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Washington University in St.

Joy to reign at 140th Commencement

Books are closed, finals are finished, grades are in and it’s time to graduate. This morning, 2,246 students will enter Brookings Quadrangle but leave as alumni. Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton will award the degrees as part of the University’s 140th Commencement, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Of the 2,246 candidates, 1,181 are undergraduates and 1,065 are graduate and professional students.

Among the graduate students are those who will receive doctoral degrees: 61 candidates for a doctor of philosophy degree in the Graduate School of Arts & Sciences; 10 for a doctor of science degree in the Henry Edwin Sever Graduate School of Engineering and Applied Science; 187 for a doctor of law degree in the School of Law; and 122 for a doctor of medicine degree in the School of Medicine.

In the event of rain, the ceremony will be abbreviated and no open-air events will be provided. If there is violent weather, the undergraduate Commencement exercises will move to the Athletic Complex, still beginning at 8:30 a.m. The graduate and professional degrees will be awarded at the regularly scheduled late-morning and early afternoon ceremonies of each school.

A decision to move to the indoor Alternative Schedule will be made by 7 a.m. This notice and other up-to-date information on Commencement week activities will be available on the Commencement hotline at 935-4555. Regardless of weather, guests may choose to watch the ceremonies.

Souvenir brings dedication, leadership to the table

By Neil Schoenher

The St. Louis Blues will go all the way in this year’s Stanley Cup playoffs. That’s right, you heard it here first.

At least that’s the prediction of Richard M. Souvenir, this year’s student Commencement speaker. And he should know.

Besides serving as senior class president and working as a teaching assistant in the computer science department, Souvenir was instrumental in making the University’s Ice Hockey Club competitive.

“Richard has exemplified excellence at Washington University throughout his undergraduate career,” said Ron Cytron, associate professor of computer science in the School of Engineering and Applied Science and Souvenir’s academic adviser.

“He has earned high marks academically while5 majoring in computer science and biology. Gentle by nature, Richard’s academic colleagues would be surprised at his transformation when he dons ice skates.”

Souvenir said, “I’m very proud of the work I did with the Ice Hockey Club. It really just started out as something we did for fun, and it’s turned into a competitive club team that now plays other universities.”

Souvenir has played hockey since fifth grade. But when he came to the University, the hockey club wasn’t playing competitively, and he felt something should be done to change that.

“So a couple of guys and I decided to up the competition a bit,” he said.

The club team now plays against schools such as the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, the University of Missouri-St. Louis and Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

The team has about 17 members and plays a 25-game schedule. Taking on new initiatives and seeing projects through to the end is nothing new for the Skokie, Ill., native.

Economics of baseball conference to feature journalists Costas, Will

By Gerri Eyering

A day of baseball and baseball-related topics, including journalists George Costas and Bob Costas, will be at the University May 29 for a one-day conference on “The Economics of Major League Baseball.”

Sponsored by the University’s Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy, the conference will explore a range of serious economic problems clouding the financial outlook for Major League Baseball (MLB) and other professional sports.

The conference is open to the public, but space is limited and tickets are required for all events. There is no charge for programs running from 7:45 a.m.-5:30 p.m. in Anheuser-Busch Hall, except for lunch ($15), which will feature a talk by Bill Costas will speak at dinner ($100), 6:30 p.m. in Holmes Lounge in Ridgley Hall.

For more information, call the Weidenbaum Center at 935-5068.

Smosa, tradition and jubilation come to Brookings Quadrangle today as part of the University’s 140th Commencement.

Herbs, traditional medications create potential adverse mix

By Tony Fitzpatrick

If you take herbs for medical purposes, tell your doctor. If you are a physician or nurse prescribing a medication, ask your colleagues related to possible interactions with prescribed medications or how long-term use may affect diagnosis or treatment.

“Whether Western medicine likes it or not, herbal self-medication has become a part of our everyday existence, and its impact on health cannot be ignored,” said Memory Elvin-Lewis, Ph.D., professor of microbiology and ethnomedicine in biology in Arts & Sciences.

“For the sake of the patient, reliable data is available through various organizations and herbalists should be used on a routine basis.”

These are among the conclusions Elvin-Lewis reaches in her paper, “Should We Be Concerned About Herbal Remedies” published in the May issue of the Journal of Ethno-Pharmacology.

Elvin-Lewis raises the point that Western physicians generally have little understanding of herbalism, not to mention self-prescribing patients, many of whom also take traditional or "newly-evolved" herbal medicines.

"Clearly, promoting appropriate education at medical schools and continuing education courses can remedy this situation," Elvin-Lewis said. "However, there is still an uncertainty in the medical community about the value of herbalism, despite the fact that herbs are very much mainstream. People are taking everything from ginseng to prevent colds to echinacea to prevent colds to ginseng to boost energy. There has been a groundswell in self-prescribing and it’s not being regulated and it’s not being monitored and it’s not being researched," she said.

