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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).

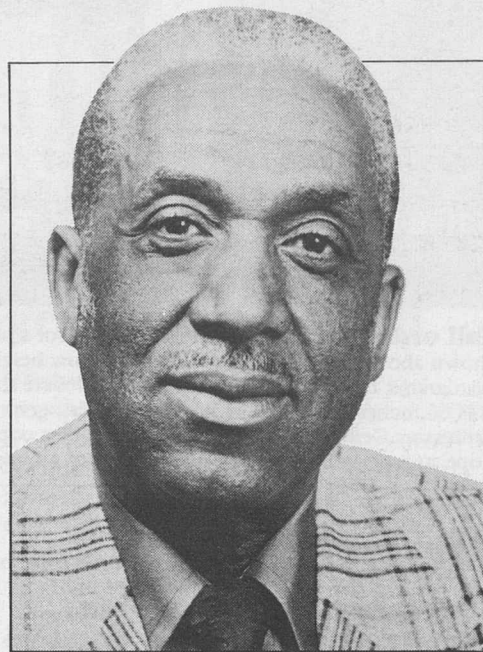
Under the John B. Ervin Scholarship Program, seven to 10 black freshmen will receive renewable scholarships of full tuition and an annual stipend of \$2,500 for up to four years of undergraduate study at Washington University. Tuition for the 1986-1987 school year is \$10,500.

The 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

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John B. Ervin

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 Lorraine 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." Warren is organizing the study breaks, which are open to all students.

This year, Residential Life has recruited six other organizations to sponsor study breaks. The events began Dec. 9 and will continue through Dec. 18. The St. Louis B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation served "Lotsa Latkas" during their break Dec. 9, while the South-40 Programming Board served nutritious food and fruits Dec. 10 during "Tropical Treats." Latkas are fried potato pancakes traditionally served during Hanukkah.

All events, except for film breaks, are held from 10 p.m. until midnight in La Cuisine dining hall. Films are shown at the same time but in the Wohl Center television lounge. The lounge is located on the center's main floor. La Cuisine study lounge is open from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. Sunday through Thursday. To accommodate students during finals, free coffee, courtesy of Residential Life, is available in the study lounge.

The following is the study break schedule: Dec. 11 — The Career Cen-

ter will sponsor the movie "It's a Wonderful Life." Homemade cookies, popcorn and beverages will be served. Dec. 14 — The Campus Y will sponsor the movie "The Big Chill" and provide refreshments. Dec. 15 — Residential Life will sponsor the movie "Jo Jo Dancer" and provide refreshments. Dec. 16 — The Student/Faculty Interaction Committee of the Council of Students of Arts and Sciences will sponsor a series of board games for students and faculty. Faculty from all divisions are encouraged to attend. Sugar-filled goodies (such as Twinkies) will be served. Dec. 17 — (To be announced later by Residential Life). Dec. 18 — SAGA will sponsor "Create Your Own Ice Cream Sundaes."

Along with the study breaks, the Department of Residential Life will sponsor a magician and mime show during dinner Thursday, Dec. 11, in the Wohl Center dining areas. "There will be comedy, magical tricks and a pantomime act," says Warren. "The department held a comedy night recently and it was very successful. We think the Wohl event will be a great hit too." The show, featuring two performers, will be from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Warren expects approximately 200 students each night for the study breaks. "The program is popular," she says, adding, "I'm sure we'll initiate the breaks again next semester, and hopefully, even more organizations will be involved."

For more information about the study breaks, call Warren at 889-4664.

Home for the holidays

Togetherness can be difficult for children of divorced parents

Jason is tired of being the ball in his parents' game of pingpong every Christmas vacation, so he develops an illness that keeps him stationary.

Mark's happiness over his father's gift of a moped is marred, knowing that his mother will be furious.

Julie and Sarah's mother never distributed the Hanukkah gifts from their father in New York.

Louise, on the other hand, likes having two Christmases: Christmas Eve at Mommy's house and Christmas morning at Daddy's.

