Human Genome Project completed

BY JIM DRYDEN

University researchers and other members of the International Human Genome Consortium announced the successful completion of the Human Genome Project more than two years ahead of schedule at an April 14 news conference in Washington, D.C. By completing the Human Genome Project, researchers believe they are launching a new age of discovery that will transform human health.

Knowing the order of the genetic building blocks — commonly abbreviated A, T, C and G (adenine, thymine, cytosine and guanine) — should allow scientists to learn more about human development and disorders such as heart disease, psychiatric illness and cancer.

Already the genome sequencing effort has helped spur discoveries about breast cancer, colon cancer, prostate cancer, cystic fibrosis, Huntington's disease, Parkinson's disease and sickle cell disease.

The project, completed 30 years after James Watson and Francis Crick discovered the structure of DNA, succeeded in sequencing all of the DNA in human chromosomes. The sequence of more than 3 billion genetic "letters" carries the instructions for making and operating the human body and the errors or variations in the genome that contribute to most types of disease.

In the future, many believe patients will receive prescribed medical treatment based on their genes rather than on their age or weight. In addition to such individualized treatment, researchers hope genome-based research will enable medical science to develop highly effective diagnostic tools and a better understanding of how a person's individual genetic makeup influences health or susceptibility to disease.

"The completed genome sequence is an extremely powerful database for the study of human biology," said Richard K. Wilson, Ph.D., professor of genetics and of molecular microbiology and genetics of the Genome Sequencing Center. "Because of limitations in technology, there are still many gaps in the human genome that require further analysis. But the work on the human genome is just beginning, and the potential benefits are enormous."
Picturing Our Past

Women's Society hands out scholarship, leadership awards

By Andy Cledenissen

The Washington University Women's Society held its 15th annual meeting April 9 in the Women's Building Formal Lounge and awarded the Elisabeth Gray Danforth Scholarship and two Freshman Summer Scholars Awards.

The winner of the Danforth scholarship is Thomas William Schmidt, who is studying at St. Louis Community College at Meramec and carries a 3.96 grade-point average in addition to his work and volunteer activities. Laurel Griggs and Jessica Long are winners of the Women's Leadership Award, given to graduating women who have contributed significantly to the University community during their undergraduate years.

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Artificial disc replacement investigated by physicians

**By Ed Dyer**

University physicians are testing an investigational treatment for cervical disc disease that involves replacing a diseased spinal disc in the neck with an artificial one.

"The hope is that this artificial disc will be a jelly donut because it has a gel-like center that would allow motion that mimics what one has in the natural spine." Riew said. "But whether it will work is not known. Only about 40 patients in the United States have had artificial cervical disc replacement surgery. In Europe, about 1,000 patients have undergone the procedure. In the two to three years since the first European patients had their discs replaced, the results appear promising, but Riew said many more patients must have the procedure and much more time must pass before investigators can say whether artificial cervical discs provide a good alternative to traditional fusion surgery.

"We may learn that patients don't do well four or five years after the procedure and end up abandoning artificial cervical discs," Riew said. "The nature of investigational surgery is that we don't know for sure what will work."

The University site is one of 21 in the United States currently recruiting patients for this study, but only a handful of patients have enrolled. Riew has performed three artificial cervical disc replacement procedures — the first ever done in either Missouri or Illinois.

To be eligible for the study, patients cannot have had any previous cervical spine surgery.

**Genome**

**Sequence offers powerful biological database — from Page 1**

are still small gaps in the sequence, but if you compare it to a 5,000-page book, it's as if a few words are missing on a couple of pages. Those missing words, however, are not at critical points in the story, so this "finished sequence should tell us the story we need to know," Wilson said.

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MetroLink construction to start May 4

By ANDY CLINNENDEN

Time to pull out the maps and find alternate routes. The MetroLink expansion is about to begin.

The official groundbreaking for the Forest Park to Shrewsbury Metrolink project was held April 9, but the public will now see more visible work as roads will soon start to close for construction.

The first phase of construction will begin westbound on Forest Park Boulevard between Big Bend Boulevard and Ritz-Carlton Drive. May 4; this section of the parkway will be completely closed to traffic.

Work on the parkway between Ritz-Carlton Drive and Brentwood Boullvard will start in December; and construction along the abandoned railroad right-of-way between the parkway and Clayton Road is scheduled to begin in June 2004.