Echinacea to prevent colds is "newly evolved" herbalism, Elvin-Lewis said. "There are 380 who will receive doctoral degrees among the graduate students. Among the 2,246 candidates, 1,181 are undergraduates and 1,065 are graduate and professional students. The graduate and professional degrees will be awarded at the regularly scheduled late-morning and early afternoon ceremonies of each school. A decision to move to the indoor Alternative Schedule will be made by 7 a.m. This notice and other up-to-date information on Commencement week activities will be available on the Commencement hotline at 935-4555. Regardless of weather, guests may choose to watch the ceremonies online. See Souvenir, Page 2.
Teitelbaum selected president of biology federation

By Gila Z. Rieckes

Steven L. Teitelbaum, M.D., has been selected as president-elect of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB), effective July 1. FASEB is the largest coalition of biomedical research associations in the United States, representing 21 societies and having more than 60,000 members.

"Time to Heal: American Medical Education," which Teitelbaum wrote with the Willows and Rosenthal Professor of Pathology at the School of Medicine, will serve as FASEB president from July 1, 2002, to July 1, 2003. He also is a professor of pediatrics at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and St. Louis Children's Hospital.

"The mission of FASEB is to enhance the ability of biomedical and life scientists to improve public health, the health, well-being and productivity of all people. It serves the interests of these scientists, particularly in those areas related to public policy. The group also facilitates coalition building among its member societies and coordinates information on biological research through scientific conferences and publications," Teitelbaum's primary goal as FASEB president will be to promote the federal funding of biomedical and life sciences research.

"With the tools and knowledge at our disposal, we are poised to make bold and exciting progress in the battle against disease," he said. "At biologists, we have an intimate knowledge of the investments needed and appreciate that advances in other fields of science are important to our progress in biomedicine."

Teitelbaum was born in Long Beach, Calif., and earned a bachelor's degree in history and science in 1968 from Harvard University. He then went to Johns Hopkins University, where he earned a master's degree in the history of medicine in 1964, and a medical degree in 1973.

He joined Washington University in 1977 as instructor of medicine. He was named associate professor of medical research and associate professor of history in 1987. He was promoted to professor of medicine and professor of history in 1992.

Among his many honors, Teitelbaum received the Nicholas E. Davies Memorial Award from the American College of Physicians in 1997. On June 6, he will receive the Distinguished Alumni Award from Johns Hopkins.

Ludmerer receives national medical education honor

BY DANE WILLIAMS

K enneth M. Ludmerer, M.D., professor of the history of medicine, in Arts & Sciences, recently received the Daniel C. Tosteson Award for Leadership in Medical Education.

The award recognizes major contributions to medical education and research, and carries a $10,000 honorarium. It is given by the Association of American Medical Colleges and the Carl J. Shapiro Institute for Education and Research at Harvard Medical School and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.

The award honors Daniel C. Tosteson, M.D., former dean of the faculty of medicine at the University of Washington, Seattle.

Ludmerer wrote "Time to Heal: American Medical Education," which is a history of medical education from the beginning of the 20th century through the present era of managed care. The book also describes the effects of recent trends in the medical marketplace on teaching, research and patient care, and suggests alternatives that would better serve the public interest.

It has been nominated for a Pulitzer Prize.

Ludmerer has written two previous books, "The History of Genetics and American Society: A Historical Appraisal," (1972) and "A History of the American Medical Education," (1983) which chronicled the creation of America's system of medical education and also were nomi-
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Ludmerer is vice president and president-elect of the American Association for the History of Medicine and a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and of the American College of Physicians. He also is a member of the directorate of the Organization of American States.

He has served as an editorial board member of many scientific journals. He is a member of three FASEB societies and represents the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research on the federation's board.

"I am grateful to working with Dr. Teitelbaum," said Sidney H. Golub, Ph.D., FASEB executive director. "He is a great person for his experience and knowledge in public affairs, his work in pathology and in public affairs, human subjects research and other key issues. Furthermore, his skills at building consensus and his collegial style are well matched to the challenge of the FASEB presidency."
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University Events

Washington University in St. Louis University Events

Lectures

Friday, May 18
5:15 p.m. Pediatric Grand Rounds. "Large Babies With Long Tones • Vomit Comet • Unusual Nocturnal Behavior" by Donald Fehr, holder in the St. Louis Cardinals. Cost: $60. Busch Stadium, south parking lot, 454-5059.

Saturday, May 19
8:30 a.m. Pediatric Grand Rounds. "Large Babies With Long Tones • Vomit Comet • Unusual Nocturnal Behavior" by David C. Beebe, the Jules Stein Professor of Pediatrics and the Jules Stein Research Center's director. Location: Francis Gym, 362-5722.

