New plant science center to tackle global hunger

Washington University in St. Louis and four other institutions have joined in an initiative to build the world’s first cutting-edge plant science center in St. Louis whose mission will be to lead the world in finding solutions to global hunger, disease and environmental degradation.

“As we stand on the brink of a new millennium,” former President Jimmy Carter said at a July 31 ceremony announcing plans for the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center, “there is no greater challenge than to feed the world’s population and to ensure the health of our children and to accomplish that without further degradation of the earth that sustains us.”

The center envisions the St. Louis area as a “bio belt,” the Silicon Valley of agriculture technolo-
gies needed to feed the world’s growing population. Within a 500-mile radius of St. Louis lies the world’s most fertile cropland, accounting for 75 percent of American farm production. Together with a cadre of small-business incubators, the Danforth Center will become the focal point for the region’s growing cluster of biotech endeavors.

The center will be headed by the incoming Henry R. Luce Professor of Law and Economics, William H. Wertsch, Ph.D., professor and chair of the Department of Economics.

Home sweet home

Three new residential houses — Danforth, Wheeler and Shepley — receive final touches in preparation for the arrival of the fall semester. The classes will be fully accommodated in the renovated units, with 174 new dormitory positions scheduled to open to students in fall 1998 to replace Shepley Residence Hall, demolished this summer.

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Luce Professorship: crossing disciplines to study collective memory

Who “controls” history — and what are the implications for students, for teaching and for the public debate? These are the questions that will be explored by the incoming Henry R. Luce Professor in Collective and Individual Memory. In June, the Henry Luce Professorship Foundation notified the University that it had been selected as one of two universities to receive the Luce Scholar grant. A third university, Brown University, has been awarded a $1.5 million, three-year renewal to complete its project. Washington University received a $600,000 grant for the first three years.

The Luce grant is a second continuation of a three-year renewal in 1999-2000 academic year. By Luce directive, the position must be filled within two years of the grant notification. The Luce Professorship Program was established in 1996 to support interdisciplinary theoretical and empirical work in the humanities by encouraging scholarship and experimentation and creativity. It was inspired by one of Luce’s favorite concepts, which the renowned publisher called “the unity of truth,” and is designed to support the integration of knowledge through innovative, interdisciplinary teaching and learning.

The task for the Luce Professor, who will be appointed in the spring of 2000, is to develop a research agenda that addresses the way in which history is collectively remembered and in which the individual memory reflects precisely those ideas, said James W. Vercel, Ph.D., professor and chair of the Department of Education in Arts and Sciences, who spearheaded the University’s proposal. “We chose the topic because it doesn’t constitute any field that’s been fossilized yet. It’s a topic you can’t handle in any one discipline. It insists — just invites — it insists that we get people together and talk.”

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The professorship is intended to help to create a new discipline that can develop a new framework for understanding how the collective memory of a society shapes the effort to solve complex social problems, Wertsch said. This will be particularly relevant in a time when “we live in a world in which the United States has never had the effects of such a strong role,” Wertsch said.

The new professor will be appointed and teach in the fall semester and will have a three-year appointment. The appointment will begin in the fall semester of 2000.

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Kass named interim head of Department of Ophthalmology

Michael A. Kass, M.D., has been named interim head of the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences. He currently serves as the chair and director of clinical services.

Kass holds an international authority in the diagnosis, treatment and epidemiology of glaucoma. His research has focused on the long-term management of eye disease and in the discovery and evaluation of novel glaucoma treatments.

He is a member of the national honorary medical society Alpha Omega Alpha, the American Medical Association, the American Ophthalmological Society and the Missouri Medical Association. He is also a fellow of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and a diplomate of the American Board of Ophthalmology. Kass is consistently listed as a leading glaucoma specialist in the book, "The Best Doctors in America," based on a survey of more than 7,000 U.S. physicians.

