Ervin scholarships for black students created

In honor of John B. Ervin, a nationally recognized black educator, Washington University has established up to 10 full-tuition scholarships for talented college-bound black high school students, according to Chancellor William H. Danforth. Ervin is former dean of the University's School of Continuing Education and Summer School (now University College).

Under the John B. Ervin Scholarship Program, seven to 10 black freshmen will receive renewable scholarships of full tuition and an annual stipend of $2,500 for up to four years of undergraduate study at Washington University. Tuition for the 1986-1987 school year is $10,500. Each scholarship will be awarded on the basis of merit. However, the University will provide further support to recipients who demonstrate additional financial need. The scholarships will be renewable each year, provided the students maintain a satisfactory academic record.

The program is open to all black high school students who wish to apply, according to James E. McLeod, assistant to the chancellor. The application deadline for the 1987-1988 academic year is Feb. 15, 1987. To apply, students must: apply for freshman admission to Washington University; submit an Ervin Scholars application; submit a letter of recommendation from a teacher; and write an original essay. Interested persons may write to McLeod at Campus Box 1089, Washington University, One University College.

Strategy for coping with finals: movies, magicians and Twinkies

The Department of Residential Life is coordinating a series of December study breaks designed to help students cope with final exams.

"For students, finals are a time of acute stress," notes Loriann Warren, the department's area coordinator for activities. "The study breaks are literally just that — a break from studying. We want to put some humor and lightheartedness in the students' environment so they will realize that finals will end."

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arrangements. “An agreement can always be changed according to circumstances, but no prior agreement inevitably leads to conflict and unhappiness for all concerned. One parent may spend a lonelier holiday, but as big people we are supposed to adapt to that.”

• Strive for stability. “Children, especially young children, don’t like the unknown, the unpredictable or the unanticipated — especially when they are unprepared.”

• Don’t use your children to spy on your former spouse. “Whatever information they want to volunteer after a visit is fine, but they should not be questioned and debriefed.”

• Allow older children to help make the plans. “If you don’t, they’ll do what they want to, anyway!”

Schumah says holidays are more sensitive for recently divorced persons than for veterans. “They still have feelings about their ex-spouses and may look at a holiday as one more item that they have lost and have to retrieve. It can too easily become an emotional microcosm of all the feelings that have gone before and are now resurrected.”

Stepfamily situations are especially difficult when one parent has remarried and moved away. “Go to any airport in this country around the holidays and you will see children waiting to be transported,” Schumah says. “Kids have to grow up pretty fast when their parents are divorced.”

He tells the story of 10-year-old Jason, who dreaded Christmas vacation. His father was a commercial airline pilot with apartments in several cities. He used his ticket privileges to take his son all over the country. Jason never knew where he would be going and, in fact, spent much of his vacation on the airplane. Meanwhile, his mother flew to Aspen for the holidays and expected Jason to join her there. “The boy never had time to have fun or rest,” Schumah says. “He felt he was on stage all the time.”

Jason’s subconscious need was to develop a severe, incapacitating obsessive-compulsive ritual. He began to take a dozen baths a day. “Jason was highly anxious,” Schumah says. “He felt duty-bound to put on a happy front. All of his other feelings were pushed down but did not go away. He was trying to get rid of his feelings.”

His obsession with bath-taking brought a temporary halt to all traveling. And when his parents realized through counseling what was happening to Jason, they called a moratorium on his travel. His father flew to Jason’s hometown for the holidays and his mother made an effort to tolerate her ex-husband’s presence during that period. The less they were unprepared, the more they could control themselves, the more they need external control.”

• Shared holidays. Louise, in one of the opening examples, loved the idea of dividing Christmas between her parents. “This is for people who are very much into compromising; they try to divide things 50-50. That usually works for children. They feel like ‘Gee, I get two Christmases for the price of one!’ They don’t have to favor one parent over another, so they are spared the guilt.”

• Potpourri. This works for families only if the ex-spouses are not hostile toward each other. The parents and children discuss plans for each holiday, striving to fit the children’s ages and needs. Tedesco says this plan is ideal but may be the hardest for many couples to achieve.

Schumah gives cut-and-dried advice to divorced couples planning their holidays: “Rarely is communication with an ex-spouse impossible,” he insists. “If you can’t talk it, write it. Don’t get into a lot of emotional issues, just make the arrangements — who will be where at what time.”

“The key,” Tedesco adds, “is to plan ahead, rather than dread the holidays, avoid them or deny that they are going to be a challenge!”

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Brookings Drive, St. Louis, Mo. 63130, or call 1-800-683-0700. A selection committee will evaluate all applications received by the Feb. 15 deadline and select 20 finalists. The finalists will be invited to the campus for interviews with the committee. The University will pay all travel and interview expenses.

