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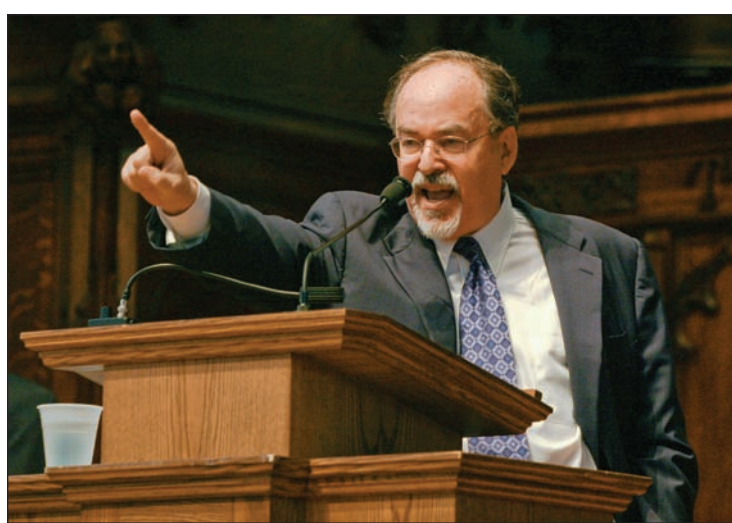
## Democrats, Republicans clash over perception of Islam

❖ As Republicans highlight Islamo-Fascism, Democrats stress tolerance

BY PERRY STEIN  
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

In honor of the first annual Islamo-Fascism Awareness Week, College Republicans are hosting a film screening. College Democrats have responded by arranging "Teach-in For Tolerance." Both events are to take place tonight.

Islamofascism Awareness Week is a national project sponsored by the Terrorism Awareness Project, an organization founded by David Horowitz, with the goal of confronting "two Big Lies of the political left: that George Bush created the war on terror and that Global Warming is a greater danger to Americans



David Horowitz speaks in Graham Chapel as a part of the Assembly Series in Spring 2005. WU College Republicans are supporting Islamo-Fascism Week, a nation-wide event hosted by Horowitz and the Terrorism Awareness Project, which is aimed at dispelling what he calls lies espoused by the political left.

than the terrorist threat."

"The root cause of terrorism is not and never has been American foreign policy," said Steve Miller, national director of the Terrorism Awareness Project. "Our enemy is driven by a radical religious motivation, a motivation that is hard for us to understand and appreciate."

The flagship event at

Washington University will be a screening of the documentary "Suicide Killers," which explores the mindset of suicide attackers at 7 p.m. in the second floor common room of Shepley Hall.

In response to the controversial event, the College Democrats will be holding "Teach-in for Tolerance" on the Swamp, an event that, according to President Meredith Sigler, was coincidentally scheduled at the same time as the College Republicans' event.

"Immediately, we realized that we needed a response to this event specifically and the ideas that David Horowitz is pushing," said Sigler. "The main purpose of this event is to promote tolerance and to state that what David Horowitz stands for is not what we believe."

The Teach-in for Tolerance event will feature guest speakers Professor Fatemeh Keshavarz, from the department

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## Gaming goes online

❖ STS to register gaming systems

BY STEVE HARDY  
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Despite a brief delay, students will be able to register their Xboxes over the school's wireless network soon.

The delay has been a result of Student Technology Services' (STS) desire to focus on building the academic network before opening it up to register additional MAC addresses, including those for gaming systems.

The cost of Xbox registration is covered by the \$135 fall 2007 Activation Fee.

"As a university, our first priority is to be sure that [students'] researching needs have been met," said Barbara Coleman, director of STS. "Once we know that that [the] network is stable, we'll look at [their] living or entertainment needs."

Coleman's staff is being trained to manage the new additions to the network.

The form for registering additional MAC addresses will be available on the STS Web site, though Coleman warns that in the initial rush, registration might take five to ten days, as STS processes all the requests and activates new addresses.

In the meantime, there may be a few days or weeks in which unregistered gaming systems may lose online capability.

The movement to register gaming systems was advocated in large part by the Technology Resources Committee (TRC) of the Student Union.

"The policy has changed from a strict 'we're not going to allow gaming devices at this time' to 'once we get the system implemented correctly and make sure everything is sound, we'll let students register an additional

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## South 40 to unveil online rescollege version of "Risk"

BY DAVID SONG  
NEWS EDITOR

The residential college armies are coming in November.

GoCrossCampus, an Internet game that allows students to participate in an ongoing battle over Washington University's campus, will be online for South 40 students in the coming weeks.

Each team will represent one of the South 40's residential colleges competing for dominance in the massively multiplayer social gaming platform.

GoCrossCampus (GXC), first launched at Yale University this spring, resembles strategic board games such as Risk and Diplomacy, but will be entirely online. The game currently remains in its Beta version.

"Every day is a turn where

you get armies, place armies, attack countries with armies, etc.," explained Matt Herman, the Director of Finance of the Congress of the South 40, who helped initiate GoCrossCampus at the University. "You make all these moves, and GoCrossCampus simulates the battles. Everyone's on a team, so you have to coordinate your moves with the members. It's the residential colleges play-

ing against each other, and the map is the entire Danforth campus."

Matthew Brimer, a Yale sophomore, the Chief Marketing Officer of GoCrossCampus and one of the game's developers, noted that the prototype for GoCrossCampus proved surprisingly popular after its first release on Yale University.

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Wash. U. students (from right to left) Alex Beyer, Jonathan Chiang and Justin Chuck play Halo 3 on Xbox Live in a common room in Nemerov. While such playability was recently cut off from the network, once the network is deemed stable, students will be able to register entertainment devices like Xboxes at no additional charge.



GoCrossCampus is an online game of strategy, similar to "Risk," that South 40 students will experience for the first time come November.

## Students question campus card's potential for abuse

BY AARON WEIDMAN  
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A recent consumer protection campaign aiming to protect students from credit card solicitation has raised questions about the potential for students to overuse the expanded campus card program.

The campaign, sponsored by the United States Public Interest Research Group (U.S. PIRG), reached 40 campuses nationwide, coming to St. Louis Community College at Meramec.

The goal is to initiate a policy change on campuses, which would protect students from the fees and penalties that can result from improper credit card usage.

"The model that the credit card industry uses is marketing to young people," said Christine Lindstrom, higher

education director for U.S. PIRG. "Ultimately, these are new consumers and they are the population that will carry a balance from month to month."

The University provides several safeguards to students from credit card solicitation. Any vendor wishing to advertise at Mallinckrodt Center must be contracted by the Student Union and sponsored by a student group; additionally, solicitation of any kind is not permitted in the residence halls.

Regardless of these protections, some students responded to the campaign by stressing that the onus is on them to become educated on proper credit card usage.

"I disagree that credit card companies shouldn't be allowed to advertise on cam-

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### A Bear in the minor league?



Tommy Bawden is one of our starting safeties. Who would've thought that he used to play for the Red Sox's minor league team? **Sports, Page 6**

### Ph.D's in love: a look at our faculty



Find out how Wash. U. professors found "the one" in today's look into the personal lives of some of our favorite professors. **Scene, Page 5**

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# Series revisits solution to famous math proof

BY KAT ZHAO  
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The Poincaré Conjecture—one of the most famous problems in mathematics—recently received discussion at Washington University.