Monday, May 21

Tuesday, May 22
4 p.m. Immunology Research Seminar. "Large Babies With Long Tones • Vomit Comet • Unusual Nocturnal Behavior" by Brenda A. Swenson, assisted prof., immunology dept., U. of Colorado at Denver. Location: Physical Therapy Program group room, 362-4504.

Wednesday, May 23
4 p.m. Pediatric Grand Rounds. "Large Babies With Long Tones • Vomit Comet • Unusual Nocturnal Behavior" by John Burr, fellow in pulmonary and critical care medicine, East Pavilion Aud., Barnes-Jewish Hosp. Location: 362-5722.

Thursday, May 24
11 a.m. Pediatric Grand Rounds. "Large Babies With Long Tones • Vomit Comet • Unusual Nocturnal Behavior" by David C. Beebe, the Jules Stein Professor of Pediatrics and director of the Jules Stein Research Center. Location: Francis Gym, 362-5722.

Thursday, May 25
9:15 a.m. Pediatric Grand Rounds. "Large Babies With Long Tones • Vomit Comet • Unusual Nocturnal Behavior" by John Burr, fellow in pulmonary and critical care medicine, East Pavilion Aud., Barnes-Jewish Hosp. Location: 362-5722.

Wednesday, May 30
4 p.m. Pediatric Grand Rounds. "Large Babies With Long Tones • Vomit Comet • Unusual Nocturnal Behavior" by John Burr, fellow in pulmonary and critical care medicine, East Pavilion Aud., Barnes-Jewish Hosp. Location: 362-5722.

Thursday, June 7
4 p.m. Pediatric Grand Rounds. "Large Babies With Long Tones • Vomit Comet • Unusual Nocturnal Behavior" by John Burr, fellow in pulmonary and critical care medicine, East Pavilion Aud., Barnes-Jewish Hosp. Location: 362-5722.

Wednesday, June 13
4 p.m. Pediatric Grand Rounds. "Large Babies With Long Tones • Vomit Comet • Unusual Nocturnal Behavior" by John Burr, fellow in pulmonary and critical care medicine, East Pavilion Aud., Barnes-Jewish Hosp. Location: 362-5722.

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Admissions

National Human Genome Research Inst. April 30, 5:30 p.m. Edward Aronson Amphitheater, 362-0784.

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Brophy engineers a new career in medicine

BY GILA Z. RICKER

When Rob Brophy started his clinical rotation in orthopedic surgery during his final year of medical school, his reputation preceded him.

Brophy already was known not only for his academic accomplishments, but also for his diverse talents, wrapped in a modest and unassuming demeanor.

According to one of his mentors, Kent Yamaguchi, M.D., assistant professor of orthopedic surgery, Brophy's work managed to exceed these expectations.

"He was everything you want in a medical student — he's bright, caring and compassionate," Yamaguchi said. "But he also is a team player, eager to get to the trenches and do the hard work."

As Brophy is quick to point out, talent, skill and motivation are not rare among his classmates.

But according to Leslie E. Kahl, M.D., associate dean for student affairs, the breadth and diversity of Brophy's past and current involvements make him stand out from the rest.

Indeed, Brophy is not your average medical student. As a Stanford University undergradu-
ate, he earned degrees in chemical engineering and economics while playing on the highly competitive soccer team. He then enrolled in the school's master's degree program in industrial engineer-
ning, well on his way to a career in the business world.

As a graduate student, he went to live with his uncle, a physician, and his aunt, a physical therapist, who were coping with the complications of their own newborn. Helping them inspired Brophy to consider medicine.

And so, after five years of engineering training, Brophy changed gears and managed to fit in extra biology and chemistry classes while working as a teaching assistant.

After completing his master's degree, Brophy spent two years test-driving the life he would otherwise have led by working for Cornerstone Research as a business consultant. The s
twoures in the business arena solidified his dreams of becoming a doctor.

"It was a great experience to be able to sample what I would have done if I continued down my original path," Brophy said.

After school, he tackled his coursework with the refreshed understanding the injury and engineering-type challenges. Brophy said. "And both of those things just yet. I've got time. I'm too young to stress myself out." Brophy said.

"There are so many things that you can fix," he said. "I like to go to law school, I'd let to get an MBA. But I'm only 21. I don't need to know all these things just yet. I've got time. I'm too young to stress myself out."

Part of her confidence stems from the superior education she has received at the University. She said she has especially enjoyed her marketing classes in her four years here. And while insisting that she had no one favorite class, she knows that she is set for life.

"I love Washington University," she said. "I'm happy to be graduating and moving on. I know there are so many places behind me because of this University."

