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University News

National Champions:

Senior Troy Ruths scored 33 points to lead Washington University in St. Louis to its first NCAA Division III Men's Basketball National Championship with a 90-68 victory over defending national champion Amherst College on March 22 in Salem, Virginia.

School of Medicine to lead international pediatric lung transplant research trials:

The School of Medicine has received a five-year, \$3.9 million grant to lead an international research effort designed to improve outcomes for children undergoing lung transplants. A lung transplant is often the only treatment option for children with severe lung diseases; however, lung-transplant patients are subject to more frequent infections, organ rejection, and other complications than patients with other transplanted organs.



Joe Angeles/WUSTL photo

The Washington University Bears garnered a 90-68 win over the Amherst College men's basketball team in the NCAA Division III Championship game, denying the returning national champions a repeat victory.

Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton honored as 2007 St. Louis Citizen of the Year:

Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton has been named Citizen of the Year, an award sponsored by the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. Wrighton was chosen by a committee of past winners of the award. A ceremony honoring Wrighton was held March 25 in Graham Chapel, highlighting Wrighton's accomplishments and the University's contributions to the St. Louis region during Wrighton's tenure.

Nineteen graduate and professional programs in *U.S. News'* top 10:

Nineteen schools, academic areas, and departments at the graduate and professional levels currently received top 10 status in *U.S. News & World Report's* rankings of graduate and professional programs. The George Warren Brown School of Social Work and the Program in Occupational Therapy in the School of Medicine earned No. 1 rankings. The School of Medicine moved from the No. 4 spot to No. 3 among research-oriented medical schools.

Research

Washington University unveils draft sequence of corn genome:

A team of researchers led by Washington University has begun to unlock the genetic secrets of corn, a crop vital to U.S. agriculture. The researchers have completed a working draft of the corn genome, an accomplishment that should accelerate efforts to develop better crop varieties to meet society's growing demands for food, livestock feed, and fuel.

Repairing the U.S. asylum system:

A recent academic study by a Washington University professor of law has confirmed empirically what many immigration experts had already suspected: The chance of winning an asylum case often hinges as much on the luck of the draw as on the merits of the case. Some adjudicators grant asylum liberally while others grant it only rarely, and the disparities are dramatic.

Saving the lemur:

New satellite imaging research may help save the dwindling lemur population in the African nation of Madagascar. Using satellite imagery, GIS, and ecological and demographic data from the field, Robert W. Sussman, Ph.D., professor of anthropology in Arts & Sciences, has studied the effects of deforestation on the ringtailed lemur population in Madagascar during the last forty years.



Richard K. Wilson, Ph.D., Director of the Genome Sequencing Center, is leading efforts to sequence the corn genome.

Features

Gender stereotypes pose challenges for Hillary Clinton's bid for the presidency:

Whether or not Hillary Clinton wins the Democratic nomination for president, the question of how much being a woman helped or hurt her campaign will linger. "People don't like to have their expectations violated, and that is the challenge Hillary faces," says Judi McLean Parks, Ph.D., professor of organizational behavior at the John M. Olin Business School. McLean Parks has studied the differences in perceptions of male and female leaders, and says that Clinton faces an uphill battle trying to overcome people's expectations.

Reinventing the Internet:

Jonathan Turner, Ph.D., the Barbara J. and Jerome R. Cox, Jr. Professor of Computer Science in the School of Engineering, whose pivotal work over the last 25 years has helped enable today's Internet, is now working to retool the Internet to create a future where virtual worlds would allow people to collaborate internationally and, in the process, help solve global energy and environmental problems.



Jonathan Turner, right, Ph.D., the Barbara J. and Jerome R. Cox, Jr. Professor of Computer Science, has been playing a leadership role in the U.S. government's National Science Foundation project GENI (Global Environment for Networking Innovations), which is exploring ways to significantly advance—or reinvent—a 21st-century Internet.

Heard on Campus

"I think it was my generation that maybe shifted architecture a bit... kind of an end of architecture as an internal activity. Most of us didn't look at architecture as our main source... For a lot of us, definitely for me, most of the ideas that instilled in me, that became part of the general material of work, were coming from the various forms of art – ... a series of new arts taking place, all hybridized, performance art, land art, action art; ... and definitely literature;... and then with out any question music and film."

—Thom Mayne, Pritzker Prize-winning architect, from his 2008 Cannon Design Lecture for Excellence in Architecture & Engineering for the Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts

Kudos

Mary Jo Bang, professor of English and director of The Writing Program, both in Arts & Sciences, has won the 2007 National Book Critics Circle Award in poetry for her book of 64 poems, titled *Elegy*.

Mark Edwards, head coach of the Bears men's basketball team, has been named the 2008 Molten/*DIII News* Coach of the Year and the D3hoops.com Coach of the Year.

Morgen Leonard-Fleckman, a senior chemistry major from Seattle, Washington, won the pole

vault at the 2008 NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field National Championships.

Peter MacKeith, associate dean of the Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts and associate professor of architecture, has received the 2008 Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture Creative Achievement in Design Education Award.

Troy Ruths, a senior forward on the men's basketball team from Sugar Land, Texas, garnered numerous honors. In February, he was named the 2008 *ESPN The Magazine* College Division Academic All-American of the year. On March 20 he added the 2008 Jostens Trophy as the most outstanding NCAA Division III player. And four days later he was named the D3hoops.com Player of the Year. He will graduate in May with a 4.0 grade-point average and a degree in computer science.

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