A Center for the Study of Nervous System Injury at the School of Medicine is being established to develop strategies to protect the brain and spinal cord from injury due to disease or trauma and to promote recovery once injury occurs. The center will be the result of an $8 million five-year collaborative agreement between Washington University and Hoffmann-La Roche Inc. headquartered in Nutley, NJ.

"Hoffmann-La Roche's traditional commitment to fundamental research and development has made it a leader in the fields of neurological disease and trauma and has provided a unique opportunity for us to work with Washington University on the cutting edge," said Jurgen Drews, M.D., president of International Research and Development at the company. "We welcome this opportunity to discover new frontiers in the area of neurodegenerative disorders with Washington University."

According to Choi, scientists working in the center will focus on preventing, limiting and reversing damage to cells in the brain or spinal cord. "The center is taking a somewhat untraditional approach," Choi explained. "Researchers hoping to develop new therapeutic approaches usually target a specific illness, such as Alzheimer's disease or stroke. By studying the problem of nerve cell injury across disease boundaries, we hope to learn enough about underlying common principles to devise new therapies.

The collaborative effort between Washington University and Hoffmann-La Roche combines the resources of two world-renowned organizations. Washington University is recognized worldwide as a leader in neuroscience research. Hoffmann-La Roche, which also has active drug discovery programs in the field of neurological diseases, is among the world's leading research-intensive health care companies and is internationally recognized for the discovery of prescription pharmaceutical products. The Roche Institute of Molecular Biology, an institution funded solely by Hoffmann-La Roche, is devoted to long-range basic research designed to shed light on fundamental life processes. It is ranked as one of the top independent research institutes in the world. The collaborative research program will be developed and administered by a steering committee consisting of representatives from both Washington University and Hoffmann-La Roche. The steering committee will be responsible for planning the focus of the center on a continuing basis.

Faculty members whose endeavors are supported through the collaboration will be free to publish the results of their research. Patents on any inventions arising from the collaboration will be assigned to the inventor's employer, and Hoffmann-La Roche will have exclusive licensing rights to products and technologies that result from this collaboration.

Hoffmann-La Roche Inc. is part of the worldwide group of companies headed by Roche Holding Ltd. of Basel, Switzerland. Widely known for its conservative, yuppified 1980s, or so termed, the company is recognized for its high-quality research and development, and for its commitment to improving human health through the discovery of new drugs. Hoffmann-La Roche has produced numerous important prescription medicines and is a leader in biotechnology. Hoffmann-La Roche also provides a wide range of diagnostic products and clinical laboratory services and is a major producer of pure bulk vitamins and medicinal products used in food, pharmaceutical, cosmetic and animal health fields.

Best-selling author Naomi Wolf keynotes Women's Week

Naomi Wolf, author of the 1991 bestseller, The Beauty Myth: How Images of Beauty Are Used Against Women, will deliver the keynote speech for Women's Week at 4 p.m. Monday, March 2, in Graham Chapel. Her lecture, which is part of the week's assembly of events, is open to the public.

Women's Week will be held March 1-6 at the University.

Wolf, a Yale graduate in literature, spent three years at Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar, where the idea for The Beauty Myth was born. The New York Times calls the book "powerful... no other work has so forcefully con-
Chancellor Danforth addresses

Holocaust ad in Student Life

The following statement by Chancellor William H. Danforth was presented on Feb. 24 to the University's Board of Trustees, Alumni Board of Governors, Parents' Council and Student Life.

"I have received letters and calls asking what happened. I, or even why we published, the advertisement appearing on the last page of the March 6 edition of Student Life, which attempted to cast doubt on the well-known happenings of the Holocaust. Some felt deep anguish that our University could allow such a thing to happen and wanted my promise never to let such misinformation again to be printed or distributed on campus.

I understand and share the sense of outrage that has been expressed. Never has an instance of mass murder been so studied or so documented. Names, photographs and other material have been carefully added to the terrible roll call. Eyewitness accounts have been preserved in print, film and tape. Survivors are still living. Millions of more murderers are still at large, either directly or indirectly responsible. Decisions about the past and the present are of great importance to everyone.

Why then does Washington University, and specifically the chancellor, not prevent an ad that denies the Holocaust ever occurring being printed in its student newspaper? The answer is simple. As soon as the deaths were reported, the censors in their thousands were excluded from the truth. Because that truth was made evident, it would never be repeated.

Despite the dire consequences, the University in its policy has agreed to allow such an ad to appear.

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Ghana’s independence celebrated

The fashion and artifacts of Ghana will be on display during a program commemorating the 50th anniversary of Ghana’s independence from Britain. The free and public event will begin at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 5, in the Brown Hall Lounge at the George Warren Brown School of Social Work. Offered in cooperation with the University’s Office of African and Afro-American Affairs.

Designer Vignelli gives memorial talk

Designer Massimo Vignelli of Vignelli and Associates, New York City, will deliver the William Adair Bermundo Memorial Lecture at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 5, in Steinberg Hall auditorium. Vignelli, whose 1984 redesign for the headquarters of Time-Life Books earned him the title of “architect of the modern age,” will discuss “Art and Architecture: The Importance of Identity.”

Photographer Jock Sturges lectures

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Robert Neureuther named vice president for facilities planning and management

Ralph H. Thuman, Jr., former resident engineer of the St. Louis Facility of Anheuser-Busch Inc., has joined Washington University as director of facilities planning and management, announced Chancellor William H. Danforth. His appointment was announced in a letter to the University community.

As director of facilities planning and management, Thuman will oversee the transition of the Hilltop Campus to full-time Washington University ownership. Thuman was formerly a partner in the architectural firm of Vignelli Associates, which is responsible for the Hilltop Campus.

