Campuses see steady stream of mild to moderate flu cases

H1N1 vaccine expected soon; seasonal flu shots available

W洗inon University, like much of the St. Louis region, continues to experience an increase in the number of cases of presumed 2009 H1N1 influenza. Thus far, all cases have been mild to moderate. During September, about 70 Dardtough Campus students with confirmed cases of Influenza A recuperated from illness while in self-isolation and returned to normal schedules.

WUSTL continues to monitor the situation closely and has regular updates at wustl.edu.

The University will continue to offer seasonal flu vaccinations to its students, and it expects to have supplies of the 2009 H1N1 vaccine available for distribution soon.

Seasonal flu vaccinations

The University is providing seasonal flu shots in a variety of ways.

For Dardtough benefits-eligible faculty and staff, seasonal flu shots will be made available at no cost. Nov. 3, 4, and 5: Eligible Dardtough employees were notified by e-mail or posted beginning Oct. 8 and could register either online or by contacting the benefits team flu shot coordinator.

Reservation cards will be mailed to registered Dardtough employees Oct. 26.

The 2009 seasonal flu vaccination program for School of Medicine employees was a success. As of Oct. 9, nearly 60 percent of School of Medicine employees had received free vaccinations. Given the high and early participation rate by School of Medicine faculty and staff, the original publication seasonal flu vaccination schedule ended Oct. 14.

The seasonal flu vaccine is not expected to protect against the 2009 H1N1 flu.

H1N1 vaccinations

WUSTL was still waiting as the record went to press for its shipment of 2009 H1N1 vaccine. Details on the availability of 2009 H1N1 flu shots will be posted at wustl.edu as soon as the supplies are available based on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations, with initial supplies going first to first responders, essential workers, and students, and it expects to have supplies of the 2009 H1N1 vaccine available for distribution soon.

This program was created to give businesses and schools an easy starting point so they can feel more confident about the safety of employees and students,” White said.

For more information about the Ready Rating Program, visit readyrating.org.

Technique helps patients with Barrett’s esophagus

By Jim Drayer

A procedure that uses heat generated by radio waves to treat Barrett’s esophagus, a condition caused by acid reflux (severe heartburn), can eliminate signs of the potentially cancer-causing disorder and reduce the risk that the disease will progress. Findings from the first multi-center trial of the procedure, called radiofrequency ablation, could mean patients have an alternative to surgery for treating Barrett’s esophagus.

The procedure uses a scope inserted through the mouth to destroy the abnormal tissue. The investigators reported their findings in the New England Journal of Medicine.

“Patients with Barrett’s esophagus can go on to develop esophageal cancer,” said Steven A. Edmoundson, M.D., professor of medicine and lead investigator at the St. Louis VA Medical Center.

The study involved 76 patients with Barrett’s esophagus at 10 medical centers. Patients were classified as high-risk if the abnormal tissue was more than 3 cm long and in Barrett’s esophagus, which affects about 1 percent of adults in the United States.

A total of 127 patients at 19 sites took part in the study, which used endoscopes to diagnose the disease and then to deliver radiofrequency ablation to the abnormal lining of the esophagus. The technique heats the abnormal tissue to destroy it while leaving the deeper layers of the esophagus undamaged.

All patients in the study had the condition or cell growth called dysplasia associated with more advanced Barrett’s esophagus.

See Barrett’s Page 2
Frank Marshall Davis Collection added to Film & Media Archive

Washington University Libraries' Film & Media Archive has partnered with the University of Hawaii-Waikiki to preserve and digitize an interview with African-American poet and journalist Frank Marshall Davis. Davis served as the first archivist for the Frank Marshall Davis Collection, a new addition to the holdings of the Film & Media Archive. Davis published several books of poetry in the 1930s and '40s. Despite being based in Chicago and the Deep South, Davis' influence was felt in Harlem Renaissance along with prominent authors such as langston Hughes and Zora Neale Hurston. He also was a journalist and hosted the American Negro Press. In 1997, he was inducted to the National Poets Hall of Fame.

Shots

Vitamin D’s role to prevent asthma in pregnant women

By Beth Miller and Diane Duke Williams

A group of pregnant women who have asthma or allergies will get extra vitamin D during pregnancy as part of a study to determine if the vitamin can prevent their children from developing asthma.

