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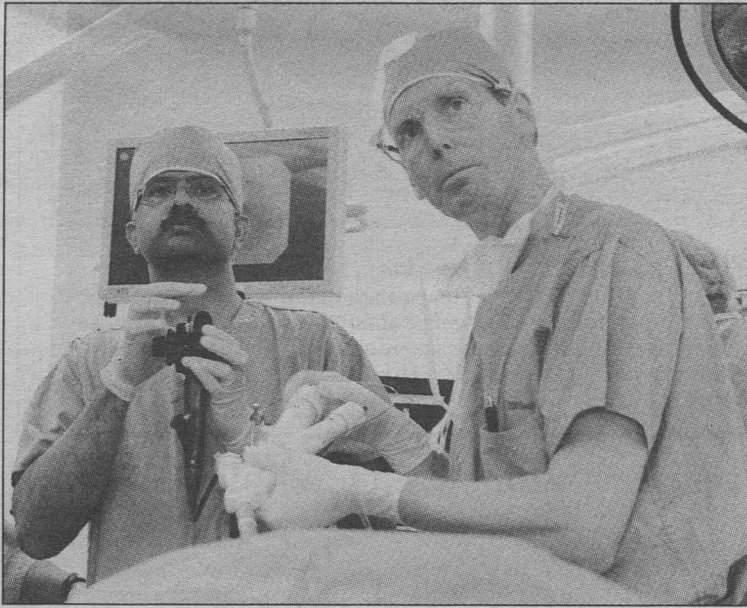


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## First U.S. incision-free procedure for obesity performed here



Sreenivasa Jonnalagadda, M.D. (left), and J. Christopher Eagon, M.D., perform the first TOGA procedure in the United States.

By JIM DRYDEN

**S**chool of Medicine doctors have performed the first nonsurgical procedure in the United States that restricts the size of the stomach to treat obesity.

The investigational procedure was performed under direct endoscopic visualization with specialized instruments passed into the stomach through the mouth. The first U.S. patient received the treatment July 23 at Barnes-Jewish Hospital.

The procedure was performed as part of the TOGA Pivotal Trial, a multi-center study evaluating an incision-free procedure using the TOGA System (transoral gastroplasty). Like surgery to treat obesity, the TOGA procedure is designed to alter a patient's anatomy to give a feeling of fullness after a small meal. The difference is that

the investigational technique delivers the treatment through the mouth, without any incisions.

"This is a shift in the way we approach the surgical treatment of obesity," said J. Christopher Eagon, M.D., assistant professor of surgery and co-principal investigator for the study. "If this technique provides results close to those achieved with more traditional surgery, it may be an option for people who need to lose a great deal of weight but don't want to have surgery."

In the TOGA procedure, the physician introduces a set of flexible stapling devices through the mouth into the stomach and then uses the staplers to create a restrictive pouch. The pouch catches food as it enters the stomach, giving patients the feeling of fullness after eating less. This study is evaluating the safety and effective-

ness of the investigational procedure.

Between February 2006 and July 2007, 47 subjects had the TOGA procedure in a pilot study at medical centers in Mexico and Belgium. They weighed an average of almost 120 pounds over their ideal body weight. Six months after the procedure, the subjects had lost more than a third of their excess body weight. By 12 months, their excess weight loss averaged almost 40 percent.

"That's not as great a loss as we see with gastric bypass surgery, which is still the 'gold standard' for weight-loss procedures," said Sreenivasa Jonnalagadda, M.D., associate professor of medicine and co-principal investigator at the St. Louis study site. "The key benefits from an endoscopic procedure as compared to laparoscop-

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## Orientation helps new students make a smooth transition

Freshman Reading Program, convocation, dorm meetings among welcoming activities

By NEIL SCHOENHERR

**M**embers of the Class of 2012 will soon be arriving on campus and will be welcomed with a variety of activities during Fall Orientation Aug. 21-26.

"We're really excited about our programming this year," said Danielle Bristow, director of New Student Orientation and Parent & Family Weekend. "Students will have the opportunity to interact with faculty, tour the campus, socialize with fellow students and discover a lot of ways to get involved in campus life."

Once again, a highlight of orientation will be the Freshman

Reading Program.

The annual program is designed to reach freshmen before they arrive on campus to help them focus on skills they will continue to cultivate throughout the year and their entire college careers. It also encourages interaction with members of the WUSTL faculty in informal discussions outside the classroom setting.

This summer, incoming students read "Field Notes From a Catastrophe: Man, Nature and Climate Change" by Elizabeth Kolbert. The book was chosen by the Freshman Reading Program Steering Committee.

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**Welcome!** More than 300 people, including student services staff members and their families, toured the Danforth University Center July 31 as part of a "sneak peek" of the new building before its Aug. 11 public opening. Staff members were able to see the "fun room" (above), a second-floor area that includes garage doors that can be raised or lowered, movable furniture, chalkboard walls and high-tech audio-video equipment. The facility features seven restaurants, including the Café and Ibbly's, a bistro with table service. The 116,000-square-foot building also houses lounges, classrooms, meeting rooms and offices for student leaders, student services professional staff and the Career Center. A number of opening-week activities are planned, including special tours and visitor giveaways. For more information, go to duc.wustl.edu.

## Seminar to address ways to lessen earthquake damage

By TONY FITZPATRICK

**T**he earthquake that hit the lower Midwest on April 18 this year was a hearty 5.2 on the Richter scale and got the attention of the St. Louis region. What if a quake — occurring either in the New Madrid Fault or Wabash Valley Fault — larger than the April quake would hit the region? How would we respond?

To address these concerns, the Department of Mechanical, Aerospace and Structural Engineering is presenting a series of seminars and workshops on the topic of reducing the damage that would occur when a strong earthquake strikes the area again. The program will cover the subjects of hazards, codes, vulnerability and strengthening of infrastructure. Speakers are practicing engineers, professors and officials with experience in seismic hazard mitiga-

tion, especially in Missouri and the surrounding vulnerable region.

The second seminar and workshop in the series, "Damage Reduction through Preparedness," will be offered from 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19, in Room 100 Whitaker Hall. The seminar will be presented to an invited audience of public officials at the local and regional level.

"The earthquake threat to Missouri and to much of mid-America is severe, both in terms of loss of life and economic damage," said Phillip L. Gould, Ph.D., the Harold D. Jolley Professor of Civil Engineering and one of the seminar organizers. "Our intent is to raise awareness about earthquake hazards and preparedness. The sharing of disaster plans by public and utility sectors will enhance awareness and pre-

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Students chat with incoming freshmen on their first day in the South 40 last August. Freshman "move-in" is part of the annual orientation program designed to welcome all to the WUSTL community.



# Cost of caring for a child with special needs varies from state to state

By JESSICA MARTIN

**T**herapies, rehabilitation and specialty medical care are just a few of the extra costs that parents face when raising children with special needs.

In a new study published in the current issue of *Pediatrics*, Paul T. Shattuck, Ph.D., professor of social work, found that families with similar demographics and nature of their children's special needs have different out-of-pocket health expenditures, depending on the state in which they live.

"This is one of the few studies that focuses on families' costs when caring for children with special needs, rather than the overall cost for society as a whole," Shattuck said.

The study's authors ranked all 50 states and the District of Columbia, using survey data from 2000 and 2001, in terms of the average percentage of special needs families that shoulder an additional financial burden, the yearly average extra costs of those families and the size of these costs relative to family income.

"The overall percentage of U.S. families caring for children with special needs that experience an added financial burden was 91.2 percent," Shattuck said. "This group faced average extra out-of-pocket care costs of \$774 per year for expenses related to their child's special needs."

Shattuck and his co-author, Susan L. Parish, Ph.D., assistant professor of social work at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, note that wealthier states tend to have a smaller proportion of families with any finan-

cial burden and a lower average extra cost for caring for a child with special needs.

"At the low end, families in Massachusetts paid an average of \$560 for out-of-pocket medical expenses," Shattuck said. "At the high end, families in Georgia shouldered an average of \$970 in additional care expenses."

"This study shows that programs like Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) may not be going far enough to help families with children with special needs. We need to revisit how to give appropriate support to poorer states where families, on average, have less income but are experi-

encing greater financial burden compared with families of similar means in wealthier states," he said.

The researchers used data from a national telephone survey of households with children who have special health-care needs, including a representative sample from each state and the District of Columbia. The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development provided partial support for this study.

Shattuck's upcoming research includes studies on how raising special-needs children impacts family asset building and how to determine what policy changes need to be made to help families pay for current care and save for future care.

To view a state-by-state comparison as well as a video of Shattuck discussing his research, visit [news-info.wustl.edu/news/page/normal/11870.html](http://news-info.wustl.edu/news/page/normal/11870.html).



Shattuck



**Feeding the community** Senior Joey Korein (left) and junior Vidya Santosh harvest basil plants in the community garden just east of Alumni House. The two are members of the student group Burning Kumquat. The aim of the group, founded in the fall of 2007, is to raise consciousness of community, food and environmental issues. Members sell food and spices from the garden at the North City Market in St. Louis during the summer and plan to set up shop on the University campus during the school year.

## Physics student receives prestigious P.E.O. Scholar Award

By SUSAN

KILLENBERG MCGINN

**A**llyson Gibson, a doctoral student in physics in Arts & Sciences, has received a prestigious P.E.O. Scholar Award for the 2008-09 academic year. She was one of 85 recipients selected from more than 640 applicants from the United States and Canada.

The \$15,000 merit-based award is given to women who are either pursuing a doctoral-

level degree or engaged in post-graduate study or research who show potential to make significant contributions to their fields of study.

