New child-care facility to open on North Campus

By Jessica Daues

The University will open a child-care facility on North Campus by the fall 2010 semester, announced Henry S. Webber, executive vice chancellor for administration.

The new child-care center will offer care for 150-175 children ranging in age from 6 weeks to 6 years.

The facility will be open to the children of faculty, staff and students, said Webber, chair of WUSTL's Child Care Committee, which was formed by the University in 2007 to make recommendations about how to improve child-care options for WUSTL families.

This is an essential investment for the University to remain competitive among its peer institutions, most of which—if not all—already offer the use of such a facility to their faculty, staff and students," Webber said.

"The accessibility of high-quality child-care options close to where parents work is a priority for many faculty, staff and students, and it's a vital component of an academic community that allows its members to achieve fulfilling work and home lives," Webber said.

University employees currently have access to child-care facilities at St. Louis Children's Hospital and the University City Children's Center (UCCC), and the University operates the Washington University Nursery School on the Danforth Campus. Still, Webber said, the demand for child care exceeds the supply. For example, there is a long waiting list for spots at the UCCC.

With the continued support of the UCCC and nursery school and addition of a child-care facility on North Campus, the WUSTL administration hopes to make child care more accessible to WUSTL employees and students.

"The University's relationship with the UCCC and the Washington University Nursery School, both exceptional care providers, will continue even after the opening of the new center," Webber said. "Our goal is to provide an array of high-quality child-care options for University families. Families will be able to choose a program that best suits both the child's and parents needs."

WUSTL will build a new structure for the child-care facility on North Campus, which will be accessible from the Danforth, West and Medical campuses by car and by Metrolink. The University will finance the construction of the center and subsidize the center's utilities and major maintenance, but the day-to-day operations will be fully funded by users. Rates have not yet been set.

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Crane will accompany Schwich for a visit to Central Asia and the Middle East.

Safer methadone use found for pain and addiction

By Jim Dviron

New findings may significantly improve the safety of methadone, a drug widely used to treat cancer pain and addiction to heroin and other opioid drugs, according to researchers at the School of Medicine and the University of Washington in Seattle.

The researchers discovered that the body processes methadone differently than previously believed. These incorrect assumptions about methadone have been making it difficult for physicians to understand how and when the drug is cleared from the body and may be responsible for unintentional under- or overdosing, inadequate pain relief, side effects and even death.

For many years, methadone has been a mainstay in the treatment of opioid addiction. Taken orally, it suppresses withdrawal and reduces cravings. Recently, doctors have prescribed methadone more frequently as an effective treatment for acute, chronic and cancer pain. Use of the drug for pain treatment rose 1,300 percent between 1997 and 2006. As more methadone was prescribed, however, adverse events increased by about 1,800 percent, and fatalities were up more than 400 percent (from 786 to 3,849) between 1999-2004.

"Unfortunately, increased methadone use for pain has coincided with a significant increase in adverse events and fatalities related to methadone," said principal investigator Evan D. Kucharz, M.D., Ph.D., the Russell D. and Mary B. Shelden Professor and director of the Division of Clinical and Translational Research in Anesthesiology. "The important message is that guidelines used by clinicians to direct methadone therapy may be incorrect.

Kucharz, an anesthesiologist and clinical pharmacologist at the School of Medicine and Barnes-Jewish Hospital, and his colleagues reported the findings in the March issue of the journal Anesthesiology and online in the Journal Drug and Alcohol Dependence.

The investigators wanted to understand how protease inhibitors, drugs already in the immune See Findings, Page 7

Women to women Members of the Ofln Business School community organize donations to the WUSTL military care package group's special "Wash U Women to Military Women" collection March 27. Earlier that month, the care package group, which sends care packages of donated items to U.S. troops serving overseas, asked the WUSTL community to donate objects requested by female soldiers serving in Iraq, such as brightly colored towels, fuzzy socks and gift cards. The group collected $49 pounds of donations, about one-third of which were general items such as snacks, batteries and toiletries, for its largest mailing yet. (From left) Claire Patterson, administrative assistant; Mary Pat Sueme, assistant director of MBA admissions; Joe Blockman, MBA student; Earl Banez, computer specialist; and Jackie Slack, graduate business registrar. For more information about the group or to donate, contact Jill Edwards at 935-5632 or jilledwards@wustl.edu.