This past Friday and Saturday, for this year's William H. Roever Lectures in Geometry, the Department of Mathematics held a lecture series on the Poincaré Conjecture.

Grigori Perelman's solution to the conjecture was the focus of lectures presented in four parts by visiting professors John Morgan from Columbia University and Gang Tian from Princeton University.

The Poincaré Conjecture was first proposed by French mathematician Henri Poincaré in a paper in 1904. It is one of the seven Millennium Prize Problems established by the Clay Mathematics Institute and the only one of the seven that has been solved so far.

Professor Gary Jensen, the host of the weekend lecture series, explained the basis of the conjecture in layman's terms. "Picture a sphere, or the surface of a ball—this is a two dimensional thing. It has the property that if you draw a curve on it, you can shrink that curve down

to a point." This holds true for all two-dimensional spherical spaces containing no holes, such as a globe or even an out of shape soccer ball. However, the same is not true of the donut shape.

"Now, I can make a circle around the outer rim, but there is no way I can shrink that down to a point. There is something fundamentally different about that," said Jensen.

Mathematicians have known for centuries that for a surface that is closed, if one can turn a curve along the surface into a point, the surface must be a sphere. What Poincaré asked was whether this held true in three dimensions.

"Now you have to imagine a three sphere, so we're looking at a ball in four-dimensional space with a surface that is a three dimensional sphere," said Jensen.

Suppose there is a three dimensional space that is compact—in other words, contained in a finite portion of space, unlike a plane. If one takes any curve on it and shrinks it to a point, does it dictate the surface of a three sphere? This question served as the platform for what eventually became the Poincaré Conjecture.

"Poincaré originally posed this simply as a question in the

context of a celestial mechanics problem he was working on. It later became known as the Poincaré Conjecture," said Jensen.

Mathematicians have struggled to prove the problem since its proposal. Jensen commented that the problem's simplicity contrasted with its elusiveness was partially the reason why it became so well-known.

"It was a problem that seemed very simple and elementary to answer in two dimensional surfaces," he said. "But as the century went by, people tried harder and harder to solve it and couldn't."

Many false solutions have been presented throughout the years. Some mathematicians quickly discovered contradictions to their own solutions, whereas others went on to presenting their proofs for years before knowing that they were wrong. In the late 1980s, English mathematician Colin Rourke's solution was announced to the world and taken as correct for a year before it was finally disproved.

Finally, beginning in November of 2002, another solution was made available online in a three part series. Although the proof was rough and contained many gaps where other mathematicians would have included

more steps, it was a robust solution. No one could disprove it. The author was eccentric 37-year old Grigori Perelman of the Steklov Institute of Mathematics, a part of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

Perelman had been working quietly on the problem for more than seven years, becoming a recluse in his mother's home in St. Petersburg. Although an esteemed expert in differential geometry and Ricci flows, a concept associated with the curvature of smooth surfaces, he made himself virtually unable to be reached in his seclusion.

Perelman's solution was named the scientific "Breakthrough of the Year" by the journal Science. In light of his contribution, Perelman was also offered the Fields Medal, the most prestigious award in mathematics. However, Perelman steadfastly refused the award.

Many consider this to be the perfect story behind the solution to a long pursued mathematical intrigue.

"It's just amazing how this quiet, unheard-from Russian mathematician comes up with this solution to one of the greatest unsolved problems in the world," said sophomore Mike Craig.

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address, which might be a game system," stated Committee Chair Jeff Nelson.

The original ban on gaming devices had caused discontent among many students, frustrated by an inability to take advantage of their system's potential.

Neither Nelson nor Coleman could think of a device that would not be allowed in the network, unless a student tried to register several addresses and overused the bandwidth. However, Network Technology Services (NTS) has final say in such cases and in all cases of security risks.

Jan Weller, director of NTS, is also interested in finding out what other applications students would like to have available on their network and how those applications can be securely implemented. The heads of each area of technology administration all stress the paramount importance of security in regard to the network and students' individual software.

Once gaming systems are registered, the Committee will begin to examine other ways to improve technology on campus. Nelson mentions poor communication between students and administration as an issue, citing the technology price increase last summer.

"I do think that the communication between students and IT has been problematic in the past, and I think the role of TRC is to facilitate that communication—for students to give us their concerns and issues with technology on campus [which we can relay to the administration] and for [the administration] to give us things that students should know, such as the policy on gaming systems. I think TRC can be a great middle ground."

Specifically, TRC is working to centralize online applications. A central student portal would contain WebSTAC, Telesis, health records, library functions, and an improved all-school calendar. Nelson is also interested in streamlining e-mail by integrating all the schools' systems into one uniform server.

"Right now, technology at the university is so decentralized," said Nelson. "Arts and Sciences is doing something totally different from Business. Everyone is on a different system. We're working to make technology more seamless for the user."

As always, TRC is trying to keep technology prices low. Nelson stressed that any student with a concern should bring it to the Committee so they can continue to represent student needs.

## Briefs

**LOCAL**

**Body Worlds draw record crowd for opening day**

More than 2,000 people visited the Science Center on Friday for the opening of the Body Worlds, the largest exhibit opening on record at the center. Body Worlds, the project of Gunther von Hagens, a German anatomist who uses a technique called plastination to halt decomposition, features human corpses sculpted artistically and is temporarily on display at the St. Louis Science Center. The exhibit had previously been on display in cities around the world including London, Chicago and Philadelphia. The bodies used in the exhibit were donated to be a part of the showcase; however, previous exhibits have been accompanied by controversy over the ethics of the display.

**NATIONAL**

**Wildfires spread across California driven by wind**

Nearly a dozen wildfires driven by strong winds spread across Southern California on Sunday; one person was killed near San Diego and several homes and a church were destroyed in the Malibu area. According to the Associated Press, the fires ranged from north of Los Angeles to San Diego and were caused by hot weather and strong winds arriving from the desert. These winds, known as the Santa Ana winds, mark the height of the wildfire season. According to Los Angeles County Fire Chief P. Michael Freeman, the fires are expected to burn for another two to three days; in that time, he said, thousands of homes will be threatened. In connection with the San Diego fire, four firefighters and four civilians were injured and taken to hospitals.

**INTERNATIONAL**

**Internet pirating Web site shut down, owner arrested**

A well-known Web site providing links to illegal versions of major movies and TV shows was shut down last week. The website, tv-links.co.uk, had been used worldwide to access illegal content uploaded to the Internet, according to the Gloucestershire County Council. Guardian Unlimited reported that a 26-year-old man from the city of Cheltenham was arrested on charges of facilitation of copyright infringement on the Internet in the first major anti-piracy case in the United Kingdom. Representatives of the anti-piracy group Federation Against Copyright Theft said that this was the first target in a campaign to crack down on copyright infringement on the web.

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**Correction:**  
An Oct. 15 article titled "Gore wins Nobel Peace Prize" states "The prize... follows an Emmy and two Academy Awards won by Gore for his 'Current TV' and 'An Inconvenient Truth'..." David Guggenheim and Melissa Etheridge actually won the Academy Awards for 'An Inconvenient Truth,' not Gore, although both acknowledged the large impact of Gore in the making of the documentary. Student Life regrets the error.

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Many students on campus have credit and debit cards as well as money loaded onto their campus card. A recent campaign led by the U.S. Public Interest Research Group is aimed at protecting students from fees that result from the improper use of such cards.