Since earning a master's degree in physics from WUSTL in May 2005, Gibson has been working toward her doctorate in physics in the department's Laboratory for Ultrasonics under James G. Miller, Ph.D., the Albert Gordon Hill Professor of Physics, and Mark R. Holland, Ph.D., research associate professor of physics.

The laboratory, under Miller's direction, studies the physics of ultrasound in materials such as heart and bone. Gibson's research has focused on quantitative cardiovascular tissue characterization on fetal hearts and the hearts of type 2 diabetics.

Through her physics doctoral research, she also has collaborated with several School of Medicine physicians and spent four months at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration working with other distinguished scientists. Gibson, who is a graduate research assistant and graduate teaching assistant in physics, plans to continue doing

ultrasound research after graduation.

A 2003 summa cum laude graduate of Wofford College in Spartanburg, S.C., and Rhodes Scholar semifinalist, Gibson is the recipient of numerous other awards and scholarships, including the Department of Physics' 2008 Shull Prize for Outstanding Teaching Assistant, the 2003 Virgil I. Grissom Astronaut Fellowship and selection to the 2001 USA Today All-Academic Team.

Her numerous volunteer activities include working with Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels and abused women and children.

P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization), one of the pioneer societies for women, was founded in 1869 by seven students at Iowa Wesleyan College in Mount Pleasant, Iowa.

Now based in Des Moines, P.E.O. has grown to almost a quarter of a million members in chapters in the United States and Canada.

Its mission is to promote educational opportunities for women.

## O'Sullivan named dean of joint engineering program

**J**oseph A. O'Sullivan, Ph.D., the Samuel C. Sachs Professor of Electrical Engineering, has been appointed dean of the University of Missouri-St. Louis/Washington University Joint Undergraduate Engineering Program, according to Salvatore P. Sutera, Ph.D., interim dean of the School of Engineering and Applied Science.

O'Sullivan, whose appointment was effective Aug. 1, succeeds Kevin Z. Truman, Ph.D., the Albert P. and Blanche Y. Greensfelder Professor of Engineering, who was named Dean of the School of Computing and Engineering at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

"University of Missouri-St. Louis Provost Glen Hahn Cope and I are pleased that Professor O'Sullivan is willing to serve in this important role," Sutera said. "We are confident that Professor O'Sullivan will continue to build upon the strong partnership that

exists between our two institutions and will continue to strengthen the Joint Undergraduate Engineering Program.

"We are also grateful to Professor Truman for his dedication and leadership during his time as dean of the joint program," Sutera said.

O'Sullivan joined the WUSTL faculty in the Department of Electrical Engineering in 1986 after earning bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Notre Dame.

Since then, O'Sullivan has held several leadership positions, including chair of the Faculty Senate Council and as the faculty representative to the Board of Trustees. O'Sullivan also was the director of the Electronic Systems and Signals Research Laboratory (ESSRL) from 1998-2007, and he directs the Imaging Science and Engineering certificate program.

Created in 1993, the mission of the joint program is to provide a high-quality engineering education leading to a well-trained, sophisticated work force primarily for the St. Louis region.

Students who enter the program take pre-engineering and some engineering courses at University of Missouri-St. Louis and then take upper-level engineering courses at WUSTL. The degree is awarded by the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Bachelor of science degree programs are offered in civil engineering, electrical engineering and mechanical engineering. There are 309 upper-level engineering students enrolled in the program, with another 88 pre-engineering students enrolled. To date, 356 have graduated from the joint program.

For more information about the joint engineering program, visit [engineering.wustl.edu](http://engineering.wustl.edu).

## International and area studies office moves

By NEIL SCHOENHERR

**T**he International and Area Studies Program in Arts & Sciences moved its offices to McMillan Hall from the first floor of Stix International House Aug. 4.

The program promotes international education for students and faculty both here and abroad. It includes Overseas Programs, the international and area studies major and the freshman International Leadership Program as well as Fulbright and other international grants and fellowships.

Those moving to the west corridor of the second floor of McMillan include Priscilla Stone,

Ph.D., director of overseas and undergraduate programs for international and area studies; Toni Loomis, assistant to Stone; and Chris Riha, new international events coordinator.

Faculty members who hold a joint position with international and area studies also will join the staff on the second floor. Those include Mikhail Palatnik, senior lecturer in Russian in Arts & Sciences; Nicole Svobodny, assistant dean in Arts & Sciences; Steven Hause, Ph.D., senior scholar in the humanities in Arts & Sciences; Tony Ballantyne, Ph.D., associate professor of history in Arts & Sciences; and Letty Chen, Ph.D., assistant

professor of modern Chinese language and literature and director of East Asian studies in Arts & Sciences.

The main international and area studies office will be in Room 254.

The Overseas Programs offices will move its offices and staff to the west corridor of the first floor of McMillan Hall. The main office will be in Room 138.

The Office of International Students and Scholars, the group responsible for providing information and services to students, researchers, faculty and scholars from other countries, will remain in Stix House, taking over the first floor.

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## School of Medicine Update

# School to lead international Alzheimer's disease research network

By MICHAEL C. PURDY

The Alzheimer's Disease Research Center (ADRC) at the School of Medicine will lead a six-year, \$16 million international research collaboration dedicated to understanding inherited forms of Alzheimer's disease. The National Institute on Aging will fund the project.

Forms of Alzheimer's disease linked to inherited mutations are rare but have provided scientists with many important insights into the more common "sporadic" forms of the disease. Because individuals with these inherited forms of Alzheimer's are widely dispersed geographically, there have been too few at any one center to conduct extensive research. Through the newly created Dominantly Inherited Alzheimer's Network

(DIAN), investigators hope to organize and enroll a broad pool of qualified volunteers.

"For treatments now in development to be optimally beneficial for patients, we have to find ways of diagnosing Alzheimer's disease as early as possible," said John C. Morris, M.D., the Harvey A. and Dorismae Hacker Friedman Distinguished Professor of Neurology, principal investigator of DIAN and director of the ADRC. "That's likely to happen much more quickly as we move from studying the few family members in St. Louis with inherited Alzheimer's to the 300 family members who will be accessible through DIAN," he said.

DIAN includes WUSTL; a consortium involving Harvard University, Massachusetts General Hospital and Brown University;

Columbia University; Indiana University; the University of California, Los Angeles; the University College London's Institute of Neurology, Queen Square; and a consortium of the universities of Brisbane, Perth and Sydney in Australia.

DIAN is modeled after the ADRC's Adult-Children Study, which regularly conducts detailed physical and mental assessments of healthy, middle-aged children whose parents have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's. Researchers hope this will help identify telltale changes in the central nervous system decades before the symptoms of Alzheimer's disease become apparent.

Scientists are aware of inherited mutations in three genes that can cause Alzheimer's disease: amyloid precursor protein, pre-

nilin 1 and presenilin 2. Changes in all three genes cause Alzheimer's to develop early, potentially pushing the age of onset into a patient's 50s, 40s or even 30s. Researchers say all the mutations lead to increased production of amyloid beta 42, a protein fragment that is the principal ingredient of brain plaques found in Alzheimer's patients. This has made amyloid beta a primary target for researchers developing new drugs for Alzheimer's disease.

Scientists already have several potential indicators, known as biomarkers, of the early onset of Alzheimer's disease. However, the only current way to confirm their validity is to wait years or decades and see whether volunteers who have the biomarkers eventually get the disease. DIAN may help scientists

shorten this process dramatically by allowing them to look for the potential biomarkers in individuals who have inherited a known mutation from an affected parent and are almost certain to develop the disease.

To get important clues about how and why the disease develops, scientists plan to closely monitor possible biomarkers in DIAN volunteers age 21 and older.

"The most exciting aspect of DIAN is that we have a chance to determine the type and order of brain changes that herald the onset of dementia in years to come," Morris said. "If we're going to develop preventive therapies, we have to know when to target each of the mechanisms in the brain that may be contributing to the beginnings of Alzheimer's disease."

## Barnes-Jewish West County ER staffed by WUSTL physicians

By DIANE DUKE WILLIAMS

On July 1, Washington University faculty physicians assumed responsibility for providing medical care in the Emergency Department at Barnes-Jewish West County Hospital. The addition of Washington University emergency medicine physicians continues the enhancement of clinical services at Barnes-Jewish West County.

"We continue to offer the highest quality health care to residents of West County," said Andy Ziskind, M.D., president of Barnes-Jewish and Barnes-Jewish West County hospitals. "Barnes-Jewish West County Hospital and Washington University are committed to providing prompt, skilled and compassionate care to patients seeking emergency services."

"We are pleased to have the opportunity to provide emergency medicine services at Barnes-Jewish West County Hospital," said Brent E. Ruoff, M.D., director of the division of emergency medicine at the School of Medicine. "We are committed to providing outstanding care to West County residents."

Barnes-Jewish West County recently renovated its emergency department using LEAN/Six Sigma processes. Through those techniques, the new emergency department has decreased patient wait times to a minimum. The addition of the WUSTL emergency medicine physicians puts Barnes-Jewish West County in a unique position to offer experienced, skilled emergency care with shorter wait times.

A new cardiac monitoring unit recently opened at Barnes-Jewish West County, expanding the scope of patients able to be treated in the emergency department. "Having a dedicated unit for heart monitoring means patients with chest pain can be evaluated in the emergency department and admitted for monitoring, if required," Ruoff said.

Randall A. Howell, D.O., assistant professor of emergency medicine, was named medical director of the Barnes-Jewish West County emergency department. He has been a member of the faculty for 12 years and will supervise a team of 11 emergency medicine physicians.