The holiday season is a time for togetherness and traditions that celebrate the family. But the 1 out of every 5 children living in single-parent households may find it challenging to acquire family memories of lighting the menorah candles or roasting chestnuts on an open fire. And when divorced parents marry new spouses, their children's complications can multiply, says Anthony Schuham, Ph.D., professor of psychology at Washington University.

Schuham, who counsels many divorced families during the holidays, is writing a book called *The Psychology and Psychopathology of the Family*. It is scheduled for publication in mid-1987.

"Holiday family rituals are very important for children because family identities, security and emotional ties are established during these times,"

he says. For example, every time Schuham thinks of sausage stuffing, he pictures his parents' Thanksgiving table in Chicago. A Schuham turkey simply is undressed without sausage stuffing. Others have family traditions of frying potato pancakes for a Hanukkah dinner or attending evening church services on Christmas Eve before opening presents.

"Holidays are awkward, at a minimum, for divorced families trying to maintain some rituals," Schuham says. "Because it is an emotional time, if a family member is missing from a traditional activity, the absence is felt in a more fundamental way than if it were the middle of March."

Although children often wish that their parents had not divorced, in Schuham's experience, "They rarely want their parents together for holidays. Usually they are all too keenly aware of, at a minimum, the awkwardness and, at a maximum, the tension and conflict that will occur. It's the last thing they want."

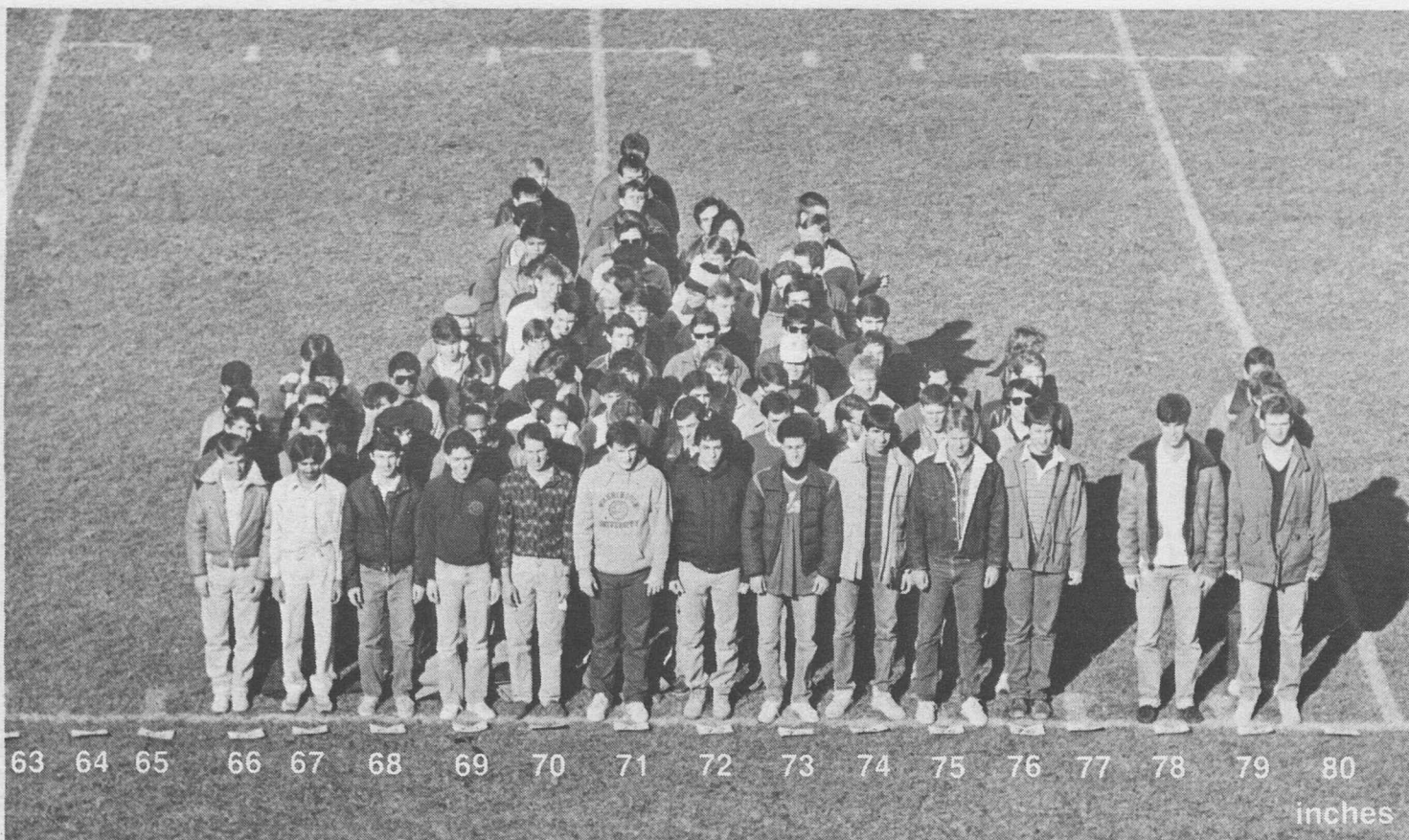
He offers the following guidelines:

