Kidney removal
Less-invasive procedure effective, yields benefits

By Jim Denihan

Minimally invasive surgery can remove a cancerous kidney just as effectively as an open surgical procedure while providing patients with equivalent long-term survival, a new study finds. “Patients who had a kidney removed by laparoscopic minimally invasive surgery had virtually the same five-year, cancer-free survival rate and recurrence rates as those who underwent open surgery,” said senior investigator Ralph V. Clayman, M.D. “The overall effectiveness of the laparoscopic procedure is absolutely equal to that of the open procedure.”

Clayman and his colleagues reported the results recently at the annual meeting of the American Urological Association in Anaheim, Calif. He is professor of urology and radiology and co-director of the Division of Minimally Invasive Surgery at the School of Medicine.

The traditional procedure for removing a kidney, called open radical nephrectomy, requires a large incision just below the ribs. Sometimes, the surgeon even has to remove a rib to extract the kidney.

The minimally invasive procedure, called laparoscopic radical nephrectomy, involves several very small incisions that admit tools that are only one-fourth to one-half inch wide and a similarly sized telescope called a laparoscope, which is connected to a camera. The surgeon, working off of the camera image displayed on a television screen, frees the kidney from attached blood vessels and places it into an impermeable pouch.

The surgeon then passes thedrawstrings of the pouch through one of the incisions. Once the neck of the sack has been delivered to the surface of the abdomen, the sack is carefully opened, and the cancerous kidney is fragmented into small pieces and removed.

Using this technique, the authors have been able to remove kidneys bearing tumors that weigh as much as 2 pounds through a one-half-inch incision.

S13 million renovation brings new look to Bixby, Givens halls

By Lain Otten

A $13 million renovation project is giving the southeast hilltop a whole new look this summer.

Bixby Hall, home of the School of Art and Design, and Givens Hall, the School of Architecture’s headquarters, are undergoing extensive remodeling, with additional improvements to the covered “links” between the buildings and Steinberg Hall, home to the Gallery of Art, Art and Architecture Library, and Department of Art History and Archaeology.

The renovation is being supported by a $13 million grant from the National Endowment for the Arts & Sciences. The work comes in preparation for the new construction phase of the University’s Visual Arts and Design Center, currently being designed by Pritzker Prize-winning architect Fumihiko Maki.

“I am just delighted with the improvements that have been made in Bixby Hall and in Givens Hall,” Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton said. “Home to our schools of art and architecture, respectively, we have enhanced the educational experience available for our students and faculty.”

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$3 million pledge supports new Olin entrepreneurship program

By Robert Battison

A pledge totaling $3 million from Bob and Julie Skandalaris, University trustee and alumnus, and Steve Fossett, balloonist, will establish the Skandalaris Program in Entrepreneurial Studies at the Olin School of Business.

The Skandalaris entrepreneurship program will offer a full suite of courses in entrepreneurship and expand Olin’s Center for Experimental Learning (CEL). Olin students in the program will benefit from traditional classes as well as simulated and real-world entrepreneurial learning formats. Olin students will also be able to apply for Olin’s Skandalaris entrepreneurship grant, which will provide seed funding for new start-ups in the business school’s hatchery. The Skandalaris gift will offer a possible funding source for those companies. This is a very generous gift from Bob and Julie Skandalaris, made all the more significant by the fact that they are parents of a student at Washington University,” Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton said. “It represents to me the strong faith the Skandalaris have in our institution and in our innovative programs. We are very fortunate to count them among our dearst friends and to receive their support.”

Olin School Dean Stuart I. Greenbaum, Ph.D., said, “Bob Skandalaris is a successful entrepreneur who understands the job-creating social value of fostering entrepreneurship. We are highly knowledgeable of the need in our region and are excited that the Skandalaris gift will be such an amazing resource for students.

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The third floor of Givens Hall is part of the first major improvements in facilities in the art and architectural schools in many years.
Summer program primes student leaders

By Neil Schoenberger

A fter classes and each year, many students head home to get a job for the summer, relax and spend time with friends and family. But many students choose to stay on campus to take classes or work.

Among those staying this summer are 26 participants in the second annual Summer Leaders Program. "I've really enjoyed it," said Jeannie Chan, a junior who is involved with the Student Health Advisory Committee. "This program helps me get connected, both with other student groups and with administrators. It has allowed me the chance to grow as a student leader on campus."