Applications are now being accepted for the fifth annual Carl Kafalenos Student Book Collection Competition. The competition, which is sponsored by the Washington University Libraries, is open to full-time Washington University students.

Students interested in entering the competition must submit an entry form and a bibliography of their book collection to the Olin Library administrative office, in P72245CS. Finalists will be asked to submit a representative sample of their collection and an essay on its noteworthy features by March 20. Book collections may be on any subject. Judging will be based on the depth and breadth of the collection as well as its personal value to the owner. Shirley K. Baker, dean of University Libraries, will select a panel of judges from Washington University’s faculty and the St. Louis community.

"The size and financial value of a collection are not important to the judging panel as are demonstrations of personal value and depth of the collection," said Barbara Rea, coordinator of communications and special projects for the libraries and organizer of the competition. "Does the collection represent more than one viewpoint? Does it contain primary and secondary materials?"

First- and second-place awards will be given in both undergraduate and graduate categories. Each will be $750 and $500 respectively. Chancellor William H. Danforth will announce the four winners at an awards ceremony in April.

The late Carl Neureuther, a 1949 graduate of the John M. Olm School of Business, donated the funds in 1987 to support the annual competition. The award is part of a $1 million gift that Neureuther made last September to encourage good reading by Washington University students. The fund will be used to purchase the building of personal libraries.

Neureuther died in 1989.

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Director of facilities planning and management named

As resident engineer at Anheuser- Busch Inc. since 1962, also has served the company as manager of Plant Engineering Services; resident engineer at Ingersoll Rand Co.; Merrimack N.H.; and St. Louis; and assistant plant manager at New Jersey.}

Thuman graduated from the University of Cincinnati in 1959 with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. He continued his studies with graduate work at Andover Newton Theological School in Newton Centre, Mass.; and River College in Nashua, N.H.

Thuman has been active in many civic areas, including serving as president of the United Way of Greater Nashua, N.H., for two years and as a member of the Merrimack River Girl Scout Council Finance Committee. He is founder of the Anheuser-Busch Chorus.

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LECTURES

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4 p.m. Dept. of Biochemistry Seminar, "Chemical Biology and Chemistry Seminar," Sandra C. L. Zhang, RPI, U. of Iowa, Room 215 Cupples I.

5 p.m. Dept. of Biological Sciences Seminar, "Synaptic Plasticity and Motor Learning," Peter G.sect, WU, Room 215 Cupples I.

6 p.m. Divisional Molecular Biophysics Seminar, "Comparative Biology," James E. Steinberg, WU, Room 215 Cupples I.

Lunch will be served in the Xerox Lounge.

Friday, Feb. 28

1:10 p.m. George Warren Brown School of Technology and Information Management Seminar, "Managing Technology and Developing Technology," Nigel Davis, acting head and prof., WU, Dept. of Computer Science, Room 322 Rebstock.


Saturday, March 1

4:30 p.m. Department of Mathematics Colloquium, "The Work of the Xerox," Craig Roberts, St. Louis U. Room 215 Cupples I.

7 p.m. Divisional Molecular Biophysics Seminar, "Interplay of Pathways of Nucleoprotein and Electron Transport Complexes," Michael J. Fickus, WU, Dept. of Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics, Room 311.

7:30 p.m. Robert A. Taft Lecture, "Through the Doors," Robert O. Keating, writer, Room 215 Cupples I.


Tuesday, March 3


4 p.m. Dept. of Anatomy and Neurobiology Seminar, "Anatomy and Neurobiology Seminar," Robert F. Pethel, WU, Room 215 Cupples I.

5:30 p.m. Divisional Molecular Biophysics Seminar, "Regulation of the Expression of Neuronal Receptors and the Critical Period of Cortical Plasticity," Max W. Schilling, prof., Dept. of Neurology, British Columbia. Room 423 McDonnell Medical Sciences Bldg.

9:30 p.m. Catholic Student Center Presents, "A Pizza Night with Fr. Gary Braun," WU, Catholic Student Center. Ask anything you want to know about the Catholic faith. Food and drinks will be served. Room 232 Prince Hall. Free. For info. call 726-6177 or the Campus Y at 935-5010.

6 p.m. Catholic Student Center Presents, "Ask a Priest Night" with Fr. Gary Braun, WU, Catholic Student Center. Ask anything you want to know about the Catholic faith. Room 232 Prince Hall. Cost: $5 for WU students, $10 for non-WU students. Register in advance, and bring questions and members. For more info, call 935-5985. 215 Cupples I.

Friday, March 6


9 a.m. Saturday Morning Neural Sciences Seminar, "Current Developments in the Field of Immunology," Richard F. North, prof., Dept. of Laboratory Medicine, Louisiana State U. Medical Center. Room 208 Health Sciences Bldg.

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Tuesday, March 10

4 p.m. Dept. of Asian and Near Eastern Languages and Literatures Seminar, "Golden Dreams," Salt Lake City, Utah, Room 215 Cupples I.

Wednesday, March 11

7 and 9 p.m. Filmboard Foreign Series Present, "Day of Wrath." (Also March 5, same time and place.) Room 208 Health Sciences Bldg.

Filmboard will resume after spring break on March 16th.

Thursday, Feb. 27


Friday, Feb. 28


SPORTS

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8 p.m. Men's Basketball. WU vs. George Washington. WU Center. Free.

Friday, Feb. 28

6 p.m. Men's Basketball. WU vs. George Washington. WU Center. Free.

Saturday, March 1

8 p.m. Football. WU vs. Tulane. WU Center. Free.

Sunday, March 2

No games.

Monday, March 3

No games.

Tuesday, March 4

No games.

Wednesday, March 5

No games.

Thursday, March 6

No games.

Friday, March 7

No games.

Saturday, March 8

No games.

Sunday, March 9

No games.