Security code helps immune cells attack foe and spare self

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Helper T cells patrol the body, checking for harmful microbes. Other parts of the immune system can be activated by an invader's coverings, posting fragments of its protein surface on the surface of a cell called a dendritic cell, helping it to become a reservoir for harmful agents.

Each dendritic cell contains a large collection of proteins. Those that stick out from the cell read the antigens and prompt inner parts to activate the cell. Scientists have suspected for some time that the signaling event involves the addition of phosphate groups to two key components called zeta chains. But how this process was regulated has been a function of the immune system blow. They may kill the microbe directly, help a killer T cell

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The center gives women medicine, counseling, physical checkups, day care and transportation to and from the doctor. The center gives advice on everything from nutrition to applying for welfare benefits, and the staff becomes a compassionate but firm presence in their lives. If the center can be compared to a family, it’s the type of family that checks up on anyone who doesn’t show up for a meal. Patients are tracked down if they miss appointments and encouraged to take their medi- cine on time.

The staff is regarded as even more precious when a woman has children born with infection. Every client expecting a baby gets high-intensity prenatal care and HIV medications, including zidovudine.

The results have been phenomenal. Before the program started, HIV-stricken 40 percent of babies born to infected mothers tracked by the School of Medicine. To date, however, not a single woman with HIV who had prenatal care at the Helena Hatch Center has had an infected child. That’s more than 50 healthy babies and why he’s one of the biggest fans of Fraser’s program.

“Whenever we expect such miraculous results,” Fraser said. In other programs around the country, regular doses of AZT reduced the HIV transmission rate to about 8 percent, she noted. “We can’t explain our suc- cess, but it’s clear that good prenatal care and HIV medications significantly improve the likelihood of having healthy babies.”

Colleagues trace the center’s achievements to the woman who started it all. “Dr. Fraser becomes com- pletely committed to any project she starts, and that commitment rubs off on the people who work with her,” said William G. Powderly, M.D., professor of medicine at BJC Health System hospitals. Fraser is the medical director of infection control for all the BJC Health System hospitals.

“Tracking hospital infections

In her early days at the School of Medicine, Fraser seemed headed for a standard training program. Gregory Storch, M.D., then the head of the Division of Infectious Diseases, encouraged her to become a medical resident and Fraser became an internist. She said, “I didn’t even know what that was,” she recalled. She soon learned the craft of tracking the spread of hospital infec- tions and searching for ways to protect patients. Today, Fraser is the medical director of infection control for all the BJC Health System hospitals.

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5-6 p.m. Student/faculty advisor meetings. (Meet students in advising appointments.

Friday, Aug. 28
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Miscellany
Friday, Aug. 21
9 a.m.-2 p.m. New student check-in. Residence halls.

Saturday, Aug. 22
11 a.m.-4 p.m. Campus tours. Information Booths at the university entry. 935-5406.

9-10:30 a.m. Student College Tours. St. Louis University Science Complex, second floor, Wohl Center.

Saturday, Aug. 22
4-5 p.m. Baccalaureate service in the church.

Sunday, Aug. 23
1-3 p.m. Transfer Tours of St. Louis. Help desk in the Student Center.

Monday, Aug. 24
8:45 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Student and faculty advising appointments. (Refer to new student check-in for meeting location.

Tuesday, Aug. 25
8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Academic advising appointments.

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Saturday, Aug. 29
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Sunday, Aug. 30
9 a.m.-2 p.m. Academic advising appointments.

Monday, Aug. 31
5:30 p.m. Second Annual Student/Faculty Picnic. (North pine, South 40 lawn, Bobby Hall.

Luce Professorship: crossing disciplines to study collective memory

Interdisciplinary work is not to have discussions in the abstract—you know, what's the role of psychology or anthropology or history, he said, "but rather to say, 'Let's go to a 'real' topic here." Let's talk about the war in Vietnam. What do people now understand or 'know' or remember about that war? There are psychological issues being wrestled with, like post-traumatic stress syndrome; there are cognitive issues of memory and reconstruction of memory and flash

Such questions are significant in considering collective memory. One recent historical example is the English Civil War (1642-1651) at the Smithsonian Institution that triggered a political firestorm. In questions of the English Civil War, there's no simple photography of the past, Wertsch said. There are a variety of different voices coexisting. And one of them eventually wins out, somehow. If it wins out too easily or too monolithically, it runs the risk of exactly what happened to the former Soviet Union. In the end, the only thing the Soviets succeeded in producing were people who became so good at picking things apart — in the newspapers, in the history books — that they didn't understand the production of history, but also the consumption of history.