The program is the brainchild of Melanie Adams, associate director in the Office of Student Activities. "The Summer Leaders program gives students a firmer vision of themselves, both their strengths and limitations," Adams said. "They learn what they need to improve upon in order to run their student group successfully and to improve as campus leaders."

The program involves 26 students who have some type of leadership role in their student organizations during the school year. Each student spends 10 weeks on campus during the summer, planning and organizing their student group for the upcoming year. The summer leaders are also afforded leadership training classes.

Additionally, the students participate in paid, on-campus internships in a wide variety of areas around campus, including everything from the College of Arts & Sciences to facilities. "I decided to do the program here at the University because I noticed that graduates would come back to campus in mid-August and need to have programs planned and finished by August 25 or so," Adams said. "It just didn't give them enough time to think about bringing them together during the summer would allow them to get to know the campus and each other better, and they would feel more comfortable and be able to ease into September."

Adams said she participated in a similar program when she was a student at the University of Virginia. "I joined the Summer Leaders Program because it was a great opportunity to enhance my leadership skills," said Rob Stoiber, a sophomore who is a leader of Spectrum Alliance. "It is preparing me to take an even greater role next semester."

"We want to get the students out into St. Louis and introduce them to the things they can see and do," Adams said. "Students say summer leaders is a well-rounded program and very valuable to their experience at the University."

"As the coordinator of my program, I knew I needed to do a lot of planning for the upcoming year," said junior Glenn Davis, coordinator of Each One, Teach One. "The Summer Leaders Program is the perfect way to learn more about the University through my internship while still allowing me to make the program as productive as possible for my student group."

Adams said that was the goal when she started planning the program. "During the school year, students are scattered between their paid internships, studying and sports," she said. "We hope the summer program teaches them how to prioritize and schedule their time. I think it will only improve as it continues."
BY GIL Z. REICHERS

Cancer specialist David G. Grady, M.D., has been named the first Ira C. and Judith A. Gall Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the School of Medicine.

The professorship was established by Ira Gall, M.D., chairman emeritus of obstetrics and gynecology at the medical school, and Judith A. Gall, M.D., his wife.

Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton said the professorship was established "in recognition of the outstanding contributions and the long-range impact on the School of Medicine of the Gall family through its philanthropic support of medical education and research at Washington University in St. Louis and in the broader St. Louis community." Dr. Grady has served as president of the American Gynecologic Society, a position he held for two years. He has also served on the editorial boards of several medical journals. Dr. Grady is a member of the National Academy of Sciences.

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Sleep Apnea Syndrome • Comet Dust in the Laboratory • HIV/AIDS Issues

University Events

Lectures

Friday, Aug. 10
11:15 a.m. Pedestrian Grand Rounds: "Obstructive Sleep Apnea Syndrome in Children." Speakers: Joel Van Lunen, instructor in pediatrics, allergy and pulmonary medicine (by Cottey Hall); 6000 Children’s Place. 414-6000.

Friday, Aug. 17
7:30 p.m. Lewis & Clark Sociological Society Lecture: "Comet Dust in the Laboratory: Identifying Comets Through Scientific Observation," physics, physics, department, co-sponsored by earth and planetary sciences and NASA/Minneapolis Space Grant Consortium. Room 102 McNair Hall. 900-4814.

Monday, Aug. 20
4 p.m. Biology seminar: "Structural Brain Imaging in African-American Patients With Obsessive Compulsive Disorder." Speakers: Thomas Smith, clinton Point Science Center; 3027 Reehalst. 935-6600.

Friday, Aug. 24
10 a.m. Pedestrian Grand Rounds: "Thalassal Jones of Madigan: An International Counselor." Speakers: Arlene Bass, professor of pediatrics, neurology (by Clayton Hall); 4950 Clayton Road. 454-9590.

Monday, Aug. 27
4 p.m. Amnesty seminar: "Workshop and the Archaeology of the Upper Peninsula Living Sites." Speaker: lorn Smith, Museum of Anthropology. Room 102 McNair Hall. 900-4814.

Music

Monday, Aug. 27
4 p.m. Music event: "(Sunset at the Point)." Director: Elizabeth McDonald; on Hayden Lowe. 935-4861.

And more...

Thursday, Aug. 16
7:30 a.m. The Midwest AIDS Training and Education Center Symposium: "Shared Populations: HIV/AIDS and Mental Health Issues for College Students." "Co-sponsored by the Midwest AIDS Training and Education Center. Room 6000 Childers, 8 p.m.