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pus," said freshman Kenny Fairleigh. "We should be educating the student body on credit card usage and legalities, and about what can happen if you abuse them. If students use them properly, it can help them to build credit and save a lot of money in the future."

Others questioned whether the campus card lends itself to similar abuse.

"They should provide a little more explanation about where the money is coming from," said freshman Alice Goldenberg. "My parents received a bill for campus card points and I had no idea what it was for."

Students can, at any time, add up to 500 points to their campus card or meal plan by logging on to their WebSTAC account.

Any added points will automatically be billed to the student's account, with the only line of defense being a disclaimer stating that points are

non-refundable.

Freshman Izzy Agnew added that students should have to ask their parents before adding points to their bill.

Paul Schimmele, assistant to the director of operations for Bon Appétit, noted that safeguards are in place to protect students from over-using their campus cards.

Laundry, vending and printing points remain available to students throughout their four years at the University. Meal points, while being restricted to one school year, roll over from the fall to the spring semester. Schimmele also noted that the average campus card balance, as of Oct. 1, was only \$26 for resident students and \$15 for students living off campus.

"Students have proven to be incredibly responsible with their spending," said Schimmele. "They tend to only put on the points they need as they need them. Also, it's hard to

abuse the campus card because you can only spend it on campus."

Fairleigh noted that, as with credit cards, learning how to properly manage a campus card can be an important skill for students.

"I agree with the principle that Washington University will let [financial decisions] go through the students," he said. "We are all adults here. If you get into life without knowing how to use credit cards and campus cards, then you will really get into trouble."

Lindstrom agreed that students do need to learn more about financial matters. "For students to expect any change on campus they need to become educated on the problem and solution," said Lindstrom. "We hope that a byproduct of our campaign is that it helps students become better consumers."

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of Asian and Near Eastern Languages and Literatures, and Professor Howard Brick from the History department, with the intention of helping to educate students about the nature of Islam.

"A large thing that David Horowitz's Islamo-Fascism Awareness week does is play on cultural biases," said Sigler. "I just wasn't comfortable with the idea that Islam in itself is pushing terrorism and it is a fundamental part of who they are."

College Republican President Samuel Gittle said that he decided to hold this event in order to raise awareness among students about the continuous threat of terrorism.

"Terrorism stems from people who pervert Islam," said Gittle. "The main purpose of this event is awareness of Islamic terrorism, and that it still is a threat to us six years after 9/11."

This awareness week is designed to promote Horowitz's ideas, and over 100 college campuses will be holding events in conjunction with this project.

Horowitz, who spoke at Washington University in 2005, will speak at Columbia University, George Washington University and various other schools throughout the week.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for students to get a factual education in this deadly struggle with which we are faced," said Miller.

Miller said that the College Democrats holding a counter event demonstrates a lack of understanding of the issue at hand.

"[Opposing this] would be like opposing efforts in the 1930s to raise awareness of the rise in fascism," said Miller.

Gittle also said that people who immediately disagree with the event are misinterpreting the intended ideas of the organization.

"I think in their whole opposition to our event, they're a little bit naive," said Gittle. "They are taking the event out of context, they're protesting something they don't

understand."

The Teach-in for Tolerance is being co-sponsored by more than eight other groups including the Muslim Student Association, Students for a Peaceful Palestinian-Israeli Future (SPPIF), the Social Justice Center, and College Libertarians.

According to SPPIF President Robert Fares, Horowitz presents a radical claim about terrorism and his beliefs are not consistent with the facts stated in history books.

"His information is basically propaganda," said Fares. "It's wrong to say that violence and terrorism come from Islam because Islam is the largest religion in the world. [Violence and terrorism] come from [the] conditions of life."

Despite the College Republicans' event, Sigler said she does not think Horowitz's ideas will be widely accepted by the University's students.

"I don't think that such an unfounded claim can catch on in such an intellectual place," said Sigler. "Washington University students are more intelligent than to believe that Islamic structure promotes terrorism."

Both Sigler and Gittle agreed that this should not be a partisan debate of Democrats against Republicans or vice versa.

"We're trying to make this clear that this isn't against the Republicans, this is in response to David Horowitz," said Sigler. "The moment you make this Democrat vs. Republican you make this a political issue instead of a social one, and this is a social issue."

In spite of all the controversy and negative publicity its been facing, Miller said he anticipates Islamo-Fascism Awareness Week to be a successful event on college campuses.

"It's going to be a tremendous success. I have great faith in the program's content and the students organizing it," said Miller.

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Over half of Yale undergraduates have registered with GoCrossCampus.

"The whole thing started with a prototype game we ran in spring 2007, but right now we have a platform on which we can launch several games at once," said Brimer. "Over 60 percent of the entire Yale undergraduate body was logging in daily and playing the game; that number, almost 3,000 people, was blowing everyone away. What that inspired us to do was to bring the game to the next level...to new schools."

Students interested in GoCrossCampus, noted Brimer, were not just those heavily interested in computer games—that is, "hardcore" gamers.

"We found that people playing this weren't just hardcore gamers, but they were recruiting all their friends to get involved—student leaders, people with big social contacts, people loyal to their residential

colleges," he said.

One of GoCrossCampus's most engaging facets, added Brimer, was the level of personal involvement students could share in the game.

"The cool thing about GoCrossCampus is that it's your campus," he said. "You can walk around and say, 'my team is holding this territory here.' It's an interesting competitive spirit."

Over the summer, Herman and others from the Washington University Student Union worked with GoCrossCampus developers to make the University one of the institutions whose students would be able to test the Beta version of the game.

Because of its residential college system which resembles Yale's, the University stood out as a prime candidate for continued testing of the game.

"I knew that [Washington University] had a residen-

tial college system similar to Yale's," said Brimer. "Washington University would be a great inaugural school with which to launch [GXC]."

The structure of the game sits at the level of the residential college. While individual students can spend relatively little time each day on GoCrossCampus, they can also elect—or impeach—commanders that coordinate the team's attacks and defenses as a whole.

"You're not playing just for yourself; you're playing for your entire residential college," explained Brimer. "How we built cooperation and team effort in the system is that you can democratically elect leaders. That's a way for the team to come under the leadership of one or several commanders."

The strength of a team rests on both strategy and members, as the size of a team depends on how many students of its

residential college have signed up for the game.

"If one residential college has recruited five hundred people to play, that team will have [that many] people. Everyone has incentive to recruit friends and people in the residential college—it's a casual game, two minutes a day—place your armies and you're done. But for the people who want to delve into the strategy, that kind of stuff is more than available."

Although GoCrossCampus covers the entire Danforth campus, the game will be restricted to South 40 residents until at least next year.

"We plan next year to open this to everyone, to Millbrook or Greenway, but it's difficult to coordinate it," said Herman.

Once GoCrossCampus becomes available to Washington University students, they can register at GoCrossCampus.com.

## WOMEN'S SOCCER TO FACE-OFF AGAINST NAT. CHAMPS TONIGHT



Junior Shirey Lane stops an incoming attack during the Sept. 30 game vs. Carnegie Mellon. Tonight's game against No. 1 ranked Wheaton will be played at 5 p.m. at Francis Field.

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# FORUM

STAFF EDITORIAL

## Where's Red Alert now?

Washington University's women's soccer team will be playing the biggest game of its season Monday afternoon. Red Alert will not be there.

