Making a difference

Alternative Spring Break offers service trips in U.S. and abroad

By David Moessner

H otel was part of the plan. "Hostile" wasn't. "The U.S. Embassy in Prague just closed," said sophomore Eric Scroggins with equal part surprise and concern as he bounded into the Campus Y late last week.

Contingent upon world events, Scroggins hopes to lead a delegation of 11 University students to Czechoslovakia Feb. 26 through March 4 as part of the Campus Y's Alternative Spring Break program. The group intends to work with the Missionaries of Charity — Mother Theresa's volunteers — aiding the sick and the homeless. Home that week for the students will be a rudimentary hospital.

If they can navigate their way there, that is. The recent arrest of Kurdistan rebel leader Abdullah Ocalan and continued demonstrations throughout the Middle East and the East. At events unfold, Scroggins and the Campus Y are keeping an eye on alternative destinations, including Budapest and Amsterdam.

Daytona Beach is not on the list.

Such is the mindset of 60-some University students who will travel the globe on six separate service trips this week. The emphasis is on helping, not serving. A&E offers no funding or government grants. Rather, the organization solicits donations from local individuals and institutions. It uses this revenue to help fund some of the area's major arts institutions and to underwrite grants to nearly 150 other arts organizations. A&E also is instrumental in supporting educational outreach programs designed to bring first-class performances and entertain ment to children and senior citizens who otherwise might not be served.

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Students volunteered from the Campus Y's Alternative Spring Break program teamed with Habitat for Humanity to help build this home last year in Clarksdale, Miss. Next week, 20 University students will lend a hand in two Habitat projects, one in Oklahoma City and one in Rollins, Tenn.

**Break**

### Students plan, implement variety of service trips

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School of Medicine offers mini-medical school

BY DIANE DUKE WILLIAMS

Have you ever wondered what it is like to attend medical school? Would you like to learn the latest information about diseases and treatments that affect one's heart, cancer, diabetes, and other common medical problems? The School of Medicine is offering you that chance.

On March 23 and continuing for the following seven Tuesdays, the medical school is teaching a mini-medical school called "Medicine is to inform the public." Enrollment will begin at 7 p.m. at the Eric P. Newman Education Center. The maximum number of participants will be limited to 100.

The goal of Washington University School of Medicine is to inform the public about medical education and medical science," said William A. Peck, M.D., executive vice chancellor of medical affairs and dean of the medical school. "The mini-medical school, designed and under the leadership of Cynthia Wichelmann, M.D., represents an important step. The initial class will be limited in size, but we plan to repeat the course, perhaps annually or semi-annually, and possibly expand the class size in the future should there be sufficient demand."

Medical school professors will teach the sessions, which will include lectures on various disciplines in addition to teaching hands-on training. Attendees will participate in operating room protocol and practice suturing techniques, tour the Genome Sequencing and Analysis Center and guide medical students in inserting invasive surgical instruments using laparoscopic simulation.

Information will be presented in an easy-to-understand fashion. There will be no exams. Students will be able to talk with faculty after lectures.

At the final session, graduates will receive a certificate of completion and attend a graduation reception.

The fee to attend the mini-medical school, which is being funded by an educational grant from Pfizer Inc., is $35. For more information or to receive a registration form, call 1-868-3888.

Schedule of courses

March 23 Medical School Today: The School of Medicine, Executive vice chancellor for medical affairs and dean, will open the evening's program.

Detecting and Treating Diabetes: The Silent Disease with Major Consequences, Professor and head, Division of Endocrinology, will discuss the importance of early screening and treatment of diabetes.

Common Cancers and Their Treatment of Heart Disease, Professor and head, Department of Cardiology, will discuss the latest treatments for heart disease.

Operating Room Suture Lab: Surgery Techniques and Laparoscopic Simulation, Operating Room Suture Lab, will provide hands-on training and practice suturing techniques.

Infection Diseases: The Never Ending Story, Professor, will discuss the continuing battle against infectious diseases.

Developing Treatments for Stroke and Spinal Cord Injury, Professor and head, Department of Neurology, will discuss the latest research and treatments for stroke and spinal cord injury.