Vitamin D deficiency also is prevalent in American children suffering from asthma, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, making it one of the most common chronic childhood illnesses. About 90 percent of all cases are diagnosed before age 6.

Vitamin D deficiency is also prevalent in the United States, occurring in healthy children and adults despite fortification of foods and intake of multivitamins. Pregnant and lactating women and their children at high risk for vitamin D deficiency are the most pregnant women take prenatal vitamins. Researchers say the shift from outdoor activities and less time spent in the sun is one factor.

A service road will lead from the building to a parking area with pedestrian bridges linking the building. A scientific environment at the School of Medicine is virtuous. "I am grateful for my dedication and hard work, which has kept the department moving forward and on a path of great success."

The trial seeks to enroll 870 women nationwide. The School of Medicine seeks to enroll 290 women from its obstetrics and gynecology clinics and one outside clinic.

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The trial will use cutting-edge genetic technologies to advance the understanding of many biologic processes." She noted that "this discovery has already led to several potential new therapeutic interventions."

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Milbrandt’s research has focused on neurovascular injury and Alzheimer’s disease. His laboratory discovered that idebenone, a mitochondrial protective agent, improves memory and reduces cognitive deficits in animal models of Parkinson’s disease.

"Genetics has led to many of the fundamental discoveries in biology, and its future impact on the practice of medicine is virtually limitless," Milbrandt said. "The clinical translation at the School of Medicine fosters the collaborations that will help us apply new genetic tools and discoveries to improve patient care."

The genetics department is widely recognized for its study of complex genetic diseases including metabolic abnormalities that underlie biological processes, using model organisms such as yeast and fly species.

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Black Rep, PAD join forces for "Ragtime" production at Campus Theater. By LIAM OTTEN

T erece McPhail’s acclaimed adaptation of the 1976 novel by E.L. Doctorow, “Ragtime” is a sweeping and ambitious tale of race, class and the promise of America at the dawn of the 20th century. It is a tremendously demanding theatrical production, requiring almost 50 actors and at least 200 musicians. “Ragtime” is sologistically challenging because many different costumes and makeup must be designed and worn — that is virtually impossible at all but the largest of regional theaters.

Beginning at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 16, and 17, The Black Rep will join forces with the Performing Arts Department (PAD) in Arts & Sciences to present this Tony Award-winning musical as the PAD’s fall main-stage production. Performances will take place in Campus Theater, 4950 Forsyth Blvd., at 8 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, Oct. 15 through 18, with added shows at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18, at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Oct. 19, and 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25, and Nov. 1. Set in New York City, “Ragtime” follows three families — one Jewish immigrant, one black saint and one African-American — as their lives intersect amidst the exotic social upheaval of the time.

At the center of the story is Coalhouse Walker Jr., a successful and egotistical ragtime pianist who turns to violence after a white mob destroys his concert model “Model T” and, with the fictional characters are simply extraordinary," Himes said. "Combining our resources really affords us a unique opportunity." To catch the show, Himes held two separate auditions — one for PAD students, one for young professionals, and the Black Rep — and then combined the two groups during callbacks. Sets (designed by the Black Rep’s Jim Burwinkel) and costumes (designed by Rosemary Krueger, costume director in the PAD) were created in workshops by both the Black Rep and PAD. "It’s been great watching the groups meld together," Himes said. "They’re really become a unified company. You forget who’s from the University and who from the Black Rep."

Jeffrey Matthews, drama program coordinator in the PAD, said that "Ragtime" preparations have given students a visceral sense of the frenetic pace of professional theater.

"We’ve never done anything quite this enormous before, as far as working them pretty hard," Matthews said. "We’re essentially basically working a semi-professional schedule, rehearsing 20 hours a week. Students are actually getting additional credit hours because of the intensity of the enterprise," he said.

The musical is based on E.L. Doctorow’s novel, "Ragtime." The role of Coalhouse Walker is now played by Hulon L. Watson Jr., with whom Coalhouse is in love, along with Renae Adams and Markayla Fox as Mother and Father to the upper-class family; Margaret Tyler Comfort and Kel Miller as Young Boy; and Peter Winfrey as Moses Fisk, Jonathan Brother. Michelle Herndon is a Latino widow who has come to America with her daughter, played on different nights by the sisters Alessandra and Veronica Silva. Also featured are Malcolm Beattie in the role of Black Rep and Pad costume director in the PAD) were rehearsing 20 hours a week. Students are actually getting additional credit hours because of the intensity of the enterprise," he said.