The 10th-ranked Bears face off against top-ranked and defending national champion Wheaton College at Francis Field today at 5 p.m.

Though the Thunder bring in a perfect 16-0 record on the season, the Bears (12-1) hold the mental edge. When playing then 6th-ranked Wheaton on their home turf last season, the Bears pulled off a stunning 2-1 win in overtime, coming from behind to tie the score five minutes before the end of regulation and winning the game only two minutes into extra time.

This is the latest in the season the teams have met in

a number of years. Normally, the long-time rivals face off the first weekend of the season. Now, they meet in late October with both teams looking to make a statement about deep play-off run potential.

Few other games need a large fan base more than this one. Supporting one of Wash. U.'s top teams would undoubtedly provide them with an invaluable advantage. This is supposed to be the purpose of Red Alert: to get a crowd at games to support our many nationally-ranked teams. We believe that it is irresponsible of the organization not to be working to make sure attendance is high for this particularly important game.

Red Alert has instead scheduled an event for this team's game against UAA rival the University of Rochester on

Friday. Though this game is also extremely important, since Rochester leads the UAA by one point over the Bears, nothing can compare with playing the top-ranked team in the country.

At a Division III university where quality sports are often overlooked, an organization like Red Alert is necessary to promote University athletics. According to its website, Red Alert considers itself to have played a key role in increasing attendance at games and school spirit, both of which have seemingly increased athletic energy in competition. Unfortunately, it is not living up to its mission by creating this type of atmosphere at the upcoming women's soccer game.

Red Alert events have proven these goals to be accurate. The organization went out of its way to promote the Septem-

ber Volleyball match-up against Juniata College. Students came out in droves to support our team in a rematch of last year's national championship match.

Though, like last year, Juniata emerged victorious, the crowd played a role in the outcome. Juniata head coach Larry Bock said that his team had never played in a gym like ours, and that the volume matched that of the Fieldhouse during Wash. U.'s volleyball heyday when the school won six straight national championships.

Red Alert should be looking to duplicate this atmosphere at today's women's soccer game. Not only does the group owe it to the team to give them a large crowd for the game, it owes it to the student body to make sure it knows to come out and support the team.

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We welcome your submissions and thank you for your consideration.

## Take the extra step to save the planet

BY KATIE AMMANN  
STAFF COLUMNIST

This campus is pretty good at providing students with ways to recycle paper, plastics, cans, batteries and more. Sure, we can argue that there should be more recycling cans on campus, but a more important issue is the lack of motivation to use the ones that are already there.

I was in Bear's Den a few days ago, and the guy at the grill was dumping pickles from a huge plastic jar into the pickle bin. Once it was empty, he just threw the jar away with all of the food scraps and old grease. Bon Appétit doesn't have a recycling bin near the employees, and apparently they don't see it that the containers get recycled elsewhere or reused. I've sent an e-mail to Bon Appétit to ask about this; as of press time, they have not yet responded. For a company that touts sustainable practices, Bon Appétit needs to step up and follow through with their promises, even at the most basic level.

It seems that a lot of students also often miss opportunities to recycle. When you're done with your smoothie, rinse out the cup and recycle it. Same goes for milk bottles, soda bottles, aluminum cans, juice bottles and glass containers. All of those go into the comingle bin. The bins for paper can receive a variety of things as well. You can recycle magazines, packets with staples, whole notebooks, envelopes with windows and paperboard boxes, like cereal boxes or shoe boxes. There's a box for plastic bags in Wohl, there are usually battery bags in each floor's trash room, you can

recycle printer cartridges at almost any place you'd buy a new one and Green Action periodically holds drives for old electronics. With all of these opportunities, there's no reason not to recycle.

There are a lot of things that have to be thrown away. How many times, though, could you use something recyclable instead? The next time you have a party, use cups that aren't plastic #7 (the typical red plastic party cup). Use glasses or buy a set of fun plastic cups that can be washed and reused.

Think about the impact you're making. The other day, I saw a girl in Hilltop who cracked the side of the lid of her grapefruit juice as she was opening it. The bottle was fine, and the part of the lid that was holding the juice in the bottle was fine, but she asked for a new one anyway. Since the bottle had been opened, the employee couldn't sell it to someone else; she had to throw it away. It's this kind of wastefulness that's gotten our planet into trouble; now, even with ways to slow and hopefully reverse the damage, some people are still ignoring their obligations.

Everyone can make a decision about his or her own level of involvement in fighting the negative effects humans have had on the environment, but with so many ways to act for positive change, it seems irresponsible to be uninformed and passive. I know many of you already care deeply about environmental issues, but if you know someone who doesn't care, your job isn't finished yet.

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## B----- ain't s--- but hos and tricks: A super-reconsideration

BY BOB ZHENG  
STAFF COLUMNIST

To my horror, three weeks ago, my beautiful literary treasure was tucked away in the bottom right corner of Forum! Demoralized, I started reading the article above mine, "Superman that ho," by Nandan Prasad. It was a decently well-written article about how women are degraded in rap music and how we shouldn't listen to that kind of music. Although I completely disagreed with the article's point, the strong, adamant sense of feminism the author portrayed was, well, kind of hot. This is the kind of girl, I thought, who I want making me pancakes every morning and occasionally trying to poison me because I'm a womanizing ass. So imagine my surprise when I had the following conversation with one of my friends:

Me: Hey, did you read my article?

Friend: Yeah, it was pretty

awesome, but I think it was kind of funny how they put it next to that "Superman that ho" article.

Me: Hey, by the way, you know Nandan Prasad, the chick that wrote it? She sounded kind of hot in her article.

Friend: Uh, actually, Nandan is a guy.

Well, that definitely changes things. Instead of a strong-willed woman standing up for her rights in society, the article was basically a guy shamelessly trying to get some action (unless said guy actually cares about women's rights, but what are the odds of that?). However, in the next issue of Student Life, James Dueterberg wrote a stunning rebuttal, "Supersoak that ho: A reconsideration." In this article, James said something extremely profound. We will never find out what that something is, however, because the article reads like an Encyclopedia Brown essay (I mean, what the hell is a "bourgeois reactionary"?). So for those of us that don't use boggle as a

substitute for entertainment, I've concocted a layman's response.

In "Superman that ho," Nandan Prasad argues that we should eradicate all degrading lyrics from hip-hop. Nandan feels that songs such as "Crank Dat" perpetuate negative female stereotypes throughout society. But how? The song "Crank Dat" doesn't have any underlying chauvinistic meaning, in fact, it really has no meaning at all. If you look the lyrics up, the chorus is just Soulja Boy repeatedly saying that he's going to "crank dat Soulja Boy and superman dat hoe." That doesn't mean he's going to go around the country taking away women's suffrage; it means he's going to dance. That's it. In fact, the song was basically made for a specific kind of dance. The verses themselves are no more harmful.

What about Nandan's slightly more reasonable point that the very omnipresence of the words "ho" and "b-----" in hip-hop reflects a more chauvinistic attitude in society? To

illustrate this point, Nandan brings forth a stunning and ubiquitous example: freshman residential college elections. A student with a campaign slogan basically amounting to "bros before hos" won the election despite being docked half his votes for "negative campaigning." Nandan was aghast as to why more people were not outraged by this. Well Nandan, it's most likely because a majority of students on this campus aren't uptight.