Also beginning May 4, traffic on Forsyth Boulevard at Forest Park Parkway will be disrupted as construction begins on the parkway station in the parking lot just east of the West Campus Conference Center, where the groundbreaking was held.

Although Forsyth will never be completely closed to traffic, there will be periods of significant interruption.

During morning and evening rush hours (before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m.), a minimum of two lanes on Forsyth — at least one in each direction — will remain open.

Traffic on those hours, there will be times when the roadway is reduced to one open lane under the control of a traffic worker.

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The latter avoids the congested traffic often found in downtown Clayton.

In June, the section of the parkway between Big Bend and Skinker Boulevard will be closed as construction of the MetroLink line continues.

Portions of Forest Park Parkway will be closed for up to 26 months — through May 2005. Specific road-closure information will be posted on road signs prior to actual closure.

During the duration of the construction, a temporary roadway along the south side of the parkway will be maintained for University-related traffic.

The temporary roadway will provide access only from Big Bend to Throop Drive and roadway traffic between Throop and Skinker.

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A no-tolerance zone means Clayton police will ticket drivers who go above the posted speed limit of 30 mph. The goal is to reduce the average speed of all vehicles.

After studying the effectiveness of the program, the no-tolerance speed zones might be extended to Big Bend Boulevard and residential streets in the Davis Place subdivision that might see increases in traffic when parts of Forest Park Parkway are closed.

‘Sensory overload’: Charles Mee’s Big Love presented by PAD

By LAM O'TTEN

Classical drama collides with thunderous-day excess in Charles Mee’s Big Love, a smartly transposed adaptation of Aeschylus’ The Suppliant Maidens that The New York Times describes as ‘an MGM musical in Technicolor, a circus and, believe it, a Greek tragedy.’

Presented by the Performing Arts Department in Arts & Sciences, performances will begin at 8 p.m. April 24, at 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. April 26, and at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. April 27 in the A.E. Hotchner Studio Theatre in Forest Park.

The Performing Arts Department in Arts & Sciences will present Aundriel Potier, senior Jea Hyun Rhyu and senior Nicole Blicher. April 24 and 26-27. Pictured above are (from left) sophomore Big Love, in the A.E. Hotchner Studio Theatre in Forest Park. The Suppliant Maidens by Charles Mee, who directs the cast

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Co-housing information session April 24

By LIAM OTTEN

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ince 1964, when Danish architect Jan Godmand-Hansen, with the help of several members of the University community, founded St. Louis Cohousing, the University has been host to the Danish group, which continues to develop co-housing at several locations. The University has agreed to host a session on co-housing at 2 p.m. Friday in the Millennium Garage on the University's campus. The session will be sponsored by the University's School of Architecture, and the program will be presented by the Danish Cohousing Association. The session will be open to the public, and those interested in learning more about co-housing are encouraged to attend.

Film

Friday, April 18

6:30 p.m. J. No Exit Easily Given. Gunn Hall, Kemp Aud. 935-3600.

Monday, April 21


5:30 p.m. B. English Lecture. "The Port of Call." Beverly Holm, English, University of Minnesota. 362-0183.

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April 11 12:50 p.m. — A person reported an unsecured bicycle was stolen from the bike rack in front of Greggs Residence Hall.

April 12 Greggs Residence Hall

April 14 11:30 a.m. — While attending Celebration Weekend at the University, a prospective student reported a memory card was lost in Leggett Residence Hall.

April 14 11:30 a.m. — A student reported an unattended phone was found in a room located on the second floor of Leggett Residence Hall.

April 14 12:15 p.m. — A student reported a cell phone was lost on the fifth floor of Leggett Residence Hall.

April 14 12:30 p.m. — An incident involving a possible probation violation, truancy, and possession of an unsecured room in Colleen 12 and 10:30 a.m. for April 9-15. If you know of or could assist in investigating these incidents are urged to contact University Police.

The information is provided as a public service to promote safety awareness.

Friedman

To open, close University's sesquicentennial year

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dent. For the next four years, he traveled some 500,000 miles covering Secretaries of State James A. Baker and the end of the Cold War.

In November 1992, Friedman shifted to domestic politics and was appointed chief White House correspondent. He covered the transition and first two years of the Clinton administration.

