

While Olympians competed in Beijing, Cadenza was taking video games for a test drive.



Wash. U. is ranked fourth in the nation in a system that ranks institutions based on academics and athletics.



Student Life was on the scene as the College Dems took over Urso's to watch Barack Obama's acceptance speech.



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Operation supplies

The Military Care Package Project in action for WU student

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Contributing Reporter



Senior John Coveyou

John Coveyou, a Washington University senior serving in Iraq, keeps his connection with the school while fighting half a world away.

Coveyou has been receiving packages from the Military Care Package Project, an organization set up on campus to give student soldiers a taste of college during their tours of duty.

Since its inception in 2004 by Jill Edwards, project manager in the Department of Diversity and Administra-

tion, the Washington University Military Care Package Project has sent more than 6,234 pounds of food and supplies to soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. Now, the program collects donations

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Students, Alumni satisfied with DUC despite crowds

Ben Sales
Senior News Editor

Though hordes of students may at times test the Danforth University Center's maximum occupancy limits, Washington University alum Katrina Marshall loves the building—and the crowds that come with it.

Sitting on a cushioned chair on the first floor of the center at 10 a.m. with a low buzz of activity behind her that was sure to escalate as the day went on, Marshall praised the background noise. In fact, she said, the noisier the better.

"This is something students need," Marshall, who graduated in 2006 and finished her tenure as a University admissions officer on Wednesday, said. "It encourages students to gather. It builds community. If you stand up on one of the top railings, you look down and see people smiling, yelling. It feels like a campus to me."

If its objective is to make students gather, the Danforth University Center (DUC) may have succeeded in its purpose, having served lunch to 2,700 people between the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Wednesday. Students said they enjoyed the food, but not the cafeteria's wait.

Junior Greg Booth, who works as a guide for lost students in the DUC, said that when he went to get a meal, the line stretched through the cafeteria and out of the building. Some students said they had to wait up to 15 minutes for their meals.

"Luckily I came five minutes before the hour, so I got my food real quickly," Booth said. "I think kids will just learn to come at different

times and try out different options for lunch. Hopefully students will learn to time it better."

After a week in which lunch lines have filled the eating area and the tables remain crowded through much of the afternoon, Bon Appétit officials are in the process of rearranging the lines to streamline the traffic, and will centralize the cash registers. Another cook will also come to the salad bar, the DUC's busiest food station.

Despite the eatery's growing pains, Food Court Manager George Scott is so far satisfied with the cafeteria.

"Hopefully everyone will understand where to go," he said. "The speed of service with what we have got now is really good. When you line up 70 people in one line and take care of someone every 15 or 20 seconds, [for] the person at the end of the line, its going to take that person a long time."

The food court may be the DUC's most crowded locale, but students have also been frequenting—and enjoying—the center's other features, such as the myriad couches that fill the building's atria and the Fun Room, where junior Ciara Caprara feels she can relax in a social environment.

"I definitely think it creates a good atmosphere for students," she said. "It'll be a change from everybody being crowded into the library."

Booth seconded Caprara's comments and although his job is to help lost students, he feels that the building's layout is one of its strengths.

"It's kind of nice that you can walk right through here and access

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IDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT



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Helicopters circled both the Medical and Danforth campuses on Wednesday and Thursday of this week in short intervals. The helicopters flew low to the ground in order to capture aerial footage of the newly-improved campuses for the Office of Public Affairs.

Bright year ahead in China for WU Fulbright Scholar

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Managing Editor

After four years at Washington University, Raymond Deng is going to spend two years seeing the length and breadth of China.

Deng was recently awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to China to pursue independent work overseas during this year and the next. He is one of 11 University graduates who received the Fulbright Scholarship for the 2008-2009 academic year.

The Fulbright Program, instituted in 1948, sends college graduates, graduate students and scholars from the United States to teach or pursue independent projects abroad.

Deng's work will focus on the disparities between urban and rural public health in China. His project will take him from two of China's largest cities, Shanghai and Beijing, to the markedly-poorer regions in southern and southwestern China, the Szechuan and Yun-

nan provinces.

"Right now with the developments going on—you always hear, 'Oh, there's so much development and money' but really all of that's concentrated on the east rim," Deng said.

"The development in the rural areas is tremendously lacking—there's a huge disparity in all facets of life. I want to research a particular rural healthcare scheme that seems to have failed in the 1980s, and why farmers are unwilling to cooperate with it."

Deng, a biology major, applied to the Fulbright Program in China because of the scholarship's prestige and the country's importance on the global stage.

He also saw the scholarship as a crossroads between his academic life and his personal identity as a Chinese-American. The son of Chinese immigrants, Deng views his background as critical to his work in China.