No matter what happens to Rodgers in the next few years, she's sure of one thing: "No matter what happens, she'll be still successful."
VanDenburgh: Photography, volleyball and all in between

By ALICE MURBE

Like most college freshmen, Lea VanDenburgh wasn’t sure what path she wanted to follow in her studies. "There are great opportunities here," said VanDenburgh, a Phoenix native. "Washington University has a great art department, and they are interested in putting art into a really interdisciplinary program. I liked that idea, so I decided to give it a try."

Her first experience with the School of Art made her question whether she’d made the right choice.

"First semester was really hard for me," she said. "I took 3-D design right off the bat, and it was incredibly difficult and discouraging." Second semester, though, I took 2-D and really found my niche. I was a little tentative at drawing, but my professor (Belinda Lee) encouraged me to stick with it, and so I did."

Since those early trials, VanDenburgh excelled in the photography department and became involved in a broad array of campus activities.

Her biggest challenge has been juggling between campus activities, including being a residential adviser (RA). "I became involved in lots of activities and got very quickly into campus life in order to keep me connected," VanDenburgh said. "Being a good RA became as important to me as my schoolwork. It was very hard to balance everything, but also very rewarding." One of VanDenburgh’s favorite extracurricular activities has been her involvement with the Cultural Diversity Players, a peer group focused on diversity education.

During her term as co-coordinator for the players, she worked closely with adviser Rachel Merrell, coordinator for multicultural student groups in the Office of Student Activities. "Lea’s enthusiasm for all she did was contagious," Merrell said. "She is one of the most organized, enthusiastic and dependable students I have worked with. She has won the respect of both peers and professors."

One of VanDenburgh’s favorite accomplishments came in the athletic realm. "I’m very proud of the University’s club volleyball team," she said. "I have been on the team for four years, and honestly, we’re awesome. This year, with the help of some returning dedicated players and coaches, we took fifth place in the national championship.

In her second semester junior year, VanDenburgh began a community service project at the Charles Home, a historic home for elderly women in south St. Louis. She also began working at the bookmaking studio at the University’s West Campus. "It’s this hidden piece of perfection on campus," she said. "Any art student who finds the opportunity to work there is incredibly lucky."

She put her two projects together and made a book about the people at the Charles Home. This initiative gave her a sense of closure on her photography work.

"My philosophy at the time was that you can’t simply take a photograph," VanDenburgh said. "You have to know these people and understand what’s behind their eyes. The picture has to be sold in composition on form, but for it to be really good it has to have the emotional spark between photographer and subject."

As she focused her coursework in photography on her junior year, VanDenburgh began to develop her own philosophy and style. "When I started school here, I only knew how to use one kind of camera, and I only knew how to print in black and white," she said. "After entering the photo major, I became comfortable with different camera formats and more involved and intrigued with color photography."

VanDenburgh spent much of her senior year refining her thesis, a photo construction that she has tentatively titled "Confronting White." It combines her photography, object-making and writing with the Cultural Diversity Players to re-evaluate the way our society deals with race.

"Lea is an incredibly dedicated student with a strong work ethic," said Richard Kraeger, assistant professor in photography who worked closely with VanDenburgh on her thesis. "She is a good listener and very opinionated. She brings her point of view to the classroom for the benefit of all who are involved in a class."

After graduation, VanDenburgh plans to take off time from school to bring her goals into focus.

"Working with Rachel (Merrell) inspired me to work in higher education, possibly in the field of student activities," VanDenburgh said. "I really enjoyed the work I’ve done with student groups, and that may be something I’d like to pursue after graduation."

VanDenburgh also served on the senior week committee and with a team of students who assisted the Office of Undergraduate Admissions in inter- campus visits. "The involvement in these activities has given me a whole new perspective."

"Interviewing was really fun," she said. "It’s a nice way to feel involved with the university."

33 years, thousands of miles later, Miles graduates

By JESSICA N. ROBERTS

Cherie Carper Miles’ adventure began 33 years ago when she came to the University to begin her undergraduate education. As a senior, Miles was an active member of the University community, joining a sorority and taking classes toward a sociology degree. But by 1970, the dream of travel took Miles away from campus, and she spent the next few years visiting continents throughout the world, including Africa, South America and Europe.

Miles’ travels continued when she returned to the United States. At 26, she married John Miles and moved to Minnesota, where they had three children, Christopher, Jane and John.

Aside from her responsibilities as a mother, Miles also worked as an assistant manager and a buyer for a small store and started her own business as a free-lance floral designer.

Throughout the years, Miles remained interested in continuing her education. "I always wanted to go back to school," she said.

In 1994, a move to Kansas City, Mo., gave Miles this opportunity. "I decided I had to go back to school, but I wanted to go back to Washington University," Miles said. "And since it was drivable, it was doable."

