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Fall Assembly Series to focus on politics

By Barbara Rea

T"hing in its core from the most significant political event—the presidential debate—to occur at the University in the months ahead, the fall Assembly Series will feature several speakers with a politically related or election-oriented focus.

Starting off the season, however, is a speaker from the business world. Bethany McLean, the Fortune magazine reporter who was the first to question the energy giant Enron made its money, will give a talk based on her book, The Smartest Guys in the Room: The Amazing Rise and Scandalous Fall of Enron, at 11 a.m. Sept. 8 in Graham Chapel.

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Educate Yourself forums run weekly until election

BY NEIL SCHNERRER

have you ever wanted to know more about the issues surrounding homeland security? Have you wondered about the future state of our nation's economy? What kind of foreign policy might this country adopt during the next four years?

With the November election quickly approaching, many people want to know more about the key issues facing the candidates. If that's you, then you need to educate yourself!

"Educate Yourself, 2004," sponsored by Student Union, will comprise a series of weekly forums aimed at helping the University community fully understand all sides of some of the larger issues in the upcoming election.

The series will run from Sept. 7-Nov. 1 and feature panel discussions presenting all aspects of each important issue. These panels, consisting of University faculty members, national experts and community members, have been asked to present broad overviews and to debate, using their expertise to enlighten our voters on the issues at hand.

Topics have been chosen based on their importance nationally, as well as at the University.

The hope is that these events will allow the University's students and teachers to gain greater perspective and understanding of important issues that affect the lives of our students and other spectators to gain more information on the forums as well.
S...It's an important breakthrough. This approach is very likely to allow us to find links between pharmaceuticals and the genes we never would have been able to anticipate.

H. McLeod

Scientists have developed a new technique to help them look for genetic markers among cells resistant to cancer drugs and other medications.

Researchers are looking for such connections because it is only through an understanding of the genes that cancers survive treatment that we can develop more effective drugs.

The new approach lets nature do the majority of the hunting for them. In their initial test, which is described in the Aug. 10 Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, investigators rapidly isolated potential cancer genes by using viral thymidine phosphorylase, a drug that kills all but cells that are particularly sensitive to the drugs, demonstrated by higher numbers of cell deaths in response to low drug doses. The robot also highlighted cell lines with high resistance to the drugs where few or no cells were killed.

In the future, patients whose cells are particularly sensitive to chemotherapy may be able to find the drug that reduces resistance side effects. Patients whose cells are particularly resistant may need special medications to assure a good outcome.

Researchers already know a great deal about inheritance of genetic markers among the cell lines. This enabled University scientists to compare and contrast the genetics of a cell line with altered sensitivity to cell lines from other family members and from multiple generations of the same family. Children get a random mixture of genes from both parents, so both genetic markers and changes in sensitivity are sometimes passed from parent to child and sometimes are not. When a particular genetic marker is consistently passed from patient to child, it is much easier to look for drugs that change patients' response to chemotherapy for a gene that changes sensitivity.

The initial test of the new approach found connections between increased sensitivity to the drugs and areas on chromosome 9.

"That part of chromosome 9 turned up in an earlier search we conducted for these genes," McLeod said. "Lightning's struck twice there now, so we're definitely going to be looking for a gene that affects sensitivity.

"It's very important for us to understand the processes through which viruses that normally would be no problem for a healthy immune system can become a significant problem for these patients." Way M. Yokoyama

River of Miracles Stephanie Doll (center) shares her story with WYVE (101.1 FM The River) announcers Trish Gazzale and Vic Porcelli during the station's fund-raiser for the Children's Miracle Network, a nonprofit organization that raises money and awareness for research, patient services and programs at the University and St. Louis Children's and Cardinal Glennon hospitals. Edwin Trevathan, M.D., director of the University's Pediatric Epilepsy Center, treats Stephanie for epilepsy. Last August, Stephanie underwent successful neurosurgery and has been seizure-free for almost a year. Stephanie and other pediatric patients shared their stories during the four-day live broadcast, which raised more than $600,000.

"It's amazing — this is happening during the course of a single infection, not over years of viral evolution," he said. "We think this could be applied to other aspects of innate immunity and how pathogens respond to it."

"Mice with normal immune systems develop adaptive immunity to the original virus. How such virus-immune mice would respond to mutated virus taken from the mice with damaged immune systems is still uncertain. Because the mutated virus can slip past the innate immune system, French noted, a large dose might prove harmful or even fatal to mice with normal immune systems. It's not clear that this would always be the case, though, because the mutations that enable the virus to evade the innate immune system may weaken the virus in other ways," French said.