Law students gain international justice experience

By Jessica Martin

Third-year law students Laura Crane and Dan Tierney will begin their legal careers with a unique foreign policy perspective, thanks to an internship with the law school's 2008-10 ambassador to the United Nations, Thomas Schwich, J.D.

Schwich, in addition to serving as a visiting professor of law, is working as special representative for Central America, Mexico and the Caribbean for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). Crane and Tierney were selected to aid Schwich in preparing for meetings with senior diplomats, politicians and law enforcement officers in the region.

The students conducted research on opportunities for possible UNODC programs in Central America, Mexico and the Caribbean involving international policy and justice issues as well as working to develop potential areas for UNODC involvement with the Merida Initiative.

The Merida Initiative is a partnership between the United States, Mexico and Central American nations to help stop illegal drug trafficking.

"Laura and I are very bright, capable people," Schwich said. "They are true triple threats. Both are excellent oral presenters, skilled writers and show real potential as diplomats as well. They produced high-quality papers that were extremely well-received." In the summer of 2008, Crane accompanied Schwich on a trip to the UNODC headquarters in Vienna to discuss concerns facing Mexico and opportunities for the UNODC to build its presence in Central America and the Caribbean.

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Pritzker named first ‘Birds of Passage’ fellow

**By GERRI EVERING**

**WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS**

Suzanne Pritzker, a doctoral student in the George Warren Brown School of Social Work, is the first recipient of a one-year research and teaching fellowship from the "Birds of Passage: The Zimmer and Venisinga-Zarco Fellowship." As part of the fellowship, Pritzker is teaching an innovative 2009 spring semester undergraduate course, "Citizenship, Civic Engagement and Social Change," which she developed, examines historic and modern views of what it means to be a citizen in a democratic country, and whether citizenship has an obligation to participate in civic life and engage in service.

Students are expected to participate each week in at least three hours of community service, as part of individual, semester-long service-learning experiences coordinated by WUSTL's Gephardt Institute for Public Service. Students will be encouraged to draw on these experiences as the class explores ways to increase citizens' involvement in American civic life.

Pritzker earned a bachelor's degree in history and a master's degree in education from the University of Virginia and a master's degree in social work from Virginia Commonwealth University. Before pursuing social work education, she spent several years working with state government agencies, including as a policy adviser in the Office of the Virginia Secretary of Education and as an analyst for the Virginia General Assembly joint legislative committee. Pritzker's doctoral work has been supported by a Mr. and Mrs. Spencer T. Olin Fellowship in Graduate Studies. As a student in the American culture studies graduate certificate program, she has undertaken interdisciplinary course work supported by WUSTL’s Susan and Lynn Cooper Harvey Fellowship.

She is interested in the development of youth as political citizens, the relationship between emotion and civic engagement, youth development, social policy and the efficacy of the service-learning model for adolescents.

In the 2008 election, Pritzker led a survey of WUSTL students' political views and participation as part of a Gephardt Institute study. Her co-researchers include Malasia Springer, Ph.D., assistant professor of political science in Arts & Sciences, and Amanda Moore McBride, Ph.D., director of the Gephardt Institute and assistant professor of social work. Her dissertation research, funded by the Ford Foundation through a grant to the Brown School's Center for Social Development, is titled "Understanding Political Engagement Among Disadvantaged Adolescents." She expects to earn a doctorate in social work in May 2009.

Special needs-sensitive subject of MetLife workshop

**By JESSICA MARTIN**

**WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS**

WUSTL's Office of Human Resources is hosting an annual workshop on "Planning for the Future of a Child or Other Dependent with Special Needs." A representative from MetLife and the Institute of Estate Planning for Special Kids will conduct the workshop and discuss a service called MedLife. MetLife underwrites WUSTL's life-insurance coverage.

The topics that will be addressed are: eligibility for government benefits, guardianship/conservatorship and financial security and funding options.

"Parents of children with special needs want no matter what the child's age or disability, may have many serious questions about how best to provide for their child's future," said Tom Lauman, director of benefits.

"We realize that some employees face unusually difficult planning decisions regarding the welfare of their loved ones. It is important of those is probably how to provide for ongoing care for their children," Lauman said.

These workshops will provide important guidelines for developing a personal plan. MetLife representatives will be on hand to provide help. The MetLife representative will be making the presentation, employees are under no obligation to use a MetLife estate planner.

• April 21, Medical Campus, Family Planning and Teaching Center, Room 214 AB, noon
• April 22, Danforth Campus, Room 225, noon
• April 23, West Campus, West Building, Human Resources, Conference Room 1, 1:30 PM

Reservations are not required. For more information, contact Terri Behr at 935-5216.

