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Sitting on a beach during spring break is easier than helping build a home or assisting with hurricane relief, but many University students chose the latter anyway, saying it provided them with a deeper sense of purpose.

Through senior David Desruisseaux traveled to a traditional spring break spot—Fort Lauderdale, Fla.—his experience was far from typical. He was part of a group from the WUSTL chapter of Habitat for Humanity working on an area Habitat affiliate. “From Tuesday to Friday, the group joined other universities from around the country to help construct homes in a low-income area in the northwest part of the city,” said Desruisseaux, a biology major in Arts & Sciences. “Students were involved in roofing, framing, shingling and painting, among other projects. It was an amazing experience.”

Desruisseaux is one of hundreds of students who used the March 12-18 spring break to lend a hand on numerous community service trips organized by the Campus Y and other student organizations.

Hurricane relief was a popular choice. Junior Scott Helvick and 40 other students from St. Louis University, a biology major in Arts & Sciences. “Stud-
McDonnell gift supports professorship awarded to Buhro

By Barbara Rea and Tony Fitzpatrick

The George E. Pake Professorship, established by the JSM Charitable Trust and John F. McDonnell to honor the late National Councilor, now is served on the School of Engineering & Applied Science's National Council.

Pake, who is married, was one of the nation's most influential leaders, who founded EPRI and who served as president of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

Among his most significant gifts is a $10 million endowment, the first endowed professorship with the JSM Charitable Trust, to create the John F. McDonnell Endowed Scholar in Chemistry.

In addition, he was chairman of the leadership phase for the Campaign for the University of St. Louis.

George E. Pake, for whom the professorship is named, joined the faculty at Washington University after graduating from Harvard University.

During his first year as an assistant professor in the 1940s, he wrote an article on a new technique in nuclear medicine using a resonance.

This paper became an instant classic and served as a basis for the field of nuclear medicine.

Utility agrees to significant carbon reduction in clinic's biggest case

By Jessica Martin

The Sierra Club reached a precedent-setting agreement with Kansas City Power & Light (KCPL) March 19, thanks in large part to two years of work by the University's Environmental Clinic.

In the agreement, the clinic has served as legal counsel for the Sierra Club in challenging KCPL's Plans A and B, which is the University's first plant.

The agreement is a significant milestone in Kansas City's history.

Under the settlement, reached just as trial was about to commence, KCPL will pursue offsets and prepare for significant reduction in carbon dioxide emissions to be emitted by the new plant.

The National Science Foundation (NSF), Monsanto Chemical Co., and the Air Force Office of Scientific Research, to name a few, have supported his work.

In 1991, he received the NSF's Presidential Young Investigator Award (PYI), which is given to early career scientists, for his work in this area.

He has published more than 90 papers in refereed journals.

BY NEIL SCHERHORN

Reader response to the electronic version of the Record has been favorable. Seven out of eight people opting out of receiving the print Record reported doing so because they prefer the electronic version.

Earlier this academic year, the Office of Public Affairs began sending twice-weekly E-mail versions of the on-campus newspaper to the University community. The Record Monday and Record Thursday e-mails are sent to more than 2,000 people, including faculty, staff and students.

The electronic Record offers an environmentally friendly option with full-color, searchable content and links to the Web sites of news stories.

Rate readers of opening the e-mail version are encouraged and rank positively for e-newsletter readers.

Recent statistics show that 34 percent of faculty and staff open the e-mails, while 24 percent of students open them.

The e-mail Record has an overall open rate of 29 percent, placing it well within the 20 percent to 40 percent average open rate for electronic communications, according to Campaign Monitor, a marketing management firm.

Each of the e-mails averages more than 29,000 page views per month.

Electronic Record popularity grows

By Neil Scherhorn

The print version of the Record is published every Thursday during the school year, except during class breaks, and Monday during the summer. Content from the print edition is divided between the Record Monday and Record Thursday.

Although the e-mail version displays differently on different computers, based on their email resolution, the two weekly e-mails contain the complete print version, with the top of the home page taken visitors to separate pages for the news from the School of Medicine, the Calendar listing of campus events, Coaches Corner and Sports.

In addition, the e-mails often include articles not found in the print Record, announcements and breaking news.

The online Web version of the Record is available to anyone at any time record.wustl.edu. The home page is the landing page for the Electronic Record.

The Web Record is archived back to 1995 so readers easily can search for any information they might have missed in past issues. Links on the site provide access to other Web sites, including those that contain video or audio content related to news stories.

To subscribe to the electronic Record, and receive only the e-mail version, visit record.wustl.edu/subscribe.
A team of investigators from the School of Medicine and other centers around the country is evaluating dietary supplements to determine if they can prevent some of the damage from age-related macular degeneration, a leading cause of blindness in Americans older than 50.

