Health plans to undergo key changes

Facilities with significant medical inflation and very high claim experience in all health plans, the University is implementing two key changes as part of the fiscal year 2003 health open enrollment.

First, CIGNA HealthCare's HMO and POS plans are being replaced with UnitedHealthcare's HMO and POS plans. And second, an option is being added to the Alliance Blue Cross Excel and Basic plans that allows for the selection of a smaller network of providers (HSC, Unity and Washington University Physician Network included) in exchange for lower premiums and copayments.

These changes result in the offering of six health plans and a dedicated family plan to eligible University faculty and nonunion staff. The health plans include the package of medical, dental, prescription drug, vision, and vision examination coverage.

This new lineup of plans provides both extensive choice and a wide range of premium levels.

In addition to the new plan offerings, there will be changes in the office and emergency room copays for the UnitedHealthcare HMO and POS plans, change in the deductibles and out-of-pocket maximums for the Blue Cross Excel plans and changes in the three-tier prescription drug copays.

To assist faculty and nonunion staff members with the selection of the appropriate health plan, the human resources office is providing the following sources of information:

- Informational packets will be sent to campus boxes during the week of April 29.
- A special Web site — hr.wustl.edu/openenrollment — has been launched.

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Open enrollment

The health-care benefits open enrollment period is scheduled from May 1 to 31, and most health benefit changes will be effective July 1. Any enrollment changes to health or dental-wise coverage must be made by 5 p.m. May 31.

School of Art sophomores in Special Topics in Core: Outdoor Design Installation, led by Lecturer Amy Nadel, recently created a series of public artworks for sites on the Hilltop Campus. Above, Ashley Hornsby puts the finishing touches on Circle No. 5, a series of progress geometrical forms — built of wood but designed to resemble steel I-beams — just south of Oak Aile. And, at left, Michael Majestic hangs "waves" of plastic sheeting as part of Uno, an installation in McMillan Courtyard designed to recall the flow of wind and water.

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All the institutions expect to be participating in 12 within the next several months. 12 was begun in 1995 and today has more than 100 universities working in partnership with industry and government to develop and deploy advanced.

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By BARBARA REA

Darrow gift establishes Catholic professorship

The Religious Studies program in Arts & Sciences will benefit from a $1.5 million gift from Stella K. Darrow to establish the Stella Koetter Darrow Professorship in Catholic Studies.

The gift will significantly enhance the Religious Studies curriculum by complementing its current strengths in Jewish studies and Islamic studies.

In making the announcement, Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton said, "Through this very generous gift, Stella Darrow has made a lasting contribution to scholarship in Religious Studies at Washington University, which will be felt for generations to come. We are grateful for her strong commitment to this important field, which will allow us to foster a deeper understanding of the historical, philosophical, theological and social impact of the Roman Catholic Church. And it will create new opportunities for greater interaction with the St. Louis Catholic community."

Ahmet T. Karamustafa, Ph.D., associate professor of history and of Religious Studies and director of the Religious Studies program, said that the new chair will be a great addition.

"Attracting top-notch faculty has been a consistent goal of the program, and this new professorship will allow us to recruit a prominent scholar in the area of Catholicism," Karamustafa said. "Christianity is one of five areas of concentration in our program, and I am pleased that we can now strengthen its presence in our curriculum. We are very grateful for this wonderful donation."

Student interest continues to

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Faculty achievement awards

Kornfeld, Schaal are 'outstanding choices'

A prominent molecular biophysicist and an authority on biology and life sciences will receive the University's annual faculty achievement awards.

The selections announced April 20 at the Chancellor's Gala in Holmes Lounge in Ridgley Hall. The awards will be conferred at a public event in the fall.

Stuart A. Kornfeld, M.D., the David C. and Betty Farrell Distinguished Professor of Medicine and professor of biochemistry and molecular biophysics in the School of Medicine, is this year's recipient of the Arthur Holly Compton Faculty Achievement Award.

"Professors Kornfeld and Schaal are both outstanding choices for the faculty achievement awards," Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton said. "Each has been recognized with

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This year's faculty achievement award-winners are Stuart A. Kornfeld, M.D., the David C. and Betty Farrell Distinguished Professor of Medicine and professor of biochemistry and molecular biophysics; and Barbara A. Schaal, Ph.D., the Spencer T. Olin Professor of Biology in Arts & Sciences.

Since 1959, the Gairdner International Awards have been presented to 255 scientists, 56 of whom have gone on to win the Nobel Prize. The award recognizes outstanding contributions by medical scientists whose work will significantly improve quality of life.