"We're not out to deconstruct the memory of war," Wertsch continued. "We have to believe there are 'more accurate' and 'less accurate' and 'better' and 'worse' versions of the past. Our job is not to tell students what 'the truth' is. We want to accept the memory that there are truths, and acknowledge that people may be different from these statements. We want to support the ability of students to challenge these statements, if they want to.

The Luce Professor will organize this discussion. "There are several of us on the faculty who are already interested in the topic, but not necessarily working strictly in those terms," Wertsch said. "One faculty member would be the glue to hold a budding network of faculty interest together — to get some synergy going.

That combative energy was already firing this past April, according to Stuart Yoak, Ph.D., director of foundation relations. Yoak helped organize the University's effort in hosting two Luce Foundation representatives for a make-or-break April 24 site visit.

Leading off the visit was an hour-long meeting with the University's three principle faculty members in the effect: Wernich, Wayne Fields, Ph.D., professor of English in Arts and Sciences and director of American
cultural studies; and Henry L. Roeder, Ph.D., professor and chair of the Department of Psychology in Arts and Sciences.

Next was a half-hour briefing with three administrators — Edward McGar, Ph.D., dean of Arts and Sciences; Robert Thack, Ph.D., dean of the school of Arts and Sciences; and Dennis Martin, Ph.D., associate dean of Arts and Sciences— followed by a half-hour meeting with Chancellor

Wernich and a small group of students.

The afternoon provided two creative sparks a round-table lunch discussion that included students from the English literature faculty, followed by a 45-minute brain-storming session with five undergraduate students.

"The students were our biggest worry," Yoak said. "to the letter from the dean for meeting location.)

"Their collective interest and energy was certainly a highlight of the site visit."

With the professorship now in hand, Wernich will oversee the search committee. He said the successful candidate will fulfill three time criteria. "We want an outstanding, internationally recognized scholar," Wernich said. "However, unlike a lot of searches, it has to be someone who is not interested in disappearing into a particular department. We need someone who is willing to listen and talk to across disciplines.

"Finally, the person has to be really willing and able to work with students," Wertsch said.

"We're not interested in somebody who's going to come in and make us disappear into the library and write about the remainder of his or her career. This is intended to mix with, challenge and advance the graduate and undergraduate curriculum."

Concluded Wertsch: "Ideally, in 10 years our reputation will be such that someone says, 'Oh, you want to study collective and individual memory? Washington University is where you need to be.' That would be our dream."
Liberal arts, technology mix in summer ‘boot camp’

Instead of tackling “War and Peace” this summer, twelve traditionally skilled seniors are immersed in technology as part of a program designed to increase the computer literacy of liberal arts students.

Wave Technologies International, a St. Louis-based leader in technical training worldwide, is offering this program as a pilot in conjunction with the College of Arts and Sciences. The twelve students embarked June 6 on an intensive eight-week, hands-on introduction to information technology—a challenging mix of skills involving computer systems, network management, programming languages and Web-based development. They were eligible for professional certification encompassing a variety of skills and, at professional certification examination, a St. Louis-based leader in technology.

They were to be “a St. Louis-based leader in technology” for all logistical arrangements, with Dennis Martin, associate provost for academic affairs, on their team. The students were to be examined at several area businesses, where they experienced the real world of business and technology.

Motivation to forgo a more traditional summer is the more than 200,000 jobs nationwide awaiting skilled information technology personnel and valuable contacts and internships.