"It's the country my parents came from," he said. "But it's interesting because they left China before its economic reforms, so I'd visit China every year as a kid and think that this nation is moving

at such a quick pace in everything. I'd return there with my parents and it'd be completely different for them—it wasn't the China they left. So it has personal value to me in that way."

Deng also said his Chinese-American heritage also confers a practical advantage because of his familiarity with Chinese language and culture.

"The Fulbright community really doesn't want to hold your hands—for better or for worse," he said, referring to his grasp of Chinese language. "Once you're in the program, it's very independent work."

Because the Fulbright community selects its scholars on the basis of how practically they can implement and complete their projects, being Chinese-American—and appearing Chinese—is also of some help to Deng.

"I hear that the Chinese are very sensitive to how they're portrayed in Western media, so how a Westerner is doing work there can be hard," Deng said. "It's certainly a boon to look Chinese."

Amy Suelzer, assistant director of international studies, who also oversees

undergraduate applicants to the Fulbright Program, noted that the University boasts a high acceptance rate for its applicants.

"Students at Washington University are often in a very good position to apply to the Fulbright," she said. "Our students are here because they've done well. Since applications in 2002 we've had a 38 to 45 percent success rate."

Deng's work with China's public health also represents a significant transformation in China's place in the Fulbright Program, and in turn its rapid economic development on the global level.

"It's very interesting, because in the past year or so China has significantly increased the number of its Fulbright grants it has chosen to offer," Suelzer said. "Fulbright grants are by their nature limited to U.S. citizens, which means they're very interested in bringing researchers of China into the country to give them exposure to what's happening in China right now. That represents a significant opportunity to students like

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New online college payment planning tool draws criticism

Financial aid director critical of online payment calculators

Puneet Kollipara
News Editor

A free online tool launched by Sallie Mae Corporation promises to help families of prospective college students build a plan to pay for college.

The largest private student loan company in the country, Sallie Mae launched its Education Investment Planner (EIP) in early August to help students, parents and financial aid officers come up with a personalized plan regarding how to pay for college. The planner also aims to motivate payers to think about the long term

payment process.

"Sallie Mae developed the EIP in response to feedback from customers and higher education policy advocates indicating that families need better ways to assess the cost of college and their choices for footing the bill," Patricia Christel, a spokeswoman for Sallie Mae, wrote in an e-mail. "The planner makes it easy for a family to think about the total cost of a degree, say, four years for a bachelor's degree, rather than planning how to pay just one year at a time."

But some financial aid experts, including Washington University Director of Student Financial Services Bill Witbrodt, believe that the new tool, though well intentioned, may mislead students.

"It's nice that it exposes folks to the financial aid process [who] might never become familiar with it," Witbrodt said. "It's dangerous because it could give folks the wrong impression [of how this

process works]."

The tool works in three steps. First, it estimates total college costs using information submitted by colleges to a national database. Then, the EIP asks the user to provide information on the amount of money the family can contribute toward the degree from various sources, including income, savings accounts, relatives, friends and projections of various grants and scholarships for which the student may qualify.

If more funds are needed, the tool then estimates the maximum level of federal loans a student would be eligible for based on the student's year in college.

Finally, the planner asks the user to choose a mix of federal Parent or Grad PLUS loans with private loans.

The tool can indicate how much money the student should expect to receive from these sources. If the student requires loans, the planner estimates the

monthly repayment on those loans after graduation and the annual income needed for the repayment of the loans to be manageable for the student.

"We encourage students and parents to use EIP to explore several different scenarios for how they might pay for college to see what works best for them," Christel said.

The income earned by the student following graduation can be of prime importance. According to a Sallie Mae study of 1,400 college students and parents, about 70 percent of families said that the student's expected post-graduation income was not a factor in their decisions.

"We hope that EIP will help to change this statistic—so that more and more families are reporting that they are thinking carefully about a student's likely starting salary as part of their decisions to take out student loans," Christel said.

Witbrodt, however, said that the

tool fails to take into account intangible factors, such as whether the family is a single-parent or a two-parent family.

"It's always dangerous for a prospective student to work on one of these calculators because a lot more goes into it than just raw data," he said. "Students can fill out an app and give all the information, and then a computer can figure out how much the student is supposed to need based on the information, but then it has to be refined."

According to Christel, the tool is not intended to determine how much a family can contribute, and it asks the family to estimate that number.

Witbrodt recommends that students and their families rely more on financial aid officers at their respective institutions for financial guidance.

"I think it could be dangerous because it could discourage students from applying to the best schools, making

them appear too expensive, and with this instrument the students and their family is out there on their own," Witbrodt said.

Witbrodt also noted that the planner does not take into account some other available loans.