Waterston, together with Eric S. Lander, Ph.D., professor of biology at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and head of the

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WU part of Internet2 consortium

Will enable access to Internet of the future

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Campus Watch

Looking for his backpack. An
identified person accused the
person of坐落在 his wallet from a
room No. 117 in Simon Hall.
The student said he lost his
belongings on campus for
approximately 30 minutes. Total
loss estimated at $2,500.

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A student reported that
an unknown person stole
her backpack from a
Garage. Thirty minutes
later, the backpack was
found on the upper level
of Wohl Lien Garage.

Graduate student satisfaction evident in survey results

It is difficult to learn if you aren't
examining your own progress.
And in a recent groundbreaking
study, the University's graduate
and doctoral students at Washing-
ton University's School of Arts &
Sciences, and the George
Arnold Brown School of Social
Work. The study, led by
R. E. Thach, Ph.D., dean of the
Graduate School of Arts &
Sciences, "We've worked
hard to examine the concerns
of our graduate students," he
has been a hallmark of
Washington University. I
was delighted to see that
efforts to help improve
differences made a difference.
The online survey was the first
of its kind in the arts and sciences,
showing students are most
satisfied in the area of
employment. Of course,
the survey was the
students to have the
freedom to pursue
range of career options.
A particular area of concern
most students in the survey is
the lack of information about
the career outcomes of
former students.

Thach said it wasn't surprising
that nearly every graduate
program at the University
finished in the top 50 percent
of its peer group.

"We've worked hard to
address every concern that
has come to our attention,"
Thach said, "from housing to the
quality of advising and
career services. We're
only one university in the
country that has
Ph.D. candidates funding
for six years as
assistantship or
career services assistance.
"Nevertheless, despite the
overall satisfaction rate,
Thach said improving
the job market to
accompany our efforts.

"The next step is to begin
implement some of the ideas
that we have heard from
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By DARRELL WARD

School of Medicine researchers have uncovered new information about a gene that when mutated prevents the kidneys from filtering properly. The mutation causes a rare disorder known as nail-patella syndrome, which typically involves kidney abnormalities.

This gene, known as Lmb1, regulates production of other proteins that are required for kidney development. The gene was identified by Jeffrey H. Miner, Ph.D., assistant professor of medicine and of cell biology and physiology and leader of the paper's author. The researchers hope to use this information to develop new therapies for kidney disease.

"Our findings should improve the understanding of nail-patella syndrome,” Miner said. “The study shows that these proteins are necessary for kidney function and failure.”

The findings appeared in the April 15 issue of The Journal of Clinical Investigation.

Using mice, the study found that mutations in the Lmb1 gene cause a reduction in levels of two proteins known as CD2AP and podocin. Both proteins are necessary for kidney cells to attach to the basement membrane of the kidney. When either protein is missing, the kidney cells cannot properly adhere to the basement membrane, leading to kidney failure.

The team also found that mice lacking one of the two proteins died within 84 days of birth, while mice lacking both proteins died within 30 days.

The study was supported by the National Institutes of Health and the American Heart Association.
73rd annual Fashion Show May 5

By EMIL OTTEN

T he 73rd annual Art of Fashion Show will hit the runways at Saint Louis Galleria May 5. The fully choreographed, Paris-inspired flapper fest showcases dozens of professional and volunteer models wearing more than 100 outfits created by eight seniors and 11 juniors in the School of Art's fashion design program.

This year, everyone's doing it as a trend — even the School of Art. For five straight years now the buzz on the runways in New York is about quilts; we already did a fully quilt-inspired ballgown back in October. It's not that we pay any attention to fashion; it looks like it just happens that way.

"These people are wearing quilts, this trend is called "Think Pink," (from the Susan G. Komen for the Cure) Audrey Hepburn's 1957 film "Funny Face," top太少のsportswear, dress groups and theater casts and gowns. As in previous years, the highlight of the evening will be the seniors' signature collections, in which each student creates a fully realized line of clothing, with the grand finale being a single wedding dress designed by superintendent.

"These people are wearing clothes that have been understood, they're working," said Jeigh Singleton, head of fashion design. "Right now, all the fashion is about "clothes, clothes and clothes" and showy glitter entertainment value — are the "boutique sections" hold immediately afterward, during which young designers meet and discuss their work with members of the audience.