Besides Howell, other physicians in the Barnes-Jewish West County emergency department include David Davis, M.D.; Joseph Gatewood, M.D.; Thomas Hill, M.D.; Bill Koller, M.D.; Patel Ketan, M.D.; Christopher Sampson, M.D.; Sidney Sineff, M.D.; Rick Tao, M.D.; Brian Bausano, M.D.; Christopher

Holthaus, M.D., and Karen Maury, M.D.

The new arrangement for coverage of emergency medicine services is part of a plan to evolve and enhance the scope of clinical care provided by WUSTL physicians with private medical staff on the Barnes-Jewish West County campus.

Among the clinical offerings available now, or soon, are the full range of adult and pediatric medical specialists, selected surgery services and a major expansion of the Siteman Cancer Center.

The School of Medicine's Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology already provides full subspecialty radiology services, including X-ray, ultrasound, MRI, CT, PET scans, mammography, bone density, nuclear medicine and some aspects of pediatric radiology at Barnes-Jewish West County. Advanced imaging services such as musculoskeletal ultrasound, breast MRI, 3-D imaging and advanced visualization analysis also are available.

Other enhanced services that will be added this year include cardiac CT, virtual colonoscopy, ultrasound and CT guided biopsies, interventional radiology procedures and breast procedures. All subspecialty imaging services available at the Washington University Medical Center are available at Barnes-Jewish West County. Vamsi Narra, M.D., recently was named chief of radiology at Barnes-Jewish West County.



**Rising to the sky** The steel frame of the BJC Institute of Health at Washington University continues to rise and expand across the two-acre construction site. Crews are setting what will amount to 8,210 tons of steel by November 2008. They also are excavating a tunnel road under Euclid Avenue, which will lead to the future loading docks and will connect with Taylor Avenue. The 11-story, 700,000-square-foot building is scheduled to open in December 2009 and will be the hub for BioMed 21. Barnes-Jewish Hospital also will have five floors in the building for support services.

## Nerve injuries in military personnel focus of Web site

By BETH MILLER

Military physicians treating soldiers with nerve injuries to their arms and legs will soon be guided by a multimedia Web site under development by plastic and nerve reconstructive surgeons at the School of Medicine.

"In combat, injuries to extremities resulting in peripheral nerve damage are becoming more common," said Ida Fox, M.D., assistant professor in the Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery and a co-principal investigator on the project with Justin Brown, M.D., assistant professor of neurosurgery. "We hope that by providing this resource, we can dramatically streamline and improve the approach to complicated nerve injuries, resulting in better patient outcomes."

Peripheral nerve injuries common in soldiers range from a crushed or cut nerve to a gunshot wound that injures the brachial plexus, a network of spinal nerves



Fox



Brown

that begins in the back of the neck, extends through the armpit and conducts signals from the brain to the arm and hand. While physicians have made great strides in saving damaged limbs, the nerve injury also must be reconstructed for the ultimate benefit, Fox said.

The interactive, multimedia Web site will serve as an educational resource to military physicians by providing answers to questions about nerve injury management, triage, diagnosis, the latest surgical techniques and procedures, postoperative therapy and anatomy and physiology. In addition, it will provide videos of pro-

cedures and exams, graphic illustrations, photographs, text and links to a variety of useful resources.

"Text and figures provide a two-dimensional answer to a three-dimensional problem," Brown said. "The addition of high-definition, narrated videos, an interactive platform, computer-generated animation and a discussion format provides the surgeon with answers that translate easily into practical application."

Military physicians also will be able to ask questions and share information through an interactive forum with Washington University surgeons, who will provide direct counsel among physicians regarding complicated patient cases, Brown said.

The School of Medicine's Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery is among the few international centers that have developed emerging methods in using nerve transfers. Susan

E. Mackinnon, M.D., the Shoenberg Professor and chief of the Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, is a pioneer in the treatment of peripheral nerve injuries. She established her international reputation as a surgeon in 1988 by completing the first successful peripheral nerve transplant. This restored function to severely injured limbs that previously were considered irreparable. She is considered an international authority on nerve regeneration, nerve transfer and on the use of limited immunosuppression in nerve transplant patients.

Other collaborators include Mackinnon; Thomas H. Tung, M.D., assistant professor of plastic and reconstructive surgery; and Christine Novak, a physical therapist with the Wharton Head and Neck Centre in Toronto.

The physicians will maintain the site for at least five years. Funding for the project is provided in part by the Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine Inc.



# University Events

## Cultural and political issues take center stage in PAD's 2008-09 season



COURTESY PHOTO

Ting-Ting Chang, Ph.D., a Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in Dance, will perform "The Peacock Dance" as part of the Performing Arts Department's "Dance Close-Up" Sept. 4-6.

### Beyond the Milky Way • Summer Jazz at Holmes

"University Events" lists a portion of the activities taking place Aug. 14-Sept. 3 at Washington University. Visit the Web for expanded calendars for the Danforth Campus ([webevent.wustl.edu](http://webevent.wustl.edu)) and the School of Medicine ([medschool.wustl.edu/calendars.html](http://medschool.wustl.edu/calendars.html)).

Williams, piano. Ridgley Hall, Holmes Lounge. 862-0872.

### Lectures

#### Friday, Aug. 15

7:30 p.m. Saint Louis Astronomical Society Meeting. "Beyond the Milky Way." Richard Heuermann, admin. officer in earth and planetary sciences. McDonnell Hall, Rm. 162. 935-4614.

#### Friday, Aug. 22

9:15 a.m. Pediatric Grand Rounds. "An Altogether Peculiar Property: Respiratory Distress in the Newborn." Brian Hackett, assoc. prof. of pediatrics. Clopton Aud. 454-6006.

#### Monday, Sept. 1

4 p.m. Siteman Cancer Center Basic Science Seminar Series. Rafi Ahmed, dir. of vaccine center, Emory U. School of Medicine. Connor Auditorium. 454-7029.

#### Wednesday, Sept. 3

Noon. Siteman Cancer Center Seminar Series. Susan Curry, dean, College of Public Health, U. of Iowa. Goldfarb Hall, Rm. 132. 454-8981.

### Music

#### Thursday, Aug. 14

8 p.m. Summer Jazz at Holmes. Ptah

BY LIAM OTTEN

Theater, like film and architecture, is a collaborative art, drawing on the work of actors, writers, directors, designers, dancers, choreographers, musicians and others. That sense of interdisciplinary cooperation is at the heart of the Performing Arts Department (PAD) in Arts & Sciences' 2008-09 season, which will explore connections between theater and contemporary cultural and political issues as well as between the PAD and other campus areas.

"This is a year of political transition that, not unlike 1968, will see the campaign, election and inauguration of an American president in the midst of a controversial war," said Robert Henke, Ph.D., chair of PAD and associate professor of drama and of comparative literature, both in Arts & Sciences.

"Our productions will address elections, gender relationships, immigration, the intertwining of politics and psychology, and war," Henke said. "We will examine the relational and political power of an art that, from the polis of ancient Greece to the present, has explored human beings in their interactions with others."

The season opens Sept. 4-6 with "Dance Close-Up," the biennial concert of new and original choreography by the PAD's dance faculty — the unofficial kickoff to St. Louis' professional dance season.

Directed by Mary-Jean Cowell, Ph.D., associate professor and coordinator of the Dance Program in Arts & Sciences, the performance will include a half-dozen works in a variety of dance styles, ranging from Chinese and Indian to contemporary and ballet.

On Sept. 26-27, Marge Betley, dramaturg and literary manager for the Geva Theatre Center in Rochester, N.Y., will lead the A.E. Hotchner Playwriting Festival, which will feature staged readings of three winning student plays from the A.E. Hotchner Playwriting Competition. Works include "Better" by senior Margaret Stamell; "All at Once" by senior Kari Lombard; and "Candlestick Park" by recent graduate Elizabeth Birkenmeier

### Special events enhance PAD lineup

In conjunction with its performances, the Performing Arts Department (PAD) in Arts & Sciences will host a series of lectures, discussions, symposia and other events throughout the year.

Highlights will include panel discussions with visiting artist Liz Lerman (Oct. 30) and faculty choreographers (Dec. 2).

On Feb. 18, the PAD will host a staged reading of the much-debated 1603 Quarto version of "Hamlet," followed by a Feb. 21 symposium, "Hamlet and the Adolescent Mind," co-sponsored by the Center for the Study of Ethics and Human Values and by the Department of Psychology in Arts & Sciences.

In March, the PAD and African & African American

Studies Program in Arts & Sciences will host a weeklong residency by the renowned Kenyan performance group Haba na Haba ("Step by Step" in Swahili). The group — which performs acrobatics, music, dance and drama to raise awareness about topics such as AIDS, prostitution and education — will participate in a number of performances and cultural exchanges both on campus and in the St. Louis community. The visit will culminate in the performance "Coexistence," based on the recent tribal conflicts in Kenya.

Finally, April 21, the PAD will sponsor an academic symposium centering on "Mother Courage and Her Children."

— Liam Otten

(LA '08). (The latter, a love story centered on the world's most dedicated Beatles fan, will receive a full staging in March.)

The season continues Oct. 24-Nov. 2 with "Of Thee I Sing," the classic 1931 political satire by George and Ira Gershwin. Directed by Jeffery Matthews, senior lecturer in drama in Arts & Sciences, the story centers on an eligible bachelor president who jilts a French beauty queen, only to find himself poised on the brink of war with France.