"Financial aid folks have knowledge and access to other forms for financial aid besides these student loans," Witbrodt said. "Our financial aid office knows about different trusts that have been established to provide no interest loans and other sources of income."

Students believe the planner might be useful but they also agree that families should not rely on it alone.

"I think that it could be useful but I also think that when dealing with financial loans and finances in general should be able to research in depth enough the proper and necessary information," senior Ross Zeitlin said. "I don't think it's going to be that helpful."



THE FLIPSIDE

weatherforecast

Friday 29

Thunderstorms
High 86
Low 61



Saturday 30

Sunny
High 87
Low 62



Sunday 31

Sunny
High 89
Low 67



eventcalendar

SATURDAY 30

Get Involved Now! Service First
12:30 to 1:30 p.m., BBQ 4 to 7 p.m.
Wash. U's premier community service event, Service First, provides an opportunity for new students to volunteer in St. Louis and to identify ways to stay involved in the community throughout the year. Volunteers arrive at schools between 12:30-1:30 p.m. and the Community Service Fair & BBQ is from 4-7 p.m.

The Big Muddy Blues Festival
Laclede's Landing
Stop by the Big Muddy Blues Festival on Saturday and Sunday, where you can feel good about feeling bad. Admission is free.

Stop and Smell the Flowers
Go to the opening of the Japanese Festival at the Missouri Botanical Garden. The festival runs until Sept. 1. There is a fee for admission.

In True Olympic Spirit....
Opa! The opening of the St. Nicholas Greek Festival is today in St. Louis! Admission is free, and the festival lasts until Sept. 1.

SUNDAY 31

Rock the Row
Wash U's fraternities open their doors to the community from 2-6 p.m. on the Upper Row.

Ride! Giro della Montagna
The Hill, 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Get a taste of Italian cycling with the Giro della Montagna bike race. Admission is free.

newsbriefs

Campus

Bedbugs in Beaumont...NOT

Several students in the Beaumont residence hall contracted rashes earlier this week, and visited Student Health Services (SHS) for consultation. SHS suggested that the students were suffering from bedbugs. An exterminator was called to Beaumont, but no bedbugs were found. The cause of the string of rashes remains unknown, but SHS has not released any advisories.

Wash. U. alum arrested at DNC

Asa Eslocker, a producer for ABC and a Washington University alum, was arrested in Denver in front of the Brown Palace Hotel for trespassing, interference and failure to follow a lawful order. Eslocker was filming from the sidewalk as a group of senators and Democratic officials left the hotel after a closed-door meeting, when he was taken and forced to walk across a street with oncoming traffic by a Denver policeman smoking a cigar. He was arrested two hours later.

Eslocker contested the claim, saying that he was on public property.

The Link launches at Wash. U.

Student Union has launched an online program called The Link to help keep students connected. The Link is an online campus calendar that will help students keep track of the groups they are involved in and the events they plan on attending. In the welcome screen, The Link encourages students to "quickly make use of this tool by find[ing] your student groups, joining them and creating events for the campus calendar."

"The Link is useful because it's a student group management interface, so they can go in and manage, publish, create Listservs and documents, have blogs and just an organized central place," Jeff Nelson, the Student Union vice president of administration, said.

Another feature will be students' ability to control the amount of mailings they receive from groups, depending on their level of interest. Washington University will also be able to pull events from the calendar and display them on the University's official page.

DUC hires new programming/marketing director

In addition to a University Center packed with new eating options and offices, Washington University students will also benefit from the services of Leslie Heusted, the Danforth University Center's new programming and marketing director. Heusted comes from the University of Maryland and holds an undergraduate degree in sociology and a master's degree in college student services administration.

Heusted brings 15 years of experience to the DUC. She has also worked at the University of Kansas, the University of Charleston and Doane College. She has also worked as an events manager in Kansas City, for the Kansas City Convention Center and the Kansas City Zoo.

Heusted is scheduled to start work on September 2.

International

Putin blames U.S. for Georgian war

Although he offered no evidence to support his claim, Vladimir Putin yesterday accused the United States of organizing the Georgian war. According to Putin, the U.S encouraged Georgia to attack the autonomous region of South Ossetia in order to help one of its presidential candidates, CNN reported.

"U.S. citizens were indeed in the area in conflict," Putin said in an interview with CNN's Matthew Chance. "They were acting in implementing those orders doing as they were ordered, and the only one who can give such orders is their leader."

The U.S responded by asserting that Putin's claims were false. "To suggest that the United States orchestrated this on behalf of a political candidate just sounds not rational," Whitehouse Spokeswoman Dana Perino said yesterday.

Conflict between Georgia and its breakaway region of South Ossetia escalated on Friday, August 8, 2008 when Russia responded with military force to a Georgian offensive on South Ossetia, according to CNN.

