from time to time. An up-to-date version of the code is always available on the Web at codeofconduct.wustl.edu.

Integrity and Ethical Conduct

Washington University is committed to the highest ethical and professional standards of conduct as an integral part of its mission of promotion of learning. To achieve this goal, the University relies on each student's community behavior, honesty, integrity and good judgment. Each community member should demonstrate respect for the rights of others. Each community member is accountable for his/her actions.

Compliance With Laws and University Policies

The University and each com- munity member must transact University business in compli- ance with all local, state, and University policies related to the University’s areas of responsibility. Managers and supervisors are responsible for teaching and monitoring compliance in their areas.

Violations or Concerns

Community members are expected to report violations or concerns about the Code of Conduct that come to their attention. Managers have a special duty to adhere to the standards set forth in the Code of Conduct, to recognize violations and to enforce the standards.

There are three ways to report a violation or discuss a concern.

If you may report violations or concerns to your immediate supervisor or department head, if appropriate.

If you may call the University Compliance Office at the number listed for this purpose: 368-9262.

Reports may be made anonymously to this number if the caller so desires, since this number has no caller identification or number recognition.

Or you may call the individual responsible for the related compliance area, a list of these individuals can be found on the complete version of the Code of Conduct available at codeofconduct.wustl.edu.

Hoffner named executive VP of Quadrangle Housing Co.

By NILS SCHENSBERG

Steven P. Hoffner has accepted the position of executive vice president of Quadrangle Housing Company, the not-for-profit corpo- ration established by the Uni- versity to own and manage off- campus apartments for student housing.

Hoffner, formerly assistant vice chancellor for student and director of operations, will continue to be employed by the Uni- versity and will still be part of the University’s Management Team. “We have made a major com- mitment to providing affordable, high-quality housing for our students,” McLeod said. “I am excited to see how this continues working.”

Hoffner has spent two years at Quadrangle Housing Company and his position includes improving the management and customer ser- vice philosophy and off-campus housing, taking steps to increase safety and security in the neighbor- hoods where large numbers of students live and building a sense of community among students who reside off-campus.

“I am very excited about this new opportunity,” Hoffner said. “These past years I have enjoyed the opportunity to work closely with students and colleagues who are passionate about having the best student experience with services on the Hilltop Campus. Now I look forward to become more of an advocate for our undergraduates and graduate students.”

Prior to his arrival at the Uni- versity in 1997, Hoffner served as city manager of Clayton, starting in April 1992.


Memorial service for David Hadass Feb. 5

A memorial service for David Hadass, Ph.D., a professor of English and of Religious Studies in Arts & Sciences for nearly 40 years, will be at 11 a.m. Feb. 5 in Graham Chapel.

The University’s Chamber Choir and Chamber Orchestra will perform during the service. A reception will be held in Holmes Lounge, Ridgley Hall, Hadass, a much-beloved and respected teacher, died March 5, 2004, at 73 after a long battle with cancer. His “Politics as Literature” and “Search for Values” courses were legendary on campus.
Helping scholars help others

Stephanie Kurtzman assists students in finding ways to volunteer

BY NEIL SCHORNBERG

Stephanie Kurtzman works to connect students and staff with volunteer opportunities around St. Louis area. It's a challenging job, but Kurtzman loves it.

"I used to spend about 90 percent of my time with women's programs," Kurtzman recalled. "I did a lot of sexual assault prevention. I advised CORE and I was chair of the committee on sexual assault. But my charge was to build the program." She was recently named director of community service, replacing an old title of coordinator of community service and women's programs.

Kurtzman was born in California. She attended Occidental College in Los Angeles where she earned a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1995. After returning from her post-graduation trip to Israel, Kurtzman was accepted to the University of Vermont for graduate studies in higher education and student affairs.

"I knew when I was an undergraduate that I wanted to be in student affairs," she said. "The value I've gained for me and it made sense. I wasn't thinking, 'Well, I had fun in college.' I just kept doing that and get paid for it, which is a common misconception. I had been involved in residential life governance, and I was really excited to work with students more closely."

Kurtzman graduated from Vermont in 1995 and started at WUSTL that June.

"It was very wonderful, but very hard," Kurtzman reported her first "real" job. "It was a dream job, but as a new professional I felt fairly unprepared in women's programs and community service. I had much more experience in residential life. I felt like I had a steep uphill climb ahead of me and I've just learned along the way."

She's had a lot of help.

Carnagehi, currently Kurtzman's supervisor, was director of residential life during Kurtzman's first year at Vermont. Carnagehi left Vermont to come to WUSTL, helped to hire Kurtzman, and the two have worked closely ever since.

"Having worked with and observed Stephanie as a graduate student in the Higher Education and Student Affairs Program as well as a graduate assistant within the Department of Residential Life at the University of Vermont, I was excited to have the opportunity for us to work together again here at WUSTL," Carnagehi said.

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JILL CARNAGHI

Washington People

Stephanie Kurtzman (second from right), director of community service, talks with resident advisers (from left) Deepali Ramakrishnan, Meredith Reuter and Paule Nijis during Service First Sept. 4. Kurtzman started Service First, an initiative that introduces first-year University students to community service. In September, more than 1,000 University students volunteered their time to landscape, paint, clean and renovate 11 St. Louis public schools.

She does a lot of planning and organization in her office, but the most important role Kurtzman has, she said, is saying "yes" as an adviser to students.

"It's a real gift to be able to help students discover their passions and become active and contributing members of the community," she says.

"They share some of their dreams with me and I learn so much from them," she says.

Kurtzman truly enjoys being part of the University community.

"I think WUSTL is a very collaborative environment," she says. "It's easy to get to know people from other departments and get involved in what other areas of campus are doing. The staff is greatly committed to the students, which is fabulous.

"This is a place where people when at all possible say 'yes.' They don't tell you it's not in their job description or they don't have time."

Kurtzman is married to David Levy, a graduate of the School of Medicine's Program in Occupational Therapy. He's a certified hand therapist. The couple lives in Olivette, Mo., with their two golden retrievers, their "pride and joy."

"We love our dogs!" Kurtzman said. "Kelsey is 8 and Fenway, whose name came with him, is 3. We have such fun playing with them."

When she's not chasing dogs around the house, Kurtzman loves to cook and try out new recipes. She also enjoys spending time with her family, including her 10 nieces and nephews, serving on the board of directors for Trudy's House, a transitional house for abused women and their children; and being active in her synagogue, Central Reform Congregation.

She completed a marathon with her father in June 2000, helping raise more than $35,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

She doesn't run much anymore, however. She's too busy scouring the St. Louis area to locate the various ways all of us can make a difference in the community.

Stephanie Kurtzman

Title: Director of Community Service

For more information on volunteering, visit community_service@wustl.edu.

To sign up for the "Community Service Connection," e-mail newsletter, e-mail: community_service@wustl.edu.