Miles enrolled in University College in Arts & Sciences, and for the next two years, she continued her traveling and commuted from Kansas City to St. Louis once a week for her classes.

"She would make the 250-mile drive over to St. Louis for an evening class, stay the night and drive home the next morning. My friends the Kleins (Samuel Klein, M.D. is the Dunthorn Professor of Medicine and Nutritional Science at the School of Medicine and Hilary Klein, M.D., is vice chair of the psychiatry department at the Saint Louis University School of Medicine) were gracious enough to open their home to me."

When she returned home, Miles changed her major from sociology to psychology. "You use it in everything. When I had a small business as a free-lance floral designer, planning parties and weddings, there’s a lot of psychology involved, lots of hand-holding," Miles said. "And it’s an interesting subject."

Along with her evening class work, Miles spent two summers in St. Louis at the University’s summer school, leading to some Rewanna representing her second tenure at the University. One summer, I subletted an apartment with two under-graders, Alejandro Vellasio and Naree Moore," Miles said. "It was fascinating, it was great — we had a ball."

Though her journey at the University is over, Miles hopes to continue her involvement on the University path. "I would like to teach in the urban core," she said. "Right now I am tutoring in reading a day or two a week — it’s a challenge."

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Birman, who emigrated from the U.S. to study Technology) and worked in the U.S. and Japan. She values the immigrant experience that contributed to her identity. "I feel like the rigors of the University's academic culture have been a bit overwhelming," she said. "But I know I want to be a doctor, and I think that the University has helped prepare me for that." Birman plans to be an orthopedic surgeon and observes how it affects medical progress. It was during my studies at the University that I learned to appreciate the beauty of Missouri, and how it affects politics, culture, and identity there. Using Jackson State University and the University of Mississippi, Birman looked at the importance of these institutions to their communities. Her thesis was completed this spring. In addition to her strong academic standing, Birman was extensively involved in extra-curricular activities. Last year, Purdy was elected by her peers to serve as Student Union president. In that role, Purdy had a strong hand in many programs and activities, including October's presidential debate and Campus Week of Action. "I'm very involved with the Association of Black Students (ABS). ABS has a strong commitment to education and succeeding outside the classroom. I serve as an ABS representative on the Student Senate and I've tried to empower younger students and help them realize that everyone can make a difference." Purdy also has been heavily involved with the Association of Black Students (ABS). "We've managed to make a lot of changes internally and externally in Student Union that I think have really helped the visibility and operation of ABS. Also, we've been able to work with the administration directly to make changes and get things done." Purdy is considering many options for her future, including graduate study in medicine or law. "I'm still deciding what I want to do," she said. "But I think that I want to be a physician and I'm strongly considering medicine." Purdy is a very hard worker, and she has helped prepare him for success in his future. "He's an Eagle Scout no doubt and he has a good work ethic," his father said. "He's learned from during my studies.” Birman is a very hard worker, and she has helped prepare him for success in his future. "He's an Eagle Scout no doubt and he has a good work ethic,” his father said. "He's learned from during my studies.”
join the prestigious law firm Davis

Williams aims to use law degree to affect policy

By Robert Batterson

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yle Williams always wanted to be a lawyer. But having grown up in a "typical class family" in Chico, Calif., he seemed surprised by his own accomplishments. Yet, Williams offers the following advice to future Washington University graduates: "Don't be afraid to define your own dreams. Don't be afraid to pick a road that nobody else has gone down before. Pick a road that your friends, or your peers, or your family members before you haven't gone down. Don't be afraid to put all that you are on the line in order to achieve something."

For the past year, Williams has served as editor in chief of the Journal of Law and Policy and is finishing a clerkship with Judge Theodore McMillan on the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis. He also served as a research assistant in law school. Dean Joel Seligman. His next stop is New York City, where he will join the prestigious law firm Davis Polk & Wardwell.

Williams credits many people who have helped him define his dreams and aspirations in the way, but he especially admires his father. "I was never to do anything in particular," Williams said. "It was never to pick a profession degree, or to be the captain of the team, or to be the student body president. It was always just to be the best in whatever capacity I was handed. His favorite expression, to quell my worries about making him proud, was 'Don't care if you grow up to be a truck driver, just as long as you are a hard-working, happy truck driver, you'll be a success.'"

But in his last year at California State Polytechnic University, he did serve as student body president. After graduation, he joined T. Rowe Price in Los Angeles, where he supervised a team of securities traders. "My plan had always been to go to law school, and I lost my enthusiasm to do it," Williams said. "I made the decision to not to go to (law) school not by what my dreams were. I made a decision based on what I thought my peers would think is the right decision." Nonetheless, Williams had two cheerleaders as colleagues at T. Rowe Price: Rufus Sergio and Jim Ko — who encouraged him to come to Washington University and pursue his dream. "As soon as the two of them knew I wanted to go to law school, their enthusiasm for me to go back gave me the confidence to do it," he said.