Let's apply some logic to this situation. Rap music really started becoming mainstream around 2000. So according to Nandan, the past seven years have seen the status of women creep back toward the times of cavemen. Because, after all, the more prevalent rap music has become in our culture, the more prevalent "the effect of degrading hip-hop lyrics on our society," right? I myself did some extensive sleuthing (i.e. Wikipedia) and found this interesting fact: as of 1998, 23 percent of all doctors were women,

and today, women make up more than 50 percent of medical students. While the gender makeup of medical schools may not be an explicit indicator of women's status in society, it is certainly more indicative than a single freshman residential college election. Regardless, it is irrefutable that a woman's place in society has been improving from year to year, even with the onset of hip-hop (not to say that the progress so far has been enough).

I'm assuming Nandan's exposure to hip-hop comes solely from listening to "Crank Dat" wedged in between songs from Gwen Stefani and Kelly Clarkson on some hit-radio station. True hip-hop, however, is not solely about slapping hos. It's about taking a set of terrible hardships and circumstances and transforming an atmosphere littered with gang violence and crack fiends into art. Hip-hop is the documentation of a David-and-Goliath-style struggle of youth living in slums; it's a testament to the

lucky few who used ambition and luck to escape the death and poverty that plagued their homes. There are so many nuances to using the words "b-----" and "ho" in rap music, and saying that the sole purpose for the usage of these words is to degrade women is exceptionally narrow-minded. What other genre of music espouses loyalty, family, commitment and honor above all else? Hip-hop is about people who have every reason to hate life describing it with nothing but love. And that's what art is in its purest form: loving life. The passion, intellectualism and musicality characteristic of all other music is very much alive in hip-hop. You just won't be able to see it if you focus on its negative aspects.

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# SCENE

## How we met: professors tell their love stories

BY MAE WANG  
SCENE REPORTER

Two people make eye contact from across the room at a party. It's love at first sight. They find each other after the party is over and talk for hours, as if they have known each other for years. Six months later, they wed.

It would be great if all relationships were this magical, but unfortunately, that simply isn't the case: many couples have to endure years of waiting before their nuptials become a reality.

Some of our very own professors took the time to attest to this fact and share the stories of how they met their spouses. Although not every tale is picture-perfect, you'll notice one attribute that is consistent across their respective histories—a very happy ending.

### "The Set-Up"

Richard Rochberg is a professor of mathematics in the School of Arts and Sciences. He and his wife Nanette met while Richard was in graduate school at Harvard University and Nanette was an undergraduate at Brandeis University.

Richard's roommate was dating Nanette's suitemate at the time, and she thought that Richard and Nanette should meet. So, Nanette's suitemate arranged for both Richard and Nanette to get invited to and attend the birthday party of a mutual friend. It turned out that neither Richard nor Nanette enjoyed dancing, so they ended up sitting on the side of the dance floor, talking for the whole evening.

They hit it off and had a great time but didn't start dating right away since they were both already in committed relationships. As their other

relationships started to fade, Richard and Nanette grew closer and closer, until they finally got into an official relationship. Richard met Nanette in February 1967 and married her in December 1968.

Perhaps this is evidence that not all setups are doomed to fail—Richard and Nanette have been happily married for almost 30 years and will always be grateful for their friends who introduced them.

### "Long-Lost Friend"

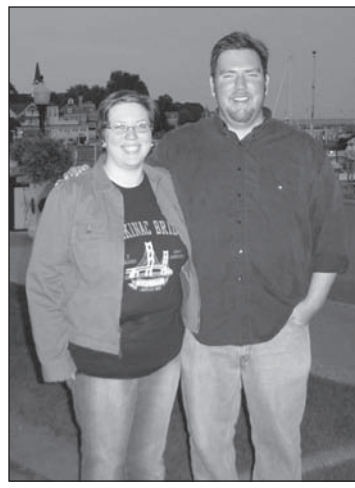
Brett Hyde is an assistant professor of philosophy and philosophy-neuroscience-psychology. His wife, Aurea Silva, originally lived in Mexico City. He met her when they were both working in the sunny state of Florida.

Their meeting was brief, and soon thereafter Aurea went back to Mexico City, and Brett went off to school. Seven years passed with no communication between them. Then, Aurea went to visit some friends who lived in Salt Lake City—Brett's home at the time. She gave Brett a call the day before she left Salt Lake City, and since her departure flight was so soon, he offered to drive her to the airport—this was the only time he would be able to see her, considering both of them had busy schedules.

This time, after Aurea flew back to Mexico City, Brett made an effort to keep in contact with her through daily phone calls and letters. The long distance between them did not halt their relationship: they got married six months later and have been going strong for over ten years.

### "Freshman Sweetheart"

Ryan Shirey is a postdoc-



COURTESY OF RYAN SHIREY

Ryan Shirey, postdoctoral lecturer in English, stands beside wife Aimee Mepham during a trip to Michigan last summer.

toral lecturer in English. He met his wife Aimee when they were both pursuing dual-degree music and English majors at Albion College, a small liberal arts college in Michigan. Ryan met Aimee on a symphonic band tour over winter break. In the beginning, they were barely even friends because they had no classes together. Luckily, since they shared mutual friends, they started seeing each other more and more often. They started casually dating March of their freshman year—just a date here and there—and with time, this casual relationship developed into a serious one. Ryan dated Aimee all throughout college and asked for her hand at the end of their senior year.

### "L'affaire Internationale"

Assistant Professor Tili Boon Cuillé teaches in the Department of Romance Languages and Literature. Her husband, Lionel Cuillé,

a lecturer in the same department, is originally from France. When Lionel decided to study at the University of Pennsylvania as an exchange student, he arranged to rent an apartment belonging to one of Tili's friends (Tili was living in Philadelphia at the time). Tili's friend sent Lionel the keys overseas, but they got lost in the mail, so she called a friend in France to help out. This friend in turn asked Tili to pick up a second set of keys. Tili met Lionel for the first time when she gave him the keys to the fated apartment. They quickly bonded over two French texts, Denis Diderot's "Le Neveu de Rameau" and "A Rebours" by Joris-Karl Huysmans. Tili could only spend a couple of months with Lionel in the States before leaving to study in France through an exchange program, but those few months were long

enough for the pair to develop a relationship. Tili and Lionel kept in touch while apart and spent the two years after their respective exchange programs living together, splitting their time between the States and France. They returned to the U.S. to get married in 2000 and have been working at Washington University since 2002. The couple lives on campus in the William Greenleaf Elliot residential college along with their daughter Elena. They are quite grateful to be living on the same continent as one another and are very much in love.

"Any of my friends could have seen him first, but I was the lucky one," said Tili.

Lionel's version of this international love story?

"I got out of the taxi, opened the door of the apartment building and married the first girl I met," said Lionel.



COURTESY OF BRETT HYDE

Assistant Professor of Philosophy Brett Hyde sits beside his wife Aurea Silva with their two daughters Sofia (left) and Maria (right).



COURTESY OF LIONEL CUILLÉ

Assistant Professor Tili Boon Cuillé and Lecturer Lionel Cuillé, both in the department of Romance Languages and Literature, stand side by side at their rehearsal dinner.

## The truth about stereotypes at Wash. U.

BY ERIC ROSENBAUM  
SCENE REPORTER

All engineers are dorks. All business students are lazy.

