Tennessee Williams 'blue book' are discovered

BY LINDA OTTEN

A piece of literary history has returned to the University, this time after an unexpected find in a New Orleans bookstore.

The story begins in February 2004, when Henry T. Schwy, Ph.D., professor and chair of the Performing Arts Department in Arts & Sciences, discovered, with Shelley Ivy, a one-act play written in 1937 by then-WUSTL student Tennessee Williams, as part of an international symposium on Williams' early career.

Mr. Vashya, who remains unpublished and was sold for four dollars in a campus playwriting contest — a bitter disappointment to the young Williams, who stormed into his professor's office before storming out of St. Louis altogether, expunging the play from his list of works and the University from his 1975 Memoir.

"Yet the purchase of Mr. Vashya was not the only factor in Williams' decision to leave school," Schwy said. "According to Professor Ivy, the playwright was deeply concerned about an impending examination in Greek. In a 1937 entry, Williams complains of "Vashya's failure," and that is the origin of the play."

"One of the disproofs of the one-act piece," Schwy added, "is that Williams left school at the age of 19, not 20 as is commonly thought."
The report also revealed the WUSTL School of Medicine's students had the highest undergraduate graduate-level, professional programs in the top 40.

Additionally, the medical school ranked second in grad school in the nation, according to U.S. News World Report rankings of graduate and professional programs released April 1. The School of Medicine ranked third after Harvard University and Johns Hopkins University which moved into ranked third after Harvard of graduate and professional medical school in the nation, ranked the third-best medical school entrance exams, said Larry J. Shap- pin, M.D., professor and chair of medical affairs and dean of the School of Medicine. "We are proud that our Clinical Educa- tion remains consistent with the ranking of our part-time M.B.A. (11th) and executive M.B.A. (16th) programs as well as the No. 11 placement for Ohio State's B.S.B.A. program. Forbes most recently ranked the Olin School's full-time M.B.A. 12th.

"The variability among rank- ings reflects both compression and measurement error that ultimately cloud as much as they clarify." The Engineering School was ranked 14th — compared with 26th in 2004 — in the top 10. In the top 40, North Carolina State University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and the University of Virginia.

"The School of Engineering & Applied Science strives every day of the year to improve the educational experience we offer our students," said Dean Chris- topher J. Schenk, Ph.D., Ed- ward H. and Florence G. Slim- neyer Professor of Systems Science and Mathematics. "It has been a good experience to see our efforts be being recognized."

The Department of Educa- tion in Arts & Sciences competes- ing in a field of schools rather than departments, was at the top in 2004, in a tie with the University of Delaware. William F. Tate, Ph.D., profes- sor of education and chair of the department, said: "We are pleased with this recognition of improvement by U.S. News. We attribute our rise in the rankings to several factors, including increased productivity of faculty and the addition of outstanding new hires, an increase in funded research, improvement in the quality of graduate students, and our commitment to maintaining one of the lowest student- teacher ratios among graduate education schools and pro- grams.

"In addition, we are very proud to note that our Depart- ment of Education in Arts & Sciences is the only department ranked in the top 40 in graduate education by U.S. News. All other schools in the top 40 are separate schools of education." Altogether, WUSTL has 16 schools, departments or pro- grams listed in the top 20 rank- ings, including women's health, 11th in biomedical engineering, 14th in cognitive psychology, 11th in political science, 16th and polit- ical methodology ninth. The newsstand book, Amer- ica's Best Graduate Schools, hits newsstands April 4. Many of the 2005 rankings are in the April 11 U.S. News magazine, already available at newsstands.

The most current rankings for all WUSTL schools, departments and programs is online newsinfo.wustl.edu/rankings.
Prostate cancer screening methods may reduce deaths

By GWEN ERICKSON

Initial results from an ongoing study evaluating prostate cancer screening practices demonstrate that the combined use of both standard tests — the prostate-specific antigen (PSA) blood test and the digital rectal exam (DRE) — is optimal for detecting cancer.

The results also confirm that there is no one best screening method — a finding well-designed to show whether current screening practices reduce deaths from prostate cancer.

The researchers presented their analyses of the study in two papers, one in the March issue of the Journal of the National Cancer Institute and the other in the March issue of the Journal of Urology.