Williams never looked back. He plunged into his studies at Washington tirelessly but found first year so much of a shock. I wasn't until second year that it all clicked. He found his muse in being a part of the Securities and Exchange Commission or the Small Business Administration, or even running for political office. "I will say this: you can do with politics, 'I don't have so much an interest in being a politician. But I do have an interest in building a road that nobody else has picked a road that nobody else has picked."

It was a federal income tax professor who taught Kyle Williams that the law "is sort of that fabric that weaves through everybody's life."

Williams experienced firsthand the many challenges faced by rural residents. She lived for two weeks with an impoverished family in a drab and shaw, and traveled to other remote areas to interview community members about their most pressing needs. "I learned a great deal about the importance of asserting that national policy includes input from individuals at the grassroots level, as well as how policy changes can be achieved," Cammarata said. "I also learned that development strategies can be effective after they are put into practice. They must be flexible enough to adapt to changing situations and needs. As situations evolve, a successful development strategy reflects such changes and incorporates appropriate responses to these changes."

At the same time, her fieldwork has given her insights into the effects of poverty and the plight of minority populations, because in Nepal, she was not part of the racial majority. "To be stove at and treated differently because of my skin color and gender was an experience that I never had to endure, to such an extent, in the United States," she said. "It added another dimension to my viewpoints, to today living in Nepal. Equally important was working with a dramatically visible poverty. I now have a more realistic understanding of a minority person's experience, as well as how poverty and deprivation affect everyone, as an aspect of an individual's life."

A native of North Dakota, Cammarata decided to pursue the social work field due to her interest in social policy, social and economic development and social issues management. In addition to her policy work in the capital city of Kathmandu, Cammarata brings development strategies to Nepal

George Warren Brown School of Social Work student Renee Cammarata visits with Gautam Yadama (center), associate professor of social work, and social work student Andrew Kluetz at the Singhha Durbar, the parliament building in Kathmandu, Nepal. Cammarata and Kluetz, who are both conducting field work in Nepal, are graduate students in social work degrees.

The country's emerging democracy is creating new opportunities for citizen empowerment in Nepal. In addition to her policy work in the capital city of Kathmandu, Cammarata has been working on small minority businesses and helping change the landscape in order to achieve the country's economic development plans. She is working specifically on the United Nations Development Programme, which promotes development through sound social, economic and environmental policies.

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"Our mission is to produce a document to help develop national, sustainable development plans and practice. The government's agenda is to achieve sustainable development for the future generations. This requires a long-term commitment from all stakeholders."

As part of the social work programs requires 200 hours of practical experience, Cammarata worked for Project ARK (AIDS/ HIV Resource for Kids), a Washington University School of Medicine clinical care and psychosocial support center for women, youths and children with HIV and their families. She assisted with HIV/AIDS education and prevention, grant writing, program evaluation and development of a counselor advisory board.

"Renee is not only an outstanding student, but also a dedicated social advocate who is determined, highly effective group leader," said Shanti K. Khidndula, Ph.D., George Warren Brown Distinguished University Professor. "Renee has a knack for uncovering a need, developing a plan, mobilizing people, and following through with its implementation. She has demonstrated her strong commitment to assisting underprivileged children and her drive to find appropriate solutions. She is destined for great work in social development, serving the needs of the disenfranchised."
Architecture's Yu has poetry in her designs

BY LISA OTTEN

Jin-Ling Yu arrived at the School of Architecture in 2001 with a resume of basic work that most master's students can only dream of: A graduate of Beijing's prestigious Tsinghua University, Yu had spent the last six years working in her native city of Zhuhai, China, where she developed an impressive range of industrial, commercial and residential projects for the government-backed Zhuhai Architectural Design Institute.

Yet despite her many accomplishments — the 13,000-square- meter Nanping Post Building, the 30,000-square-meter Jiujiang Plaza, the 11,000-square-meter Pit Building for the Zhuhai International Circuit auto raceway — Yu initially was nervous about graduate study in the United States.

"I was not very confident when I got here," she admits with a shy smile. "When my professors would ask me 'what's your idea' for a project, I didn't feel I could give them very good answers. Nothing other than utilitarian function."

Carl Safe, professor of architecture and Yu's adviser, respectfully disagrees.

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St. Louis native Ebel stays in town, kind of

BY GERRY EBERLING

Brian Ebel had plenty of opportunities to go away to college, but decided to remain at his alma mater, Washington University. His parents, both graduates of the University, were thrilled by his decision to stay close to home — the family had been more than a little worried.

Brian is in his fourth undergraduate years, Ebel has made four research trips to China, including a full semester at the University, which he credits as the turning point in his life.

