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Grant supports research on effective use
dof computers in chemical plant design

WU has received a $250,000 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to further develop the Center for Computer Aided Process Engineering. The center is a collaboration of WU scientists and chemical industry engineers who conduct research focused on the effective use of computers in the design of chemical manufacturing facilities.

The grant of $50,000 a year over five years will support development of software to organize all the information that goes into the design of a chemical plant, according to R. L. Motard, Ph.D., director of the center and chairman of the chemical engineering department.

“Our research will make the design process more efficient, but also should make the plants themselves safer and more productive by improving communication between the engineers designing the plants,” Motard says.

The center was started in 1983 as a cooperative effort between WU and Monsanto Co., IBM and Exxon Corp., with $50,000 in seed money from the NSF. There are now 10 corporate members who pay annual subscriptions to participate in planning research projects and benefit from the development of new computer technology. The center’s business plan projects 27 corporate members by 1990.

Corporate members also share in the profits of a new company, Engineering Operating Systems Inc. (EOS), which was created to produce and market the software developed by the center. EOS already is marketing CADRE, a data management system developed by Michael R. Blaha, Ph.D., the firm’s president, who has a doctorate in chemical engineering from WU.

The center began with the goal of integrating individual computer programs that are used to calculate specifications for various parts of chemical plants. A number of separate engineering specialties — chemical, civil, mechanical and electrical — are involved in the design of chemical process plants.

But according to Motard, that collaboration involves vast problems of coordination. Studies have shown that engineers spend from 50 to 80 percent of their time in clerical chores and in making sure their work fits the specifications used by other engineers.

One of the center’s objectives is a program linking the various aspects of plant design to create a complete model of the planned chemical facility. Increased efficiency in information management and manipulation will insure that design components are more efficient and more accurate than previously possible.

“With the computer tools we are developing, professionals will focus their energy on creative aspects of engineering,” Motard says. They will be able to produce critical “what if” scenarios of complex technical designs, he adds. Research projects also include development of integrated information systems in production, process control and maintenance of existing plants.

Motard believes new developments at the center will lead to higher productivity and more accurate engineering. And better engineering means safer chemical plants, he says.

The center is one of 21 university research facilities created with NSF grants over the last ten years, according to Robert Colton, program manager at the National Science Foundation. “But the Washington University effort is the only one that combines research in computer science and chemical engineering,” he adds.

Robert Brock
New visitors guide: Everything you want to know about WU

Did you know that there are a dozen places on the Hilltop campus where a visitor can find a bite to eat? That almost every parking lot on the campus is open to visitors? That tours of the Medical campus are available by appointment? If these amazing facts surprise you, pick up a copy of the new WU Visitors Guide. In addition to an updated map of both the Hilltop and Medical campuses, it includes historical tidbits on the University, information about WU’s faculty and research endeavors and a capsule description of St. Louis area attractions.

The guide provides everything you always wanted to know about WU in a handy 18-by-24 inch format that folds to the size of a road map. The visitors guide, produced by Mary Ellen Benson, associate director of publications, has been over two years in the making. The map is the work of Donald C. Royse, Ph.D., professor of architecture. Student intern in the publications office compiled the campus information included in the guide.

Benson says WU was in need of a map that reflected all the growth that has taken place on campus. Unlike the map it replaced, this map illustrates the new business school under construction, the athletic complex and other additions to the campus. It also shows the newly assigned street names on campus roads. The streets were named in honor of former WU chancellors. Royse’s architectural representations make the map a handy tool for those new to campus. The drawings show not only where buildings are located, but also what they look like.

“The map and guide can be used very well with prospective students,” says Joe Evans, associate vice chancellor for business affairs. “I hope members of the Washington University community will make use of it to introduce visitors to the many services and attractions on the campus.” This edition of the visitors guide is a pilot version, says Benson. An updated edition that reflects recommendations from users will probably be issued some time next year. After that, the publications office will update it periodically.

Single copies can be purchased in the Campus Bookstore for 50 cents. They can be purchased in quantities of 60 for $12 through Central Stores (refer to stock number 2062). To order, call 889-5600.

Children's Hospital joins Blue Cross, Blue Shield alliance

The Personnel Office announces that Children’s Hospital has been added to the list of Blue Cross and Blue Shield Alliance hospitals, effective Dec. 1, 1985. Many current Alliance physicians have admitting privileges at Children’s Hospital. Those who are not participating already in the program will be given the opportunity to join the program effective Jan. 1, 1986. During this interim period, your benefits will not be reduced if you receive care from a physician on the staff of Children’s Hospital, as long as the physician is a Blue Shield UCR (usual, customary and reasonable) participating physician.

Fellowsihp will support faculty travel in Asia

WU has established the Roland Grimm Traveling Fellowship and is naming its squash, handball and racquetball courts in memory of Roland Grimm, a 1914 alumnus of the University who died in 1981.

The purpose of the fellowship is to support faculty travel in Asia for study or research. It will be available for full-time members of the WU faculty in the departments of Chinese and Japanese, history, and art history.

Grimm, a former St. Louisan, was 89 at the time of his death and was the brother of H. Hadley Grimm of Clayton. His father was J. Hugo Grimm, a circuit court judge.

