Lung disease research aided by grant will air during the big game Feb. 4

The best student-created ad for Chevy you ask that of Michael J. Holtz-Supe, a fourth year medical student at the Washington University School of Medicine. Holtzman and his colleagues have obtained a $1.5 million grant from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health to foster research and education in early childhood that can contribute to chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), the fourth leading cause of death in the United States. Research by Holtzman and his School of Medicine colleagues suggests that someone destined to suffer from COPD may lessen bone density in their earlier years.

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Lung disease research aided by grant

By GWEN EDERSON

Physicians say that smoking is by far the biggest cause of emphysema, but why doesn’t everyone get the disease? If you ask that of Michael J. Holtzman, M.D., he might answer that everyone needs a mix of genes, viruses and cigarettes. To study that mix, Holtzman and his colleagues have obtained funds from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health to foster research and education in early childhood. The infection could “reprogram” the cells of the lung's air passages and sacs, and the reprogrammed cells could react badly if the same person began smoking cigarettes, leading to COPD.

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Robot navigates fire using sensor networks

By TONY FITZPATRICK

Agent 607 is a mighty versatile fellow, but he takes a backseat to agents being trained at the University. Computer science engineers have succeeded at having a robot spot simulated fire by seeking out heat and safely navigating the robot through the “fire” using wireless sensor networks that employ software agents. Once the agent locates the fire, it clones itself — try that, James Bond — creating a ring of software around the fire. Should the fire spread, the agents clone again to maintain their function and determine a fire’s location and intensity.

The development could allow firefighters to use a personal digital assistant (PDA) to communicate with the agent and determine a fire’s location and intensity. The use of wireless sensor networks is poised to explode in the world of technology said Gustav Mahler. Mahler and the associated condition contribute to chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), the fourth leading cause of death in the United States. Research by Holtzman and his School of Medicine colleagues suggests that someone destined to suffer from COPD may lessen bone density in their earlier years.

“Kokoschka felt that Alma was almost his female half, that ‘Anima,’ and that he could not create without her,” Schvey said. “He liked to wear her red blouse while working and for a time even signed his name ‘Alma.”

Grounds for Change facilitates dialogue with a conscience

By JESSICA MARTIN

Students in the George Warren Brown School of Social Work usually spend their days in class or off campus at practicum sites. Now the social work theory is being put into practice inside the school itself, through a new project called Grounds for Change (GFC).

Established in September by Washington University's school of Social Work and the John M. Olin School of Business, the project is being led by Hunter, both master of social work students, GFC is a community space on the main level of the Sam Fox School of Design & Architecture.

Washington University in St. Louis
**Tuition assistance programs: A generous University benefit**

By Susan Killenberg McGovern

Tuition assistance is among the most generous benefits the University offers.

This benefit is available to faculty and staff, their spouses or domestic partners, and their dependent children. Except as noted below, full-time and part-time courses offered by Washington University are eligible.

- Those who wish to enroll in programs or courses must establish a tuition assistance account through the Danforth Campus Benefits Office.
- They also must comply with normal admissions standards and requirements. Information about requirement and benefit details is available at the Danforth Campus Benefits Office.
- In our effort to attract and retain quality faculty and staff, the University has made tuition assistance "the most competitive perk in our total benefits program," said Lauman, director of benefi ts. "It ranks at the very top as compared to major St. Louis cor porations and ranks as above average compared to our peer universi ties. These benefits provide employees with an opportuni ty to pursue personal development and our dependent children with a greater opportunity to attend a college education."

Details of the program are:

- **Employee tuition assistance**
  - Full-time faculty and staff are entitled to fee remission of 50 per cent for undergraduate courses offered through WUSTL evening programs.
  - Full-time employees are entitled to fee remission for up to seven credit hours of courses taken per year.
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The percentage of tuition re mission depends on the school the child attends and the employ er. Students who attend an accredited institution out of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, or Puerto Rico are eligible for full-time faculty and staff who have completed one year of continu ous full-time service or who have completed five years of continu ous full-time service are entitled to fee remission of 50 per cent for WUSTL undergraduate day programs. Under certain circumstances, full-time service at other accredited institutions of higher education may count toward this eligibility requirement.

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The early versions of these ion microprobes — dating to the 1970s — can measure grains 10 times smaller. Ten to 15 years after WUSTL acquired the first NanoSIMS in the world in 2000, Zinner, who helped make scientific discoveries on it and related instruments, knew that the technology had evolved. By the 1990s, instruments had evolved to the point that it was able to revolutionize astronomy.

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New AIDS treatments research supported by $10 million grant

By CAROLINE ARBANAS

The AIDS Clinical Trials Unit (ACTU) at the School of Medicine has received a $10 million grant to fund new investiga-
tions for AIDS and HIV-related complications, such as dementia, neuropathy and cardiovascular disease. The seven-year grant is from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

"AIDS is no longer an automatic death sentence but often can be managed as a chronic disease," said Clifford D. Blu-
ford, M.D., director of the ACTU and the Midwest Regional Center for Excellence in Biodefense and Emerging Infectious Diseases Research, Wynder Latham, Ph.D., a post-
doctoral fellow in the laboratory of immunologist Robert Goldman, M.D., professor of molecular microbiology. "That makes pneumonic plague a concern both because of its rare natural outbreaks, one of which began the Congo in 2005, and because of the potential for deliberate release." Latham is best known for causing the Black Death in the Middle Ages, and historians estimate it killed a third or more of the population. Depending on how pneumonic plague is defined, the percentage of people who die can vary from 60 to 100 percent.