Begun in 1993 and continuing until 2019, the study is part of the Prostate, Lung, Colorectal and Oral Cancer (PLCO) Cancer Screening Trial being conducted by researchers at the School of Medicine and several other institutions to assess the effectiveness of cancer screens.

“We don’t know for certain whether prostate cancer screening saves lives,” said Gerald L. Andriole Jr., M.D., heading the Division of Urologic Surgery. “The PLCO study follows about 36,244 men, ages 55-74, for prostate cancer and followed their subsequent medical history. About 14 percent of the men had positive screening results, indicative of possible cancer. Approximately 8 percent were screened positive by PSA test, and about 7 percent screened positive by DRE test.

Only about 1 percent of these results overlapped, demonstrating the importance of using both screening methods.”

“We were hopeful some years ago that men could just have the PSA blood test because men hate the rectal exam,” Andriole said. “We’ve found that if you omit the DRE, you’ll miss a certain percentage of cancers.”

Men were advised to consult their own physicians for treatment if either of the tests performed by PLCO was suggestive of cancerous growth.

Three-fourths of the men with positive PLCO screens followed up with their personal physicians. Those physicians decided whether to perform a biopsy, which is needed to confirm the presence of cancer.

The initial data indicate that younger men, men with a family history of prostate cancer and African-American men are more likely to have a biopsy after an abnormal screening result.

“The biopsy statistics parallel many medical recommendations and reassure us that good judgment is being applied to the evaluation of the initial screen by physicians,” Andriole said. “So we are confident that when the study is ultimately completed, it will truly measure the effect of current medical practices.”

Overall, 1.4 percent of the men screened were subsequently diagnosed with prostate cancer by tissue biopsy. The majority of men with prostate cancer had localized cancers. About 10 percent had more serious advanced forms. These advanced cancers were linked to higher PSA numbers and suspicious DRE results.

Old drug shows promise against common childhood brain tumors

By MICHAEL C. PUDZIK

Scientists studying a common childhood brain tumor have uncovered a pleasant surprise — even though the tumors may be vulnerable to a class of drugs that have been used for years.

“We identified a new target for chemotherapy in these tumors, and we don’t have to start from scratch because these drugs are already approved chemotherapy agents,” said senior investigator David H. Gutmann, M.D., Ph.D., the Donald O. Schnack Family Professor of Neurology, professor of genetics and of pediatrics and co-director of the neurooncology program at the Siteman Cancer Center.

Gutmann and his colleagues conducted the study using a mouse tumor line induced by a human condition known as neurofibromatosis 1, a common genetic disorder that makes children prone to brain and other tumors.

In a study published in the April 8 issue of Cancer Cell, the team reported that the drug rapamycin normalizes growth rates of brain cells of mice with a mutation in Nfl, the gene linked to human neurofibromatosis 1.

“The same pathway that rapamycin acted on in the mouse cells is also abnormally activated in neurofibromatosis tumors,” said Gutmann, who also is the director of the neurofibromatosis clinic at St. Louis Children’s Hospital.

Previously, researchers had been trying to treat tumors associated with neurofibromatosis 1 by shutting down the activity of a family of molecules known as RAS. One of the normal roles of the Nfl gene is to deactivate RAS; however, studies have shown that that this pathway is effective in treating only very effective treatments in people with neurofibromatosis 1, Gutmann said.

The research team identified mTOR as a potential therapeutic target for the disease, and the researchers confirmed that the drug rapamycin inhibits the pathway.

In the Nfl-deficient astrocyte, the proteins that control the production of proteins in the Nfl-deficient astrocyte are abnormally activated and are linked to the mTOR pathway.

“The next logical step is to begin treating the Nfl tumor-prone mice with rapamycin,” Gutmann said. “If we are effective at treating the Nfl tumors, we have every reason to believe that this may be equally effective for treating patients with brain tumors associated with neurofibromatosis 1.”

Gutmann noted that the identification of mTOR as a therapeutic target opens the door to new treatments for children with neurofibromatosis.

The research was the first in a series of community-outreach events planned by the Department of Medicine’s Office of Geriatrics and Nutritional Science.