Lighting is by Sean Savoie, scenic and costume design by Black Rep’s Charles Craig, and Millie Garvey, respectively. Tickets — $10 for students, seniors and children, $15 for faculty and staff, and $20 for the public. Tickets can be purchased through the Edison Theater Box Office and online at all Metrotix outlets. For more information, call 935-6434 or visit padarts.wustl.edu.
Annual Liederabend, 'evening of song,' at Graham Chapel Oct. 18

Soprano Jennifer Jakob and pianist Maria Sumareva will perform an intimate Liederabend for Arts Sciences 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18, in Graham Chapel. 

Literally translated as "evening of song," Liederabend is a term commonly used for a singer and pianist, particularly of works by 19th-century German composers. The program will open with "Der Hort auf dem Felsen" (The Shepherd on the Rocks) by Brahms. Written in 1828 during the final months of Schubert's life, "Der Hort auf dem Felsen" is his second song for solo voice and piano. Schubert died in 1828. 

Jakob and Sumareva will present three other Lieder by Schubert, including "Erin by Wunder," based on a poem by Goethe, "Der Bettler" (The Beggar) based on a poem by Rainer Maria Rilke, and "Die Schwarzwalde" (The Black Forest), a song by Robert Schumann. The program will conclude with "Frauenliebe und Leben, Op. 42 (A Woman's Love and Life)," an early work by Richard Strauss. Composed from 1868-69, each of these songs tells the story of a woman with a flower: "Korallenblumen" (Coral Flowers); "Mohnblumen" (Poppy Flowers); and "Wasserrote" (Waterlilies). 

Next will be selections from the "Bieden-Cabinet Lichtental" (By Night). In 1901, these represented Schoenberg's attempt to shape song text using a musical format. Jakob and Sumareva will present three excerpts from this set: "Kornblumen" (Cornflowers); "Mohnblumen" (Mohnblumen); and "Wasserrote" (Waterlilies). 

To close the evening, Jakob and Sumareva will present a song cycle that concludes with an optimistic look to the future: "Kornblumen (Cornflowers)," "Mohnblumen (Mohnblumen)," and "Wasserrote (Waterlilies)." 

Music

Saturday, Oct. 24


Monday, Oct. 26


Tuesday, Oct. 27


Wednesday, Oct. 28

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For WUSTLAlerts announcements, send e-mails to wustl@wustl.edu or contact your telephones and voice messages to campuses. E-mails will come from WUSTLAlerts@wustl.edu; text messages will come from 314-935-9900 or 937-9900. Please respond as quickly as possible for the instructions. This will help gauge the effectiveness of the system.

The University also will notify the campus via the emergency hotline (935-9900 locally or 314-935-2363) and emergency Web site at emergency.wustl.edu.

In the event of an actual emergency, the emergency Web site will be updated to provide information to the WUSTL community.

WUSTL community members are strongly encouraged to update their contact information via HRMS and WebSTAC/SIS. The University uses your phone number in HRMS and WebSTAC/SIS to contact individuals when necessary in an emergency.

To provide more information about WUSTLAlerts, contact Lisa Bagley, University emergency coordinator, at lisa_bagley@wustl.edu.

Sports

WUSTL No. 5 in power rankings

The National Collegiate Scouting Association (NCSA) announced its seventh annual College Power Rankings. WUSTL was ranked fifth overall on the list of top collegiate swimming and diving teams and colleges in the universities.

The University also finished first within the University Athletic Association (UAA) and fourth in the Division III rankings. The fifth-place finish is the second highest in school history and the fifth-straight top 15 appearance.

Williams College ranked first in the overall standings, with Amherst College, Middlebury College, Stanford University and Washington University rounding out the top five.

Volleyball has winning week in own tourney

Sophomores Lauren Budde and senior Erin Albers led the No. 5 volleyball team to a 3-0 record at the Washington University Invitational Tournament Oct. 18 and 19 at the Givens Fieldhouse.

