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University News



Joe Angeles/WUSTL photo
The Danforth Campus seal is the focal point of the new Danforth Plaza to the east of Brookings Hall.

DANFORTH CAMPUS: On September 17, Washington University's main campus was named the Danforth Campus in honor of Chancellor Emeritus William H. Danforth, the Danforth family, and the Danforth Foundation. The event recognized them for the role they have played in the University's evolution into one of the world's premier teaching- and research-intensive institutions.

[Click here to see photos, hear audio, and watch video from the dedication ceremony.](#)

DANFORTHS HONORED IN INDIA: In a surprise announcement at the Danforth Campus dedication ceremony, Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton said that longtime Danforth family friend Gurpreet Singh chose to honor the Danforths in his native India. Singh established the Sikhya School to educate hundreds of the area's poorest children, and a centre at the facility will be named the Danforth Centre for Youth Entrepreneurship.

NEW DEAN OF ARCHITECTURE ANNOUNCED:

Bruce Lindsey, the Paul Rudolph Professor of Architecture at Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama, has been named dean of the College of Architecture and Graduate School of Architecture & Urban Design in the Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts at Washington University. He will assume the post effective November 10.

WALKER NAMED CIO AND WILL HEAD NEW COMPANY: Kimberly Gayle Walker has been named chief investment officer at Washington University, effective November 1. She will head a new unit in the University's governance structure, the Washington University Investment Management Company, which oversees management of the University's endowment and other assets.

Research

UNUSUAL MIX PREVENTS TUMOR GROWTH: An experimental anti-cancer regimen combines a diuretic, a Parkinson's disease medication, and a drug used to reverse the effect of sedatives. In research conducted at the School of Medicine, the unusual mixture inhibited the growth of aggressive tumors in laboratory mice.

MOON MISSION: Amid a bevy of international space exploration missions to the Moon, the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences in Arts & Sciences and Shandong University at Weihai in China have agreed to cooperate on scientific research and joint training of students.



The most unusual characteristics throughout human anatomy occur in Modern Humans (right), argues Trinkaus, not in Neandertals (left).

MODERN HUMANS, THE ODD MAN

OUT?: New research by Erik Trinkaus, Ph.D., the Mary Tileston Hemenway Professor of Anthropology in Arts & Sciences, suggests that rather than the standard straight line from chimps to early humans to us with Neandertals off on a side graph, it's perhaps more valid based on the fossil record, that the line should extend from the common ancestor to the Neandertals, and modern humans should be the branch off that.

Features

JUDGMENT AT NUREMBERG SIXTY YEARS LATER: The atrocities revealed at the Nuremberg trials shocked the world and continue to resonate. Yet, the Nuremberg principles have been implemented neither perfectly nor completely, according to Leila Sadat, the Henry H. Oberschelp Professor of Law.



Jessica Garz/Kelly Manning

A post-Katrina residence in central city (district two)

NEIGHBORHOODS KEY TO

REBUILDING NEW ORLEANS: Perhaps more than any other American city, New Orleans is a collection of individual neighborhoods. These neighborhoods represent both the key and the key challenge to rebuilding the city, says John Hoal, Ph.D., associate professor of architecture in the Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts. Hoal's firm, H3 Studio Inc., is one of five selected to lead the Unified New Orleans Plan, which will coordinate rebuilding in the city's planning districts.

TRADITIONAL HEALING VALUABLE TO AMERICAN INDIAN YOUTH: American Indian youth experience disproportionate rates of mental health and behavioral problems. To address this problem, Arlene R. Stiffman, Ph.D., the Barbara A. Bailey Professor of Social Work, says that traditional healers in American Indian communities may be a valuable but under-recognized resource to complement conventional medical treatment.

Heard on Campus

"In my judgment, two of the most central characteristics that provide the greatest ethical resonance in the contemporary American university, whether private or public, is their obligation to serve society as both thoughtful critic and responsive

servant.”

—Harold T. Shapiro, Ph.D., president emeritus and professor of economics and public affairs at Princeton University, in his keynote address titled "A Larger Sense of Purpose: Higher Education and Society," delivered during the Danforth Campus dedication ceremony

Kudos

Pratim Biswas, Ph.D., Stifel and Quinette Jens Professor of Environmental Engineering Science, will serve as president of the American Association for Aerosol Research from September 2006 to October 2007.

At its annual meeting this summer in Chiang Mai, Thailand, the Society for Economic Botany honored Memory Elvin-Lewis, Ph.D., adjunct professor of microbiology and ethnobotany at the School of Medicine; and Walter H. Lewis, Ph.D., professor emeritus of biology in Arts & Sciences. This was the first time that two scientists have been simultaneously honored by the society.

Date to Remember

The Mildred Lane Kemper Art Museum and Earl E. and Myrtle E. Walker Hall, the new buildings for the Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts, will be dedicated October 25.

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