Dalai Lama hospitalized

The Dalai Lama was admitted to a hospital in New Delhi, India two days ago after complaining of "abdominal discomfort," according to the New York Times. A spokesman from his office, however, has confirmed that it was no cause for real concern.

The 73-year-old Tibetan Nobel Peace Prize winner and spiritual leader canceled two international trips to Mexico and the Dominican Republic after doctors diagnosed him with exhaustion.

The Dalai Lama will travel to Mumbai to undergo further testing.

policebeat

LARCENY Aug. 27, 2008-Wednesday at 11:49 a.m.

Location : PARKING LOT #20
Summary: Complainant reports that unknown person(s) took his helmet, which was left unsecured on his motorcycle overnight on parking lot #20. Value \$100.
Disposition: Pending.

PROPERTY DAMAGE Aug. 27, 2008-Wednesday at 3:27 p.m.

Location : Hoyt Drive
Summary : Holding for information.

CRISIS INTERVENTION Aug. 27, 2008-Wednesday at 4:08 p.m.

Location : Brookings Dr.
Summary: Sick case. Disposition: Cleared.

ACCIDENTAL INJURY Aug. 27, 2008-Wednesday at 6:03 p.m.

Location : Danforth Campus
Summary: Accidental injury. Disposition: Cleared.



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Bright side to Anheuser-Busch merger?

Experts look to find benefits in Budweiser buyout

Josh Hantz
Contributing Reporter

What if a Chinese company owned the New York Yankees?

For many in the Washington University and St. Louis communities, the merger of Belgian brewer InBev and local giant Anheuser-Busch may seem like a similar takeover, according to Olin Business School Professor Glenn MacDonald.

MacDonald, however, argued that the merger may not be as devastating as it seems.

"Anheuser-Busch is not leaving St. Louis by any stretch of the imagination," MacDonald said. "I would be very surprised if there are any significant changes. There will be some trimming—no doubt about that. But the merger is good for Anheuser-Busch, and therefore it's good for us."

Anheuser-Busch agreed to sell itself to InBev on July 13 for \$49.91 billion, and hopes to complete the merger by the end of this year.

MacDonald noted that the brewery market will be more concentrated as a

result of the merger, meaning more profits, better corporate health and a marker for St. Louis on the global map.

"It's hard to see how that would hurt us," he said.

The University issued a statement on the merger, including a history of the institutions' relationship starting with Adolphus Busch more than 100 years ago all the way through the present. The statement also referred to the many buildings on the Danforth campus named after the company, including Busch Hall, one of the University's first buildings; Busch III Laboratory of Biology; Anheuser-Busch Hall, home to the School of Law; the dining room in the Charles F. Knight Executive Education Center and funding for facilities within many other existing and new buildings.

"It is safe to say that the landscape of Washington University today—both physically and figuratively—would not be the same without the great and long-standing generosity of Anheuser-Busch and the Busch family," the statement said.

Donating money for campus buildings and sponsoring student projects, golf tournaments and other events are not the only ways Anheuser-Busch has assisted the University. Records indicate that as of this summer, 300 University graduates work or have worked for Anheuser-Busch, half of whom earned a degree at the Olin Business School and half of whom work in St. Louis.

This summer alone, Anheuser-Busch

hired an undergraduate from the business school, five more MBA students as interns and two MBA students for full-time positions.

Former Director of Executive Development and Succession Planning at Anheuser-Busch Lee Konczak said that it is still too early to tell how the merger will play out, and will mostly depend on how the business does. Konczak, however, views the glass as half-full.

Konczak recently joined the University in May as a lecturer in organizational behavior and leadership development. "The new management said it wanted to remain an active member in

the community," Konczak said. "There's no data to suggest it will operate very differently. It's just a change from tradition and history," he said.

InBev is aware of the history of Anheuser-Busch and its role in St. Louis and the world, as indicated by the decision to use the name Anheuser-Busch InBev.

As an Anheuser-Busch insider, Konczak added that InBev likes to hire recent graduates of business schools and MBA programs, which could produce additional benefits beyond Anheuser-Busch's current recruitment from the University.



An aerial view shows the Anheuser-Busch Brewery in St. Louis, Missouri.

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Raymond, [who] will bring his own experience into the country."

China's global importance will influence Deng's future, as well as those of other Fulbright scholars working in China.

"There's much potential to do work there in the future," said Deng. "I certainly know I'm going to return [to China] some time. It's kind of hard to get away from China these days."

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the classrooms, the Fun Room or the food," he said. "Mallinckrodt was kind of old and barren. This is comfortable. I can see a lot more people spending time here."