Walsh to deliver Bensinger Lecture

**BY JESSICA MARTIN**

**WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS**

 xfime Walsh, Ph.D., co-director and co-founder of the Chicago Center for Family Policy, will deliver the Susan and Sylvia Firestone Professor Emerita in Social Work Minnie Spitzer Bensinger Clinical Lecture on "Strengthening Families: Resilience, Overcoming Life Challenges, and Resilience." The event is scheduled for April 14, in the Brown Hall Lecture Room. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Walsh, the Morse and Sylvia Firestone Professor Emerita in Social Work at the University of Chicago, is the leader of a resilience practice approach to fostering strengths and recovery from trauma and loss as well as co-founder of the National Resilience Transitions and widespread fellowship program.

For more information, contact Terri Behr at 935-6630.
Mary F. Jones has been selected as the executive director of the Human Research Protection Office effective April 6. Jones comes to the university from the University of Iowa in Iowa City since 2004 and chair of the University of Iowa’s Institutional Review Board (IRB).

"It’s quite striking how specific and sensitive this approach is," said senior author David Piwnica-Worms, M.D., Ph.D., professor of radiology and of developmental biology. "For example, we have evidence that this technique can highlight inflammation on its way to becoming cancerous but not yet discernible via visual or tactile inspection."

Piwnica-Worms said cardiologists now say immune inflammation is a key component that makes an arterial plaque dangerous. Such inflammation causes platelets to bind to plaques, leading to the plaque to begin to break away and putting the patient at risk of heart attack, stroke or limb loss.

For now, blood vessels of the leg and tibia are too deep within the body to image with this approach. But vessels of the leg and neck are close enough to the skin that the technique may be "directly translatable" to use in human patients, Piwnica-Worms said.

Lead author Shimon Glass, Ph.D., a postdoctoral fellow, proposed that luminated might be used to image inflammation when he found earlier studies linking luminol bioluminescence with myeloperoxidase (MPO), a protein some types of immune cells use to make bleach during the inflammatory process. When activated, cells known as granulocytes use MPO to make the bleach in pockets. They secrete but then swallow invaders and then push the invaders into the bleach-filled pockets to kill them.

In television dramas like "CSI," detectives spray a mixture of hydrogen peroxide and luminol onto crime scenes with a compound called luminol that makes blood glow in the dark. Such staining helps researchers analyze any human remains and helps detectives solve crimes.

"This study lets us use this luminol to detect this glow from the body to image with this approach," Jones said. "The luminol may also cause the luminol to glow in the living body, through it isn’t as accessible."

Glass and Jones injected luminol into mice antici-

Wickline, who heads the Siteman Cancer Center Nano-

Technology Excellence, leads the effort at Washington University, along with co-investigator Dong Qin, Ph.D., associate dean for re-

search in the Department of Bio-

environment and Chemical Engineering in the School of Engineering & Applied Sciences. Wickline also involved as representa-

By Michael C. Purdy

The collaboration will seek ways to apply nanotechnology to early detection of disease through enhanced imaging of the human body. It will explore the use of nanotechnology for diagnosing disease and delivering drugs to targeted locations such as tumors or sanitary environments. It will also support projects to evaluate the safety of nanotechnology for medical use.

The grant will fund about four pilot projects each year that will conduct research and train under-

graduate and graduate students in the field. The pilot projects will expand the portfolio of nanomedicine ideas and attract new talent to the field, effectively increasing the regional nanomedicine infrastructure," Wickline said.

The Missouri General Assembly recently approved a $13.4 million to the Missouri Nanoscience Research Trust Fund in 2007 and ’08. The Life Sciences Trust Fund was estab-

lished in the 2003 legislative ses-

sion. It is used to support the state’s tobacco settlement proceeds into building life-sciences research capacity.

The St. Louis Institute of Nanoscience and Engineering group received $1.5 million for three years for its research and educa-

Dehner receives pathologists' highest honor

By Michael C. Purdy

Louis "Pepper" Dehner, M.D., received the 2009 American Society of Pathologists Award for Achievement in Pathology from the American Society of Pathologists (ASP) at the academy’s 2009 meeting in March, the distinguished Pathologist Award is highest honor.

Dehner, professor of pathology and immunology and professor of pediatrics at the University of Iowa, is renowned for his research and training in pediatric immunology and allergy, as well as for his contributions to the field of pediatric hematology/oncology. He is also known for his commitment to patient care and his dedication to training the next generation of physicians.