Educational Medicine: Common Questions, Professor of pediatrics, division of pediatrics, will answer common questions about medical education.

Health Care Financing: Paying the Bill, Professor of Health and Social Policy, will discuss the latest in health care financing.

May 4 Medical Ethics: Tough Issues, Professor of medicine, will discuss the latest in medical ethics.

Health Care and the Law, Professor of law, will discuss the legal aspects of health care.

May 11 Sick at Heart: Diagnosing and Treating Heart Disease, Professor of medicine, will discuss the latest in the diagnosis and treatment of heart disease.

Site team will be on campus for reaccreditation

The School of Medicine is up for reaccreditation, and a site team from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) will visit the campus March 8-11. The team, in addition to meeting with students and faculty, will interview department heads and roentgenologists, and will spend time with medical students and junior faculty. At the end of the visit, the group will have an interview with Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton and William A. Peck, M.D., executive vice chancellor and dean of the medical school. LCME members will be visiting many parts of the campus. They might, as part of the review, solicit information or remarks from faculty, staff and students they encounter outside of their scheduled meetings. The site team will be wearing LCME name tags.

"The institutional self-study, which is a component of the preparatory work for the accreditation visit, provided the opportunity for in-depth, critical review of all aspects of the curriculum and the operations of the school that affect it," said Alison J. Whelan, M.D., associate dean for undergraduate medical education, "It was a very important component of continual evaluation and improvement of the School of Medicine's educational programs."

The LCME, which is co-administered by the American Medical Association (AMA) and the American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC), promotes institutional self-evaluation and improvement and certifies that medical education programs meet prescribed standards. The LCME team visits medical schools every seven years and can request a program report or make a return visit before the next seven-year period.

The LCME evaluates medical school curricula, student life, graduate programs, teaching hospitals and facilities and faculty research and finances, in addition to many other areas. The administration of the medical school has been preparing for the site team's visit for about 18 months. It conducted a self-study while medical students independently surveyed their peers. More than 220 faculty, staff and students have been involved in this effort.

"The self-study and student survey validated several areas we had already identified as high priority for improvement — teaching and practice of ambulatory care experiences and ensuring ongoing feedback to students on clinical skills," said Whelan. "These will be high priorities for the next several years. The self-study also revealed a number of minor student concerns that we were able to address promptly — student access to clinical information during hospital rotations was improved and many student resource materials were put on a new website."

For additional information, call the LCME office at 734-2361.

Richard Lerner to deliver Lowery lecture

R ichard A. Lerner, M.D., president of the Scripps Research Institute, will present the 1999 Oliver Lowery Lecture in Biorganic Chemistry at 4 p.m. Thursday, March 4, in Cool Auditorium. It is located on the first floor of the Medical Sciences Building, 4565 McNeal St. Lerner also is the Lita Annenberg Hazen Professor of Immunology and holds the Cecil H. and Ida M. Green Chair in Chemistry at the Scripps Institute.

He is well known for his important work on the molecular mechanisms by which antibodies, enzymes, permitting the catalysis of chemical reactions thought to be difficult or impossible using classical chemical procedures.

The title of his lecture is "Antibody Akladoxes of Remarkable Efficiency and Scope."

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"An important goal of our research is the development of new drugs to improve the quality of life for patients who are infected," Lerner said. "I feel that it was very important that the center continue its efforts to improve the quality of life for patients who are infected, as well as to improve health care delivery systems."

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**Exhibitions**


**Films**

- **A Movie Night.** Off-campus. 935-5456.

**Lectures**

- **Monday, March 1**

**Readings**

- **Acclaimed poets Bidart and Pankey here.** By Lisa Citron

Two nationally recognized poets will visit campus in March for the Reading Series sponsored by the Writing Program in Arts and Sciences. Frank Bidart will read from his works March 11, followed by Eric Pankey on March 16. Both readings will take place at 8 p.m. in Hunt Lounge, Room 201 Duncar Hall.