Researchers have shown that other researchers have shown that a different class of virus, the RNA viruses, can escape from adaptive immunity in a similar fashion. MCMV is a double-stranded DNA virus, though, and this is the first time scientists have seen a DNA virus evade innate immunity through rapid mutation.

Yokoyama, French and their colleagues are planning a follow-up study in human patients with weakened immune systems to see if they can detect similar mutations in viruses.
Jewish Sports Review
Assembly Series will host a controversial legal document from a Georgetown University law student.
America academic honors as a Chinese novelist. The nuclear scientist and an expert on Darwin will be the Black Arts & Sciences Lecture Series. The career fair will feature writers, poets, and college graduates. The annual Holocaust Lecture will feature writer, poet, and college graduate professor Peter Balakian. An Armenian-American, he has devoted two decades to examining the tragedy of the Armenian genocide. The first was the memoir The Black Dog of Fate, and most recently he published The Burning Targums: The Armenian Genocide and America.

**Series**

**Chinese novelists Min to close season Nov. 10 — from Page 1**

Anheuser-Busch Hall, Room 310, a George Washington University professor, said that his students are encouraged to learn about the political and legal implications of the presidential election. The talk will be held on campus in the auditorium of the university's Center for Biomedical Engineering.

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Heavenly space: Earth and Planetary Sciences Building opens

BY TONY FITZPATRICK

Faculty, staff and students have flocked into the new Earth and Planetary Sciences Building — on Throop Drive, just north of Brookings Hall — since the beginning of summer.

Just about everyone is in now, though supplies, equipment and display items still are being carted from the department's former digs in Wilson and McDonnell halls.

"The overall feeling from everyone is, 'Wow, what a great building!'" said Raymond E. Arvidson, Ph.D., the James S. McDonnell Distinguished University Professor and chair of the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences in Arts & Sciences. "I think I can safely say it's one of the best earth and planetary sciences buildings in the country."

"We're very grateful for it. It allows us to perform our mission of teaching and research much more efficiently," Arvidson — newly returned from the highly successful Mars rover missions at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. — said the new facility is better than the former departmental sites. Included in the building are modern laboratories equipped with state-of-the-art fume hoods; superb classrooms and attractive display areas, including a museum on the first floor; a display lobby on the second floor that will soon feature a replica of the Mars Exploration Rover on display; and a large gift shop/library on the third and highest floor.

Also on the second floor are two large murals. The east one features a lineup of the moons of Saturn, and the west one has a view of Earth as seen from the moon.

Reflecting a department that studies and treasures Earth, the new building is expected to qualify for LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification. Launched in 1999 by the U.S. Green Building Council, LEED buildings promote sustainability in five areas: sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources, and indoor environmental quality.

To this effect, the new building has energy-efficient rugs and tiles, a highly efficient HVAC system, a proximity to public transportation (close to the new MetroLink lines) and vegetation native to Missouri. He said the department will enlist students to help maintain its environmentally friendly nature.

"This (the LEED designation) came about with the support of the Board of Trustees Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee," Arvidson said. "Our department was fundamentally involved in the design, from the layout to the color schemes."

The halls are color-coded according to research areas, with green representing land; blue, the ocean; and a reddish color, mountains.

A pleasant courtyard on the east features a tribute to the planets, with a set of symbols representing each planet embedded in the ground. The courtyard on the west features native Missouri rocks from limestone to granite.

The north wing running east-west is the wet chemistry wing; the southern wing for the most part is the dry wing; the northsouth area is largely devoted to teaching and administration.

There are numerous pooled classrooms — available to the general University community — and a cavernous basement so large it defies imagination. It will be used for other Arts & Sciences departments when older buildings go through renovations.

The architectural firm of Tsoi/Kobus & Associates of Boston designed the structure, which is approximately 150,000 square feet. It is constructed of red granite and limestone and features a green date roof.

After students take the first classes offered in the building late this summer, the first landmark activity of the building will begin Sept. 1. That is when Arvidson becomes NASA's science operations working group chair and will, from the building, direct science operations for Spirit's activity on the Red Planet millions of miles away.

The second floor is the site of NASA's Planetary Data System's Geoscience Node, which already is storing the first set of archival data from the mission. Working with Arvidson, Ed Guinness, senior research scientist in earth and planetary sciences, will integrate time-ordered sequences (data that are relayed to the rover, telling it what to do next) from around the country and deliver them to JPL.