Botox injections may help treat diabetic foot ulcers

By DIANE DUGUET WILLIAMS

School of Medicine researchers are working volunteers to participate in a study to determine if botulinum toxin (Botox) injections can help heal diabetic foot ulcers.

Seventeen million Americans live with diabetes, and one of the major complications from the disease is a foot wound. Until recently, doctors have relied on amputation to treat patients with severe problems in the lower leg.

In past studies, patients who underwent surgery to lengthen the Achilles tendons, a muscle on the back of the foot, experienced less pain and fewer infections and required less hospitalization.

University researchers decided to see if Botox injections — which have been shown to weaken calf muscles in other studies — could have the same effect on pressure on the foot. They postu- late that gradual return of pressure and muscle strength will be similar to that experienced by the Achilles lengthening surgery without the complications and costs of surgery.

To qualify for the study, volunteers must have dia- betes, be able to walk and have a recurrent foot ulcer. During five study visits over a two-year period, volunteers will undergo wound-care assessment and evaluation of balance, amputee skills and heel bone density. They will receive Botox injections into the calf muscle during one study visit.

The study is being led by Mary Hastings, D.P.T., instructor in physical therapy. For more information, call Kay Bohnert at 362-2407.
**University Events**

**Lightman to address ‘The Physicist as Novelist’ April 13**

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Ian Lightman, Ph.D., a physicist at Massachusetts Institute of Technology who is also a popular novelist, will deliver the Artis Council, Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi Lecture for the Arts Council. His talk, “The Physicist as Novelist,” will begin at 11 a.m. in Graham Chapel. Throughout his life, Lightman has pursued two intellectual passions, writing and science. Lightman’s first novel, Emissary, was published in 1993. Lightman attempts to convey the mind-set of a scientist. The work is set in Bern, Switzerland, in 1958, featuring an unknown patient, an xc-10 in which time functions in bizarre ways with startling consequences.

“I feel that to most people, the scientiﬁc culture is like a foreign language,” Lightman said. “I always enjoy writers who live in a foreign culture and describe it to a wider audience...” That’s something I’ve always tried to do with the scientiﬁc culture.

Emissary’s themes become an international bestseller. It has been translated into 30 languages and was a finalist for the National Book Award in Fiction.

The New York Times now received wide critical acclaim. The Sunday Times London called it “dazzling,” and added that “Lightman is exploring fiction’s deep space.” The New York Times now said that it “pulls the reader into a dream world like a powerful drug.”

Lightman has written several other novels, including The Circle and Good News.

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**Retirement investment seminars offered by human resources office**

By Alice Lamensdorff

The Office of Human Resources is offering a retirement investment counseling conducted by consultants from TIAA-CREF and Vanguard. At each session, there will be a discussion of basic investment choices and a review of simple strategies and concepts needed to make sound investment decisions.

Topics will include:

- Forming a financial plan
- Understanding the basics of investments
- Retiring responsibly — maintaining diversification

The seminars are scheduled as follows:

- April 13: Medical Campus, 5613 Marylands Bldg., 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- April 15: Saint Louis University, Health Sciences Campus, 5613 Marylands Bldg., 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- April 17: Central West End, Assembly Series, 5613 Marylands Bldg., 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- April 19: Central West End, Assembly Series, 5613 Marylands Bldg., 9:30-11:30 a.m.
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- April 25: Central West End, Assembly Series, 5613 Marylands Bldg., 9:30-11:30 a.m.

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**Hair transplant seminar**

For more information, contact your benefits department.
Future Bear? Junior men's basketball player Ian Ashton-Williams coaches a young athletic participant up in the air during "YEBI" Clinic at the Athletic Complex. The event was an opportunity for approximately 200 area youngsters to learn from college coaches and players — including many from WUSTL — how to excel at student-athletes. The University also hosted the 21st annual Mountain Dew College Slam Dunk and 3-Point Championships March 31; both events were held in conjunction with the NCAA Final Four at the Edward Jones Dome April 2-4.

WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

The Bears swept McKendree College, 9-0, on March 31, winning all six singles matches in straight sets. Senior Rickie Cook (No. 2), senior Sara Kabakoff (No. 3) and freshman Amy Hath (No. 5) each won by the same 6-0, 6-0 score.