And don't talk to the art kids—they're only friends with each other.

Like any institution, Wash. U. harbors its own prejudices and stereotypes. A student's school, or even track within a school, can influence people's opinions about his workload, activities, social life and potential for employment.

Many people who work between the disciplines are quick to point out that no group of students is more capable or more talented than another group, and that generalizations about students undermine their range of abilities.

Think about it—are the stereotypes genuine? If you observe students on the quad, there's no telling who studies what. Art students don't wear berets. Pre-med students don't carry stethoscopes. And you don't see engineers walking around in hard hats (well, most of the time).

Still, some prominent generalizations about schools are rooted in fact.

In terms of coursework, for instance, the differences can be obvious. Because of its highly specific sets of skills, the School of Engineering has perhaps the most quantitatively rigorous program. The three classes that require the most academic mentoring from the Cornerstone Center for Advanced Learning are calculus, physics and general chemistry, all standard courses for an engineering student in her first semester.

Engineering freshman Matt Smerud has already noticed differences between his work and that of students in other schools.

"I've seen some of the [assignments] from the Business School and Arts & Sciences," said Smerud. "[They're] a little more moderate."

Robert Koff, director of Cornerstone, acknowledges that engineers have a harder workload on paper. But he thinks that it is very hard to judge the difficulty of a curriculum just by using numbers.

"More credits mean a bigger

workload," said Koff. "But some classes are [at] different levels. You have to think about all those variables."

For instance, the Olin Business School, which is sometimes called a "pre-school" because of its reputation for offering easy classes, requires a number of highly difficult quantitative classes. However, since the school provides its own tutors, most of the campus does not see business students struggling.

"I hear 'B-school/ pre-school,' but I think people actually just like the rhyme," said freshman Anna Brody. "I really think it's just about how much work you give yourself."

Freshman Anna Paszkiewicz knows how difficult work can be in the Sam Fox School of Art, which also has a reputation for easy classes. She is planning on studying fashion, pre-law and international area studies.

"A lot of kids think that the art school is a blow-off thing," said Paszkiewicz. "But while they're studying for exams, we're pulling all-nighters working on a project. You can't turn in an incomplete art project and expect to get a grade...I pulled

an all-nighter [during] the second week of school."

The School of Art does indeed have a unique learning environment. It sometimes gets a bad reputation for being elitist because it is so separated from the rest of the school. It's true that the school is somewhat physically divorced from the Danforth Campus and the farthest school from the South 40, but the Art School is also separated by more than just distance.

"Just today in the common room, I was doing my homework, which was to play with charcoal, and everyone else was having trouble with their calculus problems," said Siena Baldi, a freshman. "So it's sort of a different set of assignments—a whole different mindset."

Baldi, who is also studying environmental sciences has noted profound differences between her courses in the School of Art and those in the College of Arts and Sciences. For instance, students in her art classes often refer to professors by their first name.

"There's less of a distance between you and the professor that way," explained Paszkiewicz.

But as much as the School of Art is different from its counterparts, the people inside it are the same.

"It seems like we're antisocial, but it's just because we spend so much time together," said Paszkiewicz. "Be nice to the art students; they want to be your friends."

Art students are not the only ones who are judged by their area of study. People often have the same bias against engineers, claiming that engineers segregate themselves from other students.

"The reclusive thing is definitely a big stereotype," said Smerud. "It isn't necessarily true, but I guess [the stereotype] goes along with [engineering] being math based. Most of the time when you go into engineering, you're more logical. A math-sciences-based person and [these kinds of students] seem to have different personalities than arts-based [students]."

Far from being reclusive, engineers put on events for the whole school. For example, they host Cheap Lunch, a pizza buffet that takes place every

Wednesday in Lopata Hall. They also participate in Engineers Without Borders, a program that sends students to struggling communities around the world to put their skills to good use.

The unique experiences that students gain from each discipline, far from complicating student life, can actually enhance the college experience. According to Koff, exposure to a variety of viewpoints is essential to real understanding.

"There are different ideas and methods in different disciplines, and they stem from differences in the physical sciences, social sciences and humanities" said Koff. "So that, for example, cause and effect in history is very different than cause and effect in physics. And it's clear that if you don't understand [the methodologies], you're not going to be able to do research in these fields very well."

It seems clear that school-related stereotypes don't quite fit in the real world. Whether or not you use them is your choice—just make sure you say please when you ask the engineers to play with their robots.

## WORD ON THE STREET

### What is the worst pickup line that you have heard?

—Compiled by Angela Min



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"My friend has a thing for tall blonde girls...wait right here!"

—Kathleen Rains, 2008



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"Man: Can I talk to you? Meredith: I'm not in the mood to talk.

Man: But you're so beautiful... I just wanna talk philosophy with you."

—Meredith Wilensky, 2008



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"I put the STD in STUD, and all I need is U."