Next up is David Mamet's "Boston Marriage" Nov. 20-23. Directed by Annamaria Pileggi, senior lecturer in drama, the play explores the relationship between Claire and Anna, two Victorian women whose intimate, long-term relationship is euphemistically referred to as a "Boston marriage."

"Common Ground," this year's Washington University Dance Theatre concert, will run Dec. 5-7. Directed by Cecil Slaughter, senior lecturer in dance, the performance will feature student dancers in professionally choreographed works by both faculty and visiting artists.

Highlights will include "Still Crossing," a work exploring the immigrant experience by visiting artist Liz Lerman; and "Dark

Elegies," a poignant classic by Antony Tudor (1908-1987), set by James Jordan, ballet master of the Kansas City Ballet.

Henry I. Schvey, Ph.D., professor of drama, will direct William Shakespeare's iconic "Hamlet" Feb. 13-22. Andrea Urice, senior lecturer in drama, will direct Birkenmeier's "Candlestick Park" March 26-29.

The season will conclude April 17-26 with Bertolt Brecht's "Mother Courage and Her Children," an anti-war masterpiece set amidst the ravages of Europe's Thirty Years' War and directed by William Whitaker, senior lecturer in drama.

The A.E. Hotchner Playwriting Festival is free and open to the public. Tickets to "Dance Close-Up" are \$17, or \$12 for students, faculty, staff and seniors. All other events are \$15, or \$10 for students, faculty, staff and seniors.

Subscriptions to three or more events are available for \$12 per show. In addition, the PAD offers a special "season pass" for \$56. A current University I.D. is required; registration deadline is Sept. 4.

For more information about the PAD season or to order tickets, call the Edison Theatre box office at 935-6543.

### Sports

#### Friday, Aug. 29.

6 p.m. Women's soccer. Hope College vs. Transylvania University. Washington University Classic. Francis Field. 935-4705.

8 p.m. Women's soccer vs. Calvin College. Washington University Classic. Francis Field. 935-4705.

#### Saturday, Aug. 30

9 a.m. Cross Country. Big River Running Early Bird Meet. Forest Park. 935-4705.

5:15 p.m. Volleyball vs. Lawrence University. Washington University Invitational. WU Field House. 935-4705.

6 p.m. Women's Soccer. Transylvania University vs. Calvin College. Washington University Classic. Francis Field. 935-4705.

7:30 p.m. Volleyball vs. Simpson College. Washington University Invitational. WU Field House. 935-4705.

8 p.m. Women's soccer vs. Hope College. Washington University Classic. Francis Field. 935-4705.

#### Sunday, Aug. 31

10 a.m. Volleyball vs. Cardinal Stritch University. Washington University Invitational. WU Field House. 935-4705.

2:30 p.m. Volleyball vs. Wisconsin-Eau Claire. Washington University Invitational. WU Field House. 935-4705.

## New eateries named by WUSTL community

BY NEIL SCHOENHERR

Along with the great food at the new Danforth University Center, people may notice the catchy restaurant names as well.

The Office of Student Activities sponsored a naming contest for five of the dining venues to be located on the main level. The names selected are 1853 Diner, Trattoria Verde (verde means green in Italian and the building is designed to be LEED certified), DeliciOSO (oso means bear in Spanish), Wash. U. Wok and George's Express.

More than 450 name submissions were received from 115 different members of the WUSTL community. Online voting helped narrow the decision for a committee of three students and three staff members to decide the final names.

Some people were involved in multiple name submissions. Winning submissions came from:

- Corey Arnold, temporary director in the Office of Student Activities;
- Emily Becker, a junior majoring in international and area studies in Arts & Sciences;

- Elizabeth Dribben, a parent;
- Amy Fletcher, a junior majoring in chemical engineering;
- Edward Lu, a junior majoring in biology and Chinese, both in Arts & Sciences;
- Neil Patel, a 2008 alumnus;
- Joanna Perdomo, a sophomore with an undeclared major;
- Derek Starkey, a 2008 alumnus;
- Abby Stephens, a senior majoring in biomedical engineering;
- Jill Stratton, associate dean of students and director of residential academic programs; and
- Colin Towery, a junior majoring in mechanical engineering.

## Hire a work-study eligible student; save department funds

BY JESSICA DAUES

Student Financial Services can help departments locate and hire part-time student workers for the 2008-09 academic year — and, at the same time, help departments stretch their budgets a little further.

Each year, the U.S. Department of Education provides WUSTL with funding that subsidizes the wages of student workers eligible to participate in the Federal Work-Study Program. This helps departments obtain talented, part-time employees and, at the same time, helps students finance some of their

education costs.

"Hiring work-study eligible students gives departments access to a multitalented, part-time work force using government funding to pay a portion of the payroll costs," said James McDonald, assistant director of Student Financial Services.

More than 800 work-study eligible undergraduates worked in more than 145 University departments during the 2007-08 academic year.

For assistance with hiring work-study eligible students, contact McDonald at 935-6847 or [James\\_McDonald@wustl.edu](mailto:James_McDonald@wustl.edu).



## Strategic communication certificate now offered

Members of the University community who want to improve their writing and communication skills can now earn a Certificate in Strategic Communication at University College, the University's evening division in Arts & Sciences.

This new, 21-credit program allows students to develop skills in creating, managing and implementing communications programs. It includes courses that cover communications research, management, marketing, advertising, public relations, technology and media.

Classes offered for the Fall 2008 semester include "Introduction to Strategic Communication," taught by Tom McDermott, former vice president at Monsanto Co.; "Writing for Business Success," taught by Paul Wagman, senior vice president and partner and writing coach at Fleishman-Hillard; and "Public Relations," taught by Mark Abels,

former vice president, corporate communications, for TWA.

"Clear writing and effective communication are key factors for success in today's dynamic professional environment," said Robert Wiltenburg, Ph.D., dean of University College. "Organizations — including Washington University — need versatile, creative leaders who can communicate clearly in a variety of formats with their important communities. Our writing and communication courses — and, in particular, the new Certificate in Strategic Communication program — offer ways to build skills and train current and future leaders in strategic communication."

Fall classes at University College begin Aug. 27.

For more information about the strategic communication certificate or other University College programs, contact Katina Truman at 935-6777 or visit [ucollege.wustl.edu](http://ucollege.wustl.edu).



**UCollege preview** Akash Sharma, M.D. (center, black shirt), instructor in radiology at the School of Medicine, listens to Steven M. Ehrlich, associate dean for undergraduate and special programs at University College, speak about University College during the Fall Preview Night Aug. 7 at Holmes Lounge. University College hosted a preview night to provide the community with information about classes, programs and financial aid at the University's evening division in Arts & Sciences. Fall classes at University College begin Aug. 27. For more information, contact Katina Truman at 935-6777 or [krtruman@artsci.wustl.edu](mailto:krtruman@artsci.wustl.edu).

## Fall sports preview

### Volleyball expects to be in title hunt

The volleyball team won the 2007 NCAA national championship and enters the 2008 season with high expectations. A perennial national power, the Bears once again expect to vie for the national title.

Three players earned All-America honors in 2007, and all three will return this year. Senior right-side attacker Nikki Morrison was a first-team All-America selection a year ago, leading the Bears with 455 kills.

Senior setter Audra Janak earned third-team All-America honors, pacing the WUSTL offense with 1,211 assists. Junior middle hitter Erin Albers garnered honorable mention All-America recognition, leading the University Athletic Association (UAA) with 1.18 blocks per game.

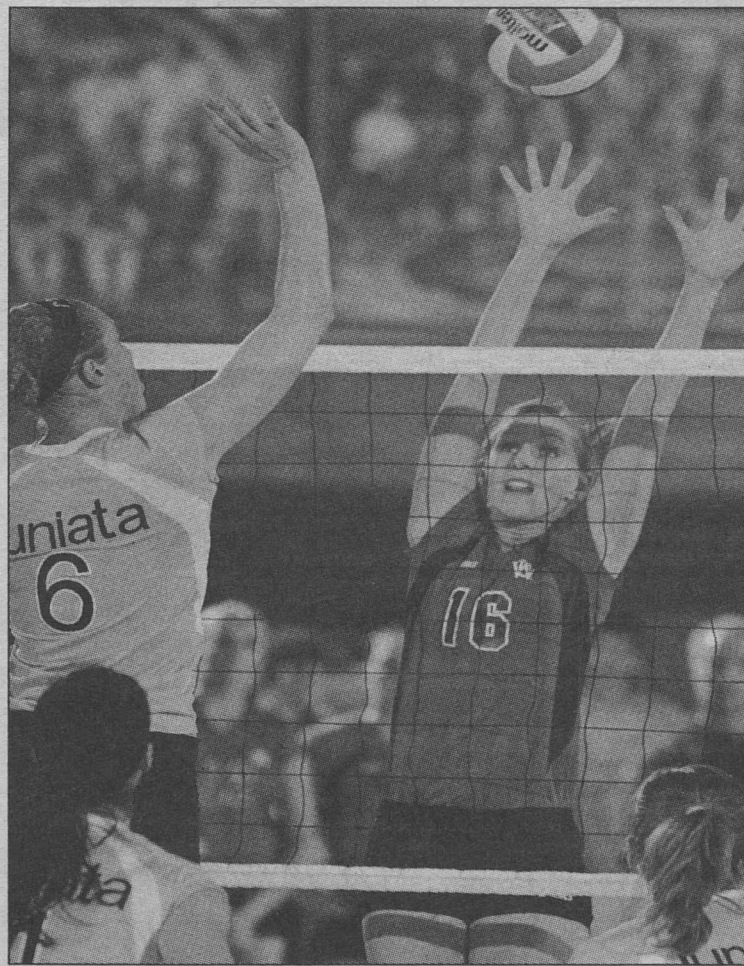
The Bears also welcome back senior outside hitter Alli Alberts, who was named the Most Outstanding Player of the 2007 NCAA Championship, and junior libero Laura Brazeal. Brazeal tallied 596 digs a year ago, the second-highest single-season total in school history.