Dehner’s work has focused on the development and characterization of animal models for immune deficiencies and autoimmune diseases. He has made significant contributions to the understanding of the role of the immune system in the development of autoimmune disorders, including diabetes, multiple sclerosis, and inflammatory bowel disease.

Dehner’s research has also contributed to the development of new therapies for these diseases, including the use of immunosuppressive drugs and the use of immune cells in transplantation.

Dehner’s contributions to the field of pathology have been recognized by numerous awards and honors, including the American Society for Clinical Investigation, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the American Society for Immunology. He is also a member of the National Academy of Sciences and the Institute of Medicine.

Dehner’s dedication to education and training has been recognized by his leadership in the training of graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. He is also a respected teacher and has been honored for his contributions to medical education.

Dehner’s work has led to significant advances in the understanding of the role of the immune system in the development of immune deficiencies and autoimmune diseases. His research has contributed to the development of new therapies for these diseases and has helped to improve the care of patients with these conditions.

Dehner’s contributions to the field of pathology and his dedication to education and training have earned him the highest honor of the American Society of Pathologists, the 2009 American Society of Pathologists Award for Achievement in Pathology.
Antitwar classic ‘Mother Courage’ PAD’s spring play

By LIAM OTTEN

Arms bearing with religious fanaticism — and an impenetrable, chronic incapacity to feel mercy — are the ingredients for a classic of the Russian theater. Bertolt Brecht’s ‘Mother Courage and Her Children’ is widely considered the greatest antitwar play of the 20th century. Beginning April 9, the Performing Arts Department (PAD) at Arts & Sciences will present this epic tale of a protective yet all-too-pragmatic матушка as its spring Mainstage production.

Performances take place in Edison Theatre at 8 p.m. April 17 and 18 and at 2 p.m. April 19. The show continues the following weekend at 8 p.m. April 24 and 25 at 2 p.m. April 26. Brecht wrote ‘Mother Courage’ in 1939, in the shadow of the Nazi invasion of Poland but set the story during the Thirty Years War, which raged across Germany and most of Europe between 1618 and 1648. The PAD production — based on the translation by British playwright David Hare — updates the setting to a time of mindless, post-Apocalyptic present.

‘It should feel like a contemporary every-war,’ said director William Whitaker, senior lecturer in drama. ‘There’s a praxestral, relentless struggle that nobody quite understands; an aura of power keeps balance shifting back and forth. But nothing can turn you that you necessarily think of Iraq or Afghanistan or Belgium or the Gaza Strip.’

The plot centers on Anna Fierling, nicknamed ‘Mother Courage,’ who travels from camp to camp with her three sons, feeding soldiers, and braces herself to make ends meet. ‘Mother Courage tries to work both sides,’ Whitaker said. ‘She’s always cutting a deal, and she always has this debate about whether she’s a nationalist or a pacifist. Ultimately, the war takes everything from her.’

‘Elif, the elder son, can’t wait for the fighting,’ Whitaker said. ‘He’s the one who is driven by a tragicomic encounter with a group of soldiers, remains “probably the best of the bunch,”’ he said. ‘For all of its tragedy, “Mother Courage” is structured with morose humor and — though it is unlikely to be taken for a musical — song and dance. There are funny lyrics, strange characters, ridiculous situations, even a lecherous chaplain,’ Whitaker said. ‘Brecht has the very contemporary idea that the person one is supposed to most revare are actually skewbald at best.’

‘Brecht never gets sentimenta-’ said Whitaker, who previously directed the play at the University of Minnesota. ‘“Good Person of Szechuan” for the PAD. “He doesn’t want you to feel sorry for Mother Courage, and he never wants you to go out and do something,” Whitaker said. The cast of 17 is led by senior Kaylin Boosdale as Mother Courage. Whitaker, Elif and student actors.

University Events

Washington University in Saint Louis

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11 a.m. Astronomy Research Seminar Series. “Ultra Luminous X-Ray Sources.” Stephen Murray, a member of the International Academy of the History of Science and Technology. Division of History of Science and Technology.

Tuesday, April 14


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Thursday, April 16


Friday, April 17

11 a.m. Social Work Lecture, Susanita Banerjee Distinguished Lecture. “Shaping Family History: Divergence and Convergence” (George Paper, professor of psychology, Queens University’s Child Care Center). Center for Advanced Studies in Science and Religion, Seibert Hall, Rm. 132.454-7998.