—Diana Sun, 2008



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—Kevin Mercurio, 2008

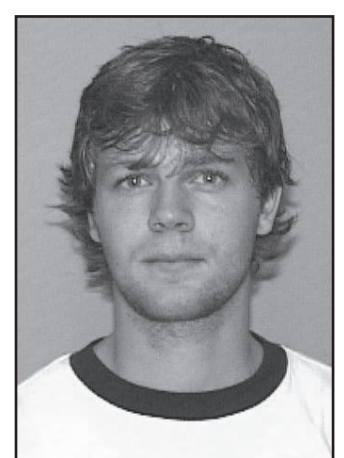


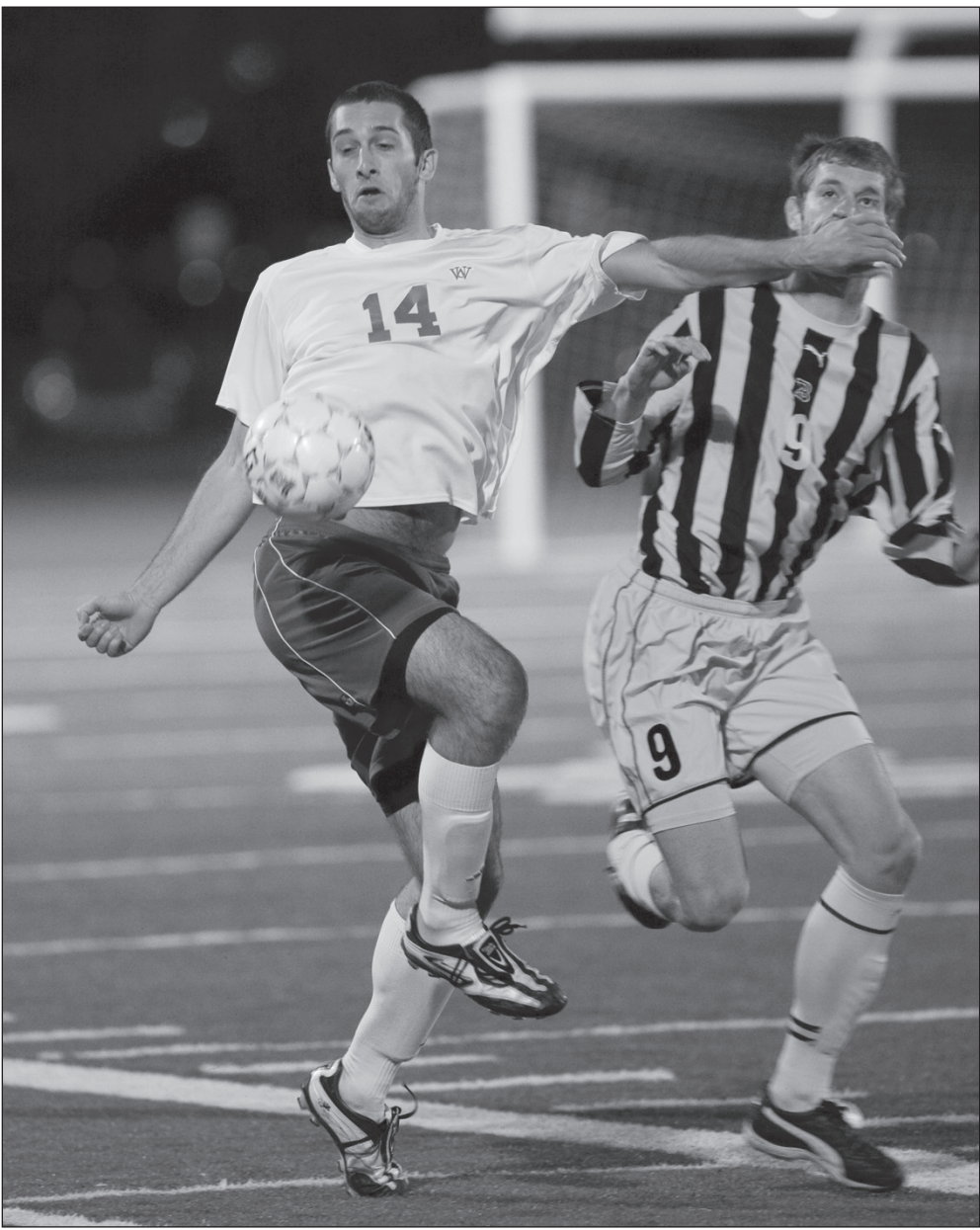
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"Have you seen my wallet? It's the one with all the Benjamins and the Magnum in it."

—Brandon Kressin, 2009



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*Kellen Hayes defends the midfield during the Oct. 19 game vs. Birmingham Southern. The Bears won their Friday night game 1-0 but lost in a 1-0 upset to St. Norbert.*

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10 a.m., Field House  
vs. Webster University  
2:30 p.m., Field House

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1 p.m., Millstone Pool

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1:30 p.m., Francis Field

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**Solution to Wednesday's puzzle**

9	7	8	2	6	4	1	5	3
5	3	6	9	7	1	2	8	4
4	2	1	3	8	5	9	7	6
8	6	4	7	3	9	5	1	2
3	1	2	6	5	8	4	9	7
7	5	9	4	1	2	3	6	8
1	8	3	5	2	6	7	4	9
2	4	5	8	9	7	6	3	1
6	9	7	1	4	3	8	2	5

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### Crossword

ACROSS

- Sheds
- Iowa city
- Spree
- Navratilova's rival
- Feeble, excusewise
- Fencing sword
- Flood shield
- Lena of "Chocolat"
- Rozelle or Rose
- Pregnancy thirds
- Pitfall
- Take one's pick
- Stories in installments
- Hollywood hopefuls
- Actor Mineo
- Thole insert
- Madonna role
- Abominable snowmen
- Objections
- Beige shades
- Middling
- Dance parts
- African nation
- Former stock-ticker stn.
- \_\_\_ Cruces, NM
- Sports breaks
- Short races
- Prickly husk
- Horse's pace
- Repetitions
- Tiber city
- "Damn Yankees" vixen
- Fictional Montague
- Terrible czar?
- Male cats
- Haughty
- Body of water
- Feed the hogs
- Infamous Helmsley
- Tons and tons
- Drake or bull
- Arab leaders
- Feels
- Snakes and lizards
- Puccini work
- Silver, gold or nickel
- Chick calls
- Martin or Allen
- Beam
- Blubbers
- Stretched tight
- Comic Johnson
- Muscle twinges
- Walk proudly
- German automaker
- Vegan fare
- "\_\_\_ She Lovely"
- Your brothers to your father
- Separated lineman
- Brazilian dance in duple time
- \_\_\_ Diego

DOWN

- Thaw
- Above
- Dolly of "Hello, Dolly!"
- Nervous vibration
- Tapering tower
- Sailor's saint
- Hoarse sound
- "Typee" sequel
- Deion's nickname
- Biggest seat in the house

**Solutions**

V	N	O	E	T	d	O	T	S	d	N	O	d
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O	S	O	S	S	N	H	O	E	S	L	N	B
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# SPORTS

## VOLLEYBALL

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# Bear claws unleashed



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Senior Captain Haleigh Spencer spikes a ball Wednesday night against UMSL. Spencer's 15 kills helped propel the Bears to win the match in three straight games.

BY JOHANN QUA HIANSEN  
SPORTS REPORTER

The claws of the Bears were sharper than the tips of the Tritons as Washington University ripped through the University of Missouri-St. Louis in three games.

Wash. U. won the first two sets with scores of 30-23 and 30-24. The Bears stormed out of a 10-minute intermission between the final sets to seize a six-point lead.

The Tritons slowly chipped away at the lead to tie the game at 17 points apiece. A seesaw occurred as the teams traded points back and forth.

The Red and Green pulled away to make the score 29-27. Outside hitter Nikki Morrison clinched the win with a kill off of two Triton blockers. "We're really excited to win in three," said the junior captain. "We're trying to make it the norm."

"Beating UMSL is always fun because they're Division II," said senior hitter Ellen Bruegge.

According to head coach Rich Luenemann, the University of Missouri-St. Louis beat the number 22 ranked NCAA Division II team last week.

Most of the fans were quiet as they watched the two teams rally. Some rallies lasted minutes as the ball crossed over the net more than five times.

"There were a couple of really long rallies where we just kept digging them every time," said sophomore libero Laura Brazeal.

From low to high, the Bears were everywhere. At one instant, senior defensive specialist Lindsay Schuessler leapt onto the floor to make a dig right by the scoring table. Schuessler went on to set a career high of 12 digs.

In another valiant effort, a cascade of three Bears hit the floor using their hands in a failed attempt to produce the save.

In another memorable play, after several unsuccessful kill attempts in one rally, junior setter Audra Janak dumped the ball into an open space. Morrison and

fellow outside hitter Haleigh Spencer each had 15 kills against the Tritons.

The Bears had 17.3 kills per game compared to their average of 15.4 kills. "We played hard and got it done," said Senior Captain Spencer. "It was a good win for us."

If fans were not watching the thrilling game, they were treated to a battle on the sidelines.

On one side of the court was an UMSL fan who had painted his face red and was clad in a red shirt and green shorts. At first, Wash. U. supporters thought he was rooting for the Red and Green.

But then spectators heard his jeers and watched as he attempted to jinx the ball with his big white foam hand whenever a Bear went to serve.

"Tell him to come to a Wash. U. game and I'll teach him how to be a real fan," said superfan Gary Palmerston.

Palmerson, with his Red Alert shirt, was at the game with his whiteboard delivering torrents of witty remarks, including some pointed towards the UMSL fan. At one point, the student had disappeared, leading onlookers to remark that Palmerson had scared him away.