On April 2, WUSTL lost, 5-4, to No. 12 Rhodes College and Kabakoff each picked up wins in singles again, but it was not enough. Sophomore Erin Fleming picked up the only other singles win as the teams split the six doubles matches. Rhodes took two of three in doubles to secure the win. Kabakoff is a team-best 14-4 this season in singles play.

Men's tennis wins all four matches

The No. 11 men's team improved to 9-0 overall by winning four matches last week. The Bears posted a 2-0 victory at the Jack Schwartz Invitational April 1-2 at Wheelock College.

The Bears upset No. 11 Carthage College, 4-3, in the opening match of the tournament to win the event.

The Bears split the six singles matches, but won all three doubles matches against the Reds.

WUSTL followed that with a 7-0 win against Illinois Wesleyan on April 1 and then capped off a perfect tournament by defeating Wheaton, 5-2, on April 2.

The Bears, who had just played one home match all season, began a string of four straight home tilts with a 5-2 win over University of Athletic Association rival University of Chicago on April 3.

The Department of Music in Arts & Sciences will present "A Springtime Canzonet" — by Ned Rorem, "Feels Dusty" and "I've Heard an Organ Talk Sometimes" — drawn from two 1960's-70's projects and based on works by Dickinson. The concert, which will feature compositions based on texts by Sylvia Plath and Emily Dickinson, is free and open to the public and will be held in conjunction with the exhibit Inside Out Loud: Visualizing Women's Health in Contemporary Art, on display through April 24. The exhibit is part of the Saint Louis School of Design and Visual Arts.

Music department performance to feature works by Emily Dickinson, Sylvia Plath

By LISA OTTEN

"Feels Dusty" and "I've Heard an Organ Talk Sometimes" — drawn from two 1960's-70's projects and based on works by Emily Dickinson, Sylvia Plath, and Edna St. Vincent Millay, are the centerpieces of "Inside Out Loud: Visualizing Women's Health in Contemporary Art," an exhibit on display at the Kemper Art Museum.

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"Inside Out Loud" will also include a performance by mezzo-soprano Deborah Stinson, a master's graduate in vocal performance who has also taught the music department, who will perform several cabinet ag in a range of vocal music, including "In the Bleak Midwinter," "A Child is Born," "Mary Speaks" by Daniel Gawthrop's "Mary Speaks," "Vomorden," "Salve Regina," "The World Is Changed," "I Heard an Organ Talk Sometimes" — drawn from two 1960's-70's projects and based on works by Dickinson.

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In addition, the 1,600-voice squad of McCurdy, freshman Dan- ielle Wallington, junior Laura Ellert and sophomore Natalie Ba- dowski recorded a time of 3:56.51 to win the event.

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BY JEFF NORMAN

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This examination “blue book” was used by the legendary Tennessee Williams during a Greek final at WUSTL. In 1937. The blue book was discovered by Henry L. Schwy, PhD., professor and director of the Performing Arts Department in Art & Sciences, in a New Orleans French Quarter bookstore. In addition to translations for his final exam, in the book Williams wrote a 17-line poem titled “Blue Song,” believed to have never been published.

**Williams**

Poem inside blue book titled “Blue Song” – from Page 1


Gephart grew up in the same working-class neighborhood on the south side of St. Louis that he represented in Congress for 28 years. A two-time presidential candidate, Gephart, who served as majority and minority leader for decades in the House of Representatives.

Fortunately, J. Paul Williams fired in 1995; however, construction began in 1996, and the facility opened in 2001 in its current form.

Not only visible is an initial title, “Sad Song,” which Williams lightly erased and replaced with the modern version, “Blue Song.” A witty double-reference to the author’s mood and symbolism.

The poem was presumably written at the time of the examination, Schwy noted, adding that as far as he has been able to determine, “Blue Song” has never been published and, indeed, was entirely unknown to Williams’ scholars.

“It is clearly the work of a young man who does not know his next move in life,” Schwy said.

Rosenberg’s life story has been described in his 2003 memoir, “American Nobel.”

Gephart said. He has won several major literary awards, including the National Book Critics Circle Award and the Pulitzer Prize twice: in 1985 for the posthumous novel Earnest: Essay in 1996 for Filling a Form and in 2003 for Two Trains Running.