Aside from the hangout spots, representatives of student groups and campus services have also found a boon in the DUC's numerous new offices, which include media centers and spaces for Student Union and campus groups.

"It's going to be great for student groups to come in and work on their projects, to be more involved in campus rather than being stuck in Umrath Hall," Capra, who serves as the chair of the Student Groups Activities Committee, said. "It's going to be easier for people to reach the [Student Union] execs and all of the people who are in charge of the different committees."

One of the organizations profiting most from the DUC is the Career Center, which moved from Umrath Hall into an expanded space that takes up a large portion of the DUC's first floor. Pamela Banning, the Career Center's secretary, said that the new office allows the center to attract more students.

"It's a showcase for our students and for employers who come to visit," she said. "We're more accessible than we've ever been before."

The DUC may be intended as an extracurricular and recreational space but Marshall said that it is also suitable for the supposed focus of college—academics.

"It encourages you to study," she said. "You're going to enjoy studying when you're [sitting] on really nice furniture. Your ultimate goal when you're here in college is to graduate, right?"

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at 10 different locations around campus and sends packages approximately every eight weeks.

"We'll keep supporting him until he comes back," Edwards said of Coveyou.

Coveyou, in turn, has shared his supplies and thus invited his fellow troops at the patrol base into his University community.

"I'm in the 1175th MP Company with John Coveyou," Sergeant Tommy Jones wrote in an e-mail to *Student Life*. "The way John speaks of your university, it sounds more like a family than a school. It's a great honor to serve with John. I believe he embodies all that is good and noble in society. This is a direct reflection of your university and its people. Thank you for your love."

Each box of donations includes a small paper card, complete with a photo of Brookings Hall, thanking the soldiers for their service. The contents—which

are donated from faculty, staff and students—include batteries, hand sanitizer, toiletries, snacks, such as breakfast bars, trail mix, nuts and individual drink mixes, such as Crystal Light and Gatorade powder.

Captain Chris Sundell said that the packages are popular at his base.

"Everyone knows what me getting a lot of boxes means and it does not take long to go through them," wrote Sundell in an e-mail. "The drink mix was a big hit. I am just about out of everything."

Since its founding, the program has sent boxes to a coffee bar in Baghdad, which is overseen by the chaplain and serves as a convenient place where soldiers can stop in and grab a snack. Edwards requests food in individual-size servings for the soldiers' ease.

Collecting food and supply donations on campus is the first part of getting supplies to the soldiers. Next comes

the shipping, which, funded by monetary donations from the University community, costs \$7,397, Edwards said.

"It's expensive to send and we don't get any discounts, but people usually forget about the shipping. A while back there was a radio station that did a collection for soldiers and tried to take it to a local military base. But the only way to get the donations to the soldiers overseas is to send it through the regular mail process," she said.

Edwards communicates via Listserv and e-mails the soldiers to ask if there is anything specific they would like. Several have said that they appreciate receiving small toys to carry in their pants pockets.

The soldiers do not give toys to children on the street for safety reasons, but they do hand out school supplies, Beanie Babies and small trucks when they are visiting schools.

"We are stationed in the most remote province in Afghanistan, along the Pakistan border. My personnel live in the most austere conditions of any other coalition force in the country. We appreciate your kindness and the little taste of home our gifts provided," Major Troy Scott wrote in an e-mail.

When soldiers come back to the U.S. and are in the St. Louis area, Edwards invites them to visit campus and have a welcome home lunch. Some soldiers have even given presentations on their experiences.

"This is definitely a group project," Edwards said. "There are a lot of ways to support."

In addition to bringing items to the collection centers on campus, students can donate toward shipping costs, write letters, help with packaging and start separate branches to collect supplies and ship to reach more soldiers abroad.

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FORUM

Abortion, contraception, and discrimination

HHS regulatory change and what it means

Sara Remedios
Staff Columnist

Earlier this summer, a friend of mine sent me a message on Facebook alerting me to a document leaked by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) "proposing that all forms of birth control, regardless of the manner in which they actually work, should be classified as abortifacients."

I read it, and thought it was ridiculous—the definition of pregnancy we're taught in health class in, like, fifth grade is that pregnancy occurs when an egg is fertilized and implanted in a woman's uterus; contraception prevents both fertilization and implantation, ergo with contraception there is no pregnancy, ergo there can be no pregnancy aborted. Yes, there is a religious argument that contraception is immoral because the purpose of sex is reproduction and contraception alters that purpose, but that contraception is explicitly an abortifacient? No.

I also thought, "this will never

get any traction." Aside from the American Medical Association and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, both of whom define pregnancy as I have just done and consequently distinguish between contraception and abortion, there's also the National Organization for Women (NOW), Planned Parenthood and innumerable other women's lobbies operating on the national, state and local levels. I know the Bush Administration caters to the religious right, but, having worked for an energy lobbyist all summer, I also know the power of a pissed off lobbyist. I trusted that the issue would be dropped before it ever made it to the policy level.