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Rebecka Rutledge has taught both comparative literature and African and Afro-American studies courses in Arts & Sciences at the University. Her research interests include Francophone Caribbean literature, African-American literature, nationalism, literary theory and cultural studies. She has taught comparative literature and African and Afro-American studies courses in Arts & Sciences here.

"Teaching comparative literature does just that — it开阔s my consciousness — national, ethnic, gender, etc.,” Rutledge explained. "When not researching or teaching, she has contributed to the University in other ways. Rutledge has served as a member of the minority faculty recruitment committee, a volunteer recruiter for the Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, a member of the Graduate Student Senate and as an executive committee member of the graduate council. As an active member of Delta Sigma Theta sorority, she co-chaired the St. Louis Alumnae Chapter's political awareness and involvement committee and organized its 2000 political forum. Apart from her academic life, Rutledge has volunteered as a tutor for St. Louis YMCA "Tread" Program, a deputy registrar for the Missouri Board of Voter Registration and for Easter Seals. She has also worked as a language consultant for the orchestre Theatre Company production of "Shooting Simon" as an interpreter for Dance St. Louis/ Vaught Cultural Center's hosting of the National Ballet of Senegal. Rutledge came to the University after applying and being accepted to a number of other schools. "I visited here and met with Gerald Early and this seemed the right place to be," she said. "And the fellowship helped!"

Early, Ph.D., the Men's King Professor of Modern Letters in Arts & Sciences, became Rutledge's adviser and mentor. "Rebecka's worked very hard and is a very capable and intelligent woman, and I feel lucky that I've known her over these past several years," Early said.

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As an atypical student, Rutledge knows how important it is to have freedom to explore those subjects that allay your fears. Her studies here took on an interdisciplinary approach.

"I've been fortunate that comparative literature lets me do my work," she said. "I feel very lucky — I think I've led somewhat of a charmed life here at Washington University."

She received a number of job offers but decided on Miami, in part because its English department is willing to accept her as a comparative, et cetera, position at the School of Arts & Sciences. And, her entire family is just a half-hour drive away.

As far as long-range plans, Rutledge hopes to "be something. Fabulous and fun — and I would love to publish a novel someday." But for now, she is focusing on the present.
May 8 10:18 a.m. — An unknown person pined a temporary door on the southwest side of the Charles F. Knight Executive Education Center off its hinges. There was no other damage to the building, and nothing was taken.

May 9 10:06 p.m. — A student stated that a burglar entered his unlocked room in Liggett Residence Hall between 8:20 p.m. and 9:40 p.m. and stole his Gateway laptop. Total loss is valued at $8,700.

May 10 1:01 p.m. — An officer witnessed a McNair-African-American male, 5-foot-9, 160 pounds, wearing a white T-shirt and carrying a black backpack, acting suspiciously. The subject was seen between the Wohl Student Center parking garage and Koenig Residence Hall. The officer followed the subject into Graham Chapel. After entering the chapel he was no longer in possession of the backpack, which was found in a first-floor storage closet of the chapel. An investigation revealed that the backpack contained a stolen laptop computer. St. Louis County PD was contacted to process stolen item. The investigation will continue.

May 11 9 a.m. — A student reported the theft of her black Nokia cell phone from her unlocked room in Beaumont Residence Hall. There are no suspects or witnesses. Total loss is valued at $100.

10:40 a.m. — Officers responded to a fire alarm at Shaduling Residence Hall. An investigation revealed that a washing-machine belt in the basement began to smoke. The Fire Department responded to the scene. There was no apparent damage to the building.

1:37 p.m. — The funeral of Rock Hill Mechanical reported the theft of a welding machine from building No. 5 in the Small Group Housing construction site. The machine had been secured to a support beam with a chain lock. No damage was evident on the lock or chain. The machine is valued at $5,000.

May 12 4:27 p.m. — The victim stated that an unknown person(s) stole two pictures from a display at the Antiques Show in the Field House. Total loss is valued at $900.

10:38 p.m. — A chair was set on fire with lighter fluid and torched. The fire was put out with an extinguisher. There were no injuries.

Additionally, University Police responded to seven reports of theft, two reports of automobile accidents, one report of vandalism and one report of a liquor violation.

Campus Watch

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The Tether (Farrar Straus & Giroux, 2001)

Lock

We shall not perhaps get over what we do get past, until — innocent, with art for once not in mind, in which, not far from where in the uncut grass we're sitting later still, the sorrow there is only is this: there was some.

For more information or to volunteer, e-mail karin.hoestman@brown.edu or call 933-5923.

Notables

## Of Note

**Thalassohile Mouhounkman**, Ph.D., the Jacqueline G. and William M. May Professor and director of surgery, pathology, immunology and microbiology at the School of Medicine, received the 2004 Fujisawa Career Development Award, chosen by the American Society of Transplantation (AST) Awards Committee May 14. He was selected for the AST award by his peers based on his substantial contributions to the field of transplantation medicine. The award carries a $25,000 gift to the University.