- Act in the child's best emotional interest. "Divorced parents and their extended families should still be able to cooperate for the sake of the children. Some tension is natural, but it can be handled."
- Include holidays in custody

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"Go to any airport in this country around the holidays and you will see children waiting to be transported. Kids have to grow up pretty fast when their parents are divorced." — Psychologist Anthony Schuham



Tall order: Students recently showed up for a photo session on Francis Field. The idea was to form two histograms (one representing male students, shown above; the other female) to show how height is distributed across a population. While no real scientific conclusions could be drawn from the histograms, two things were obvious: females are shorter than males and males have become taller since the early 1900s. The mean height of the females was 66 inches; males, 71 inches. From a histogram recorded about 1900, the mean height of the males was 68 inches. Washington University biology professors George Johnson and Johns Hopkins organized the recent histograms as an educational tool for Hopkins' Human Biology I course. The two hope to try again in the spring with larger groups to obtain more statistically significant results.

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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!"

Schuham 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," Schuham 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,"

Schuham says, "He felt he was on stage all the time."

Jason's subconscious solution was to develop a severe, incapacitating obsessive-compulsive ritual. He began to take a dozen baths a day. "Jason was highly anxious," Schuham 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 constant bath-taking stopped.

John Tedesco, Ph.D., chief psychologist at the Des Moines Child Guidance Center, says divorced couples tend to handle the holidays in one of three ways:

- Alternating holidays. This practice, generally established in the divorce decree, is the most common. "The more chaotic and disorganized the family, the more useful is the court decree. The less able they are to 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 chil-

dren's ages and needs. Tedesco says this plan is ideal but may be the hardest for many couples to achieve.

Schuham 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 minority graduate students. The foundation is a national philanthropic organization dedicated to improving the quality of teaching and learning.

In 1976, President Gerald R. Ford appointed Ervin to the National Advisory Council on Extension and Continuing Education. He was chairman of the council from 1978-1979. Former President Jimmy Carter reappointed him to a three-year term in 1980.

The Birmingham, Ala., native has a bachelor's degree from Kent 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 Committee, St. Louis Chapter (1982); and Distinguished Alumni 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 meet with the committee should call the provost's office at 889-5151 or write to Campus Box 1080 before Jan. 30, 1987.

Members of the committee are: Felton J. Earls, M.D., Blanche F. Ittleson Professor of Psychiatry 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.

NOTABLES

Kenneth M. Chackes, J.D., visiting assistant professor of law, was a speaker in two seminars for Missouri attorneys on Missouri local government law. His topic was "Governmental and Official Liability Under Federal Civil Rights Law." The seminars were 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 and professor of health administration at the School of Medicine, received the Distinguished Service Award of the Missouri Hospital Association on Nov. 6. The award is "presented to individuals whose leadership has shaped the future for Missouri hospitals, and whose career of service has contributed greatly to the improved health of fellow Missourians." Recipients of the award are selected by the District Council Presidents of the Missouri Hospital Association.