Worship

Sunday, Aug. 19

1:30 p.m. Evangelical Christian worship. Larry Wrinth, WU football coach. Sanctuary of Christian Affairs. Co-sponsored by several protestant pastoral groups, Graham Chapel. 429-1830.

Getting to know you: Orientation welcomes Class of 2005

BY Miri SCHNIEFEN

The Class of 2005 is on its way, and we are eagerly gathering in the center of new opportunities and exciting experiences. Orientation 2001, Aug. 16-21, is designed to show students and parents what the University has to offer, said Bill Woodward, director of orientation.

"We want to make sure that both students and parents begin to realize that they’ve made the right choice by coming here," Woodward said. "Orientation is designed to help students meet each other and engage in some fun activities and some new experiences, and to introduce parents to the support system we have here."

After a series of small events on Aug. 16, including campus tours and meal plan review sessions, new students will gather for residence hall floor meetings. From 3:30-4:30 p.m. afterward, Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton will welcome all new students and parents to Convocation, held from 7:30-9 p.m. in the Athletic Complex. Also addressing the class will be Richard Smith, Ph.D., chair of the Department of Anthropology in Arts & Sciences; Dian М. Scoville, student representative; and Robert and Judy Mandler, co-chairs of the Parents Council.

Immediately after Convocation, students will disperse to various locations to begin the orientation process. Bill Woodward encourages students to "go out and enjoy entertainment and refreshments."

An array of departmental open houses are scheduled for 1-4 p.m. on Aug. 17. The open houses give students an opportunity to meet with representatives from the faculty and staff and to learn more about the curriculum. Various placement exams will also be held that day.

Aug. 18 will feature the annual "Beans, BBQ and Fun" luau from 4:30-6 p.m. While eating, student and their families will cheer on the football Bears in an intrasquad scrimmage.

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Residential College receptions will also be held Aug. 18 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. The receptions allow students and parents to meet staff members and fellow students.

Orientation provides a great way for students to meet each other, get to know the campus and have a little fun in the process. One of the program’s events is Convocation, 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Athletic Complex.

Mistaking objects as weapons: Presence of African-American face makes difference

"Although nearly everyone might agree that stereotyping influences our thoughts about other people, it is surprising to most people that the mere presence of an African-American’s face can cause people to misperceive an object as a weapon," said Keith Payne, study author and University doctoral student in psychology in Arts & Sciences.

Published in the August issue of the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, the study investigates the influence of racial cues on the perceptual identification of weapons. Participants were presented with an array of images including photos of African-American and whites and either tools or weapons. When shown a series of photos showing African-American faces, participants were much faster to identify later images of weapons. Those primed with a selection of white faces were faster to identify nonthreatening images, such as tools. And, when the experiment was speeded up to require more rapid responses, participants misidentified tools as guns more often when primed with an African-American face than when primed with a white face.

"The fact that this effect is 'automatic' in the sense that people cannot 'turn it off' even when they try is striking and disturbing," Payne said.

Recent police shootings of unarmed African-Americans have spurred racial tensions and have fueled a raging debate over how police respond in situations involving African-Americans. Payne says his research addresses the issue of racial biases are difficult to control even among relatively well-educated, open-minded and liberal college students.

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Participants in the study were all students ages 19-24 attending a private university in the Midwest. Most of the study participants were white; none were African-American. "When we hear about mistaking police shootings of unarmed African-Americans, it’s easy to jump to the conclusion that the shootings are the result of racist bigotry," Payne said. "This study is revealing that racial biases are difficult to control even among relatively well-educated, open-minded and liberal college students."
Lead-screening bill’s approval championed by students

By Ann Nicholson

Missouri children living in high-risk areas for lead poisoning will now be tested annually, thanks to the efforts of students and faculty at the School of Law, Interdisciplinary Environmental Clinic (IEC).

The Missouri Legislature passed and Gov. Bob Holden recently signed a lead-screening bill, which the students had drafted. The governor also gave his stamp of approval for a companion measure providing $1.3 million in funding for the program.

The students testified at the state capitol this spring in support of their bill requiring screenings for Missouri children ages 6 months to 6 years who are living in high-risk areas for lead poisoning. Families of children in those lower-risk areas will be given a questionnaire, and based on their responses, will receive lead testing as necessary. The IEC students drafted the bill for the nonprofit St. Louis Lead Prevention Coalition.

Jonathan VanderBrug, coalition executive director, said the clinic’s efforts played a major role in paving the way for one of the nation’s most aggressive state-funded programs for the prevention of lead poisoning.