Gephart stepped down from public office in 2004. In 2006, University announced the establishment of the Richard A. Gephart Institute for Public Service in his honor. Its goal is to encourage people, especially students and older citizens, to become involved in public service.

This university is in the process of forming an advisory board for the institute, and Gephart will serve as its chair.

Pulitzer is an internationally respected collector, curator, and patron of the visual arts. Over the past four decades, she has helped shape the cultural landscape of St. Louis through her involvement in a series of important exhibitions, programs and organizations.

She arrived in St. Louis in 1964 as curator of the Missouri Art Museum, where her almost decade-long tenure was marked by a succession of prestigious acquisitions and exhibitions.

In 1982, she co-founded the Whitney Museum of American Art, Ellsworth Kelly’s Sculpture and co-organized Richard Serra’s sculpture commission (1982) for downtown St. Louis. In 1986, she co-founded “Arts in Transit,” a program in which artists worked with architects and engineers to design a new light rail system.

Origin of the Pulitzer Foundation for the Arts dates back to 1986, when the Fogg Art Museum exhibited for the first time the renowned collection of modern and contemporary art literature had joined with her husband, J. Paul Williams, when the couple first met and publisher of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

The first of the two was the couple selected future Prizinger Prize winner, the second a distinguished exhibit in an emerging museum facility.

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The Pulitzers are the primary mechanisms that turn genes on and off, controlling when and where a person’s DNA and put to use in the body. Selectively activating genes is essential to many important biological processes.

The senior member of this metaphorical library staff in an enormous and powerful RNA polymerase. In 1994, Roeder discovered and described the structure of three versions of this molecule. Largely through a new technique for studying gene activation that he developed, Roeder has also revealed multiple intrinsic networks of many different molecules that can bind to or otherwise interfere with DNA, RNA polymerase, and each other to control the activities of familial traits.

The basic knowledge Roeder has gained has potential for clinical benefit in fields ranging from cancer to infectious and genetic disorders to infectious diseases.

Roeder was a member of the biochemistry faculty at the University of Wisconsin from 1971-1982, for a time serving as the James S. McDonnell Professor of Biochemistry. He joined the Rockefeller University faculty in 1982.

Roeder’s many honors include the 2003 Nobel Award in Chemistry, a prize informally known to many as the “American Nobel.”

**Stowers**

Stowers’ father and grandfa-

ther were Kansas City physi-

icians. Stowers, who earned a bache-

lor’s degree from the University of Missouri, had planned to become an agricultural engineer but even completing a two-year degree in medi-

cine. However, he was drawn to business.

After working as a mortuary-fund salesman, Stowers launched his career by helping to sell four employee policies, a price of $12,000, two mutual funds and insurance policies for $1,800. Today with a staff of 1,800, American holds $90 billion in assets for more than 16 million people.

Having achieved success in the financial world, Stowers decided he wanted to give something more valuable than money to those who helped him make successful.

He and his wife, Virginia, who are both cancer survivors, wanted to help people enjoy a healthier life on their road to health.

The institute aspires to be one of the most innovative biomedical research organizations in the world. Scientists at the state-of-the-art facility conduct basic research on genes and proteins that control fundamental processes in the body, such as those involved in growing and healing.

Some initial grants in 1994 of $5 million to American and to the Rockefeller University for the institute's endowment, Stowers have con-

tributed several more gifts and have invested $6 million in the institute's design and managing the center.

The institute's endowment is currently worth more than $3 billion.

**Deans, Gephart, Pulitzer, Roeder & Stowers honored** – from Page 1

Williams’ real first name was "Theo.

Inside, Schwy found a series of Greek-to-English translations, with individual grades ranging from A to C-, C+ and D.

More startlingly, he also found a 1968 letter written by a 17-year-old Junior from St. Louis, a feeling he describes here in very lyrical terms, in lines like, "if you shall meet upon a street do not question me for/ I can tell you only my name and/ the name of the town I was born in/"

"I found it very moving," Rosenberg quickly added. "Poesea, head of Special Collections at the University, to his discovery, a turn arranged for Special Collections, which also houses the A. M. Wachtel manuscript, to purchase the University.