"We'll be putting together commands with engineers and the rest of the science team for Spirit," Arvidson said. "We'll generate the plan and transfer it electronically to JPL for coding and relay to Spirit. We have video conferencing capability and we'll be the center of action for Spirit, all from our new building."
**Water**

Filters can remove some copper and lead — from Page 1

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taste, Giammar explains. Most of that was there initially." Giammar says, "But that's a long period of time in contrast, in the studies of people delaying death by trying to hang on until an important holiday, we're talking about a period as brief as a day or two." Freeland says that if it was possible to learn how people might tip the balance one way or the other, it could provide some insights into the biological processes that can enhance or inhibit survival.

"The problem we ran into is that we need more consistent evidence that people really have this ability," Freeland says. "Not to say that we have not found evidence, but we don't see, in the overall pattern of evidence, that they are doing that now.

"The available research analyzed by Skala and Freeland is contradictory, shows only modest effects and some is of poor quality. In many cases, the studies also fail to explain the mechanisms that might underlie a advance death. For instance, one study claimed there was a 19 percent difference in mortality among American women in the month before their birthday and a 14 percent increase in deaths in the month after.

Giammar says the original authors included the birth month itself in the category. "It's possible that some post-birthday deaths may be the result of people attending some actual birthday event." Freeland and his colleagues analyzed deaths among members of certain religious groups before and after important holidays. "We didn't find any significant associations," she says. "We found only one case of Christmas, Easter, birthdays or specific holidays. Another found a dip in deaths before and a rise after Christmas but no such pattern around Easter."

Skala and Freeland acknowledge that some terminally ill people want to see a grandchild get married or to celebrate another important anniversary date. Then they may say the scientific literature contains evidence that shows it is likely that timing with wellpow-

er alone might provide some consistent evidence that people can control their own deaths. It is unclear whether people can "hang on" or "give up." It will be important to pick a group of people with the same disorder at the same stage — say, terminal cancer. Then, studying those people over time they directed a faculty survey from 1995-2001, during which representatives to the Board of Governors of the University's judicial board and the Senate Council, I can expand this study."

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In 2003-04, MacKeith was a research fellow for the Finnish Center for Interdisciplinary Studies (known in Finnish as EVA) preparing both a catalogue for EVA's June 2004 conference on "Culture and Business" and a forthcoming book, The Dissolving Corporation: Contemporary Architecture and Corporate Identity. MacKeith also recently edited Encounters, a forthcoming collection of essays by Pallasmaa, for Rakennustieto publishers in Helsinki.

MacKeith serves on the competition jury for the European Association of Architectural Education's architectural essay award program.
Juggling babies and ballgames

T.J. Shelton keeps athletic facilities — and family life — running smoothly

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you have to sometimes look three months ahead to get a feel for the events.

"We get so many requests for facilities. We've got meetings, too. Getting requests for a year out from groups wanting to rent our facil-

"Planning is one of my priorities," Shelton said. "You have to plan well in advance but still be flexible and adapt. You can't just look at today or this weekend, but

"With all of those sevens, it was pretty clear what he should do — go buy a lottery ticket (he's still looking for the winner)."

Even before Micaela came along, Shelton had a full plate every day. Not only is he the assist-

"You learn that it's a bigger stage than just athletics or just recreation — you really impact a wide variety of people. Being the guy, I was definitely more of the 'Do this, do that,' but it really helped me learn the building. It was amazing, though, I was look-

"Heading in August in 1990, he had barely two months to get acclimated to his surroundings before school started.

"If you're not adaptable and can't adjust, you're going to be left behind."

The presidential debate was just around the corner.

"I really had no clue," Shelton said.

"Like so many of his colleagues on the faculty and administrator staff, Shelton is the busybody extraordinaire. "No wonder Shelton's day planner is

"I work with a lot of different people on our campus — custodial services, the groundskeepers for the athletic

"This building never really sleeps."

"We might have a basketball game on Saturday and on Sunday we're back to playing basketball again."

"We have high-volume of activity. And that's still with open recreation and with people coming in to work out or for the intramural sports, which go year-round."

"This building never really sleeps."

Now, even more than before, neither does Shelton. With his second child coming in July — Micaela Marie was born at 7 p.m. July 1 and weighed 7

"You have to with special, non-ath-

"It took a lot of volunteers from the Sports Commission to do everything overnight," Shelton said.

"We really had to adapt to the activities that were going on, because the facility wasn't built for those types of things."

It doesn't slow down when the international and national events leave town, though. The Athletic

"At the same time, the team

"Shelton's life is going very smoothly as he gives back to the school and community.

"The upcoming school year will offer a chance to participate in the activities that the students, faculty, staff and members of the community."