In January 1994, Friedman again started this time, to economics, and became the Times' international economics correspondent, covering the nexus between foreign policy and trade policy. In January 1995, he became the Times' foreign affairs columnist, the only columnist in the paper's history to hold that post.

Friedman was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for international reporting from the 1988 Pulitzer for international reporting (from Israel), and the 2002 Pulitzer for commentary.

His second book, The Lexus and the Olive Tree, which looks at the new international system that, more than anything else, is shaping world affairs today: globalization.

In the book, Friedman argues that globalization is not just a phenomenon or a passing trend. It is the international system that replaced the Cold War system. Colloquially, it is an overabundance of capital, technology and information across national borders in a way that is creating a single global market and, to some degree, a global village.

He recently completed a third book, Longitudes and Attitudes: Exploring the World After September 11, a collection of his post-September 11 columns plus added commentary.

Russia and the New Cold War, and the New Israel Fund Award for Outstanding Reporting From Israel; the 1985 Marine Corps Historical Foundation Award for writing on the history of the Marines; the 1984 New York Newspaper Guild Page One Award; the 1982 Livingston Award for Strong Writing and the 1980 Overseas Press Club Award.

He is a member of Brandeis University's board of trustees and of the Advisory Board of the Marshall Scholarship Commission. Friedman has been awarded honorary degrees from Brandeis and Macalester, Haverford and Harvard University.

He lives outside Washington, D.C., with his wife, Ann, and their daughters, Olly and Natalie.

Bear Cub Fund applications sought

BY ANDY CLINTONEN

Applications for the next round of support funds from the University's Bear Cub Fund are due May 3. The grants range in size from $20,000-$60,000 and are intended to provide support for supplies and/or salary for technical help to support short-term research projects of one year or less.

The fund provides research resources for projects not normally supported by federal sources such as National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation.

The only requirement for submission is that the technology has been considered for commercialization and invention disclosure to the Office of Technology Management. A selection committee of senior faculty and members of the business and technology investment community will review grant applications.

Faculty members interested in an application form should contact the Office of Technology Management at 747-9026.
School of Law presents alumni awards to six

**By Jessica N. Roberts**

The School of Law honored six individuals April 11 at its annual Distinguished Law Alumni Awards Dinner at the Starlight Roof at the Chase. Distinguished Law Alumni Award honorees were John W. Kropp (J.D.'72 and LL.M. '81), Joan Newman (B.S. '56 and J.D. '72) and Anthony McCareins (J.D. '78) were honored for their commitment to pro bono work, contributing to the legal education and promoting diversity. The Florida Commission on the Status of Women and the Florida Bar Association have recognized Kropp for his long-standing commitment to pro bono work, contributing to the legal education and promoting diversity.

Kropp has concentrated on commercial bankruptcy and has been recognized in every edition of Best Lawyers in America since 1978. In 1984, he established a bankruptcy retreat for the Bar's for the Southern District of Florida, which is now recognized as one of the most prestigious continuing legal education programs in the country.

The Florida Commission on the Status of Women and the Florida Bar Association have recognized Newman for her commitment to improving diversity in education and public service. She has served as a member of the St. Louis community.

Newman is a founding member and managing partner of Gallop, Newman & Neuman. The firm was founded in 1979 and is one of the largest in St. Louis.

As a partner, she serves on the law school's national council and has taught taxation courses as an adjunct professor. Newman is a vice president and serves on the executive committee and board of the Jewish Federation of St. Louis.

Newman (J.D. '72 and LL.M. '73) was recognized for her service and contributions to the law school community and for her accomplishments as a legal professional.

Newman is a partner in the St. Louis firm of Thompson Coburn, where she serves on the management committee and chairs the pro bono committee.

She is past president of the law school's alumni association, a former member of the school's national council and a former adjunct professor in the graduate tax program.

Kropp (J.D. '72) is recognized for his achievements and his contributions to legal education.

He was 57.

**By Robert Batterman**

Dr. H. Kropp, Ph.D., the Dan Breida Professor of Operations and Manufacturing Management at the University of the Bioengineering Center for Technology, Information, and Manufacturing at the University, left an indelible impression on all he taught, including the thousands of students he taught since 1985 in the Olin School of Business and his high-education colleagues.

