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SAM FOX SCHOOL OF DESIGN AND VISUAL ARTS CREATED: Washington University will create a new academic and administrative unit that will bring together its nationally ranked programs in art and architecture and one of the nation's finest university art museums. The Sam Fox School of Design and Visual Arts will include Washington University's academic programs in art and architecture, and the Mildred Lane Kemper Art Museum.



"This designation is acknowledgement that the people of the St. Louis region have access to novel cancer therapies and cutting-edge research," says Timothy J. Eberlein, M.D., director of the Alvin J. Siteman Cancer Center.

WUSTL SETS 2005-06 TUITION, FEES, ROOM AND BOARD: Undergraduate tuition at Washington University in St. Louis will total \$31,100 for the 2005-06 academic year — a \$1,400 (4.7 percent) increase over the 2004-05 academic year. "The greatest share of our educational cost is borne by tuition, and no undergraduate, even those who receive no financial aid, pays the full cost of the education at Washington University," said Edward Macias, executive vice chancellor and dean of Arts and Sciences.

SINCOFF TO BECOME DEAN OF ARCHITECTURE: Jerome J. Sincoff will serve as dean of the School of Architecture beginning July 1. Sincoff is former president and chief executive officer of Hellmuth, Obata + Kassabaum, Inc. (HOK), one of the world's largest architecture firms.

SITEMAN CANCER CENTER ADVANCES TO COMPREHENSIVE STATUS: The National Cancer Institute has awarded the Alvin J. Siteman Cancer Center its highest ranking, "Comprehensive Cancer Center." This designation recognizes Siteman's broad-based research, outreach, and education activities, and provides research funding of \$21 million.

KNIGHTS ESTABLISH BREAST HEALTH CENTER AT SITEMAN: Charles F. Knight, chairman emeritus of Emerson, and his wife, Joanne, have made a commitment to endow and establish the Joanne Knight Breast Health Center and Breast Cancer Program at the Alvin J. Siteman Cancer Center. The center is playing an important role in the first large multicenter study comparing digital mammography to conventional mammography in the detection of breast cancer.

Research



It would have been an easy matter to warn people had there been a system set up because it took two hours for the waves to hit India and Sri Lanka," said Professor Douglas A. Wiens.

PAUL REVERE SEISMOLOGISTS: Tens of thousands of people who perished in the Indonesia tsunami would be alive today had there been a warning system in place in the Indian Ocean basin similar to the one in place for 40 years in the Pacific Ocean, says Douglas A. Wiens, Ph.D., professor of earth and planetary sciences in Arts & Sciences. He says the catastrophic tragedy will be the catalyst for developing a system, just as the 1964 Alaska tsunami triggered the installment of the current Pacific Ocean system.

MAPPING THE TYPHOID GENES: Every year, typhoid fever infects more than 16 million people and kills more than half a million. Now researchers have an important new tool against the disease: completed genomes for the two bacteria that are the leading causes of typhoid fever. Scientists at the Genome Sequencing Center at the School of Medicine hope to use the completed genomes to hasten the development of new vaccines that can exploit similarities between the strains.

STOPS THE LEAKING: Methyl tertiary butyl ether, a troubling new pollutant, has been detected at low levels in municipal water sources and even in citizens' tap water. "[It] is a toxin and has been implicated as a carcinogen," says Pratim Biswas, Ph.D., the Stifel and Quinette Jens Professor of Environmental Engineering Science and director of the Environmental Engineering Science Program, who has found a method for removing the toxin from water.

Features

TRANSPLANT BRINGS TEARS TO PATIENT'S

EYES: Roger Beck cried for the first time in 22 years thanks to Randal Paniello, M.D., associate professor of otolaryngology at the School of Medicine. Paniello performed the first saliva gland transplant in the United States to restore Beck's ability to produce tears.

COMMUNICATION IS KEY IN CORPORATE CRISIS:

In today's media climate, an organization facing a crisis becomes front-page news before the dust has settled. Business managers need to be prepared with a detailed crises communication plan, says Annette Veech, Ph.D., senior lecturer of business communications in the John M. Olin School of Business.

DEPRESSION, SUICIDE ARE THE MAJOR HEALTH ISSUES FACING STUDENTS:

The numbers are startling. National studies have shown that one in three college students is depressed and one in four contemplates suicide. Why are young people so much more anxious and stressed than previous generations?



Photo by Dawn Majors,
St. Louis Post-Dispatch
Roger Beck, 29, of Sikeston, MO, gets
a kiss from 4-year-old son Denton Beck.

Heard on Campus

"The new organ console is a true work of art, created by master craftsman Robert Turner of California. The console, with its state-of-the-art equipment, will inspire organists and control a superior musical instrument for many generations."
-William Partridge Jr., University organist, talking about the new Roland Quest Organ in Graham Chapel at a dedication recital January 23.

Kudos

Jeroen M. Swinkels, Ph.D., the August A. Busch, Jr. Distinguished Professor of Managerial Economics and Strategy in the John M. Olin School of Business, was elected a fellow of the Econometric Society in December 2004. The Econometric Society is the most prestigious society in the field of economics.

Will Ross, M.D., associate dean and director of the Office of Diversity at Washington University School of Medicine received the 2005 Distinguished Community Service in Medicine Award from the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., State (of Missouri) Celebration Commission.

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