We couldn’t have passed this legislation without the outstanding assistance of the clinic students and staff. They were incredibly impressed with their efforts. Their overall work on the project—from their initial approach to their research to their presentation of the issues—was invaluable,” said Robert Batterson.

The clinic gives students the ability and confidence to come out of an academic setting and make a difference in the larger world,” Batterson said. “I am proud of the awareness we raised about the severity of lead poisoning in Missouri and the clinic that will be made to combat the problem.”

The legislation will mean that numerous children and their families are spared the devastating effects of lead poisoning.

Dutch elm disease claims lone survivor

By Jessica N. Roberts

After a long program of the Quadrangle were killed. Elm disease for nearly 40 years began to destroy many of these lucky that the tree lived so long.”

It’s sad and very traumatic,” said William A. Wiley, manager of maintenance operations. “We applied mechanics.

The elm in the Quadrangle (top left), a victim of Dutch elm disease, is removed Aug. 6. Pieces of the elm may be made available for souvenirs.
**Renovation**

Bixby, Given's projects provide vital upgrades—
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“Maintaining our academic facilities is an important priority, and the renovations of Bixby and Given's are the first major improvements in facilities for art and architecture in many years. Everyone, from the University staff to our faculty and our students, has worked hard to ensure that the external teams working on the building and our internal staff and faculty had a job well done.”

Sara L. Diamond, Ph.D., the D. Edmund Lee Professor for Collaboration in the Arts and director of the Visual Arts and Design Center and the Gallery of Art. Ultimately, the renovated buildings will combine with new facilities to form a comprehensive arts campus at the east end of the Hilltop. We look forward to seeing the history of the new buildings as they establish Washington University as a world-class center for the arts and enhance the scholarly mission of our schools of art and architecture. All involved should have my thanks for a job well done.”

**Solo Spirit**

Fossett heads toward French Polynesia Islands—
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At press time, Fossett had crossed the international date line and was traveling 4,300 miles in Solo Spirit. He flew east from New Zealand, then to Australia’s Brisbane coastline at about 800 mph. CET. As Solo Spirit soared over Australia’s populated areas, crowds below stood in silent admiration of Fossett on.

The solo pilot’s international date line crossing was not a fleeting moment. On June 7, when a brief gust of wind ripped the balloon envelope during inflation at an altitude of 10,000 feet above Kalgoolie, Western Australia. After making repairs to the balloon, Fossett and his team moved the launch site to the north in Kalgoorlie, Western Australia, for more favorable launch conditions. A cloudy mood among approximately 1,500 people also included all-night barbecues and tailgate parties.

**Kidney**

Laparoscopic treatment leads to quicker recovery—
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Clayman pioneered the laparoscopic kidney removal procedure, performing it for the first time in 1985. Fossett’s Solo Spirit mission had begun at the 37-degree angle. As he had done out of oxygen, if he runs out of oxygen, Fossett’s Solo Spirit mission had begun from the French Polynesia Islands. Washington University in St. Louis claims that, “The laparoscopic procedure was followed by a successful five-day recovery period and the patient was discharged from the hospital on the fifth day.”

Clayman said, “The patients who underwent laparoscopic nephrectomy lost less blood, left the hospital sooner, and went home earlier than those who had open surgery. They also took 40 percent less pain medication. Every aspect of the procedure was favorably influenced by the laparoscopic approach.”

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**Employment**

**Medical Campus**

The following lines were reported to University Policy July 4-7. Features with information that could assist in investigating these issues include 800 WU. The University Police office is a public service to provide safety and security. To access a list of the University Police policies at wustl.edu/police.

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**July 18**

2:06 p.m. — An unknown person stole an Apple laptop computer from a shelf in the Psychology Building. Loss is valued at $42,729.

**July 29**

6:38 p.m. — University maintenance staff reported that an unknown person broke a fire hose valve located in the northwest stairway of Student Center. A search of the area was not conducted. The loss is valued at $7,594.

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**Additional, University Police reports**

- Two reports of suspicious activity related to vandalism and one report each of fraud and automobile accident.

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Clowning around Emmie Osborn, 10, daughter of Melanie Osborn, assistant to the director of new student orientation, gets her face painted by Popscicle at the clown at the second annual student services office's Staff, Family and Friends Day July 31. The event included face painting, balloon, making, an appearance by the St. Louis Mounted Police, a storyteller, dinner and a prize drawing. The event was to be held at Forest Park, but due to inclement weather attendees gathered in the upper level of Wohl Student Center.