"By the time most doctors recognize an infection as plague rather than the flu, it's already too late to begin antibiotic treatment," said Latham. "Pneumonic plague can spread through droplets of moisture expelled by coughing and sneezing." Latham and colleagues are using a mouse model of pneumonic plague to test the spread of infections. Surrounding a pathogen with open protective blood clots that form around the spread of infections: Surrounding a pathogen with open protective blood clots that form around clots, which resorb bone material as part of the normal process of bone turnover. The resulting loss of bone would not only help prevent osteoporosis and fractures but also might give patients a survival advantage.

Potential bioterror threat slowed without key protein

By MICHAEL C. PURDY

The deadly bacteria of the causative agent of plague is significantly slowed when it can't make use of a key protein, School of Medicine scientists report in this week's issue of Blood.

Speed is a primary concern in pneumonic plague, which kills in three to four days and poten-
tially could be used in a terrorist attack. The bacterial infections, caused by Yersinia pestis, is vulnerable to antibiotics, but by the time an un-
usual infection becomes evident, Jervois often has died or is in intensive care. "We're trying to find a new therapy for bacterial pneumonia." Jervois said lead author Angela Hirbe, an assistant professor of medicine and investigator at the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, and colleagues used a mouse model of pneumonic plague to test the spread of infections. Surrounding a pathogen with open protective blood clots that form around clots, which resorb bone material as part of the normal process of bone turnover. The resulting loss of bone would not only help prevent osteoporosis and fractures but also might give patients a survival advantage.

In the laboratory mice studied, G-CSF support seemed to increase the activity of bone cells as osteoclasts, which resorb bone material. The boost in bone mass improved survival in mice with a high tumor burden. The study is the first to show that G-CSF support can improve survival in mice with a high tumor burden. The study is the first to show that G-CSF support can improve survival in mice with a high tumor burden.
Course and Lecture Schedule

Brown bag it with ‘Work, Families and Public Policy’

Spring social work lecture series begins Feb. 5

BY JESSICA MARTIN

Leading experts in the fields of mental health, social service and human behavior are part of the George Warren Brown School of Social Work’s spring lecture series.

The spring series is committed to presenting the most outstanding scholars and thought leaders in the field of work and related discourse. Panelist Barbara E. Levin, the series’ organizer and co-chair of the Center for Mental Health Services Research, said the series kicks off Jan. 22 with a presentation by Sebastian Gallicchi, Ph.D., associate professor of economics in Arts & Sciences, on “Modeling Informatively Flexible Households and Firms.”

Feb. 4: Erik Hurst, Ph.D., professor of Economics in Arts & Sciences and the Northwestern Family Faculty Fellow at the University of Chicago, will discuss “Discriminating Consumption and Policing the Welfare State.”

Feb. 9: Robert C. Ellickson, the Walter E. Meyer Professor of Property and Urban Law at Yale Law School, will present “Unpacking the Household: Informatively Flexible Rights and Rewards.”

Feb. 13: March Tanaka-Chikaraishi, student, and Suk-kiim Kim, Ph.D., associate professor, both at the Department of Economics in Arts & Sciences, will discuss “Caste, Kinship and Sex Roles in India.”

Feb. 14: Idris Ali, professor of political science in Arts & Sciences and a faculty member at the George Warren Brown School of Social Work and assistant professor of psychiatry in the School of Medicine, will present “Medication Use Patterns Among Youth in the Child Welfare Systems.”

Feb. 19: Shelly Lundberg, Ph.D., the Canada Research Chair in the Department of Public Policy at the University of British Columbia, will discuss “Making Decisions by the Challenge of the Unpredictable: Longitudinal Survey of Youth.”

Feb. 26: Jere B. Behrman, Ph.D., the William R. Kenan Jr. Professor of Economics at the University of Pennsylvania, will discuss “What Determined Adult Skill Impact of Pre-School, School, and Work Interactions and Experiences in Guatemala.”

Robert A. Pollak, Ph.D., the Herrnstein Distinguished Professor of Economics, said the John M.Olin School of Business has been the lead organizer of the series due to its incorporation.

Feb. 5: Michael W. Sherraden, Ph.D., the Benjamin E. Young Professor of Social Development and director of the Center for Social Development in the School of Social Work, will present “Why the Olin School of Business, the school social work and the Center for Social Development; the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies in the School of Law; the economics department; the Center for Health Policy; and the College of Arts & Sciences.

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Environmentalism is Saturday Seminar series focus

By Andy Clelanden

Artic ice shelves are breaking away; spring is coming sooner to Alaska and Canada; glaciers are melting in the Himalayas and the highest mountain peaks; and the global sea level has risen 4 inches to 10 inches over the last 100 years.