“We had students across the board,” Tony Fitzpatrick, director of Bon Appetit, said. “From English majors to physics majors, and it was amazing how well the did,” said Susan Rollins, assistant dean in Arts and Sciences, who with Tony Fitzpatrick and associate dean for administrative affairs, is the faculty instrumental in linking students with Wave Technologies International. Rollins was the point person for all logistical arrangements this summer. The Arts and Sciences Computing Center contributed technical support.

“This is the kind of training normally provided by corporations to get their employees up to speed,” Rollins continued. “I’ve been to many things like this, working with nontraditional students, and we’ve been extremely pleased with the dedication and success of our students. I’ve always believed that an education degree will expose students to all sorts of knowledge and enables them to learn to be good teachers. This program bears that out.”

Rollins said Wave’s interest in the program was to test their theory that a technical background is not necessary for people to accept information technology skills.

“This is an unusual collaboration in that Wave usually trains in a corporate setting and they came to us to train us to train and evaluate college students,” she said. “It costs some corporate clients $15,000 per person to provide a similar program. It was a tremendous opportunity, and I think the students all realized that.”

Wave’s instructors covered such topics as critical issues facing information technologies; PC hardware and software; Windows 95, various software and programming strategies; and Web development.

MU and Java. Students were tested at various stages on their way to certification as Microsoft Certified Professionals (MCP).

“The students did very well and were a pleasure to work with,” said Kent Curry, one of the Wave Technologies instructors. “There is a wealth of opportunity in the field, and I think this experience shows that sharp, well-educated people in Arts and Sciences can do quite well in information technology. The things that liberal arts encourage—open-mindedness, inquisitiveness, a willingness to learn—are all key factors for success in this area of technology. We hope to do this again at Washington University.”

It is the hope that there are tentative plans to have Wave offer the institute again, perhaps as early as the fall of 1999.

David Lombardino, a senior majoring in accounting and MIS, faxed three software exams, halfway through qualification as the highest level Microsoft Certified System Engineer (MCSE).

“These are skills that I can take to the workplace right now,” Lombardino said. “I’m definitely going to be looking for an information technology job, and, in fact, I’ve got to get some interviews lined up to see the result of taking the program.”

John Andrews, a senior majoring in psychology, said, “I think I’ll continue this training in some way, and I’ll probably end up in computer science after I graduate.” He said, “The experience was very challenging but very beneficial.”

Tony Fitzpatrick

Research suggests light on nonmarital births

Given the tremendous economic and social costs of supporting poor children born out of wedlock, it’s not surprising that legislators and concerned citizens have long had a keen interest in reducing teen-age pregnancies and nonmarital births. Public policy and politics have spawned programs ranging from condom distribution to “just say no,” but these efforts have had little success in stemming the rising tide of nonmarital births.

There are no simple solutions, but ongoing research by Nancy Voiler, Ph.D., associate professor in the George Warren Brown School of Education, and John Robertson, Ph.D., visiting assistant professor in the School of Social Work, and John Robertson, Ph.D., visiting assistant professor in the School of Social Work, and John Vosler, Ph.D., visiting assistant professor in the School of Social Work, have provided an alternative to the traditional approach of attempting to stigmatize nonmarital births or to simply ignore them.

Their findings suggest that focusing on the few men who have a dominant role in the sexual life of a nonmarital family can help to change the natural trajectory of those families.

“Those findings suggest that concentrating educational efforts on this small group is essential not only for programs designed to head off unwanted births, but also for efforts to provide much-needed assistance to the nonmarital families themselves,” report the researchers.

“With the few dominant partners, it seems that they want to do well by their children,” Voiler said. “Many say they would do a better job of parenting if they could get jobs. They also would like to do something about how to be in a relationship with a woman who is not married. It seems a lot of it is about the mother of their child.”

Such findings already are shaping the recommendations of a task force on nonmarital births assembled by Missouri Governor Mel Carnahan. The recently drafted task force report offers a detailed, aggressive plan that relies on a combination of powerful, state-funded services and education. It is a plan to provide access to child support for nonmarital children, encourage families to marry, provide access to public assistance, and educate nonmarital families about the long-run benefits of marriage.