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Panel to discuss two new African-American literature anthologies

A three-person contingent from the Missouri Writers Series will gather in St. Louis, April 16-18, to discuss the creation of two anthologies: "Best African American Fiction 2009" and "African-American Literature in America, 2009," both published by Bantam Books.

Programs will tackle challenges such as developing a routing program to optimize mental endurance for business transactions over the Internet; optimizing traffic flows; constructing a racecourse; potting the most efficient route for a hospital bed to travel through a GPS navigation program.

The concert will open with Mozart's "Sinfonia concertante, K. 364," popularly known as the "Dissonance Quartet." The nickname results from Mozart's use of chromatic scale (which employs all 12 tones in the major and minor scales) — a quality that set Mozart apart from his contemporaries and that continued to flourish during the first half of the 19th century.

The performance is free and open to the public. For more information, call 935-7131 or e-mail kschultz@artsci.wustl.edu.
Campbell named assistant vice chancellor for real estate

By Jessica Daues

Mary B. Campbell, senior vice president for Washington University in St. Louis, recently announced the appointment of Nancy Henry S. Webber, executive vice chancellor for real estate and community development, to serve as her successor effective Monday, April 13. Webber’s appointment was effective immediately.

Campbell, who is a highly regarded national and international leader in the field of real estate, will retire in the summer of 2014 to devote full-time to the University’s off-campus real estate activities. Campbell, among other duties, will direct the Quadangle Management and Quadrangle Housing companies, which provide nearly 4,000 beds to more than 8,000 students living in the four Quadrangle residences, manage the University’s bond portfolio and direct educational investments in the Midwest region. From 1997-2000, Campbell worked as an investment manager for Banc of America CDC, which invested more than $70 million to acquire or develop housing and commercial space in Minneapolis.

The “First Inter-American Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Community Development” was held in Mexico City in 1991.

Banc of America CDC’s St. Louis projects include acquiring and rehabilitating the first Quadrangle Residence Hall, a 205-unit senior housing development; purchasing and rehabilitating a 1907 warehouse located on Washington Avenue in downtown St. Louis; and purchasing and rehabilitating the County’s disaster recovery program after floods in 1993 and 1995.

Campbell earned a bachelor of arts degree in English literature from Kenyon College, graduating summa cum laude in 1981. In 1984, she earned a law degree at Washington University.

In 1998, she was a Danforth Foundation Fellow for State and Local Government at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Campbell is a member of the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis and the National Responsible Investment Council. She also is vice president of the Saint Louis Zoo Association and president of the Saint Louis Zoo Friends and is a member of the board of directors for the Region Housing Development Corporation and the Grand Center Inc.

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World-renowned cosmologist to discuss Big Bang theory

By Barbara Kee

Teresa Wilson, founder and executive director of the Blessing Basket Project, will give the final program in the Olin School's "Art and Science of the University" series, which is free to the public.

Founded in 2004, the Blessing Basket Project is a nonprofit enterprise that connects weavers in underdeveloped countries to markets in developed countries, improving the lives of thousands of women and children living in six African nations while producing unique baskets that development experts say can't be found anywhere else.

"More than 90 Whole Foods Market stores, who are the distinctive and colorful baskets. With the blessing baskets from the project, weavers have been empowered to better care for their families, raise their children, gain access to health care and education, and save for the future generations," Wilson said.

The powerful story of transformation began with a perspective on how they sent her cards and letters, and a basket in which to place them.

She began to think of it as her "blessing basket."
Kirkland works to strengthen families by strengthening communities

Jack Kirkland
Family: Wife, Iris; Kirkland's children: Jack Jr., Adrienne and Kelly; and grandchildren: Leroy Jr., Tierra and Syracuse University.

Kirkland is a beloved professor in the George Warren Brown School of Social Work. His teaching efforts in the classroom and in the community have been recognized with numerous awards, including the Missouri Department of Transportation's five new restaurants and a number of other small business.

"I want students to be armed with practical knowledge so they can have an impact on communities, whether it is through having a seat in government, in private enterprises, in business or through community agencies," he says. "We need people who can effectively bring together and coordinate economic and social resources.

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"I think that the students are becoming more and more oriented toward social issues, social problems and recognizing that helping needy families requires serious energy and effort," Kirkland says. "We've enjoyed doing what I do here at the University and in the community." he says. "St. Louis is the best laboratory in the world."