"A lot of times, runway designers show things for political reasons — to shock, to amuse, for publicity," Singleton said. Yet during the boutique sessions, "students get to see exactly how things work in the real world. And when they actually make a sale, it's the most wonderful validation, it says, 'You're doing fine, line.' No, you're making something that somebody wants to wear.'"

Tickets are $50 — $25 for students — and available through the Edison Theatre Box Office, 935-6634, and at the Galleria Concierge Service Center. Additional tickets will be available at the door.

For more information, call 935-9900.
Native American social welfare systems symposium May 21-23

By JESSICA N. ROBERT

The Native American social welfare systems symposium May 21-23 at the University of Washington will explore the historical and contemporary challenges faced by Native Americans in the United States. The symposium will bring together scholars, activists, policymakers, and community leaders to discuss the diverse approaches to addressing social welfare issues in the Native American community.

The symposium will feature sessions on a variety of topics, including health disparities, economic development, education, and cultural revitalization. Keynote speakers will include tribal leaders, social workers, and researchers who have made significant contributions to the field of Native American social welfare.

The symposium is organized by the Department of Native American Studies at the University of Washington and is co-sponsored by the Washington Indian Center. It is open to the public and will be held on the University of Washington campus in Seattle.

For more information, please visit the symposium website or contact the organizers at natwelfare@uw.edu.
Law school presents public service awards

We are delighted to enter into collaborations.

The summer program will introduce students to this diverse environment for science and engineering research, a strong infrastructure, and his understanding of how networks currently support and sustain research, teaching, learning and outreach efforts. While there are immediate economic and technical benefits derived from the consortium, the future of a St. Louis region Internet network is rich with possibilities. We look forward to exploring this new opportunity.

Career Development

Elizabeth Patton (left), public service coordinator in the School of Law, congratulates Rebecca R. Garcia, a student in the law school and in the George Warren Brown School of Social Work at Washington University, for winning the inaugural Public Service Law Student of the Year Award, at a special lunch and ceremony April 8 in the Janie Lee Reading Room in Anheuser-Busch Hall. The goal of the event was to celebrate the contributions made by students and faculty of the Public service law and to recognize the students for the Public Service Summer Stipend Program and the Public Service Project. The St. Louis Access Consortium provides stipends to law students who work at nonprofit public service organizations for paid law interest and law and is designed to introduce students to this diverse field of law and to its importance to the legal profession and the community.

The Public Service Project was established to further develop the School of Law's long-standing commitment to public service by encouraging and facilitating scholarly participation in general public service projects and volunteering. Law students in this project performed more than 1,500 hours of public service.

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Gift

grow in the study of religion at the University. The number of students majoring in religious studies has been rising steadily over the past decade and topped 400 in America for the first time in the University's history this spring. President William H. Green, Ph.D., executive vice chancellor and dean of Arts & Sciences, said that the University soon will begin recruiting efforts to fill the positions.

"This remarkable gift will allow us to explore an internationally renowned scholar who is deeply committed to explications of Catholic thought and history," Macias said. "This is an important initiative that will clearly and powerfully facilitate distance learning, a religious, cultural and political tradition that has been one of the key influences on our understanding of human history and culture.

The University has approximately 1,100,000 students registered at the University, and more than 1,000,000 students are currently participating in the University's distance learning program.

The St. Louis Internet2 Access Consortium was created recently on campus to provide Internet2 access to other universities and colleges in St. Louis.

"The St. Louis Internet2 Consortium was conceived based on his vision and the consortium's leadership, Weller said. "This is an important new link for the University and its academic community and the Catholic Student Center, and I hope it will result in a deepening of students' understanding of Roman Catholic thought and history.

Health plans

Health carriers' weekly will be held each week of the May 13, and Health carriers' customer service department will be available starting May 1.

If currently enrolled in the Dental-only plan, employees who do not enroll in a health plan will automatically remain in the Dental-only plan.

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Brian D. Carpenter, Ph.D., associate professor of psychology in Arts & Sciences, has received a one-year, $4,000 grant from the American Psychological Association to found research titled “Family Development, Interactions, Expectations and Well-being.”

Sharlene A. Teyee, M.D., associate professor of radiology in the School of Medicine, has received a one-year, $99,996 grant from the BSNA Research and Education Foundation for an “Maximal Beta Blocker Tolerance: Beta Blocker Education Program.”

Kyunghee H. Choi, Ph.D., assistant professor of pathology and immunology in the School of Medicine, has received a four-year, $764,000 grant from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute for research titled “Hemangioblast Development, Dynamics Among In-Laws: What they have done and for whom they have done it.”