Stephen H. Legomsky, J.D., Ph.D., professor of law, recently published an article titled "Forum Choices for the Review of Agency Adjudication: A Study of the Immigration Process" in Vol. 71 of the *Iowa Law Review*.

Robert S. Leventhal, Ph.D., assistant professor of German, chaired a session 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 *Goethezeit*," Oct. 21-23 at the State University of New York in Albany.

Victor T. Le Vine, Ph.D., professor of political science, visited the Ohio State University in Columbus on Oct. 15-16 at 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 Francophone 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 project also was recognized by the state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and was one of five submitted by the department for a national award. Lutz also was recognized by the DNR for his design of a church in Waynesville, Mo., in which he emphasized the use of natural light.

Heikki 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 otolaryngology, is chief 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 1,900 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, Cosmochronology and Isotope 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 invited paper on isotopic anomalies in extraterrestrial materials; and **Ghislaine Crozaz, Ph.D.**, professor in earth and planetary sciences, who gave a paper on rare earth elements in meteorites. Crozaz also chaired the session on cosmochronology.

Richard J. Walter, Ph.D., chairman of the Department of History, presented a paper, titled "Urbanization and Politics in Argentina, 1912-1930," at the 13th meeting of the Latin American Studies Association, held Oct. 23-25 in Boston.

Edward N. Wilson, Ph.D., dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and of University College, recently was elected to serve a four-year term on the Graduate Record Examination Board. The GRE Board has both oversight responsibility for the various Graduate Record Examinations and authority to initiate services and research efforts applicable to graduate 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? Been named to a committee or elected an officer of 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 a brief note with your full name, highest-earned degree, current title and department along with a description of your noteworthy activity to Notables, Campus Box 1070. Please include a phone number.

Arts grad awarded scholarship to study photography in Paris

Sara Northerner, a 1986 graduate of the School of Fine Arts at Washington University, has received a scholarship that will enable her to live and work in Paris from January through April 1987. The Milliken Foreign Travel Scholarship, presented by the University, includes \$2,500 and an option to use the University's studio/apartment, Studio 425, at the Cite Internationale Des Arts in Paris. Northerner was selected by a faculty jury on the merit of her photographic work.

While at Washington University, Northerner majored in graphics and photography 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 then to just study photography. The quality of my 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 so much in that you have to put something out too."

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 Strembecki, said it is unusual to see an ar-

tist develop so quickly as an undergraduate. "She has star potential," he said. "We'll be hearing about her down the road as somebody who has made a mark."

The Cite Internationale Des Arts was established in 1957 to support the work of foreign and French visual artists in Paris. Since its opening, it has hosted 2,400 artists from 70 nations 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 Northerner and future Milliken winners, seven alumni and three faculty members are scheduled to work in Studio 425 for two months each through April 1988.

Athletic complex gets merit award

Washington University's Athletic Complex, has been selected for Facility of Merit recognition by Athletic Business magazine. Facility of Merit awards were presented at a luncheon Thursday, Dec. 4, at the 1986 Athletic Business Conference in Atlanta, Ga.

Athletic Director John Schael accepted the award at the luncheon. The athletic complex was featured in the November issue of Athletic Business.

NEWSMAKERS

Washington University faculty and staff make news around the globe. Following is a digest of media coverage they have received during recent weeks for their scholarly activities, research and general expertise.

People who feel they have little control over their circumstances come to feel like "pawns," while those who feel more in control see themselves as "origins" of power is a theory developed by Richard deCharms, Ph.D., professor of psychology and education, according to a feature on mental well being in the Oct. 7 New York Times.

How does one wean children away from the television set and toward the bookshelf? "Keep it (the bookshelf) a secret. Tell them they're not allowed to do those things, and then they'll do them," says Howard Nemerov, Edward Mallinckrodt Distinguished Professor of English. This, and many other words of wisdom from Nemerov were printed in the Baton Rouge Morning Advocate of Oct. 12.

"Sports fans have an edge against stress," says an article in the Oct. 20 issue of USA Today. Peter Adler, Ph.D., visiting professor of sociology, says, "Sports also fulfill another contemporary need: to be part of a community. We all need to feel that we are part of a larger society. A stadium

is like an old-time religious institution where people of all backgrounds and ages can come together and feel they belong."

