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SELIGMAN TO BECOME ROCHESTER PRESIDENT: Joel

Seligman, J.D., dean of the School of Law and the Ethan A.H. Shepley University Professor, has announced his intention to step down effective June 30. Seligman, who came to Washington University in 1999 to serve as dean, will become president of the University of Rochester.

SOCIAL WORK CENTER EARNS ADVANCED

DESIGNATION: The Center for Mental Health Services Research has received funding from the National Institute of Mental Health to become **the** nation's first Advanced Center for Interventions and Services Research at a school of social work.

MODEL OF SUCCESS: Originating in University research laboratories, St. Louis-based biotechnology company Apath has generated enough profit in just seven years to contribute \$1 million in royalty payments back to the School of Medicine. Apath, the first University-associated startup to hit the \$1 million payback milestone, identifies antiviral compounds effective against a group of viruses that cause diseases in humans.



Chancellor Mark Wrighton describes Seligman as "an accomplished academic leader" who will be "a wonderful president for the University of Rochester."

Research



JUPITER'S CORE: The widely accepted model for Jupiter's formation assumes its overall composition is similar to that of the Sun. In studying data from the Galileo probe of Jupiter, however, Katharina Lodders, Ph.D., research associate professor in Earth and Planetary Sciences, proposes a new mechanism by which the planet formed and a core of mainly tar, rather than ice.

HEALING HEAT: Some **41 percent of American** women may have varicose vein disease by the time they reach their 40s and 50s. Now Washington



The planet Jupiter may have a core of tar, according to new reasearch from WUSTL.

University dermatologic surgeons are among a growing group of physicians offering a procedure that uses heat to treat the problem.

THE DARK (AND BRIGHT) SIDE OF

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE: In a perfect
business world, corporate governance and
decision-making would follow sound, rational
processes. Todd Milbourn, associate professor of finance in the

John M. Olin School of Business, has found that at times executives are compensated appropriately and appropriate decisions are taken—a finding from the "bright side." His collaborative research also reveals a "dark side," where companies reward CEOs for simply being lucky, and where "yes men" often rule.

Features



proposed soccer field in the town of Somkhele in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. The field, which can accomodate one full-sized game or two smaller games,

is bordered by playgournds and lattice walled changed areas that can also accomodate a mobile health-care center. STUDENTS DESIGN SOUTH AFRICAN
SOCCER FIELD: Washington University architecture
students recently submitted proposals for a soccer pitch, or
field, for the town of Somkhele, South Africa. Submissions
were part of an international competition, organized by
Architecture for Humanity, to create the field on a
\$5,000 budget while employing
sustainable and/or local building
materials. One School of Architecture team received an
honorable mention.

WOMEN'S HEALTH EXHIBIT FIRST

OF ITS KIND: Women's bodies figure prominently in the history of art, yet the art of women's health is shockingly new. The concept of women's health

did not take shape until the 1970s. In January, the Mildred Lane Kemper Art Museum will present *Inside Out Loud: Women's Health in Contemporary Art*, the first major museum-level exhibition dedicated to the topic.

LACK OF SLEEP (EXPERIENCE): Babies who never sleep on their stomachs don't learn behaviors that may lessen their risk of sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), researchers at Washington University School of Medicine have found. Even so, the researchers caution that infants should always be placed on their backs to sleep.

Heard on Campus

"The goal before us is education for a greater destiny. Our nation is setting a pattern for the world. Here at our nation's heart the pattern selected by Washington University can thus shape the growth of man. With the cordial support of the Corporation and friends of the University, the loyal cooperation of the faculty, and the earnest efforts of the students, this University will take an ever greater part in building our community and our world."

-Arthur Holly Compton from "Education for a Greater Destiny," his inaugural address given February 22, 1946.

Kudos

Michael J. Mueller, Ph.D., associate director of the Program in Physical Therapy, was elected to the Catherine Worthington Fellows by the American Physical Therapy Association.

Michael J. Welch, Ph.D., professor of radiology and co-director of the Division of Radiological Sciences, is one of only three radiologists to be named an honorary fellow of the American College of Radiology in 2004.

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