Born in Bakefields, Calif., in 1939, Bidart earned a bachelor's degree from the University of California—Riverside and a master's degree from Harvard, where he was a student and friend of the poets Robert Lowell and Elizabeth Bishop. His numerous honors and awards include a John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship, a John and Wendy Brandeis Writing Award, a Guggenheim Foundation award, a National Book Critics Circle Award and a National Book Critic Circle Award for his collection of poetry, "A Book of Days." Edward C. Sewell, prof. of mathematics and statistics, S. U. of Minnesota, said of Bidart, "His vision is invaluable."

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**University News**

- **March 1.** Ralph Nader will be the keynote speaker at the Center’s annual Celebration of Diversity. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Center’s conference room.
- **March 2.** The University will host a symposium on "The Induction of the Mother." The symposium will feature keynote speakers and panelists from around the world.
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Richard Jay's sleight-of-hand comes to Edison in March

The advice and no do line; never try to out-stare a cat, never eat at a place called Montana, never play cards with a guy named Ricky Jay. Ricky Jay is perhaps the greatest sleight-of-hand artist of our day, a virtuoso in all manner of conjuring, coin-games and other "unusual entertainments." But rest easy: Jay only uses his powers for good, or at least for the entertainment and enrichment of his film, television, literary and theatrical audiences. Next month, "Ricky Jay & His 52 Assistants," an original theatrical production created by Jay and directed by long-time collaborator David Mamet — will have come to dominate the field of magic performance. He is the author of working today. He is the author of "Swahili 7:30 a.m. Orthopedic surgery lecture.

Two schools join to study Midwest cities

By ANN NICHOLSON

A new collaborative program between Washington University's School of Architecture and the University of Illinois at Chicago will bring together architects and urban scholars from both schools to explore ways that sustainable design can help revitalize cities. The two-and-a-half year program is being funded by a $750,000 grant from the Graham Foundation for Advanced Cultural Research.

Beginning this fall, students in both programs will study current urban policy issues and devise design strategies for projects in their own cities, while sharing lectures, reviews, symposia, site visits and other opportunities for mutual exchanges of ideas and research. The project will involve historical and comparative studies of the two cities and further both schools' commitment to working within their communities to identify urban issues.

"St. Louis and Chicago provide important and varied insights into the impact of economic and social change on the built environment," said Tom Schuler, director of architectural history and theory, who, along with Jo Noeo, the Ruth and Norman Professor of Architecture and director of the graduate architecture program, is overseeing the project.

"Both cities were major centers of culture and economic growth during the age of industrialization, yet are among the U.S. cities most affected by "mild industrialization," he continued. "Despite their historical importance, they have been largely ignored in recent decades as sources of architectural and urban design advancements."

"This project will provide good sites for developing a variety of models for urban design in the post-industrial age," Noeo added. "The decline of Midwest cities, characterized by dilapidation and abandonment, was once a problem of the inner city, but it has now spread outward to the inner ring of suburbs. While redevelopment efforts have had some success, all too often they have been ineffective or too ad hoc to have lasting social or cultural effect."

The collaborative study will enrich understandings of this complex urban problem through an interdisciplinary and experimental approach among faculty and students from both schools. Visiting professors, lecturers and practitioners

Award

Nominations sought for annual honor
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promote learning;

- help to create a positive working and learning environment;

- improve the wider community;

- enhance the University's reputation.

Nominates must have at least five years of employment with the University and be non-academic staff members in good standing.

Nominations for the award must include the nominee's name, the specific reason(s) for the nomination, a brief description of how the University benefits or has benefited from the nominee's actions and the signature of the person submitting the nomination.

A committee of faculty and staff from the Hilltop, Medical and West campuses will review the nominations and select an employee who will receive the $1,000 award during the May 17 Staff Day celebration on the Hilltop Campus.

The first award recipient, Myrl Funk, registrar for the School of Architecture, was recognized last year for her many contributions. The award committee will recognize employees who have made a broad, pluralistic approach to design issues and the design challenges posed by conditions that arise out of different operating conditions. These include design issues related to land use in or near historic cemeteries and providing new cemeteries in areas that are rapidly being converted for agricultural use.