"Recently discovered hormone spurs a revolution in understanding blood," says the New York Times in its Oct. 21 issue. The work of Philip Needleman, Ph.D., Alumni Professor and head of the Department of Pharmacology, and James E. Greenwald, M.D., Ph.D., trainee, National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute in Medicine (cardiology), is the subject of this story about atriopeptin, a hormone that can profoundly affect the body's circulatory system. Scientists hope to use it to develop drugs that will treat important heart and kidney malfunctions, such as high blood pressure and the filtering of body wastes by the kidneys. "The doses are so low you can barely see shifts in the blood levels," says Needleman. "It is quite stunning."

"Computers give doctors new, 3-dimensional perspective on surgery," says a headline from the Oct. 29 Los Angeles Herald Examiner. Computer-generated three-dimensional images of available data is "a valuable tool prior to surgery," according to Jeffrey L. Marsh, M.D., associate professor of surgery. The process allows a preview of surgery and the likely outcome if different surgical options are pursued, he added.

CALENDAR

Dec. 11-20

LECTURES

Thursday, Dec. 11

2:30 p.m. Dept. of Mechanical Engineering Seminar, "Impact Strength of Composites," Kamyar Nikpur, WU visiting professor of mechanical engineering. 100 Cupples II.

Friday, Dec. 12

4 p.m. Carl A. Moyer Visiting Professor of Surgery Lecture, "Management of Extrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma," R. 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, "Parietal Cell Vagotomy for Duodenal Ulcer," R. Scott Jones, Stephen H. Watts Professor of Surgery and chairman, dept. of surgery, U. of Virginia Medical Center. East Pavilion Aud.

Wednesday, Dec. 17

4 p.m. Dept. of Chemistry Seminar, "Chemistry and Properties of Mixed Phosphido-Amido and Phosphido-Alkoxo Complexes of Molybdenum and Tungsten," William Buhro, dept. of chemistry, U. of Indiana. 311 McMillen.

Thursday, Dec. 18

4 p.m. Dept. of Pathology Seminar, "Spontaneous Autoimmune Diabetes Mellitus in the BB/WOR Rat," Arthur Like, prof. of pathology, U. of Massachusetts Medical School. Pathology Lib., 3rd fl., West Bldg.

4 p.m. The 33rd Robert J. Terry Lecture, "New Fossil Finds Relating to Human Evolution From Lake Turkana in Kenya," Alan Walker, prof. of cell biology and anatomy, The Johns Hopkins U. School of Medicine. Carl V. Moore Aud., 660 S. Euclid Ave.

EXHIBITIONS

"Beckett at 80," an exhibit of books and manuscripts drawn 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 889-4523.

"MFA Thesis Show." Through Dec. 14. Bixby Gallery, Bixby 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, "Silverado." \$2. Brown Hall. (Also Sat., Dec. 13, same times, and Sun., Dec. 14, at 7 p.m., Brown.)

Midnight. WU Filmboard Series, "Goldfinger." \$2. Brown Hall. (Also Sat., Dec. 13, same time, and Sun., Dec. 14, at 9:30 p.m., Brown.)

Calendar Deadline

The deadline to submit items for the Dec. 18-Jan. 17 calendar of the *Washington University Record* is Dec. 12. Items must be typed and state time, date, place, nature of event, sponsor and admission cost. Incomplete items will not be printed. If available, include speaker's name and identification and the title of the event; also include your name and telephone number. Address items to King McElroy, calendar editor, Box 1070.



1857 photography: Over the past several years, the Gallery of Art's collection of photographs has expanded dramatically. "Recent Photographic Acquisitions," on display through Dec. 28, exposes these additions in the print gallery. The first example of 19th-century photography was added to the collection this year, with "Cedars of Lebanon" (c. 1857) by the Englishman Francis Frith (1822-1898).

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 Oberstufe (advanced), Mittelstufe (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 discussions," 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 under 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 progress 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 University 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 donated 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 Corporation 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.