The Bears defeated Elmhurst College, 3-1, and Central College (Iowa), 3-0, Oct. 9 and beat the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, 3-0, Oct. 10.

R二人, the weekend with a team-high 42 kills while hitting .411. Albers registered a team-high 46 assists and collected 43 digs, tallying 41 kills in the process.

WUSTL (18-3) returns to action Oct. 17 against defending NCAA Division III national champion Emory University at the start of the second University Athletic Association round robin season in the New in.

Swimming and diving sees best of Missouri

The women's swimming and diving team finished fifth out of seven schools and the men's team was fifth out of nine at the University of Missouri Show-Me-Showdown swim Oct. 10 in Columbia, Mo.

The early-season meet showed signs of a strong swimming program from the state of Missouri in all NCAA Divisions I and the NAIA.

Sophomore Karina Strath led the women's team with a third-place finish in the 100-yard backstroke (1:02.14) and 100-yard butterfly (57.76). Freshman men's team, senior Alex Beyar came eighth in the 50-yard breaststroke (27.71) and 10th in the 500-free style (4:50.18), while senior Dan

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Brown School names new associate deans

Edward F. Lawlor, Ph.D., dean of the Brown School of Social Work and the William E. Gordon Distinct Professor, has named Emola Proctor, Ph.D., associate dean for faculty, and Debra Haire-Joshu, Ph.D., associate dean for research.

"These faculty appointments will build our capacity to sup- port junior faculty and enhance the intellectual life of the school and promote transdisciplinary re- search," Lawlor said.

Proctor, the first J. Bruno Professor of Social Work Research and a scholar at the Institute for the Study of Social Behavior, will assure that each junior faculty member has a robust support system for mentoring, professional development, excellence in teaching, and scholarly feedback.

She also will be working with the Brown School faculty to build collaborations and oppor- tunities to present and engage each other's research and help faculty members develop the applications of their research for impact on practice and policy.

Haire-Joshu, a leader in the field of mental health services re- search and development, has received a three-year, $900,000 grant from the National Institute of Mental Health for research titled "Insights into the Development of New Sensitivity." This grant is supported by the National Institute on Mental Health, the National Institute on Disability, and the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research.

Haire-Joshu, professor of social work, has served on the Board of Directors for the National Association of Social Workers and is an assistant professor at the Institute for the Study of Social Behavior.

She will work to identify new opportunities for transdisciplinary research and collaborations both within the Brown School and across the University.

Haire-Joshu is an international recog- nized expert in the areas of mental health behavior who develops popula- tion-wide interventions to reduce obesity and prevent diabetes, particularly among underserved populations.

Through a secondary appointment in the School of Public Health, she directs the Center for Obesity Prevention and Policy Research and serves as associate director of the Diabetes Research Center.

Haire-Joshu joined the Brown School in 2008 and recently served as a Health Policy Fellow in the Office of then-Sen. Barack Obama and as a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellow for the National Association of Social Workers in Washington D.C.

She is the author of "Nowhere to Turn: The Battle of Girls in Care in Exercise Their Rights to Education," which was published in The Michigan Child Welfare Law Journal in fall 2008.

Haire-Joshu earned an L.L.M. in child and fam- ily law from Loyola University Chicago School of Law and a juris doctorate from the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law.

Pierce appointed supervising attorney in Civil Justice Clinic

Katherine L. Pierian, a new supervising attorney in the School of Law and the new supervising attorney for the Civil Justice Clinic.

"Kathryn is the ideal colleague for Mac Quinn (J.D., professor of law) and me, and is a perfect fit to teach in the Civil Justice Clinic's youth advocacy project," said Annette Appel, J.D., associate dean of clinical affairs and professor of law.

Additionally, she has worked as inter- nal co-legal director for Voices for Children (formerly St. Louis City CASA), where she

hold the positions of supervising staff attor- ney and staff attorney.

An advocate for the rights of youths, Pierce has extensive experience as an attorney in the juvenile court — present the perfect structure in the street law program in both St. Louis and Chicago and as a supervisor for Voices for Children.

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Pierce earned a J.D. from the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law.