Called AREDS2 (Age-Related Eye Disease Study 2), the National Eye Institute-funded trial follows a previous study that concluded dietary supplements containing antioxidants and zinc reduce the risk of progression from moderate to advanced disease by about 25 percent in five years.

"The original study, and some smaller studies, also noticed potential protective effects from other dietary supplements," said Rajendra Apte, M.D., Ph.D., assistant professor of ophthalmology and visual sciences and principal investigator for AREDS1 at the WUSTL site. "Since some of patients involved have been too small to determine whether these supplements really work, the results are promising enough to warrant further research." Apte and other vision researchers around the country are recruiting 4,000 patients with age-related macular degeneration between ages 70-85. To qualify for the study, patients must have either moderate disease in one eye or advanced disease in one eye. Those are among the highest risk of losing significant vision and experiencing progression of their disease during the next five years. Investigators will follow study patients for at least that long.

All subjects recruited into the trial will be eligible to receive the antioxidants and zinc supplements that were shown to reduce the risk in the first study. Some participants may also receive certain omega-3 fatty acids that are contained in fish oils, and others will take supplements containing either lutein and zeaxanthan that normally are made in the retina.

"The retina and the macula are rich with compounds such as lutein and zeaxanthin, and there is some preliminary, albeit non-randomized, evidence suggesting these substances may be protective against certain eye diseases," Apte said. "Omega-3 fatty acids from fish oils also might help, but we don't yet have a clear answer because no phase-three studies has been conducted within the context of a randomized trial.

There are two major forms of age-related macular degeneration. The more common "dry" form of the disease and the less common "wet" form of the disease.

"We will continue our investigations. ... One possibility is to combine an anti-convulsant with an anti-epileptic drug to increase the protective effect," Bao said.

Both drugs target 7 type calcium channel blockers, which are involved in the movement of calcium ions into nerve cells. In the ear, calcium may play a role in causing damage to hair cells (specialized cells that sense sound vibrations). A possible mechanism is that calcium activates the "hair cells" that connect the hair cells to the hearing centers of the brain.

"These anti-epileptic drugs can have side effects such as dizziness and drowsiness, which would be detrimental in certain situations, Bao said.

"Lowering the dosage and combining them with other drugs may be effective," Bao said.

"Newer versions of anti-epileptic drugs have fewer side effects and it may be possible to modify the structure of the drugs so that they don't cross into the brain, which could avert some side effects."
Devin DeWeese, Ph.D., a noted scholar of Islam at 11 a.m. March 30 in Duncker Hall's Hurst Auditorium will interpret "Islam in Central Asia, Past and Present." For more information, call Debra Schwartz at 935-8567 or e-mail jines@artsci.wustl.edu.

DeWeese will focus on examples drawn from his body of unpublished work, in- cluding colonial, nationalist and Soviet. The lecturer will also discuss some implications of this strategy for the development of Islam in Central Asia is analyzed.

The life of celebrated poet Spalding Gray will be chronicled in "Spalding Gray: Stories Left to Tell." This tribute that contains these materials with excerpts from his fam- ous solo shows. The show will feature Rock- well Spalding, Spalding's brother and adjunct instructor in University College in Arts & Sciences. "Spies Left to Tell" was created by Gray's widow, Kathleen Russ, and director Lacy Setton. It utilizes multimedia and material from Gray's childhood memories of his "spies" (who committed suicide in 1967) to examine the origin of his eventual fatherhood. In addition to previous monologues, Russ and Setton called stories and an exhibition at the Millenium Gallery at COCA, 524 Trinity Ave.

Spalding Gray was one of the most renowned solo performers of his time. Born in suburban Rhode Is- land in 1943, Gray began performing with a series of productions titled "Reality Bites." In 1976, he founded "Spalding & Rockwell Gray," a dialogue between Spalding and Rockwell Gray. Ticket prices range from $50 for seniors, faculty and staff and $18 for students, children, and $10 for students, faculty and staff. Millenium Gallery, COCA, 524 Trinity Ave. 531-3015.

Spalding Gray continued to hone his stage personas in monologues and comedy to nationwide prominence in 1985 with "Swimming to Cambo- dia." Based on his experiences in the cast of the 1984 Academy Award-winning movie "The Kil- ling Fields," the award-winning monologue was itself filmed by Jonathan Demme in 1987. Spalding Gray appeared in several other films, including "Stone of the Hill," based on a novel by A.E. Hotchner, and "A Separate Chil- dren" in St. Louis. Gray also per- formed on Broadway.