(An interesting coincidence, Special Collections also recently received a substantial gift of Williams-related publications including signed first editions, for two major editions, excerpts, monographs, biographies, and other materials — from Fred W. Todd, a Williams scholar based in San Antonio.)

Rosenberg said he was thrilled that the blue book has returned to its rightful owner.

"The booklet is a significant artifact of Williams’ longevity, while the poem reflects a period of great anxiety and tribulation," Rosenburg said.

"Riding it back to St. Louis and to Washington University — in a way, things have come full circle."

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Tibetan Diary evolved from asserted notions that began to coalesce while Childs was doing fieldwork in Nepal, an ethnically Tibetan enclave in the remote highlands of Nepal. The catalyst for the book was one particular event.

"While confined to my hut's humble abode during a three-day blizzard, my neighbors — encouraged by our supply of local festivities — would drop by to relieve my boredom. "Childs said. "They exchanged stories of other difficult situations, times when they knew that their lives could be easily suffocated out by the forces of nature."

"During one of these conversations, I remembered an event from the life story of Pema Dondrup, a lama who had lived during the three centuries ago. I always kept a copy of his biography handy, so I extracted it from my trove of documents and began to read about Pema Dondrup's recollections of a blizzard that trapped him for weeks inside a mountain hermitage."

"As Pema Dondrup watched his food supply dwindle, he ruminated on the impermanence of his life. "When I finished reading the prestigious elderly host was visibly shaken. He then told the story of how his only ailing, and how he had been killed by an avalanche at her winter hermitage during a blizzard in the 1950s."

When later recalling such stories, Childs thought about the connections between the past and present between the lives of lamas preserved in sacred biographies and the lives of the people who live today."

"In this way, I took the opportunity to explore many of the issues that arise when individual aspirations conflict with social expectations," Childs said. "My intent was to move beyond normative descriptions of Tibetan society by exploring the decisions that people make to resolve such conflicts, and the consequences of their decisions."

"As a result, the book is more hard-lining, and less flattering — many accounts of Tibetan society.

"Instead of focusing on explicit religious accomplishments, Childs includes translations from Dondrup's biography that show how he essentially abandoned his elderly parent's wishes to fend for themselves with a caretaker in order to pursue his desire to be a hermit and concentrate on spiritual endeavors."

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"But who takes care of the aging rural? Those, and other questions, are explored in relation to decisions that are made during various stages in the life course."

— Neil Schoenherr

Obituary

H. Richard Dhume, professor emeritus of art

Richard Dhume Jr., professor of art and former head of the sculpture major area, died Thursday, March 24, 2005, in Chesterfield, Mo., after a long illness. He was 92.

Born in St. Louis, Dhume attended John Burroughs School and the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts before coming to Washington University in 1947 as an instructor in sculpture.

In 1953, he earned a bachelor of fine arts (a relatively new degree at the time) from Washington University and proceeded to pursue a master's degree in the Fine Arts.

Three of his major commissions include Lion Cubs, a fountain in Mycenae, Greece; and St. Morrin and the Beggar at the Elizabethan Cathedral of St. John in Elza, Pa., as well as portrait busts of Chan- celor Enrico Fermi and Dr. William H. Dan- forth and George Rassab, among many others.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. April 9 at the First Congregational Church of St. Louis, 6501 Wydown Blvd.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Dhume is survived by his wife, Carol; a son, David; a daughter, Ann; and three grandchildren.

Neandertal Research opens possibility of further fossil sequencing

Neandertal sequence was the second major gold mine.

The team also found a marked difference in the sequences of Neandertals, humans, chimpanzees and orangutans from the ancestral hominoids. This research opens the exciting possibility of extracting and sequencing protein from other fossils, including earlier humans, as a means of determining phylogenetic relationships between extinct and living species, and to better understand phylogenetic relationships.
Ben Sandler's nearly 37-year relationship with the University started insurmountably early, in 1966, when he arrived from his role as an English teacher in Maine to do graduate work in English literature.