“Your goal is to get these men to become fathers, and marriage makes it easier for each of them. A lot of these men are moving away from street life, trying to find some way to get themselves back onto the right road,” Voiler said. “Now they spend time and money with their children, and they need to see that someone else has done this. The longings are there. It’s now up to us to help them from longing to action.”

Gerry Everding

Bon Appetit Management Co.'s Executive Chef Bill Schwenk chats with Chancellor Mark S. robe and Steven J. Greenbaum, Washington University President, during a reception in the Holmes Lounge July 14. The reception introduced about 60 University administrators to Bon Appetit's 24 on-site managers and 38 chefs. The menu included homemade breads and pastries, fresh fruits, Italian cheeses, three meat selections, four styles of pasta and—for the daring—octopus.
the Division of Plant Biology at The Scripps Research Institute, La Jolla, Calif., since 1991. He also is co-director of the International Laboratory for Tropical Agricultural Biology.

Beachy was a member of Washington University's Department of Biology in Arts and Sciences from 1978 to 1991 and headed the Center for Plant Science and Biotechnology here. He earned a bachelor's degree in zoology from Colorado (Ind.) College and holds a Ph.D. in plant pathology from Michigan State University.

"We're lucky to have him," Danforth said of the new fine-rice scientist. And he has a commitment to the center's world mission and the energetic leadership style that we were looking for." — Ralph S. Quatranro, Ph.D., newly appointed chair of biology and the St. E. Tolles Professor in Arts and Sciences, also expressed enthusiasm for Beachy's appointment and the work of the new center. "One of the prime factors in my move to Washington University from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, he said, "was not only the strength and commitment in plant sciences at Washington University but the creation of the Roger Beachy to head the center makes this a world center for plant science a reality. This is an exciting time in plant research worldwide, and there will be much happening in the coming years."

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The center also will promote the practical application of new knowledge by fostering rapid growth in plant science and will open new opportunities for plant research.

"The recruitment of Roger Beachy is another step in the development of a world-class plant science center," said Peter H. Raven, Ph.D., the author of the "Garden of Eden: The Evolution of Plants" and former director of the Missouri Botanical Garden. "It combines public and private resources in an extraordinary effort, one which will be to plant scientists what Max Planck Institute is to medicine and biology.

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In his new appointment, Trask served for one year as executive director of the YMCA Neighborhood Ministry in St. Louis. The innovative faith-based community organization works to help the indigent population achieve independence. Before that, he spent four years with The Prevention Partnership, which supports community drug abuse prevention programs in St. Louis city and county. Trask was a program coordinator for that organization from 1995 to 1997.

He has also experienced growth in the realm of higher education, having served as a residence hall director at the University of Kansas in Lawrence from 1987 to 1993 and a residence director at Southeastern College in Winfield, Kan., from 1986 to 1987.

"I'm excited to be a part of the St. Louis community again," Trask said. "This is a unique partnership, drawing together the YMCA following suit in 1912. The programs joined together to become the Campus Y in 1934.

History on the move

University Archivist Carole Prietto takes care in packing two honorary degrees given Robert S. Brookings, president of the University Corporation from 1895-1929 — one from Washington University (doctor of medicine, 1905) and one from Harvard University (degree of doctor of laws, 1920). The degrees and the rest of the University Archives are being packed and moved from Olin Library to the rear of the West Campus Library. The newly renovated 7,000-square-foot area will provide twice the space for the collection. Archives is closed for the move and will reopen in its new location Monday, Aug. 17. A Web site with answers to questions about the move can be viewed at library.wustl.edu/spec/archives/
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It was accomplished to accommodate the increase in students living in the neighborhood. More than 200 returning students are relocating to the new Shuttle service, which runs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays. The service is free and available on all charts filed; keeping all forms and documents filed for staff reference.

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Schedule for the new shuttle route

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