Peter Rowe, dean of the Harvard Graduate School of Design, will chair the public panel and will be a key speaker. Rowe will discuss "Design, the Future, People, and the American City." The symposium will be held at Columbia University School of Architecture, on "Practicing Pragmatism as a Theory for Urban Design" at 3:15 p.m. March 12. WU staff members are encouraged to attend.

The focus of the symposium will be on mid-sized, mid-income American cities as the expression of a rich and varied national culture, evolving against a backdrop of increasingly global, modern civilization, said Jacqueline Tatum, visiting assistant professor of architecture, who, along with Eric Mumford, Ph.D., assistant professor of architecture, is organizing the conference. The symposium will emphasize a broad, pluralistic approach to the design challenges posed by conditions that arise out of different operating conditions.

Campus Watch

University sets goal of $55,000 for drive — from page 1

and actors that put us in touch with who we are and remind us of what it means to be human." -L韧 Lucas, architect and director of Architecture, Design, and Community Initiatives, Washington University School of Architecture and Urban Design.

"American Cities" symposium March 11-13

North American urbanization will be the focal point when the School of Architecture's Urban Research Center hosts a symposium titled "Design, Modernity and American Cities." The symposium, which is open to the public and the general public, will include design, planning and research and design presentations. The symposium will consider American cities as the expression of a rich and varied national culture, evolving against a backdrop of increasingly global, modern civilization, said Jacqueline Tatum, visiting assistant professor of architecture, who, along with Eric Mumford, Ph.D., assistant professor of architecture, is organizing the conference. The symposium will emphasize a broad, pluralistic approach to the design challenges posed by conditions that arise out of different operating conditions.

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In addition to Mumford and Tatum, noted speakers include Peter Rowe, Eric Mumford, Jacqueline Tatum, Ed Sohmer,院副院长, Preservation/Urban Design, and Tim Franke, assistant professor of landscape architecture. Invited participants include design professors Shalam Sarks of the School of Architecture, Thomas Roy Strickland, of the MIT School of Architecture and Urban Design program, Adrian Lochinchi, of the Architectural Association in London, and Tim Franke, assistant professor of landscape architecture. Invited participants include design professors Shalam Sarks of the School of Architecture, Thomas Roy Strickland, of the MIT School of Architecture and Urban Design program, Adrian Lochinchi, of the Architectural Association in London, and Tim Franke, assistant professor of landscape architecture. Invited participants include design professors Shalam Sarks of the School of Architecture, Thomas Roy Strickland, of the MIT School of Architecture and Urban Design program, Adrian Lochinchi, of the Architectural Association in London, and Tim Franke, assistant professor of landscape architecture.
Speaking of

John R. Bloebaum, Ph.D., associate professor of chemistry in Arts and Sciences, recently presented an invited talk titled "Metalloenzymes and Other Aromatic Metallacycles" at Truman State University in Kirksville.

Jane Phillips-Connery, Ph.D., associate professor of anatomy and neurobiology in Medicine, recently presented a paper titled "Radiobiology of Research in the Ethiopian Baboon Hybrid Line" as an invited participant in the symposium "Evolution of African Primates in Intra-Asia."
Renowned scientist Ralph Quatrano's academic career began with sports

By Tom Fitzpatrick

Stunning end-around play ... from football to biology

Ralph Quatrano, Ph.D., the Spencer T. Olin Professor and chair of the biology department in Arts and Sciences, discusses plant biology with doctoral student Phil Harris

Sport was a natural for Quatrano, a first-generation Italian-American, whose father emigrated from Naples and became a well-known coaching and recreation figure in Elmsford, N.Y. Quatrano excelled in all sports and was a close friend and teammate of Ernie Davis, who went onto fame as a running back in the early '60s at Syracuse University. Davis was named the Heisman Trophy winner in 1962, the first African-American to receive the award. Quatrano played high school football and basketball with him.

"The Ernie Davis story, well-known to babyboomers and their parents, turned into tragedy when, shortly before he was to begin his professional career with the Cleveland Browns, he was diagnosed with leukemia. He died before his potential could be realized.

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