Jones

Emeritus trustee crucial to development of GWB — from Page 2

plan to place itself among the nation's top five social work schools.

"With his death, GWB has lost a dear friend who supported and played a significant role in the forward march of the George Warren Brown School of Social Work during the past decade and a half," Khinduchsia said. "Ted Jones was a kind, altruistic, unassuming, gracious and sensitive leader. He was a good listener and he respected the autonomy of the faculty."

A St. Louis native and Ladue resident, Jones retired as a chairman and chief executive officer of First Union Bancorporation. He held board memberships at First Union Bancorporation, the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, General American Life Insurance Co., McDonnell Douglas Corp., Southwestern Bell Corp., Union Electric, and many others.

In his dedication to civic work, his involvement was evidenced by his position as president of numerous organizations: the Barnard Free Skin and Cancer Hospital, Civic Progress, the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce, the St. Louis Municipal Theatre Association, the St. Louis Regional Commerce & Growth Association and the United Way of Greater St. Louis.

"One would never know from his conversation or his demeanor that plain-spoken Ted influenced us," said a community leader. 

"And he worked very hard, but his hard work was not on display either. Always, he was the same amiable Ted, interested in everyone else and in their accomplishments, lending a helping hand and then moving into the background to enjoy the success of others."

After attending Yale University, Jones became a World War II pilot in the Army's 457th Bombardment Group, Eighth Air Force in England, completing 30 missions and earning the Distinguished Flying Cross and the rank of captain.

In 1946, he married Hope D. Jones and also began his banking career as an assistant teller with the former First National Bank. He was elected as president and chairman of its board of directors in 1946, and two years later became CEO and chairman.

Jones helped found the bank's holding company, First Union Bancorporation, and was elected its CEO in 1972 and chairman later year. He retired in 1981. Jones is survived by five children, sisters of Jones: C. Jones of Ladue, Douglas D. Jones of Portland, Ore., and Hope L. Welles of Pittsburgh, Ohio; sister, Christine Lischer of University City; brother, Lawrence W. Jones of Austin, Texas; and seven grandchildren.

A funeral service was held July 12 at the St. George Episcopal Church in Clayton. Memorial contributions may be made to the University of Missouri or to Mary Institute and St. Louis Country Day School.

Trotter: Neuroimmunology division director, MS researcher

By GILA Z. REECE

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For example, he discovered that immune cells directed against the myelin protein, protocollin, present in increased frequency in patients with MS, and that this myelin protein, PRL, could be used to develop mouse models of the disease. He also was involved in efforts to show that in St. Louis, he used to high degree intravenous corticosteroids help the treatment of MS attacks.

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Trotter received many awards and honors throughout his career. For example, he was chosen by his peers as one of the "Best Doctors in America" for the past nine years and is listed as top neurologist by St. Louis Magazine. He also served on many national and local organizational and advisory boards, including the International Society for Neuroimmunology, the American Neurological Association and the American Academy of Neurology. Trotter is survived by his wife of 33 years, Alice Trotter, M.D.; daughter, Amy McGregor, M.D., of Houston; son, Greg Trotter of Columbus, Ohio; brother, Robert Trotter of Viollet Groves; and a grandson.

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Giving back inspires Cannon

A University alumnus who's now executive vice chancellor and general counsel, he has also served as a teacher and mentor.

Michael R. Cannon, executive vice chancellor and general counsel, discusses University issues with Nancy Pliske, associate general counsel.

"This publishing corporation, which has its own governing board and other professionals, provides student journalists with opportunities for guidance, mentoring, networking and professional development," Cannon said.

Cannon's work throughout the University also includes oversight of the human resources and risk management departments. In addition, he has served as an academic advisor and a member of the search committee for a law school dean.

Off campus
Cannon does not slow down once he leaves the University's campus. For the past six years, he has competed in a number of triathlons and other races.

"The truth is," Cannon said, "I aspire to triathloning mediocrity, and I hope one day to realize that ambition. It's mostly a great stress-reliever and just plain fun."

Cannon's other interests include jazz music, as well as 19th- and 20th-century literature and history. Along with his hobbies, Cannon enjoys traveling and spending time with his family.

He has been active in the family's synagogue, active in the family's synagogue, and is very involved in the local chapter and is very active in the family's synagogue and the Jewish Community Union's local chapter.

Cannon is beyond excellent," Cannon said. "He has represented the University extraordinarily well and has proven to be a remarkable strategist."