“We’re looking for students who exemplify John’s leadership in his community, his recognition of education as a worthwhile undertaking and his lifelong commitment to achievement of excellence and quality education. Ervin Scholars will be a tribute to him,” says McLeod, who serves as chairman of the John B. Ervin Scholarship Committee.

Ervin recently retired as vice president of the Danforth Foundation in St. Louis where he was director of the Danforth Graduate Fellowship Program and monitored the Dorothy Danforth Compton Fellowship grant series for multiple graduate departments. The foundation is a national philanthropic organization dedicated to improving the quality of teaching and learning.


The Birmingham, Ala., native has a bachelor’s degree from West Virginia State University and a master’s degree and doctorate from Columbia University. He received an honorary degree from Kent State in 1969. He attended the Kent, Ohio, public schools.

Ervin’s honors include the National Conference of Christians and Jews Brotherhood Award (1978); National Association of University Women, St. Louis Community Leadership Award (1979); Micah Award, American Jewish Community, St. Louis Chapter (1982); and Distinguished Alumnus Award, Kent State University (1969).

Committee seeks input on South Africa

The Committee on South Africa, appointed recently by Chancellor William H. Danforth, is seeking input from “anyone who would like to express an opinion on this important issue,” says W. Maxwell Cowan, provost of Washington University and chair of the committee. The committee is considering what the University can and should do about the South African situation. Cowan noted. Those who wish to have input on this issue should call the provost’s office at 889-5151 or write to Campus Box 1080, Washington University, St. Louis, Mo. 63130.

Members of the committee are: Felton J. Earls, M.D., Blanche F. Lister Professor of Psychobiology in the School of Medicine; Michael W. Friedlander, Ph.D., professor of physics; Harry Kisker, vice provost and dean of student affairs; James E. McLeod, assistant to the chancellor; and students Tom Peckham and Stephanie Lewis.
Kenneth M. Chackes, J.D., visiting assistant professor of law, was a speaker in a seminar for Missouri attorneys on Missouri local government law. His topic was "Government and Liability Under the Federal Civil Rights Law." The seminar was sponsored by the Continuing Legal Education Department of the Missouri Bar and were held in Cape Girardeau and St. Louis.

Charles D. Churchwell, Ph.D., dean of Library Services, has been appointed a member of the Association of Research Libraries' Committee on Government Policies.

David A. Gee, president of Jewish Hospital of St. Louis, a professor of health administration at the School of Medicine, received the Distinguished Service Award of the Missouri Hospital Association on Nov. 3. The award is "presented to individuals whose vision, leadership and dedication have been integral to the health and welfare of fellow Missourians." Recipients of the award are selected by the District Councils of the Missouri Hospital Association.


Robert S. Leventhal, Ph.D., assistant professor of German, chaired a seminar titled "Narrative in Literature and History," at the Modern Language Association in New York City. He also gave a paper at the symposium "History and Commitment in the West," Oct. 21-23 at the State University of New York in Albany.

Vctor T. Le Vine, Ph.D., professor of political science, visited the Ohio State University in Columbus on Oct. 18 for the invitation of Ohio State's Program of Comparative Studies in the Humanities. He gave two lectures: a general, university-wide lecture on "Contemporary Terrorism," and a graduate seminar on "The Politics of the Negritude Movement in France and Franco-phone Africa." On Oct. 22, he spoke at the University of Missouri-St. Louis' annual international relations conference on "Islamic Fundamentalism as a Revolutionary Ideology."

Robert J. Lutz, lecturer in architectural technology and principal architect with Robert Lutz Architects, received an award from the Department of Energy's National Awards Program for Energy Innovation for his affordable thermal heat storage project. The group was recognized by the state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and was one of five finalists chosen for a national award. Lutz also was recognized by the DNR for his design of a heat storage project in which he emphasized the use of natural light.

Helikki Seppa, professor of art, has designed the star-like brass ornament that will top the 26-foot holiday tree in the Saint Louis Art Museum's Sculpture Hall. The tree will be unveiled in a public ceremony at 1:45 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14.

Stanley E. Thawley, M.D., associate professor of Surgery, is assistant editor for a two-volume textbook for otolaryngologists and head and neck surgeons. The book is titled Comprehensive Management of Head and Neck Tumors. The book, which is more than 1,250 pages, was published by W.B. Saunders Co., in Philadelphia. It presents information regarding head and neck tumors in regard to their pathology, radiation therapy, surgical techniques and rehabilitation.