Despite losing two starters to graduation, the Bears will remain strong as coach Rich Luenemann welcomed a large and talented freshman class to join the 11 returning student-athletes.

### Young football team looks to compete

The football team lost 22 players to graduation last year but 13 starters will try to build on last season's 7-3 record, which included WUSTL's first win against a nationally ranked opponent in six years. Coach Larry Kindboom has a young team, but he should have no problem reaching this milestone: He's one victory away from the 150th of his career.

The Bears have three senior starters who will anchor the offensive line in Dan Elliott, Nate Frogge and Paul Northrop. Senior quarterback Buck Smith threw for 1,891 yards and 13 touchdowns en route to second-team all-University Athletic Association (UAA) accolades in his first season as the signal caller. Running backs junior Matt Glenn and sophomore Jim O'Brien should provide a dynamic one-two punch out of the backfield. Glenn led the Bears in scoring last season and was second in the UAA with 12 touchdowns.



**Senior attacker Nikki Morrison is back to help the Bears defend their national title.**

O'Brien earned UAA Rookie of the Year honors and first-team all-conference accolades after leading the team with 456 yards rushing and 1,015 all-purpose yards.

The Bears have two veteran safeties to lead the charge on defense in senior strong safety Tommy Bawden and junior free safety Tim Machan. Bawden set a school record last season with a 100-yard interception return at Greenville College. Also returning on the defensive side of the ball is junior linebacker Andrew Berryman, sophomore defensive back Brandon Brown, sophomore defensive tackle Todd Palmer and senior defensive end Brent Sensenich.

### Men's soccer has high expectations

Coming off of its first visit to the NCAA sectional finals since 1995, and the most successful campaign in head coach Joe Clarke's 11 seasons, the men's soccer squad has high expectations heading into the season.

WUSTL will return all of its

top goal scorers from a year ago as it prepares for the 2008 season. Leading the Bears in scoring in 2007 was then-freshman Harry Beddo, who netted nine goals to go along with four assists leading to second-team all-University Athletic Association (UAA) recognition.

Aiding Beddo on the offensive attack will be junior midfielders John Hengel and Nat Zenner, who each tallied six goals a year ago. Overall, WUSTL returns nine players who scored 41 of their 42 goals last season.

Another key returnee will be junior goalkeeper John Smelcer. Smelcer is coming off a year in which he started all 23 games in the net, posting a 0.66 goals against average and was a second-team all-UAA selection.

In his first two seasons on the Danforth Campus, Smelcer has posted the fourth- and fifth-best single-season GAA in WUSTL history.

Several young players are ready to step in and lead the defensive unit, which lost its anchors, Elie Zenner and Onyi Okoroafor, to graduation.

### Conlon takes charge of women's soccer

First-year head coach Jim Conlon returns 23 letterwinners and seven starters from last year's squad, which posted a 17-4 overall mark and advanced to the NCAA Sectional semifinal.

Junior forward Caryn Rosoff leads WUSTL's bid for its third-straight University Athletic Association (UAA) championship. Rosoff, a second-team All-America selection, led the Bears with 10 goals and eight assists for 28 points. The reigning UAA MVP also led the conference in points and was second in goals scored.

Junior Libby Held and junior captain Becca Heymann, both third-team all-Central Region selections in 2007, also return for the Bears. Held, a first-team all-UAA selection in 2007, was part of a defense that allowed just 14 goals all season while posting 10 shut-outs. Heymann, an honorable mention all-UAA honoree, started all 21 games in the midfield and finished second on the team in goals (9) and third in points (20).

Senior captain Caitlin Malone, a first-team all-UAA selection, was second on the team last season in scoring with nine goals and 22 points. Malone led the Bears and the UAA in game-winning goals with five.

Also returning in the Bears'

backfield is senior Carly Anderson, senior captain Shirey Lane and junior Cassie Scaman. Anderson was a second-team all-conference honoree in 2007.

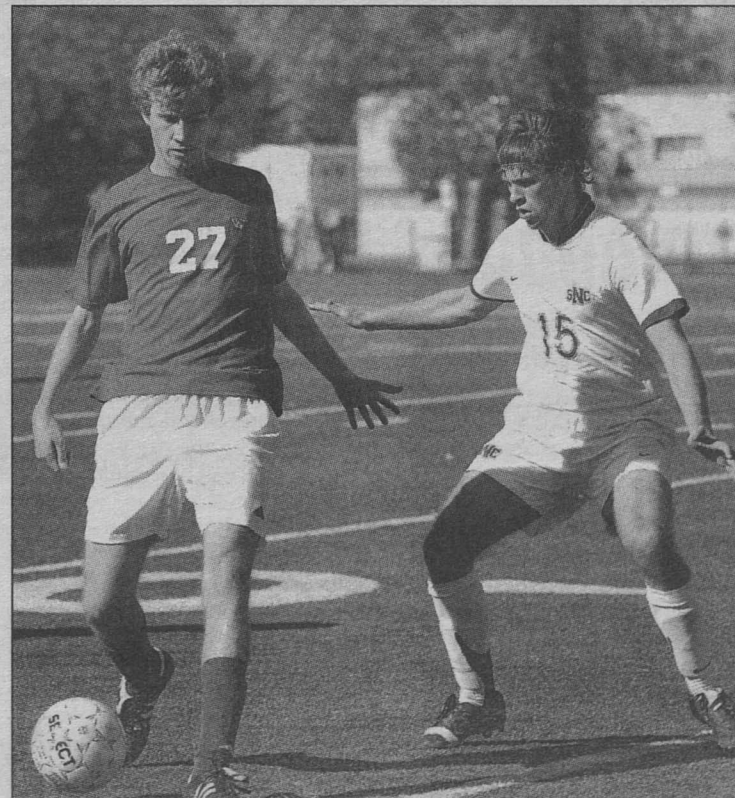
### Cross country teams must reload

The women's cross country team tied its best-ever national finish, coming in third place at the 2007 NCAA Division III National Championship meet, seeing three runners earn All-America honors. However, all three of those runners graduated in May, and the Bears will look to reload in 2008.

Leading the way for the women's team will be sophomore Taryn Surtees and juniors Hope Rathnam and Molly Schlamb. Rathnam and Schlamb both competed at the NCAA Championship last season, while Surtees was named the 2007 league Rookie of the Year.

Head coach Jeff Stiles said that 2008 will serve as a bridge season for his talented men's squad. The men's cross country team battled injuries throughout 2007, but a healthy unit should begin to make strides toward future successes.

Sophomore Dave Spandorfer enjoyed a successful freshman year, and the Bears will also welcome back sophomore Zach Bahor, who battled injuries a year ago, and junior Alex Bearden.



**Sophomore Harry Beddo (left) returns as the Bears' leading scorer.**





**The highest standards** Martha McDougall (left), chair of the Campus Safety Health and Environmental Management Association (CSHEMA) Awards Committee, presents the CSHEMA Award of Merit to Bruce Backus, assistant vice chancellor for environmental health and safety, and Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton at a ceremony July 28 at the Hyatt Regency St. Louis. CSHEMA is the leading environmental health and safety (EH&S) professional organization for colleges, universities and research institutions, and CSHEMA's Award of Merit recognizes institutions that have high-caliber EH&S programs in all areas of safety, occupational health and environmental protection. "The award requires stringent documentation to demonstrate that Washington University has a complete environmental, health and safety program that meets the highest standards," Backus said. "The programs are assessed and reviewed by a panel of EH&S directors from institutions with top safety and compliance programs, who recognize only the top entries. It is considered a significant honor to receive this award."

## Siddiqui is new manager of dining services

By JESSICA DAUES

Nadeem E. Siddiqui has been named manager of WUSTL dining services. Siddiqui will oversee Bon Appetit's dining program at WUSTL and the renovations and construction of dining facilities on campus.

"Nadeem is high-energy and creative with a can-do attitude and a strong commitment to customer service," said Steven P. Hoffner, assistant vice chancellor for operations. "Members of the University community can look forward to meeting and working with him."

Siddiqui most recently worked as executive director of Texas A&M Dining Services at Texas

A&M University in College Station, where he coordinated services for 41 campus facilities that served 33,000 meals each day.

While at Texas A&M, Siddiqui introduced kosher/halal foods on campus and the use of biofuels left over from cooking to fuel dining services delivery trucks. He also instituted a farmer's market, which sold fresh, locally grown produce at campus locations.



Siddiqui

"What drew me to Washington University was its exceptional reputation as an institution and incredible campus life," Siddiqui said. "There's such a strong sense of community here, and so much of community-building happens around the breaking of the bread. It's a privilege to help provide a forum for the exchange of ideas between students, faculty and staff at the University."

One of Siddiqui's first actions in his new position was the creation of a Dining Committee, made up of faculty, staff and students, to discuss how facilities and menus can best meet the needs of the campus community. Siddiqui's staff also is planting an herb garden outside of the Danforth University Center to provide Bon Appetit with fresh herbs.

At Ibbey's in the new Danforth University Center, Siddiqui will launch the Chef's Table, a concept that allows students, faculty and staff to meet or celebrate over a four-course meal specially designed for the occasion.