Henry N. Andrews Jr., Ph.D., professor of pediatrics in the School of Medicine, has received a two-year, $575,324 grant from the National Institutes of Health for research titled “Fundamental Patterns Underlying Neurototoxicity Revealed by DNA Microarray Expression Profiling.”

Oral Roberts, professor of medicine, has received a one-year, $25,000 grant from the Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation as a “Prize for Excellence in Academic Pediatrics.”

Karen L. O’Malley, Ph.D., professor of anatomy and neurobiology in the School of Medicine, has received a one-year, $43,845 grant from the National Cancer Institute for research titled “Pathogenesis of X-linked Atrophic Dystrophy.”

Dr. Meighan A. O’Brien, assistant professor of pediatrics in the School of Medicine, has received a one-year, $308,000 grant from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development for a project titled “Hypospadias: Imaging-Guided Intensity Modulated Radiotherapy.”

Lee Ratner, M.D., Ph.D., professor of medicine, has received a two-year, $675,334 grant from the National Cancer Institute for research titled “Chemotherapeutic Tolerance for Hypervascular Tumors.”

Tadala A. Castilla, M.D., associate professor of pediatrics in the School of Medicine, has received a one-year, $309,000 grant from the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases for research titled “Pathogenesis of X-linked Inherited Autoimmune Diabetes.”

Alan L. Schwartz, M.D., Ph.D., the Harvey B. Spear Professor and chair of pediatrics in the School of Medicine, has received a five-year, $814,368 grant from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development for a project titled “Pediatric Gastroenterology Research Training.”

David C. Linehan, M.D., assistant surgeon of the prestigious Goldwater scholarship, has received a five-year, $624,635 grant from the National Cancer Institute for research titled “A Multivalent Dendritic Cell Vaccine in Pancreas Cancer.”

Rumi Kato Price, Ph.D., research associate professor of epidemiology in psychiatry in the School of Medicine, has received a one-year, $44,578 grant from the Long Life Foundation for research titled “Data-Mining Approaches to Suicide and Suicidal Behavior.”

Judith E.C. Lien, M.D., instructor in oncollogy in the School of Medicine, has received a one-year, $15,000 grant from the COME Program at the American Academy of Oncology Head and Neck Surgery for research titled “Prediction of Hearing Loss in High Risk Head and Neck Cancer Patients.”

Cathie W. Anderson, Ph.D., associate professor of radiology in the School of Medicine, has received a one-year, $77,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health for research titled “Radiolabeled Matrix Metalloproteinase-9 Inhibitor for Breast Cancer Therapy,” and has been awarded a held a permit to intend purchase one of the new permits also can permit to receive a packet.

Ruth A. Smith, M.D., assistant professor of medicine in the School of Medicine, has received a one-year, $50,000 grant from the Alzheimer’s Association for research titled “Biochemical Analysis of the Secretosome and its Substrates.”

Jonathan D. Gitten, M.D., the Helen B. Robinson Professor of Pediatrics in the School of Medicine, has received a one-year, $15,000 grant from the Rosenthal Foundation as a “Prize for Excellence in Academic Pediatrics.”

The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and the Excellence in Education Foundation awarded 309 scholarships to sophomores and juniors. The Goldwater scholars were selected from a field of 1,155 nominees in the fields of mathematics, science and engineering.

The scholarships will cover tuition, fees, books and room and board, up to a maximum of $7,500 per year. The program is designed to foster and encourage outstanding undergraduate students to pursue outstanding undergraduate students to pursue graduate study in science, mathematics, and engineering.

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We have done very well with the Goldwater for a number of years, and have had excellent nominees each year. This is the first year that all four of our nominees have won. (Nomination- ing institutions may nominate up to four students.)

"I was truly thrilled. The Goldwater is generally considered to be, if not the most prestigious, that certainly one of the most prestigious awards for undergraduate planning careers in the sciences, engineering or math."

In recent years 44 Rhodes scholars and 39 Marshall scholars shave previously been Governor of Mississippi, and this year’s 32 Rhodes Scholars are the 39 Marshall scholars.

Kellen was particularly pleased that several departments were represented.

"It shows the strength of our sciences departments, and it speaks to the opportunities that the students are getting early in their education to do some very interesting and challenging research work," said Kellen. "This is extraordinary. The science departments have been very encouraging and nurturing toward these young scientists, and I think that’s one of our real strengths."
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