A world traveler who represented many business interests in the Far East and India, Grimm last served as manager of the Nicholson File Co. prior to retirement in 1962. He had spent approximately 40 years of his business career as a sales representative in the Orient.

Chancellor William H. Danforth said that Grimm was a supportive alumnus throughout his life and he made a major commitment to the ALLIANCE FOR WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, a $300 million fundraising campaign announced in 1983.

“We are grateful to Mr. Grimm for remembering his alma mater and to the Grimm family for their interest in Washington University,” Danforth said. “We have had four consecutive governors of the family receiving degrees from Washington University.”

Reagan's former economic adviser closes fall Assembly Series

Martin Feldstein, former chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, will speak at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4, in Graham Chapel. Feldstein’s lecture, which is free and open to the public, is titled “The Future of Economic Policy.” From 1982 to 1984, Feldstein was the economic adviser to President Ronald Reagan. Presently, he is George F. Baker Professor of Economics at Harvard University. He also is a member of the Trilateral Commission and the Council on Foreign Relations.

Feldstein, a public finance econometrician, studies the ways in which the current tax system favors spending over saving. This work is often cited by those favoring tax reform.

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Campus computer network evolves

Donald G. Hirsh has been named associate director of the Office of the Network Coordinator at WU, according to Jerome R. Cox, Ph.D., director of the office and chairman of the Department of Computer Science. Hirsh will coordinate evolution of a campus-wide computer network funded in part by a $15 million, three-year agreement with Digital Equipment Corp.

The plan calls for implementing a comprehensive computer network using communications resources on the University’s Hilltop and Medical campuses. Separated by Forest Park, the two campuses will be linked with a collection of Ethernet, broadband, micro-wave and fiber-optic technologies.

In addition, the schools of Medicine and Engineering and Applied Science are developing a prototype picture network capable of manipulating and transmitting digital and video images at sophisticated work stations. “After we’ve gained experience with the technologies, video capabilities will become available to the entire University,” says Hirsh. “We’re looking for this to happen by mid-1988.” Initially, other departments on the two campuses will be linked with conventional communications networks.

Under the agreement, University departments participating in the network will be able to purchase Digital equipment at half-price through mid-1988.

Hirsh, a 1980 graduate of WU’s College of Arts and Sciences, was a senior engineer/analyst at McDonnell-Douglas Microelectronics Center before joining the University.

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Notables

Garland E. Allen, Ph.D., professor of biology, recently was elected to the board of directors of the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, Mass. In August, he delivered one of the Friday evening lectures on "Thomas Hunt Morgan and the MBL: A Tale of Embryos and Genes." He also organized five seminar series at the laboratory, titled "After the Fall," dealing with issues of scientific creationism.

Speakers in the series included historian Stephen Brush, sociologist Dorothy Nelkin, philosopher Michael Ruse and paleontologist Stephen J. Gould. This month, Allen served as commentator at a symposium on the history of genetics and evolution at the History of Science Society meeting in Bloomington, Ind.

Katharine Edith Clutz, a WU senior majoring in Japanese and economics, has been awarded a National Science Foundation scholarship to study abroad. The scholarship is designed to provide financial support to students in the Department of Chinese and Japanese who have a high level of language ability and plan to work in Asia after graduation. It is part of a grant the company presented to the department this year.

Gerald P. Johnston, LL.B., professor of law, presented a paper on "Estates Planners' Accountability in the Representation of Agricultural Clients" at the Sixth Annual Conference of the American Agricultural Law Association, held Oct. 3 and 4 in Williamsburg, Va. The conference was co-sponsored by NASA in Williamsburg, Va., and the University of Kentucky. Johnston is professor emeritus, University of London and consultant professor of economics, University of Buckingham.

In a two-page entry on North, Blaug writes: "Douglass North has been consistently in the forefront of the 'new wave' that has swept through economic history in recent years, which has involved the attempt to apply the standard tools of neoclassical economics and econometrics to outstanding problems of economic history."

Jeffrey Pike, assistant professor of art, and Mark Fox, a 1985 School of Fine Arts graduate, won the gold and silver awards respectively in the single illustrations category of the Fifth University Annual and College Designers Show in Chicago. Pike won for his poster commemorating WU's annual School of Fine Arts faculty exhibition, Nov. 11-Dec. 30, 1984. The poster featured Pike's painting titled "Waiting, One." Fox won for the Nov. 2, 1984, cover design for Subject to Change, the student-edited quarterly review of politics and the arts at WU. The drawing depicted the 1984 presidential campaigns.

Richard J. Walter, Ph.D., professor and chairman, Department of History, has published The Province of Buenos Aires and Argentine Politics, 1912-1943, with Cambridge University Press.

Have you done something noteworthy?

Have you: Presented a paper? Won an award? Been named to a committee or elected to hold a position of a professional organization? The Washington University Record will help spread the good news. Contributions regarding faculty and alumni broadly or specifically to professional activities are gladly accepted and encouraged. Send a brief note with your full name, highest earned degree, current title and department along with a description of your noteworthy activity to Richard Walter, Box 1070. Call WU Alumni Relations at 938-3067 for a phone number where you can be reached.

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