Siddiqui previously has held leadership positions in dining services at Stanford University, Cornell University, the University of Chicago, the University of Wisconsin campuses in Madison and Platteville, Grinnell College, St. Lawrence University, Marian College and Concordia College.

Siddiqui earned a bachelor's degree in hotel-motel-restaurant management from Morehead State University in 1986 and a bachelor of arts degree from Punjab University in Pakistan in 1982.

## Hillel names new director

By NEIL SCHOENHERR

Michael Landy has been named executive director of the St. Louis Hillel at Washington University, announced Miriam Singer, president of the St. Louis Hillel's board of directors.

Landy started at Hillel Aug. 11. Since 2006, Landy has served as regional director for the mid-continent region of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, based in St. Louis. For the previous eight years, he worked for Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life. During that time, Landy served as associate director and interim director of the Hillel at the University of Florida, as Hillel director at Duke University and as

program director of Ohio State University's Hillel.

Landy's professional background also includes several years as the executive director of a congregation in Orlando, Fla. In 2006, he was recognized by the North American Association of Synagogue Executives as a Fellow in Synagogue Administration and served as their 2007 convention program chair. He has authored several papers on synagogue administration and event fundraising.

Landy earned a master's degree in political science with certificates in public policy and health administration from the University of Florida. He earned a bachelor's degree in religion from the University of Pennsylvania.

## Procedure

**WUSTL planning to enroll at least 27 into the trial**  
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ic or open surgery are quicker recovery period, shortened hospital stay, decreased risk of complications and an incision-free procedure. And if the restrictive pouch becomes bigger over time, as has been the experience with some obesity surgery patients, it may be possible in the future to further decrease the size of the pouch with this new generation of devices."

Carrie Williamson of Granite City, Ill., was the first U.S. patient. She was given general anesthesia when receiving the TOGA proce-

cedure and stayed overnight at Barnes-Jewish Hospital for observation.

Both Eagon and Jonnalagadda expect the TOGA procedure eventually could be performed on an outpatient basis with sedation rather than general anesthesia, depending on the study's results.

Subjects will be evaluated regularly for at least one year. All study-related medical care is provided at no charge, and patients receive medically supervised nutrition counseling. Because she was the first, Williamson knew she was getting the actual treatment, but in this study, one of every three volunteers will be a control patient, receiving anesthesia and an endoscopic evaluation of the stomach, without the TOGA procedure, for

comparison purposes.

These control patients will be offered the TOGA procedure after 12 months if the procedure proves to be effective. Investigators will evaluate weight loss and monitor obesity-related health problems such as type 2 diabetes, cholesterol levels and hypertension.

The TOGA study will investigate the technique in at least 275 patients at centers nationwide. Investigators at WUSTL are planning to enroll at least 27 volunteers into the trial. Volunteers must be 18-60 years old and 100 pounds or more overweight. Some lighter patients may be considered if they have type 2 diabetes or high blood pressure.

For more information, visit [vfh.wustl.edu](http://vfh.wustl.edu) or call Volunteer for Health at (866) 362-5656.

## Fulbright Scholarships awarded to 11 students

By NEIL SCHOENHERR

Eleven current or former WUSTL students have been awarded Fulbright Scholarships for the 2008-09 academic year.

Eight are recently graduated seniors, and three are graduate students. They will spend a full academic year in a host country.

The graduate students, along with their fields and locations of study, are Emilie Boone, art and architectural history, Canada; Maurice Gattis, social work, Canada; and David Sobol, art and architectural history, Finland.

Among the May graduates are Raymond Deng, public health, China; Maria Dominguez, biology, Peru; Risa Edelman, teaching English as a foreign language, Spain; Elizabeth Hague, sociology, Morocco; Geoffrey Hart-Cooper, teaching English as a foreign language, Spain; Kevin Hess, teaching English as a foreign language, Chile; Jessica Rothstein, teaching English as a foreign language, Argentina; and Neil-Jeremy Wingkun, public health, Philippines.

"We are excited that so many WUSTL students have been recognized with this very competitive

award," said Amy Suelzer, Ph.D., assistant director of international and area studies in Arts & Sciences and the University's Fulbright Program adviser.

"Each year, several WUSTL students are chosen, a testament to the great talent and drive our students possess. We wish our Fulbright recipients much success in their Fulbright year and beyond," Suelzer said.

The Fulbright Program is designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. Under the program, 1,450 American students have been offered grants this year to study and conduct research in 155 countries throughout the world, beginning in the fall. The program, established in 1946, is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State.

More than 108,160 Americans have held Fulbright grants since the inception of the program. This year's awardees come from all 50 states as well as the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. They are drawn from a diverse cross-section of American higher education, with more than 250 institutions represented.

## Orientation

**Faculty will lead talks on Kolbert's 'Field Notes'**  
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"This seemed like a great year to read a book related to the environment, especially since the University will be hosting the vice presidential debate this fall," said Alicia Schnell, project coordinator in the office of the vice chancellor for students. "The environment is an important topic for people to be thinking and talking about, especially students, as they're likely to be the ones leading change."

Schnell said the members of the committee like the book because it doesn't take a particular stand. "Rather, the author documents things she witnessed and heard as she traveled the world visiting places and people who are being impacted by changes in climate patterns," Schnell said. "It leaves the reader wondering where we go from here, which is exactly what we'd like students to ponder."

Schnell said the Freshman Reading Program committee does not have a particular agenda in regard to which books are chosen. "All ideas and perspectives are welcome, provided students can explain and support their viewpoints," she said.

Aug. 25, as part of Fall Orientation 2008, students will attend small discussions led by nearly 70 faculty members. Students were encouraged to participate in online discussions about the book before arriving on campus.

Freshmen also will encounter themes from "Field Notes From a Catastrophe" during the semester in classes, discussions and on-campus programming and exhibits. The programs are further explorations of the issues raised in the book.

For more information on the program and to view a video about it, go to [frp.wustl.edu](http://frp.wustl.edu).

Fall Orientation officially kicks off Aug. 21 with "move-in" and residence hall floor meetings. Convocation, Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton's annual welcome to all new students and parents, takes place at 7:30 p.m. in the Athletic Complex.

An array of departmental open houses is scheduled for Aug. 22. The open houses give students an opportunity to meet with representatives from the faculty and staff to learn more about the de-

partments. Various placement exams, financial aid meetings and campus ministry dinners also will take place.

The football team's Red/Green scrimmage and tailgate party will be held at 4:30 p.m. at Francis Field.

The day's closing event is the Club 40 Dance at 10 p.m. in the South 40 Clock Tower Plaza.

Aug. 23 will feature placement exams, deans meetings and residence hall floor meetings.

Highlighting the evening will be "Choices 101 — An Introduction to the First Year Experience," presented by upper-class students. A discussion will follow. The presentation will be at 8 p.m. in Edison Theatre.

At 10 p.m., students can experience "SUP All Night" and be one of the first to explore the new Danforth University Center. There will be snacks, music, games and more.

Aug. 24 consists of a full schedule of adviser meetings for all incoming students. At 8 p.m., students can attend "The Date," an interactive theatrical presentation that examines the issues of sexual assault and alcohol on college campuses. A discussion will follow.

## Seminar

**Earthquakes hit without warning**  
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paredness for the next major event."

"Earthquakes are the only natural disaster that hit without warning," said Charles Bryson, St. Louis city director of public safety.

"Due to the destructive nature and ability to tax all systems, especially emergency systems, it is critical that we continually prepare not only first responders but the general populace for this type of emergency," he said.

All participants in the seminar and workshop will receive hand-out materials based on the speaker's presentations.

Similar materials will be available on the program Web site.

The seminar is sponsored by State Farm Insurance, and admission is by invitation. The full agenda, plus keynote speakers and presentation topics, can be viewed at [me.wustl.edu/seminar](http://me.wustl.edu/seminar).

For more information, contact Renee Pearl at 935-7926.



## Notables

### Moreton promoted to associate dean

By CYNTHIA GEORGES

Patrick S. Moreton, Ph.D., has been promoted to associate dean at the Olin Business School, announced Mahendra R. Gupta, Ph.D., dean and the Geraldine J. and Robert L. Virgil Professor of Accounting and Management.

Moreton will continue to serve as managing director of the Washington University-Fudan University Executive MBA Program, ranked the seventh-best international executive MBA program in the world and the best program in mainland China, according to fall 2007 rankings by The Financial Times.

"Patrick has been a valued member of the Olin family since 1999 — first, as a faculty member of the strategy group and, since 2004, as assistant dean and managing director of the EMBA-Shanghai program," Gupta said.

"Under Patrick's strong leadership, enrollments have risen, the curriculum has been revitalized and student and faculty support has become world-class," he said.

Moreton earned a bachelor's degree from the University of California, San Diego, in 1983, a master's in business administration from Harvard University in 1991 and a doctorate from the University of California,

Berkeley, in 2000.

Before his doctoral studies, he was a management consultant in San Francisco and a research fellow at the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration.

Moreton joined the Olin School as assistant professor of organization and strategy. He has taught in the undergraduate and graduate programs and is a four-time recipient of the Reid Teaching Award for excellence in teaching.

The 18-month EMBA-Shanghai program was among the first U.S.-Sino joint EMBA programs in China when it was established in 2002.