Spalding Gray was a frequent guest at Edison Theatre, performing "In- terviewing The Audience," "Gray's Anatomy," "Momitor," a monologue titled "The Inconvenient Sleep" and "Morning, Noon & Night." In 1994, Edison honored the world premiere of "Gray on Gray: A Lifelong Conversation," a dialogue between Spalding and Rockwell Gray. Ticket prices range from $55 for seniors, faculty and staff and $18 for students, children, and $10 for students, faculty and staff. Millenium Gallery, COCA, 524 Trinity Ave. 531-3015.
Blues legend George Brock to perform and host clinic

Visit results from student documentary film

By LIAM OTTEN

Legendary blues vocalist and St. Louis blues legend Big George Brock to perform and host clinic on Thursday, April 5.

Brock has been nominated for Artist of the Year. Winners will be announced May 10.

For more information, call 393-481 or e-mail staylor@wustl.edu.

President contender Huckabee to speak

By BARBARA HEA

Republican presidential contender Mike Huckabee, whose latest book outlines his distinct views and values, will give the College Republicans address for the Assembly Series at 11 a.m. April 14 in Graham Chapel. His talk, "From Hope to Higher Ground: 12 STOPS to Restoring America’s Greatness," is also the title of his fifth book.

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As does Bill Clinton, Huckabee halts from Hope, Ark., a small town where growing up included a faith-based code of ethics. Those values and beliefs are reflected in "From Hope to Higher Ground." Huckabee reviews the state of the nation with an eye toward stopping what he sees as the moral failures of administrations and policies affecting America.

Huckabee’s public-service career began in 1993 when he became lieutenant governor in a special election that followed Clinton’s ascent from Arkansas governor to the presidency. The next year, Huckabee was elected to a full term as lieutenant governor.

During his tenure, Huckabee was known for his deep commitment to health care and educational reforms, to develop a public policy for the latter as chair of the Education Commission of the States.

As governor, he instituted statewide initiative to prove and expand available scholarships, including "Smart Start" and "Smart Step" programs that emphasize math and reading skills significantly raised test scores for the state’s K-8 schools. Until recently, Huck

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Explore the Mercury mission in McDonnell Lecture

By TONY FITZPATRICK

Sciences and mathematics are a fascinating blend of numbers and names, a mystery of the mind and the earth. In the world of numbers and gravity, there is a space where discovery is a reality. This is the world of space exploration and confidently the world of the Mercury mission.

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**Tornado**

Establish a calling tree in your department  

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issued for a county adjacent to St. Louis County, and the storm is headwest. The storm will sound again when a tornado warning is issued for St. Louis County.

The system is designed to give accurate, fast warning as possible for people to seek shelter and also provide other information from radio and television stations.

Cyclones before a tornado hits, departments, schools and residents should hear a calling tree established, with names, numbers and whereabouts of people. The calling tree should include at least one person from each floor or area in that department.

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**Belly fat**

Visceral fat can lead to insulin resistance  

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which removes billions of fat cells, does not provide the metabolic benefits seen when fat mass is re-duced by lowering calorie intake; which shrinks the size of fat cells and decreases the amount of fat inside the abdomen and other tissues.

In the new study, researchers looked instead at visceral fat — the fat that surrounds the organs in the gut. Unlike subcutaneous fat, visceral fat is not easy to re-move surgically because it is close to the intestines and other internal organs. As scientists haven't just taken out the fat, the researchers think that visceral fat is 50 percent higher than blood from the pe-ripheral blood. Increased levels in the portal vein correlated with con-tractions of an inflammatory substance called C-reactive pro-tein (CRP) in the body. High CRP levels are related to inflam-matory disease. There also is evidence that visceral fat can play a role in cancer, and there is even evidence that it plays a role in aging. Someday, we may learn that visceral fat is involved in those things too.

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**Highness**

Student cast brings alma mater's life to work — from Page 1

Yet when Henry dispatches his rival on a diplomatic mission abroad, Parr accepts the king's invitation to marry in marriage.

"Katherine was basically the only mother Elizabeth ever had," says4lancarra Flego, senior lecturer in history who directs the cast of 11. "Though she had no children of her own, she was very nurturing to all of Henry's children and took a special inter-eset in Elizabeth."

Following Henry's death, Parr is free to marry Seymour, and the couple re-creates their home in Grafton, where the Elizabethan family lived.

"Parr becomes pregnant, and a mysterious rift develops between her and Elizabeth, which leads to the death of 11. "Though she had no children of her own, she was very nurturing to all of Henry's children and took a special inter-eset in Elizabeth."

Because of Katherine's death, they say she knew that, for Elizabeth, this was a kind of tipping point," said Flego. "In a moment of weakness, she acted on impulse and paid for it the rest of her life. At least, she would never again be so reckless."

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The cast is led by junior Elizabeth Birkenmeier as Elizabeth and senior Caroline Reiter as Katherine Parr.

The scenic design — inspired by the English court — is created by alumna Megan Chafee (2006), with costumes by senior Lisa Batten.