"It made me laugh," said Brazeal.

The Red and Green were unfazed by the sideline distractions as junior outside hitter Alli Alberts successfully completed all 20 of her serves. Alberts and Brazeal also contributed defensively in sharing the team high of 20 digs.

The Bears will return to the Field House for their last home games of the season as they compete in the Bears Classic.

They are scheduled to play against Peru State University at 5:15 p.m. and Principia College at 7:30 p.m. on Friday.

The Red and Green hope that fans and friends will pack the stands at the tournament during their final home appearance of the regular season.

## WOMEN'S SOCCER PREVIEW

# Bears to battle Wheaton

❖ Team prepares for the season's prime contest

BY TRISHA WOLF  
SENIOR SPORTS EDITOR

Get ready for the game of the season. This afternoon, Washington University's 10th-ranked women's soccer team faces the undefeated defending national champions from Wheaton College.

"It's a huge game every year. We get pumped up," said senior and captain Carrie Sear. "They are our biggest rival. Both teams come out and play really hard."

Normally, the Bears face the Thunder the first weekend of the season. This year, the game falls during the peak of the season, right in the thick of conference play. "Playing this late is a better indication of where we both stand," said fellow captain and junior Shirey Lane.

Only two weeks removed from their first loss of the season, a 3-2 double-overtime defeat to now 11th-ranked Emory University, Wash. U. is now looking to make a statement.

Overall, the Bears are 4-5 against the Thunder. Last season, Wash. U. pulled off a stunning 2-1 upset of then sixth-ranked Wheaton in overtime on their home turf. Down by a goal for most of the match, then-freshman Becca Heymann scored her first career goal with just five minutes left in regular to tie the game.

Then-senior Sara Schroeder netted the game-winner only two minutes into overtime. Sear, the starting keeper, recorded six saves in the contest. This win was crucial in setting the tone for the Bears' three-loss season, at the end of which the team

ranked ninth.

"It is such an exciting opportunity to play them. We have both been playing great and are peaking," said Lane. "This is an opportunity to make a huge statement."

Another statistical advantage for the Red and Green is that they have not lost a game at home in over two years, with their last defeat coming on Oct. 16, 2005 against then 12th-ranked University of Rochester.

Wheaton has only lost one starter from last year's National Champion squad. The team is currently riding a 35-game winning streak. Their 35th win, however, did not come easily. Saturday, they edged the University of Chicago 3-2 in double overtime.

With Wheaton leading for most of the game, Chicago scored two goals in the final 11 minutes of regulation to tie the score before eventually falling in the 102nd minute.

"Every year, they are a really good team with really talented girls," said Sear. "We both come out playing really hard and our success depends on how hard we come out. The energy matters the most."

Not only did the Bears defeat Wheaton last season, Wash. U. also scored Wheaton's 2004 run to the National Title. The Bears defeated the Thunder 1-0 in overtime to open the season in Greencastle, Ind.

The Bears have had a week off since defeating New York University 2-1 and Brandeis University 1-0 on the East Coast. This has given them plenty of time to prepare for this clash. Kick-off



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Junior Caitlin Malone receives a pass during the Sept. 30 game vs. Carnegie Mellon. Malone has led the team with four game winning goals this season.

is scheduled for 5 p.m. at Francis Field.

"We want to hand them a loss," said junior Caitlin Malone.

"We want to prove to everyone that we can hang with the best and beat the best."

## FOOTBALL

# Tommy Bawden: second baseman finds a new home on the gridiron

BY JOSHUA GOLDMAN  
SPORTS REPORTER

Most Washington University athletes come to campus to play their primary sport. Junior Tommy Bawden is an exception. Bawden, a starting safety on the football team, is third in tackles and interceptions made this season. While he was recruited to play football out of high school, Bawden received even more attention for his prowess in America's pastime, baseball.

In July 2003, Bawden signed a minor league contract with

the Gulf Coast Red Sox, the Red Sox's rookie league team. A shortstop at Parkway Central High School in St. Louis, Bawden played mostly second base for the Gulf Coast League Red Sox over three seasons.

The GCL's teams play from June to August, so after playing 16 games during the 2003 campaign, Bawden faced the issue of how to spend the rest of the year. He opted to attend Indiana University for a semester and begin his college experience.

"I didn't know what the future had in store for me, so I de-

ecided to go to IU for a semester because I wanted to experience college like a true freshmen would.

I also had a friend that was going there that I could room with, so it just worked out. I had fun there but never any intention of going back," said Bawden.

The arrival of summer brought with it the 2004 GCL season, and Bawden returned to Ft. Myers, Fla. to play baseball. While living in hotels and traveled around Florida for games, Bawden got to play on "the type of field you dream of playing on."

He added, "Everything was perfect and the grounds crew was meticulous about every detail."

"I got one of the best experiences of my life out of my three years in the minor leagues. I had a lot of fun, met a lot of new people, and had a chance to do something that not many people get to do," he said. The experience changed me because it made me realize how precious everything can be and [that] it is important to have no regrets. One day I can be out on the field taking ground balls with Edgar Renteria and the next I can be driving home trying to figure out what I am going to do."

In 55 games with the GCL Red Sox, Bawden hit .237 with two homers and 10 RBI's. Unfortunately, he was summoned to the team's office to talk about his situation in April 2005.

"They laid it on me that I was going to be released. They were actually very complimentary and had already notified teams about me and the type of person I was. Releases are part of the game and happen all the time in the minor leagues, but it still stings," stated Bawden. "It's actually weird because you do get to a point where you know you could get released. I started to think about it when I realized that I was not the type of player that fit in with the Red Sox. I am more of a defensive specialist and small ball player which didn't fit in with the Red Sox and what they were looking for in players."

Bawden received calls from other organizations, but he ultimately chose to return to his home state of Missouri and attend Washington University, where he could continue his athletic career as a member of the football team. College baseball became impossible since receiving payment from a professional organization or playing in any professional competition removes amateur status and NCAA eligibility from the athlete for that sport.

"I had received calls from other organizations to go play for them, but to be honest, I began to think about what would happen if I was 27, 28, or 29 and didn't make it. Then I would have to go to four years of school, and I would be starting my life when I was 32. That just didn't appeal to me," said Bawden when asked about why he chose to retire. "I knew I wasn't done with sports though, and I remembered that Coach [Kindbom] was recruiting me out of high school to play for Wash. U., so I contacted him to see if it was possible to come there and play. I knew Wash. U. was a great school, so I thought that being able to play football and attend a great university sounded like a good thing."

Bawden enrolled in the Olin Business School in 2005, and he also began playing football. A high school quarterback, Bawden made the transition to safety and recorded 51 tackles and one interception in his first season with the team.

Now two years removed from baseball, Bawden still remembers the game fondly.

"I think about baseball all the time and miss it a lot. It was a great life and something that I will never forget. It is fun for me though to see guys in the big leagues that I used to share the locker room with, like Hanley Ramirez [2006 National League Rookie of the Year], Dustin Pedroia, Jonathan Papelbon [2007 All-Star] and Matt Murton," said Bawden. "Baseball is one of those things where once you have become a part of it, it will never leave you."



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Junior defensive back Tommy Bawden carries the ball after a pass interception in the Oct. 14 game against University of Chicago. His strong athletic skills range from football to baseball, where he used to play for the Red Sox's rookie league team.