Well, apparently I was wrong. President Bush has just issued a regulatory change in HHS policy allowing health care providers to define what constitutes abortion, to the inclusion of many forms of contraception now on the market (for example, oral contraceptive pills, patches, IUDs, etc). The effect of this change is that those health care providers can now refuse, under federal law, to provide patients with access to contraception. The Weldon and Church Amendments protect the right of physicians and pharmacists not to participate in or facilitate abortion or abortive procedures; by

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Mortal Kombat?

Aditya Sarvesh
Forum Editor

Ever since Senator Obama declared Joseph Biden as his Vice Presidential candidate, I started hearing the "Mortal Kombat!" music playing in my head. Senator McCain has not yet announced his sidekick just yet, but the time for the debates is getting nearer, and McCain must pick someone to rival Joe Biden.

When I heard the news that Senator Biden was chosen to be Obama's running mate, I felt that McCain had more to gain from that choice than Obama. Although Senator Biden has more experience than Obama, he seems to have different opinions on major issues, most importantly on the Iraq War. I'm sure everyone knows Obama keeps purveying the message that he was one of the major opponents of the war in Iraq and always will be. However, Joseph Biden was one of the forerunners in trying to get the United States to remove Saddam Hussein from power, and strongly supported the Iraq War. How can the Obama administration succeed if the President and Vice President disagree on such major issues? Lastly, before Senator Biden was a VP candidate, he had mentioned on a few occasions that he believed Obama did not have enough experience. "I think he can be ready, but right now I don't believe he is. The Presidency is not something that lends itself to on-the-job training," said Biden.

Moving to a topic closer to school, it will be very interesting to see the vice presidential debate here at Wash. U., as this is a race that is currently very close, and winner does take all. As it gets closer and closer to Election Day, I believe that we might see one of the nastiest fisticuffs for the position of Presidency. John McCain

seems to have mustered the majority of the Republican base, and Obama also seems to have a good majority of the Democratic Party behind him. It will be very interesting to see the tension between the two campaigning administrations at the Athletic Center, where the whole world will be watching and waiting.

Usually, many people prefer to watch the presidential debates more than the VP debates. However, in this election, the race is so close that people will want to know more about the candidates by assessing their partners. It is therefore important that as responsible students and citizens of the free world, we learn more about our candidates in order to choose the right candidate to rule this great nation.

It is depressing to see students losing interest in the wonderful democratic process. You cannot dismiss the Congressional elections and then complain when the President makes decisions you constantly disagree with. Yes, we do not elect the President, but the Electoral College does, and we in turn elect the members of the Electoral College.

Getting back to the point, attend the vice presidential debates. Depending on the level of student involvement allowed by the school administration, take part in the debates somehow. Sign up to volunteer or get friends to show up. Register to vote. There are many places around campus where information can be found on how to register for first time voters. Let us take part in Decision '08. Don't laze out and become a "Fatality!" (Had to make one last Mortal Kombat allusion.)

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Don't lose sight of the goal

With November's presidential election drawing near, political activity on campus is reaching frenzied levels. Academic departments, political student groups and Student Union are working hard to create dynamic and educational programs that will ensure that the student body is comprised of educated voters willing to cast a ballot in their first presidential election.

The commitment to this effort is significant: Student Union has established a \$60,000 fund for students and student groups creating programs around the elections, the Gephardt Institute has launched a comprehensive voter registration drive and each of the campus political groups will be committing significant resources to campaign for their respective candidates and issues. It is noteworthy and commendable that these programs focus not on mechanically mobilizing students, but on instilling a commitment to citizenship and the electoral process that stresses an underlying understanding of the process and not just pulling a lever in the voting booth. Furthermore, the confluence

of the vice presidential debate on our campus with the election means that students will be able to see the political process first hand as they prepare to participate in it.

Even as the debate and the election are central events in the programming calendar, however, they should not be the ultimate focus of these groups' efforts. Although the debate is a unique opportunity for Washington University, campus will not be fundamentally altered the morning after the candidates leave. While this election will mark a significant turning point in recent American history, it will eventually fade from memory.

Instead, the current political atmosphere is ripe to begin a sustained change toward greater activism among America's student population. This transformation will not occur through one debate or in the course of one election cycle; it will be a gradual change that sets in over the course of many months and years. The current burst of programming is a step toward solidifying that change, but it is not enough to make it set in. It is important that

groups around campus continue to offer political programming with an eye towards building on and sustaining students' current interest. Especially now, while political initiatives have considerable inertia, it is important that planning begins for future civic programming.