The choice of WUSTL was an easy one for him. "The English department had a great reputation," he says, before adding, "and WUSTL was the only school that gave me enough money to live on." The plan all along was to get a graduate degree and then return to teaching high school English. Ah, but the best-laid plans... Along came Director of Admissions Oliver Wagner, who was looking for an assistant director of admissions and asked Sandler if he'd be interested.

"I thought, 'Well, I'm single and I like to travel,' and flying around the country visiting high schools seemed like a pretty interesting way to spend a year or two," said Sandler, a Hurricane, Miss., native. "So I decided to do it."

"That's not a very noble motive, but it's the way I got into this work. I was fortunate to get my first exposure to higher education administration in the admissions office. Working there — especially with Oven Wagner, Maggie Dugen and Ted McDonald as mentors — gave me a perspective that has served me well in all the other jobs I've had here."

Aside from a two-year stint from 1969-1971 teaching English at Lafayette High School in Balti-
dmore, Md., Sandler has stayed at the University, first rejoicing the admissions office — again as assistant director. Just two years later, he became director of financial aid and served in that capacity until April 1986.

"I noticed one day on the bulletin board that the director of financial aid had left," said Sandler, "I was interested in financial aid when I was in admissions, and it looked easy from the outside."

"They hired me, and I quickly learned that it was a lot more work than I thought it would be. But I enjoyed it, and the fit with the requirements of the job turned out to be a pretty good one."

In the years since leaving financial aid, Sandler has served as assistant vice chancellor for budget and institutional studies (1986-1995); university treasurer (1995-97); and vice chancellor for financial policy (1997-99). Since 1999, as a part-time employee, Sandler has been special assistant to the chancellor for administration, and University compliance officer.

His run is coming to an end, though. Sandler was honored with a retirement celebration April 5 at the chancellor's residence.

"Ben Sandler has been an outstanding contributor to the advance-

ance of Washington University," Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton said. "He has been enormously helpful in strengthening our admissions and financial aid programs, building the financial operations, and most recently developing our compliance program. He has helped craft the Danforth Scholars Program and assisted in its successful launch.

"Ben is a person of uncommon ability, integrity, and support, and I have enjoyed our work together immensely. He will deeply missed, but we know that we can call on him for his wise advice and help — which we will likely need! All who have come to know Ben value his friendship and great support, and we wish him all the best in the next phase of his life."

Sandler's responsibilities have included managing the central University-wide compliance structure. The University context for Sandler's work has been very broad, ranging from the enrollment challenges of the 1970s and '80s to the management challenges that sometimes come with great success.

"In the '70s and '80s," Sandler observes, "we had to come up with new ways of dealing with financial aid. The schools introduced academic scholarships, and in the financial aid office we began using need-based financial aid in ways our competition didn't, to gain an advantage and find the best balance between meeting our enrollment goals without breaking the scholarship bank. We were forced to design new planning models, and develop automated systems to support them. It was never boring!"

"And one thing I have to say about the University's leadership — it always encouraged independent thinking, finding new ways to tackle old challenges. Not all top universities are like this. From my perspective, this willingness to nurture unconventional approaches was an essential reason we've done so well."

"They don't make 'em like Ben Sandler anymore," said John Berg, associate vice chancellor for undergraduate admissions. "He is a person of the highest integrity who has a deep understanding of, commitment to, and passion for whatever he has taken on. He has a vast understanding of Washington University, both the big picture and the details, with knowledge of virtually every part of the University. He has made important contributions everywhere he's worked."

"Ben is also a wonderful person and a superb colleague. He is well known and deeply respected by himself among the many fortunate people who have learned a lot from him over the years."

In turn, Sandler reciprocates those comments when talking about why he has managed to stay here so long.

"One reason I've stuck around all these years is that it's never felt as though I worked in just one place," Sandler says. "I've been lucky enough to do a lot of different jobs in the University, and each of those jobs has put me in contact with a different set of personalities and required different skills.

"I've enjoyed most of the work I've done. It's just been fun. I've appreciated the people I've worked with and worked for.

"I have a lot of respect for the leaders of the University, not only the chancellors, but also sen-

ior management, board members, deans, department heads, business managers. Many of them are professional people who have learned a lot about why he has managed to stay here for so long."

"Both experiences are a healthy reminder that students and facul-
ty drive the University's mission, and it's the job of everyone in administration to support them."

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