## For the Record

### Of note

Sara Binz, Ph.D., of the Department of Biochemistry; **Todd Blevins**, Ph.D., of the Department of Biology in Arts & Sciences; **Julian Meeks**, Ph.D., of the Department of Anatomy & Neurobiology; and **Gerald Morris**, M.D., Ph.D., of the Department of Pathology & Immunology, have been named 2008-09 W.M. Keck Postdoctoral Fellows in Molecular Medicine by the Division of Biology and Biomedical Sciences. Each year, the division selects four or five outstanding scientists in biomedical research with fewer than two years of postdoctoral research experience and awards each a fellowship of \$25,000 for partial stipend support. This program was established and endowed at the School of Medicine in 1988 with a \$900,000 grant from the W.M. Keck Foundation. ...

**Patrick Crowley**, Ph.D., assistant professor of computer science & engineering, has received a one-year, \$499,765 grant from the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) for research titled "Revolutionizing Defense Communications with a Diversified Internet Infrastructure." This award is the second phase of his participation in the DARPA Computer Science Study Group (CSSG), a program that supports university research in computer science and related fields while informing a new generation of researchers on the Department of Defense's information technology needs and priorities. ...

**Steven Don**, M.D., associate professor of radiology, received the Caffey Award for Best Basic Science Paper at the 51st Annual Meeting of the Society for Pediatric Radiology held in May 2008. The paper was titled "Evaluation of quality assurance quality control phantom for digital neonatal chest projection imaging." ...

**Elliot L. Elson**, Ph.D., the Alumni Endowed Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics, has received a four-year, \$1,216,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health for research titled "Dynamics of Nanoscale Lipid Domains." ...

**Jeffrey P. Henderson**, M.D., Ph.D., an instructor of medicine, was one of 16 scientists selected nationally to receive the Burroughs Wellcome Fund (BWF) 2008 Career Award for Medical Scientists, which provides \$700,000 in research funding over five years. He studies how *Escherichia coli* bacterium differs in harmless strains and in strains that cause urinary tract infections. **David Wang**, Ph.D., assistant professor of

molecular microbiology and of pathology & immunology, and **Dong Yu**, Ph.D., assistant professor of molecular microbiology, will each receive a 2008 BWF Investigators in Pathogenesis of Infectious Disease award, which provides \$500,000 in research funding over five years. BWF gave 14 of the awards to researchers in the United States and Canada. Wang uses a technique called high-throughput DNA sequencing to identify previously unrecognized disease-causing microorganisms. Yu studies human cytomegalovirus, which is more commonly known as a form of herpes virus. ...

**Erin Leach**, catalog librarian in the University Libraries' Database Management Unit, was presented with the 2008 First Step Award by the Association for Library Collections & Technical Services. The award provides librarians new to serials-related work with the opportunity to broaden their perspective and to encourage professional development. It covers the winner's cost of attending his or her first American Library Association conference, which in 2008 was held in June in Anaheim, Calif. ...

**John E. McCarthy**, Ph.D., professor of mathematics in Arts & Sciences, received a \$20,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to organize a conference on function spaces and their operators in St. Louis May 28-31. ...

**George Murphy**, M.D., professor emeritus of psychiatry, received the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Lifetime Achievement Award in May. Murphy was recognized for helping to create a new area of psychiatric research called the psychological autopsy and a new system of diagnostic criteria that became the basis for the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual. His research also led to the creation of a suicide prevention hotline. ...

**John Olney**, M.D., the John P. Feighner Professor of Psychiatry and professor of pathology & immunology; and **Wayne Yokoyama**, M.D., the Sam J. Levin and Audrey Loew Levin Professor of Research in Arthritis, professor of medicine and of pathology & immunology and a Howard Hughes Medical Institute investigator, each received an award for achievement from The University of Iowa Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine at its 2008 Distinguished Alumni Awards June 6 in Iowa City, Iowa. ...

**Anne Posega**, head of Special Collections at University Libraries,

attended the Frye Leadership Institute at Emory University in Atlanta in June. The purpose of the institute is to develop creative leaders to guide and transform academic information services for higher education in the 21st century. Participants are selected competitively from among applicants who have a commitment to, and talent for, leadership within higher education. ...

**Henry S. Webber**, executive vice chancellor for administration, has been elected to the board of the Regional Housing and Community Development Alliance (RHODA). RHODA is a nonprofit organization that provides capacity building technical assistance and financial resources to nonprofit community-based development organizations to help them revitalize St. Louis-area urban core neighborhoods.

### Speaking of

**David Sinacore**, Ph.D., associate professor of physical therapy, presented the Roger Pecoraro Lecture at the American Diabetes Association National Convention in June. The Pecoraro lecture is known as a lifetime achievement award for research into the diabetic foot. Sinacore's talk was titled "Pedal Osteolysis: Pernicious Pathogen or Innocuous Consequence."

### Appell named associate dean for clinical affairs

Annette Appell, J.D., professor of law, is the inaugural associate dean for clinical affairs at the School of Law.

In her new position, she will oversee the school's clinical programs, externships and related programs and courses. Appell also will work to create additional live client clinics at the law school and to integrate, to the greatest extent possible, the school's existing strong and diverse clinical programs.

Appell will help to mentor junior faculty, to build community within and among the clinic faculty and staff, and to integrate clinical affairs into the administrative and academic life of the law school. Along with other members of the clinic program, she will work to maintain and build ties with legal and social services communities outside the law school.

Katie Herr will serve as clinical affairs operations manager and assist Appell with the administrative oversight of the clinical programs.

Appell served as the associate dean for clinical studies from 2003-07 and the William S. Boyd Professor of Law from 2004-08 at the William S. Boyd School of Law at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

She has taught interdisciplinary child welfare clinics at Boyd Law, the University of South Carolina Law Center, and Northwestern Law School. She also has taught constitutional law, civil procedure/alternative dispute resolution and lawyering process courses.

Appell has published more than two dozen articles, essays and book chapters regarding adoption, family relations and children's rights and advocacy.

She has served on the editorial boards of the *Juvenile and Family Court Journal* and the *Adoption Quarterly*, where she was the founding editor of the *Legal Intersections* column.

She is engaged in child and family policy advocacy in legislative, social and litigation arenas.

### Faculty promotions, tenure

At recent Board of Trustees meetings, the following faculty members were promoted with tenure, appointed with tenure or granted tenure effective July 1, 2008, unless otherwise noted.

#### Promotion with tenure

Douglas L. Chalker, Ph.D., to associate professor of biology  
Sophia E. Hayes, Ph.D., to associate professor of chemistry  
Ohad Kadan, Ph.D., to associate professor of finance  
Richard Laforest, Ph.D., to associate professor of radiology, effective Jan. 1, 2008, with tenure effective May 2, 2008

Jin-Moo Lee, M.D., Ph.D., to associate professor of neurology, effective Jan. 1, 2008, with tenure effective March 7, 2008

Petra A. Levin, Ph.D., to associate professor of biology  
Steven B. Miles, Ph.D., to associate professor of history  
Christine T. Pham, M.D., to associate professor of medicine  
Neil M. Richards, J.D., to professor of law

Bradley L. Schlaggar, M.D., Ph.D., to associate professor of neurology, effective Jan. 1, 2008,

with tenure effective March 7, 2008

Michael H. Tomasson, M.D., to associate professor of medicine, effective Jan. 1, 2007, with tenure effective March 7, 2008

Jason D. Weber, Ph.D., to associate professor of medicine, effective July 1, 2007, with tenure effective July 1, 2008

Roger D. Yusen, M.D., to associate professor of medicine

#### Appointment with tenure

Annette Appell, J.D., as professor of law

Nicholas S. Argyres, Ph.D., as professor of strategy

Marion G. Crain, J.D., as the Wiley Rutledge Professor of Law

John R. Klein, Ph.D., as associate professor of art history and archeology

David S. Law, J.D., Ph.D., as professor of law

Gregory P. Magarian, J.D., as professor of law

Melissa A. Waters, J.D., as professor of law

#### Granting of tenure

Peter B. MacKeith, as professor of architecture

## Obituaries

### Brunsdon, 73

Barry S. Brunsdon, who retired in March as a research engineer at the Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology after 18 years of service, died Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2008. He was 73.

### Hawkins, 86

Gertha L. Hawkins, housekeeping aid, linen room clerk, housekeeping supervisor and building services supervisor from 1962-1976, died Friday, July 11, 2008. She was 86.

### Henne, 86

Omar Edward Henne Jr., lecturer in retailing from 1952-56 and University College instructor from 1974-76, died Saturday, July 5, 2008. He was 86.

### Keller, 93

Maurice Joseph Keller, M.D., on the clinical faculty in pediatrics from 1952-2006, died July 15, 2008, at his Clayton, Mo., home. He was 93.

### Mowry, 85

Robert W. Mowry, M.D., assistant professor of pathology from 1952-53, died Wednesday, July 16, 2008. He was 85.

### Orne, 97

Jerrold Orne, Ph.D., director of libraries from 1946-1952, died Sunday, July 13, 2008, in Chapel Hill, N.C. He was 97.

### Ottolini, 69

James L. Ottolini, M.D., an instructor of clinical obstetrics and gynecology for about 10 years, died Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2008, of kidney cancer at his Chester-field, Mo., home. He was 69.

### Reaves, 75

Rhoderick P. Reaves, assistant football coach from 1978-1980 and again in 1985, died Monday, July 7, 2008, at his home in Bridgeton, Mo. He was 75.

### Wade, 87

Richard C. Wade, Ph.D., professor of history in Arts & Sciences from 1961-62, died Friday, July 18, 2008, at his home on Roosevelt Island in New York City. He was 87.



## Washington People

Ida H. Early would tease Harriet K. Switzer, Ph.D., former secretary to the Board of Trustees.