Tickets are $15; $9 for stu-dents, seniors, faculty and staff. For more information, call 935-6553.
### Sports

**Baseball team sweeps four games; now 17-4**

The baseball team went 4-0 last week, sweeping Arch Rival (STL) and sweeping Clarke College in a doubleheader on March 2. taking Game 1, 8-6, before wrapping up the day with a 7-3 win.

Senior Andy Shields moved up to fifth place on the Bear's career--winning list after completing his fifth complete game of the year in the first contest, improving his four-year record on the mound to 20-6. Shields pitched seven innings striking out nine and allowing just three earned runs. He also surpassed the 200--strikeout plateau for his career, only the fifth player to achieve the feat in program history.

Senior Eddy Hoening hit a three-run home run over the left-field fence with one out in the first inning of Game 2, while Zander Lehmann and Shields each registered RBI singles in the second frame to give the Red and Green a 5-1 advantage on the way to the win.

**Women's tennis splits two matches; now 4-5**

The women's tennis team defeated Graceland University, 7-2, March 25 at the Dwight Davis Tennis Center in Forest Park. With the win, the Bears improved to 4-5. The day before, WUSTL fell to No. 25 Carthage College, 6-1.

Sagatz named MVP of All-UAA softball team

Junior pitcher Laurel Sagatz has picked up her fourth straight NCAA Valuable Player award and highlight the All-University Athletic Association (UAA) Softball Team, which was announced by the league office. Joining Sagatz on the all team are sophomore catcher Kayla Capito, freshman utility player Ashleigh Hitchcock and senior infielder Kresse Kresse.

Owen, the day after winning the UAA Individual Championship, was named the 2007 All-UAA MVP. She became the first WUSTL athlete to earn that honor, which is voted on by the league's coaches.

**MBA induction ceremony**

The St. Louis University MBA Class of 2011 held its induction ceremony for prospective students from the Class of 2011 and their families, who are on campus to learn about the University and to participate in various activities as part of the 15th annual April Welcome. Visiting students can room with a current student in various residence halls, sit in on classes, talk with faculty, attend meetings and social activities sponsored by numerous student organizations and sample the area's entertainment and cultural attractions. The undergraduate study outcomes also offer special programs and tours of their facilities.

For the Record

Tatom, assistant professor of architecture, 51

Jacqueline Tatom, Ph.D., assistant professor of architecture, was named to the Division III All-American Team by the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) and honorable mention by D1Hoops.com.

Tatom arrived at Washington University as a visiting professor from 1997-2000.

She received two Graham Memorial Contributions may be made to the University's Scholarship Fund, c/o Development and Alumni Affairs, 6300 South Grand Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63130-4899.
NW<br>uorsurgery has a reputation for being a selective specialty. Cutting the<br>brain is, after all, one of the gold standards by which less complicated tasks are disdained: "It's not brain surgery." It's therefore not surprising that the ratio of U.S. brain surgeons to the general population is high: about one to every 15,000 people.<br><br>In the African nation of Kenya, though, that ratio is nearly an order of magnitude higher: 15 neurosurgeons for about one to every 2.3 million people. <br><br>And that often has serious consequences in terms of delays that can turn highly treatable conditions into crippling or life-threatening disorders. <br><br>"In the United States, we mo- nitor and, when necessary, treat a tumor of the brain lining known as a meningioma," says Michael Chicoine, M.D., associate profes- sor of neurological surgery. "In Kenya, patients with this condi- tion often end up blind or para- lyzed because they weren't diag- nosed and treated soon enough."<br><br>Chicoine belongs to an infor- mal group of St. Louis health-care professionals who travel to Kenya semi-regularly to help train Kenyan neurosurgeons. He went back with the group this past fall for his third trip, a 10-day mission. Paul Young, M.D., clinical pro- fessor in neurosurgery and anato- my at Saint Louis University, started the group. "In Africa, you have to be very patient because things don't quite work the same in hospitals over there as they do over here," Young says with a gentle chuckle. "Mike is very well-liked by everybody in Africa because he's very patient, soft-spoken, very generous with his time and his absolutely fas- cinating teachers."<br><br>Young points out that Chi- coine's father died while Chicoine was on his first African trip with the group. "It really says something about the way he lives his whole life," Ralph Dacey, his wife, Caroline, an intel- lectual property lawyer, and chil- dren Grace, 5, and Nicolas, 4. Chicoine's dedication to commu- nicating with patients and their families. "He listens to his patients, he follows up on things, and he'll look beyond the neuro- surgical issue and treat the whole patient. And he always, always talks to family members."<br><br>Ralph Dacey, M.D., the Henry G. and Edith R. Schwartz Profes- sor of Neurological Surgery and head of the Department of Neu- rological Surgery, also praises Chicoine's dedication to patient care. "His work over in Africa is just a dramatic representation of the way he lives his whole life," Dacey says. 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