As important as pledging time and money to civics is during an election year, it is all the more meaningful during political off years. Students should not just want to be involved with the election cycle, they should want to interact with their government on the decisions that impact their day-to-day life. This means understanding and advocating issues on a national level, as well as taking part in and being aware of local politics. Local politics—city councils, school boards public forums and more—are equally important to the political process and to participating in American society.

Partisan speakers, issue education and political debate should be a fixture of a Washington University education, not a passing fad. The tenets of the Student Civic Initia-

tive, laid out last year by a group of students concerned with fostering a sense of civic awareness within the University community, was a good start on this road, but those students must monitor to see that their roadmap is followed and must deal with both national and local issues. The University must create policies that are conducive to a future where political awareness and involvement is a normal part of college life. This does not mean compromising the non-partisan nature of an educational setting, simply ensuring that there are ample forums to express partisan ideas in a forum that nurtures education and allows ideas to be healthily challenged.

Above all else, the campus must not forget that the presidential election by itself does not represent the essence of democracy. We serve democracy only through an informed, active and committed electorate. That is the eventual goal of all current election programming, the motivation for continuing to devote resources to this cause and the ideal that we should keep in mind as we move beyond this year's election.

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Words of wisdom

Brian Price
Staff Columnist

No doubt you've heard this a million times already, but here's a million and one: welcome back. If you're reading this, then in all likelihood you survived the summer. For this, I offer my congratulations. Getting back in one piece is certainly something to be proud of.

Now comes the hard part. As I write this, life is swell. I'm moved in to my new four-person suite and am enjoying my nice comfy single (it makes me wonder how I could have ever survived an entire year in a double...). My floormates have impressed me with the various amenities they've brought from home—everything from a weight bench to every video game imaginable. Yes, it has been a fun week.

But alas, it cannot last, and college must become school. That's right, believe it or not this isn't just one big party. I was a freshman not

so long ago, enduring a grueling first week of Club 40, Target Night, watching "Knocked Up" on the swamp and other similarly taxing endeavors. Throw in late night poker and musical jam sessions in

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the hallways of my dorm, and life seemed perfect.

Then suddenly, before you can walk from the clock tower to Wohl Center (that is, even before all the construction), you've got a midterm Monday, a paper due Tuesday, another midterm Wednesday, an-

other paper due Thursday, and play practice or a cappella rehearsal for three hours every night of the week. Of course with all this looming, you know that you'll want to have fun on the weekend, meaning that Friday and Saturday are out. Sunday is for sleeping in, doing laundry and relaxing after a long and arduous week, so you definitely can't do any work then, right?

Believe it or not, more than a few people actually do follow a routine similar to this. It is, of course, possible and there's nothing illegal in doing all your work from twelve to five on the weeknights. Just ask yourself, though, if this is really what you came here for. If the answer's yes, then go right ahead and give up sleep. It's no skin off my back.

If the answer's no, though, then the best advice I can give you is to experiment. All work and no play may make Jack a dull boy, but all play and no work probably won't be good for Jack in a couple years when he's trying to find a job or

get into graduate school. Find that balance between your academics, extra-curricular activities, social life, sleep and whatever else there is that you need. It can be done.

But enough with my ramblings for now. You're all smart people, otherwise you wouldn't be here. You no doubt have goals and aspirations, both for here and beyond, so all you have to do is ask yourself how you're going to get there. Are you shooting for a 4.0 or just hoping for passing grades? Do you intend on becoming captain of your athletic team, or are you just there to compete and have fun? Will you party hard or hardly party? And last but certainly not least, do you want to get eight hours of sleep per night or per week?

If you can answer these and other questions, then you'll be well on your way to a fun and successful year.

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On [not] growing up

Katherine Gaertner
Staff Columnist

Holden Caulfield's fascination with museums ("The only thing that would be different would be you") always seems to hold true this time of year. Going back to school reminds each of us that a year has passed since we last began a fall semester; each year stacks atop another, like poker chips, the grooves of memory neatly aligned. As an incoming sophomore, I continually find that the changes in my own level of consciousness offset the now-familiar landscape of this university, and I cannot help but wonder what it really means to grow up.

Collectively, it seems as though we have. We are capable of doing our own laundry, forming our own identities, maintaining eye contact during serious conversations and drinking at bars, albeit under various alter egos.

The thing about this university in particular, though, is that our environment enables us to remain children, at least for a few more years. We are welcome to fall into a plaintive cushion of gourmet food, brand-new furniture and other ridiculous private school luxuries. Here, there is no cult of the impoverished college student, no real sense of self-reliance. Instead of buying Ramen by the value-pack, we pay seven dollars for chow mein in the extravagantly decorated Danforth University Center.