"I used to tell her, if you ever retire, I want your job," Ida says. "It's the best job at the University."

But after Switzer announced in 2006 that she planned to retire, Ida, then senior associate director of Schools Alumni & Development Programs, hesitated before applying. First, there was the challenge of following one of WUSTL's most beloved women — Switzer, who had served as secretary since 1981. And while she coveted the position, she knew its importance and the serious commitment it would require.

"The secretary to the board is the chief deputy to the Chancellor for management of the board and the connector



Ida H. Early, secretary to the Board of Trustees, meets with her staff, Administrative Coordinators Sharon Britt (left) and Jane Stone, in her office in Brookings Hall. "Ida Early is a highly conscientious, knowledgeable and dedicated person who provides careful and thoughtful support to both the trustees of Washington University and me," says Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton. "She is a great communicator and works effectively with all University constituencies."

By JESSICA DAUES

## Making connections

Behind the scenes, Ida H. Early keeps the University running smoothly

between the board and the administration," she says. "The secretary also assists the various board committees, which make decisions about University policies and tenure. The job has to be taken seriously because what the board and committees do affects everyone at the University."

In the end, Ida didn't let a few nerves keep her from her dream job. She became secretary July 1, 2007.

It was an easy choice, as Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton says she's perfect for the job.

"Ida Early is a highly conscientious, knowledgeable and dedicated person who provides careful and thoughtful support to both the trustees of Washington University and me," Wrighton says. "She is a great communicator and works effectively with all University constituencies."

"Although she is relatively new to her current job, Ida has enjoyed a distinguished history of service to Washington University spanning nearly three decades, and I am most grateful to have her as a part of our leadership team," he says.

And she is grateful, too. "I love my job," she says. "Love it, love it, love it."

### Pickles and pecans

Ida, born in Dallas, Texas, says her favorite pastime as a child was riding her bike and eating the neighborhood delicacy.

"I would park my bike, sit on the front steps and eat sour pickles on peppermint sticks," she says.

Sour pickles and peppermint? "I guess it's a Texas thing," she laughs. "I don't eat them anymore."

As a senior in high school, Ida applied to two colleges — the University of Pennsylvania and Stanford University — and was accepted by both. After her friend Joan announced she would attend Penn, Ida decided she would, too.

As a freshman at Penn, Ida endured an unenviable work-study position in the financial aid office, where there was "no talking, no breaks — just filing," she says. During her sophomore, junior and senior years, she worked in the office of the vice provost for student life.

"That was a position where I could actually use my brain," she says. "Whatever the vice provost was working on, he always had components that required a student to do some research or talk to faculty members. Ever since then, I've always worked at a university in an administrative setting."

While walking the office poodle, Brain, during her senior year, Ida met her husband, Gerald L. Early, Ph.D., then a law student at Penn. He also had been a Penn undergraduate, just one year ahead of Ida, and eventually would become the Merle Kling Professor of Modern Letters at WUSTL.

"Brain was pulling me along, and we just passed each other," Ida says. "We exchanged a friendly greeting. I had seen him around but didn't really know him."

After graduating a semester ahead of schedule, Ida was hired in the vice provost's office, and she met Gerald again on a bus. They started talking, and he asked her to lunch. She suggested Al's Penn House, a greasy-spoon diner. Ida ordered a BLT, but Gerald pulled out a brown paper bag of pecans. He was a vegetarian.

"He was a little different, and I was intrigued by him," Ida says. "He had been a columnist for The Daily Pennsylvanian campus newspaper as an undergrad and always stirred a lot of controversy. Working at the vice pro-

vost's office, I had access to the paper's archives, so I got all his old articles and read them."

"I thought he was the greatest writer I had ever read," she says. "Still do."

### WUSTL, again and again

The Earlys were married in August 1977. By then, Gerald, despite earning excellent grades, decided to leave law school and instead pursue a graduate degree in English. Ida applied to graduate programs in educational administration. Both were awarded fellowships to Cornell University.

While Gerald loved his program at Cornell, Ida realized that hers wasn't the right fit. She took a job on campus in the Africana Studies and Research Center and helped raise the couple's daughters, Linnet and Rosalind.

In 1982, Gerald was offered a faculty position at WUSTL. He accepted, and Ida took an administrative assistant position in the Olin Business School. She quickly moved up to director of special projects, information and foundations for Robert L. Virgil, Ph.D., then dean.

"Ida became one of my most trusted colleagues," says Virgil, dean emeritus and trustee emeritus. "She is highly intelligent and well versed in a wide range of subjects. She has good judgment, is very articulate and has a sparkling personality."

While at the business school, Ida enjoyed working on many projects related to development. When a development position opened in art, she applied and was hired.

Ida was the alumni and development director for the old Gallery of Art and the School of Art until 1996, when she began a two-year leave to serve as president of the Junior League of St. Louis, an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism and improving the community.

"Being elected president was quite an honor," says Ida, who had been a member since 1987 and was the St. Louis League's first African-American president.

She returned to WUSTL in 1998 to direct the annual fund and left again in 2001 to accompany Gerald on sabbatical at the National Humanities Center in Durham, N.C. The Duke University Parents' Program was without a leader, so Ida took over while a national search was conducted.

The Earlys returned to WUSTL in 2002, and Ida went back to

work as senior associate director of development. Later, she served concurrently as interim director of development for the George Warren Brown School of Social Work.

"I saw alumni and volunteers take the mission of University as their own, and it was really rewarding," Ida says of her time in development. "I don't want to say it was easy, but the students and faculty are wonderful and the need is so apparent that it makes an excellent case."

### Attentive, thoughtful

Now, as secretary to the board, Ida says the most challenging part of her job is keeping up with it.

"You're always either getting ready for a meeting or finishing one," she says.

The key to her new position is being organized, which she says she is — in her work life. She also credits her staff, assistants Jane Stone and Sharon Britt, with helping her stay on top of her duties to the trustees, administration and WUSTL's Women's Society, which she coordinates.

The Women's Society comprises more than 600 members who serve as the University's ambassadors in the community. It, among other things, runs Bear Necessities, a store that sells WUSTL apparel and other items to raise money for scholarships and student programs.

When the group discovered that construction in the South 40 would make it difficult for people to find the store, Ida helped the society get help from students on how to best market Bear Necessities during the transition.

"Ida is attentive, calm, thoughtful, intelligent and very efficient," says Joni Karandjeff, president of the Women's Society. "When she makes a note on her pad to contact someone or to look into something, you can be sure that you will have an e-mail from her when you next check your messages."

Ida spends what little free time she has learning German. Her daughter Rosalind, who graduated from WUSTL in 2003, taught in Vienna, Austria.

"I felt like a goofball in Vienna with her reading menus to me," she says. "Now when I go back, I can read and order for myself. It's very stimulating to learn a new language. It keeps the mind sharp!"

Not that Ida is in danger of brain atrophy — as secretary to the board, there's plenty to keep her mind busy.

### Ida H. Early

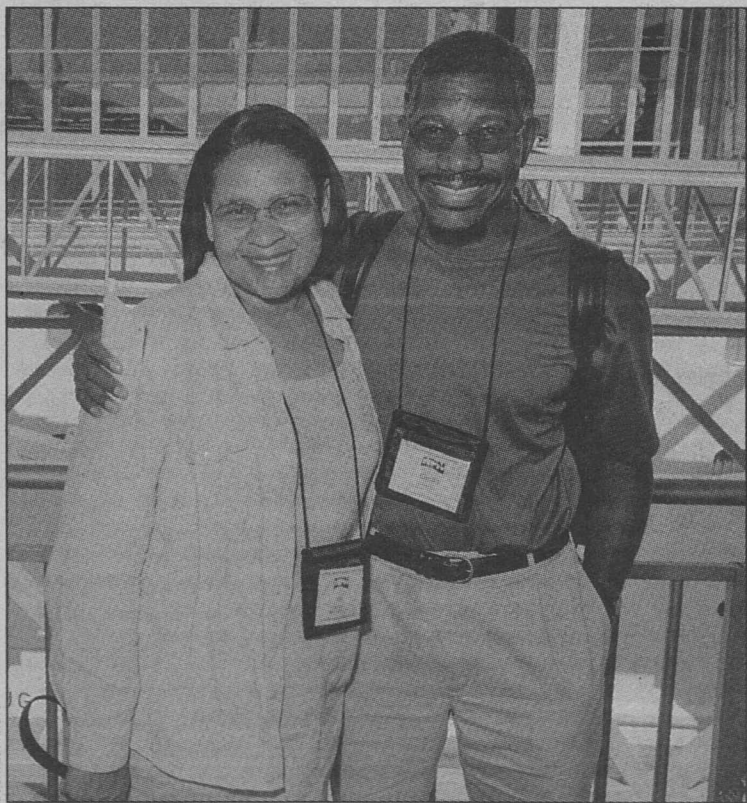
**Family:** Husband, Gerald L. Early, Ph.D.; daughters Linnet Husi and Rosalind Early; son-in-law, Stan Husi

**Education:** B.A., sociology, 1974, University of Pennsylvania. Ida also did graduate work at Cornell University in educational administration from 1977-79.

**Lives in:** Webster Groves, Mo.

**Favorite vacation spot:** London. "I'm a city person," Ida says. "I love visiting museums, seeing historic sites ... and the cooler weather is nice!"

**Favorite TV show:** "I love '70s TV and BBC anything," Ida says.



Ida H. Early and her husband, Gerald L. Early, Ph.D., the Merle Kling Professor of Modern Letters and director of the Center for the Humanities in Arts & Sciences.