Jan P. Amend, Ph.D., associate professor of earth and planetary sciences in Arts & Sciences, has received a two-year, $293,261 grant from the National Science Foundation for research titled "Development of Numerical Models Linking Fluid Geochem- istry and Biological Communities in Mid-Ocean Ridge Hydrother- mal Environments." Also receiving the grant was Thomas M. McCal- low, Ph.D., a professor of earth and planetary sciences in Arts & Sciences.

Baker, vice chancellor for scholarly resources and dean of University Libraries, has been named to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Corpor- orate Alumni Visiting Committee for the Libraries. She will serve a four-year term. From 1982-99, Baker was the associate director for public services at the MIT Libraries.
Bringing finance to life

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Milbourn’s research and teaching have earned him a reputation as an 'all-star' among colleagues.

Economist reality hit hard when Milbourn graduated from college in 1991. The junk bond crisis had sent the economy into a tailspin — similar to the economic climate of the past year. It was a tough job market.

"One of my economics professors, Mike Milbourn says, 'suggested I look into Ph.D. programs in finance. It was the best advice I ever got.'

The next two months, the high-jumper from the Land of Lincoln moved to Toussaint and became a graduate student at Indiana University Bloomington.

Country mouse goes to the city

During graduate school, Milbourn married his college sweetheart, Elizabeth. The couple had a 1-year-old baby boy when Milbourn got his first job offer at the University of Chicago Business School.

"Going from five years in Bloomington, Ind., to London is the epiphany of country mouse goes to the city," says Milbourn with a laugh. "It forced us to grow up very quickly. We were very much a Midwestern, suburban family and people who definitely expanded our horizons and brought us together as a couple."

After three years teaching in London, Milbourn accepted a year-long visit position at the University of Chicago business school. It was a move that pleased the grandparents in Illinois who were eager to get acquainted with a granddaughter who was born in England and her big brother.

For the young professor, the international climate and research opportunities at the University of Chicago opened doors to new colleagues, research and opportunities — one of them being a visit to give a seminar at WUSTL, which led to a job offer. The Milbourns, now with three children in tow, packed up and moved to St. Louis.

Teaching finance for all

If you are studying finance at WUSTL, you can graduate without taking a course from Todd Milbourn.

"I'm one of the few professors who teaches in nearly every program we have," Milbourn says. "I see every finance major in the BSBA undergraduate program. I teach the finance course to every full-time MBA student and an equivalent course for our M.S. in Executive MBAs in St. Louis and Shanghai. I see every constituency we have."

Milbourn says he and his students benefit from his multi-level teaching. He calls it the 'syllabus effect.'

"When I'm with the Executive MBA students, they talk about examples of what they are doing," Milbourn says. "They'll say, 'We were doing this deal...'. Then, when I'm back in the undergrad class, I'll say, I was just talking to these execs from Emerson last week, and they were evaluating an acquisition of a company, and here are some of the issues they were dealing with."

"Not only do such interchanges allow execs to bring their practical experience to the course, but it really makes the material come alive to the students."

The research is the raw material we teach that. The research method also provides discipline in which you approach problems, how you think about solutions to problems and how much confidence you put in a solution.

Chakravorti Narasimhan, Ph.D., the Philip L. Simon Professor of Marketing, has known Milbourn since he arrived at Olin.

"I have watched him enhance his research reputation. I have seen his stature grow steadily since he joined us at Olin."

Narasimhan says, "Todd is a delightful colleague, engaging and always ready to contribute to make Olin a better place."

"We are a pretty dang happy family unit," says Todd Milbourn (left), with his wife, Elizabeth, in Alaska. "We love to travel, and our family’s favorite vacation was a 10-day trip to Alaska last summer, which included several awesome hikes through the Alaskan terrain and a cruise along the Alaskan coastline."

Tod Milbourn, Ph.D., professor of finance at Olin Business School, lectures in an undergraduate finance class in Simon Hall. "Todd is pretty much the life and soul of the finance group," says Radha Gopal, Ph.D., assistant professor of finance. In addition to teaching and research, Milbourn is the finance department coordinator. His "other" job — coaching his daughter's sixth-grade basketball team — has led to a hearty rivalry with Jack Ricker, Ph.D., the Fram Family Professor of Organization and Strategy, who coaches his own daughter's team in the same league. "Jackson's team beat us once back in first grade," Milbourn says with a grin, "but we've owned the court since then."

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