Clearly, the environment is on everyone's agenda. There are many reasons for everyone's concern and efforts to protect the environment; the problem is quite complex.

The MLA Saturday Seminar, sponsored by the Master of Liberal Arts program and University College in Arts & Sciences, will examine recent developments in one of the most compelling and complex of subjects — the environment.

Lectures will take place from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. every Saturday in February and March at Anheuser-Busch Auditorium. These lectures are free to the public and no registration is required.

Randall's work has influenced advocates of string theory, and technology may become closer to his original string theory and Randall's theory.

When the new Large Hadron Collider in Geneva begins operations next year, it may have enough energy to produce particles that travel in or through an extra dimension, or even produce microscopic black holes. Evidence of extra dimensions could signal a new era in physics.

Randall earned bachelor's (1983) and doctoral (1987) degrees in physics from Harvard University and has taught at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Princeton University before returning to Harvard as a professor of physics in 2001.

"Warped Passages" was included in "The New York Times' 100 notable books of 2005, and in 2006, New Scientist named Randall one of the most prominent theoretical physicists of her generation.

"But in 2004, she was the most cited theoretical physicist of the previous five years."

She is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a fellow of the American Physical Society, and has published articles in numerous publications including the New Scientist, The New York Times, Nature and Science.

"She is free to enter and the public. For more information, call 935-4620 or visit ucollege.wustl.edu/freelect_mlalectu.php.

Religious pluralism lecture series sponsored by University's PRPI

By Andy Clelanden

Religion and politics have been around for nearly as long as the world has existed, and in various societies, one has had a profound influence on the other. But how do they, or should they, co-exist in today's world? In an effort to examine and discuss the issues surrounding this topic, the issues of religion and religious pluralism and its relation to the environment is one of the most prominent theoretical physicists of her generation.

For information, go online to ucollege.wustl.edu/freelect_mlalectu.php.

On Feb. 5, 2007, the Rutiedge moot court competition will be closed to the public. Limited seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. The last time a Supreme Court of the United States, will participate in the final of the 140th annual intra-college law school competition. The last time a Supreme Court of the United States, will participate in the final of the 140th annual intra-college law school competition.

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of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine. "At present, we can treat problems at once, and Holtzman and his colleagues are studying the normal and abnormal physiological processes in the lung to generate better understanding and even improved therapies for patients." Holtzman said. "Now, right, wireless sensor network applications are following us to exploit the future."

Oskar Kokoschka.

Malher lived with Kokoschka for five years. "Kokoschka is a very talented and amazing artist, and he continues to make art even though he is blind," Malher said. "Kokoschka was born in 1886 in Vienna and died in 1980 in London. He was one of the most important and influential artists of the 20th century."

Supervisory Initiative fine-tunes its focus

BY ANDY CLENDENIN

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Burning to read David A. Lawton, Ph.D., professor and chair of English in Arts & Sciences, delivers the first Assembly Series Lecture of the spring, titled "Burning to Read." The lecture was held Jan. 24 in Graham Chapel and also served to kick off The Big Read program, spearheaded locally by the University. The National Endowment for the Arts-supported initiative is a national program designed to encourage literary reading by communities coming together to read an epic, one-page book at a time.

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Lützeler receives Austrian Great Medal of Merit

By Neil Schoenherr

Paul Michael Lützeler, Ph.D., the Rosa May Distinguished University Professor in Humanities in Arts & Sciences, will receive the Austrian Great Medal of Merit in a ceremony at the University Feb. 8. The award is being bestowed on Lützeler for his work on 19th- and 20th-century German literature.

Lützeler has written books on Broch and edited numerous volumes of Broch's correspondence. He is president of the International Hermann Broch Society.

"We hope GFC helps people to start to think about making a conscious consumer choice," Hunter said. "It goes beyond the environment, thinking about individual choices can impact how we work and who has served their doctoral dissertations in German.

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According to Hunter, GFC has changed the way people interact within the school.

It seems like there's more interaction between students and faculty, and it's nice to see people coming to campus to hang out and network," she said.

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A child growing up in southern California, Shelly Sakiyama-Elbert, Ph.D., assistant professor of biomedical engineering, was fortunate to have some good science teachers beginning in middle school. The teachers designed interesting experiments that were challenging and engendered problem solving.

"The laboratory experience in high school really turned me on to science and engineering," says Sakiyama-Elbert, who in 2000 won the National Academies of Science and Engineering Frontiers in Engineering Award for her innovative work designing an artificial kidney.

She and University colleague Ruth J. Okamoto, Ph.D., assistant professor of chemical and biomedical engineering, offer the course "Moving and Shaking" to some 20 area middle-school students in 90-minute Saturday morning sessions lasting six weeks.

"The program is an introduction to engineering, and I think the kids really enjoy it. It is a realistic view of what it's like to be an engineer," says Sakiyama-Elbert.

"Students go to different labs and do hands-on experiments and computer modeling. They interact with undergraduate and graduate students, making it easy to conceptualize what engineers do and easier to picture themselves as an engineer one day.

"I think middle school is the critical age to get students excited about science and engineering. By high school, unfortunately, kids are turned off by math and science.""