Robert M. Walker, Ph.D., McDonnell Professor of Physics and director of the McDonnell Center for the Space Sciences, gave a paper on cosmic dust at the sixth International Conference on Geochronology, Cosmology and Isotopic Geology in Cambridge, England. Other faculty members attending the conference were Ernst Zinner, Ph.D., director of the Ion Probe Laboratory in the McDonnell Center, who presented an invasion paper on isotopic compositions in extraterrestrial materials, and Ghianda Croazza, Ph.D., professor in earth and planetary sciences, who gave a paper on rare earth elements in meteorites. Croazza also chaired the session on cosmochronometry.


Edward N. Wilson, Ph.D., dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and of University College, recently was elected to serve as the chairman of the Graduate Record Examination Board. The GRE Board has both oversight responsibilities for the various Graduate Record Examinations and authority to initiate services and research efforts applicable to grades in education. Wilson also serves as a member of the GRE Board's Research Committee, which oversees the annual Graduate Enrollment Survey, the Validity Study Service, research planning and program research. In addition, Wilson recently was elected to membership on both the Executive Committee and the Student Financial Assistance Committee of the Association of Graduate Schools. Membership in the Association of Graduate Schools is limited to the 56 research institutions comprising the American Association of Universities.

Have you done something noteworthy?

Have you: Presented a paper? Won an award? Published an article? Been named to a committee or elected an officer? Accepted a professional organization? The Washington University Record will help spread the good news. Contributions regarding faculty and staff scholarly or professional activities are gladly accepted and encouraged. Send all such material to the Washington University Record, 1300 S. Euclid Avenue; St. Louis, Mo. 63130. Thanks.

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Sara Northiser, a 1986 graduate of the School of Fine Arts at Washington University, has received a scholarship that will enable her to live in Paris for three months. "I have applied to the University's studio/apartment, Studio 425, at the Cite Internationale Des Arts in Paris," Northiser was selected by a faculty jury on the merit of her photographic work.

While at Washington University, Northiser majored in graphics and a feature property in the School of Fine Arts. The summer after her junior year, she studied in Paris through a program sponsored by the Parsons School of Design. "That was the first time I concentrated on photography alone," she said. "I decided to just study photography. The quality of work increased tremendously, and I know that will happen again." Studying in Paris was stimulating, she said. "There is so much art around you. You are taking something in that you have to put something out of you."

In her current work, she uses a video mixer to combine still photographic images. "When I like what I see on the video screen, I photograph what is on the screen," she said.

Her photography instructor at Washington University, Stan Srembicki, said it is unusual to see an artist develop so quickly as an under- graduate. "She has star potential," he said. "We'll be hearing about her down the road as somebody who has made her mark." The Cite Internationale Des Arts was established in 1957 to support the work of French and American visual artists in Paris. Since its opening, it has hosted 2,400 artists from 70 countries for periods ranging from two months to two years.

In 1985, the University signed a 100-year lease on Studio 425, which overlooks Notre Dame Cathedral. In addition to Northiser and future Miliken winners, seven alumni and three faculty members are scheduled to work in Studio 425 for two months each through April 1988.
Lectures

Thursday, Dec. 11
2:30 p.m. Dept. of Mechanical Engineering Seminar; “Impact Strength of Composites,” Kamyar Kamalehpour, visiting professor of mechanical engineering, 100 Cupps II.

Friday, Dec. 12
4 p.m. Carl A. Moyer Visiting Professor of Surgery Lecture; “Management of Esophageal Gastroesophageal Reflux,” G. Scott Jones. Stephen H. Watts Professor of Surgery and chairman, dept. of surgery, U. of Virginia Medical Center, Clopton Aud.

Saturday, Dec. 13
8 a.m. Carl A. Moyer Visiting Professor of Surgery Case Presentations by General Surgery House Staff, East Pavilion Aud.
9 a.m. Carl A. Moyer Visiting Professor of Surgery Lecture; “Colon Cell Vagotomy for Duodenal Ulcers,” G. Scott Jones. Stephen H. Watts Professor of Surgery and chairman, dept. of surgery, U. of Virginia Medical Center, East Pavilion Aud.

Wednesday, Dec. 17

Thursday, Dec. 18
4 p.m. Dept. of Pathology Seminar; “Spon- taneous Autoimmune Diabetes Mellitus in the BRWV Rat,” Arthur Lile, prof. of pathology, U. of Massachusetts Medical School, Pathology Lab, 3rd fl., West Blvd.


EXHIBITIONS

“Beckett at 80,” an exhibit of books and manuscripts from the Samuel Beckett Collection. Through Dec. 31. Special Collections, Olin Library. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays.

“Faculty Show,” Through Dec. 28. Gallery of Art, upper gallery. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays, 1-5 p.m. weekends. For more info., call 889-4523.