**Victoria Fresco**, M.D., associate professor in the School of Medicine and medical director of infection control for BJC HealthCare, was recently awarded the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America Young Investigator Award.

**David Warren**, M.D., a fellow in the infectious disease division at the School of Medicine, was a recent recipient of the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America Trainee Award at their annual meeting in Toronto. He is one of six physicians to receive this honor. He is currently examining the risk factors, outcomes and prevention of hospital-acquired infections.

**Charles Leven**, Ph.D., professor of economics in Arts & Sciences, was honored with a reception for president-elect at a February meeting of the Western Regional Science Association in Palm Springs, Calif., taught a short course in regional science at the University of Redding in Pennsylvania in March; and spent nine days in April in Rome as an invited contributor at the Ministry of Public Administration, speaking to boards of commissioners in two counties and at two universities. Leven also authored a paper and the introduction for "Regional Perspectives in Economic Analysis," just published by Northern Illinois Press. He has been invited to speak this month at the Center for Economic Research at Kyoto University in Japan.

**William B. Lower**, Ph.D., associate professor of political science in Arts & Sciences, was honored as the Campus Y Volunteer of the Year by the YMCA of Greater St. Louis. Lower finished a four-year term as an ex-officio member of the Board of Managers for the Y in December 2000 and continues to serve on the board.

**Gerald L. Early**, Ph.D., the Merle Kling Professor of Modern Letters in Arts & Sciences, was recently named a fellow by the National Humanities Center for the academic year 2001-02. As a fellow, Early will work on research projects in the humanities and will share his work with other fellows in seminars, lectures and colloquia. The National Humanities Center is a private, independent institute for advanced study in the humanities. Since 1979, the center has awarded fellowships to leading humanities scholars, whose work at the center has resulted in the publication of more than 700 books, including a number of prize-winning volumes.

### Speaking of

A. Peter Mutharika, J.S.D., of law, presented a paper titled "Corruption and Reconciliation: The Emerging Right to Truth" at a conference on Reconciliation, Reparations and Reconstruction at the University of Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa.

The Federal Judicial Institute has accepted a proposal by **Daniel R. Mantella**, Ph.D., Howard A. Stamper Professor of Law and chair of the National Association of Environmental Professional's Legal Issues Committee on the National Environmental Policy Act, to have a session on the act at three upcoming seminars for federal district judges. Mantella will be speaking at one or more of these seminars.

**Larry E. Davis**, Ph.D., the E. Desmond Lee Professor of Religious and Ethnic Diversity at the George Warren Brown School of Social Work, recently delivered the Carl A. Scott Memorial Lecture on "The Problem of Race: A Renewed Focus" at the Council on Social Work Education's 47th Annual Program Meeting in Dallas. He spoke on diversifying the field with Diversity: Race and Gender Issues with (individuals, Families and Groups) at the Graduate School of Social Work; delivered a keynote address at the YWCA of Greater St. Louis' "Color and Class: Implications for the 21st Century Social Work" at the University of St. Louis School of Social Work; and made a presentation at the "Service a Reality," a day-long symposium at Norfolk State University.

### Small wonder "Streetwear." 4 inches by 2 inches, is by Sarah Russell, associate dean of Arts & Sciences. Along with other small boxed samples, the piece is on display through June 18 at LOCUS Gallery, 7700 Forsyth Blvd. (mezzanine level of the Borders bookstores building) in Clayton. Also on exhibit are her hot paper cocktails and wearable bonded amulet bags. Russell developed her art career over the past 30 years and has exhibited work in solo shows as well as local and national juried exhibitions.

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Jim Burmeister, executive director of University relations, oversees the setup for the 2001 Commencement in Brooksings Quadrangle.

Jim Burmeister has remained dedicated to the University community since the age of 14, when he began his career at Washington University. At 14, he began his career at the University as a part-time employee for the psychology department, scoring tests for prospective students and incoming freshmen and printing test reports.

Four years later, Burmeister started as an undergraduate, immersing himself in campus life. Though the University was still a "streetcar" campus at that point, Burmeister lived in the house of his fraternity, Tau Kappa Epsilon, enjoying the full campus experience while working toward a political science degree.

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"We've always been blessed with an extremely bright student body that is interested in the community around them," Burmeister said. "Parents and advisers to the Thurtene Honorary (which organizes the events) since 1979. As a tribute to his dedication, the honorary named the award for the carnival's overall winner for shit and facade production the Burmeister Cup in 1977.

"I'm always amazed by what the students put together each year," Burmeister said. "The enthusiasm for the school has not diminished over the 47 years he's been here."

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