Kropp's legacy at the University reached beyond the classroom. He led the business school's Total Quality Schools Program, helping city public-school principals apply sound management principles to improve their schools, and he worked with countless companies in the United States, Asia and Europe.

He died Friday, April 11, 2003, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital after a three-year battle with leukemia. He was 57.

**For the Record**

M. Susanne Wamsley, M.D., clinical fellow in surgery, has received a one-year, $15,458 Smile Train/Plastic Surgery Education Foundation Erich Genetic Initiative Research grant from the Plastic Surgery Education Foundation for research titled “Regulation of Palatal Fusion.”

Tongyun Li, M.D., research instructor in pediatrics, has received a four-year, $1,494,000 grant from the American Society for Surgery of the Hand for research titled “Staged End-to-End Nerve Repair for Complex Nerve Injuries,” and a one-year, $4,000 grant from the Plastic Surgery Education Foundation for research titled “Anatomy of Nerve Regeneration after End-to-End Neurotomy.”

Correction

A April 4, Page 7: The incorrect recipient of a fellowship was published. Postdoctoral fellow Laurie P. Mershon, Ph.D., has received a three-year, $120,000 Parker B. Francis Fellowship from the Parker B. Francis Foundation. The Record regrets the error.
Rebecca Copeland discusses the concept of "confession" in the work of Uno Chiyô during a spring-semester seminar on "Japanese Modernity: Reading the Modern Girl in Pre-War Japanese Literature."

Rebecca Copeland’s research on ‘bad girls’ of Japanese literature has reshaped many academic opinions. After earning a doctorate and teaching at a seminary, Copeland moved to Wake Forest, N.C., where her father became chancellor of a family institution. Her parents moved there as missionaries after World War II. In 1956, after Copeland was born, the family moved to Wake Forest, N.C., her father’s alma mater. I didn’t give in until I was 19 years old and entering my freedom. I was captured in my poetry and living this wonderful Bohemian existence. "I wasn’t thrilled with the idea of spending junior year back in my parents’ home. I didn’t give in until a professor told me I’d be an idiot to pass up the opportunity."

She became enthralled with Japanese poetry and writing, and said, "Encountering another culture transformed me, and I wanted to expose others to the experience. It really solidified for me what I was interested in and what I wanted to do with my life."

In 1978, Copeland entered the Japanese studies graduate program at Columbia University. In a field dominated by male scholars, she capitalized on her "otherness" by becoming the first at Columbia to research modern Japanese women writers. Her dissertation research, "Delinquent Daughters" and a special topics seminar on "Japanese Modernity: Reading the Modern Girl in Pre-War Japanese Literature." Copeland’s research is respected for her teaching and research, but her hall-"mee was the life-shaping impact she often has on the students she advises and the colleagues she mentors.

Eleanor J. Hogan, whom Copeland mentored during master’s and doctoral studies at the University, recalls Copeland as a solid, good-natured teacher who was very giving of her time—"she continues to impress on students long after graduation.

"She has continued to be a marvelous mentor by introducing me to scholars in the field of East Asian studies."

At Washington University, she has climbed into several department administrative roles, serving as a director of East Asian Studies in Arts & Sciences from 1998-2002. She also led efforts to win a $1.3 million grant from the Freeman Foundation for the Visiting East Asian Professionals (VEAP) Program, an undergraduate-graduate student initiatives launched in 2002.

The Freeman contribution represents the largest single foundation grant for promotion of Asian studies that the University has ever received, says Edward S. Macias, Ph.D., executive vice chancellor and dean of Arts & Sciences. "Under Rebecca’s leadership, the VEAP program already has resulted in extensive travel by up to 50 students to Japan, supported by an impressive array of prominent Asian journalists, artists and other professionals," Macias said. "VEAP visitors are interacting with faculty and students and participating in public forums, special courses and workshops.

The interdisciplinary nature of the program is generating some terrific new ideas."

Copeland teaches the University’s undergraduate course on Japanese civilization, as well as upper-level courses on Japanese literature, fiction and theater. She also teaches an annual practical writing course designed to help students with résumé and cover letter skills.

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Family: Her husband, Richard Ruby, teaches German studies. He is a St. Louis-based entrepreneur and genealogist. "He’s teaching, non-competitive triathlons, canoeing, and raising German Shepherds out of the way—hot spring trips in Japan with her husband."