“Recent Photographic Acquisitions,” Through Dec. 28. Gallery of Art, print gallery. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays, 1-5 p.m. weekends. For more info., call 889-4515.

“MFA Thesis Show,” Through Dec. 14. Bisby Gallery, Bisby Hall. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays, 1-5 p.m. weekends.

FILMS

Friday, Dec. 12
7 and 9:30 p.m. WU Filmboard Series, “Silent Night, Deadly Night.” (Also Sat., Dec. 13, same times, and Sun., Dec. 14, at 7 p.m., Brown.)


Calendar Deadline

The deadline to submit items for the Dec. 18-Jan. 17 calendar of the Washington University Review is Dec. 12. Items must be typed and state date, time, place, nature of event, sponsor and admission cost. Incomplete items will not be printed. If available, include speaker’s name, dress code (casual wear, etc.) and the title of the event; also include your name and telephone number. Address items to King McClory, calendar-editor, Box 31075.

German program offers international insight

“Most of the time Americans think of other countries as just a country. They don’t see the people who live there as individuals. When you meet people from other countries, you can see they are a lot like you,” Laurie Hamblin, a senior majoring in English and German, discovered these similarities while attending the Washington University Summer Language Institute in Goettingen, West Germany.

For eight weeks, during June and July, students from Spain, Switzerland, Argentina, India, Bulgaria, Poland, Africa, England, Indonesia, South America and many other cultures join together to study German in Germany.

The program, which has been operating for four years, is open to Washington University students, regardless of major, who are interested in earning up to 10 credits. The instruction, which totals 24 hours a week, is divided into levels of Ober- stufe (advanced), Mittelfrist (intermediate) and Grundstufe (elementary). Levels vary from basic reading and writing skills in German, to the more complex study of stylistic, literary, syntactic and syntactic aspects of various texts.

Students in the program live in the dormitories at the Goethe Institute, a Wilhelminian mansion in Goettingen, or in nearby apartments in the picturesque north German university town.

“We studied a lot,” says Hamblin, a native of Cape Girardeau, Mo. “We got to know the city pretty well because we walked everywhere. Some people took trips. I spent a lot of my time talking to people from other countries. I was forced to use my German because it was the one language we all had in common.

“My teacher, a German instructor, was really good and put a lot of effort into the classroom discus- sions,” says Hamblin. “We talked about literature, film and women’s issues.”

Outside the class Hamblin enjoyed discussing world politics and, for her, one of the highlights of the trip was a visit to East Germany.

“We had to wait at the border for about an hour while they checked our passports and searched the bus and the bus. It was really very scary. There are certain things you can’t take over the border, like records and newspapers. On the way back it was the same thing. It really made me think about freedom.”

A meeting with a group of East German students was arranged. “We spent the whole evening talking,” says Hamblin. “Some of the East German students wanted to be able to visit West Germany, but in some ways they were content with their country. They thought their system offered a lot. One student pointed out to me that there are problems with all political systems, ours as well as his. I had to agree with him.”

In addition to the courses offered at the institute, students have visited museums, gone sightseeing, viewed German feature films and listened to a chamber orchestra performance at the institute.

Lynne Tatlock, Ph.D., assistant professor of German at Washington University, is director of the program. She believes the benefits of the program include more than prog- ress in German language skills. “Contact with foreign cultures, as well as with students from many different countries, some of them Third World, changes the way our students see themselves, their country and its role in the modern world,” says Tatlock.

Hamblin agrees. “My German improved a lot. But I probably gained the most from meeting people from all over the world. It’s a great thing when people from all over the world can get together and talk.”

To apply for next summer’s program, the deadline is Jan. 16, 1987. For more information, call 889-5160.

Student volunteers weatherize homes

Approximately 60 Washington Uni- versity students recently weatherized homes for the elderly, disabled and indigent residents of St. Louis as part of a P.O.C.A. Campus Y project. P.O.C.A. is the acronym for People Organized for Community Action.

During the all-day project Nov. 22 and Dec. 6, the students sealed windows, doors and electrical outlets in about 40 homes in the Carondelet neighborhood. Union Electric de- nated the weatherization kits.

“All of us are concerned about the needs in the community,” says Al Chew, P.O.C.A. co-chairman and a junior in the College of Arts and Sciences. Weatherizing these homes “is not an obligation,” he says. “It’s something that needs to be done.”

This marks the third year P.O.C.A. has weatherized homes in the greater St. Louis area. Last year, the Human Development Corpora- tion of Metropolitan St. Louis awarded P.O.C.A. the Humanitarian Award for the weatherization project. In 1984, the group received the United Way Volunteer Project from the United Way of Greater St. Louis.