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GROUNDBREAKING! The Sam Fox Arts Center at Washington University will break ground for two new buildings — an art museum and a School of Art studio facility — April 14, 2004. The event will feature remarks by Fumihiko Maki, the Pritzker-Prize winning architect of the Center, and a keynote address by acclaimed artist, Frank Stella.

ART BUILDING TO BE NAMED FOR WALKERS: The Sam Fox Arts Center will dedicate a new School of Art studio building, to be located at the southeastern end of the Hilltop Campus, immediately north of the School of Art's historic, Beaux Arts-era Bixby Hall, in honor of St. Louis community leaders Earl E. and Myrtle E. Walker.

NEWMAN MONEY MUSEUM: A major gift from Eric P. and Evelyn E. Newman will create a state-of-the art numismatic museum as part of the Sam Fox Arts Center. "Every piece of money is at some level a work of art, a daily necessity, an aesthetic experience imbued with cultural, economic, political, and fiduciary significance," Newman said. "Money is and has been history that you hold in your hand."

NATIONAL CHAMPS! Washington University beat New York University, 30-26, 32-30, 30-22, in the final match of the NCAA Tournament to win a Division III-record eighth national volleyball title in 10 trips to the Final Four.

KAUFFMAN GRANT TO SUPPORT ENTREPRENEURSHIP: Washington University is one of eight U. S. universities selected by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation to share \$25 million in grants through a program designed to make entrepreneurship education available across campus and transform the way entrepreneurship is viewed, taught, and experienced.



Image courtesy of Maki & Assoc., Tokyo
The Wilpon Student Art Review Room (foreground) and painting studios (background) are seen in this rendering of the School of Art's new Earl E. and Myrtle E. Walker hall.



Head coach Rich Luenemann, the 2003 Division III National Coach of the Year, and Rebecca Rotello, the 2002 Division III National Player of the Year, savor the Bears' latest volleyball national championship.

Research



FILLING GAPS IN EVOLUTION: Tab Rasmussen, professor of anthropology at Washington University, and two of his graduate students helped discover new fossils in the



Image by Trent L. Schindler, Nat'l Science Foundation, Arlington, VA

Arsinotherium from Chilga, Ethiopia: Computer-based reconstruction of an arsinotherium, an extinct fossil mammal from Ethiopia that lived 27 million years ago. Height at the shoulder is around 7 feet. Human included for scale.

highlands of Ethiopia that are filling gaps in our understanding of the evolution of African mammals.

RESEARCHERS EXPLORE OCEAN FLOOR: In collaboration with oceanographers and engineers at the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute, a team of University geologists is using a rare instrument on the ocean floor just west of California to examine minerals, gases, and liquids — even seawater itself.

MENTAL HEALTH EFFECTS OF 9-11: School of Medicine researchers have received a five-year, \$2.5 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to lead a study of the persistent mental health impact of the September 11

terrorist attacks on people who were in the World Trade Center towers when the planes struck.

Features

MEET OUR RHODES SCHOLARS: Arts & Sciences seniors Bethany Ehlmann and Allison Gilmore received early holiday presents Nov. 22, when they were named recipients of Rhodes Scholarships. Since 1902, 23 Washington University students have won the highly acclaimed award. Six have been named in just the past five years.

LOOK WHO'S TALKING: The true story of a pioneering surgery has risen above the fray, making St. Louisan Amy Hancock an "overnight" media celebrity. A complex procedure — the first of its kind performed in the U.S. — restored her ability to speak, and its successful outcome has grabbed local headlines and spurred national television coverage.

NOT YOUR NORMAL BOOK DRIVE: B.J.

Johnston, associate dean of collections and departmental libraries in the John M. Olin Library, recently sent a valuable commodity to Kuwait — books. "The support from the library staff in helping pull this all together," Johnson said, "was amazing."



Photo by Mary Butkus

Rhodes Scholars Allison Gilmore (left) and Bethany Ehlmann chat in Holmes Lounge. Ehlmann is a double major in earth and planetary sciences and environmental studies, both in Arts & Sciences. Gilmore is studying for joint bachelor's and master's degrees in mathematics in Arts & Sciences.

Heard on Campus

"Medical innovation can give us the most precious resource there is: time. And it has the potential to change the future for billions of human beings. How that future evolves depends upon how people and governments respond to both the difficult challenges and extraordinary opportunities that innovation will bring."

- Miles White, chairman and CEO of Abbott Laboratories, delivering the David R. Calhoun, Jr. Memorial Lecture, "Remaking the American Healthcare System: Can We Preserve the Promise of Innovation," December 9, 2003.

Kudos

H. Mark Johnston, Ph.D., professor and interim chairman of the James S. McDonnell Department of Genetics in the School of Medicine, became president of the 4,000 member Genetics Society of America on January 1.

Rich Luenemann, head volleyball coach, has been named the 2003 Division III National Coach of the Year by the American Volleyball Coaches Association in conjunction with Tachikara USA, Inc.

Keith Brandt, M.D., associate professor of surgery in the Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, has been elected president of the American Society for Peripheral Nerve.

Pedro Arruza, defensive coordinator for the Washington University football team, was named the 2003 Division III Assistant coach of the Year by the American Football Coaches Association.

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