Offhandedly students here refer to helping the less fortunate—you can tutor at a St. Louis Public School through Campus Y; you can talk and think and try to take action about international conflict; you can throw your plastic bottle in a conveniently located "Co-Mingle" bin in a new LEED certified building. But when it really comes down to the bare facts, our ideas about service are childish, fleeting and

well, sophomoric. There is an air of isolation from hard truths on our campus—walking through the new buildings, one would never guess that they were built in a year that marked a massive economic downturn. Oil costs have risen exponentially, yet we ride the Metro for free—if we're not above that. Food costs have soared equally, yet we swipe cards loaded with mandatory and expensive meal plans with-

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out taking note of our 10-dollar lunches and four-dollar lattes.

I asked my mother that exclusive question—what it means to grow up—and she responded with a typical Midwestern hardness. She told me that you know you're grown up when you care about someone else's well being more than your own. By this definition, not one of us is grown up, and neither is our University.

Washington University seems to be aware of a sort of sophomore subconsciousness, this cross between mature adolescence and immature adulthood—so aware, in fact, that our administration has provided a manual by which each of us might navigate the adult world, in the form of a slimly bound, neon-green "Sophomore

Handbook." The handbook tells us how to be adults in all of the expected ways: internships for job experience, a major to gain awareness of the world, study abroad options to expand our horizons. It tells us that we're expected to feel stressed and we should go talk to the counselors at Student Health Services about our feelings. It gives us what I suppose are the abject tools to be successful in growing up.

But what it doesn't tell us is that we're all extremely selfish right now. In fact, it enables this selfishness. Never in the Sophomore Handbook are we told to think about how we can help other people, how we can make an impact on the world. Never does Wash. U. attempt to harness the best qualities of youth—our inherent hopefulness and what should be our dissatisfaction with the status quo—and use them constructively for us to think about our futures. Instead, it attempts to make sure that we are safely in jobs or Ph.D. programs or med school or law school immediately after graduation so that it can feel as though it has done its job.

But I guess you can't really expect much more from a university that itself is hardly past adolescent thinking. The University's recent trajectory—building the DUC and raising tuition—shows us that it cares more about its own self-image than it does about what it can do for the world. It cares more about attracting wealthy prospective students with the promise of luxurious living than it does about making education affordable or forming a healthy relationship with the community around it. And so I suppose it's to be expected that we're all a little bit sophomoric right now.

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Check your locks

Tess Croner
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Before my first year at Wash. U., fear outweighed excitement. And I think, looking back, that I was more afraid of my freshman roommate (nothing personal) than I was of Gen. Chem. I had no idea what it would be like to live with someone my own age—someone likely to be very different from me. My brother and I share most of our genetic code, but we can barely share a bathroom—how was I going to sleep beside a total stranger? Now, three years later, I've lived with eight wholly unique people, and I'd like to say I've learned a thing or two.

People who know things are always telling me that communication is the key to every relationship. How true. And like almost every other very true thing, it's easier said than done. I've learned in college that I'm downright squirrely about confrontation—especially when my opponent knows where I sleep. So lesson number one: talk before coming to blows (I've never physically brawled with a roommate, but I've fantasized about it).

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The worst thing you can do as a roommate is suffer in silence. Problems tend to build—if you give a mouse a cookie, it'll ask for a kidney (something along those lines). I mean, once you start letting things slide, where do you draw the line? Last semester I was in New Zealand sharing a little box of an apartment with two other girls. It was tight quarters—thin walls, itty-bitty bathroom, and about five different kitchen utensils shared between us.

One of my roommates was awesome; the other tested the limits of my sanity. Looking back, I probably should have shared this with her sooner (but maybe put it more nicely). I spent most of the semester doing this girl's dishes and cleaning up her messes because I felt uncomfortable with the idea of giving orders to a peer. So instead, I let my resentment build up like soap scum or the wads of her hair clogging our shower drain. Instead of stewing, I should have had that conversation I was itching to avoid. I should have worked things out before the situation completely deteriorated. Oh well. I now suggest some kind of proactive plan to eliminate common roommate problems before they even surface.

The other major (and uber cliché) lesson of roommate relations is you must be willing to compromise. Rigidity isn't a great quality in a roommate. Accommodating others may not always be fun, but, hey, that's democracy for you. I have this really awesome penguin mobile hanging in our

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common room right now, but my roommates have strongly vetoed it and I think it's coming down. I guess not everyone appreciates having five species of Antarctic penguins hanging at face level in the middle of their living space. See what I mean about sacrifice?

And then sometimes things simply don't work out, and that's when you should always remember to lock your door. I mean it—once my New Zealand roommate started listening in doorways, I never left my apartment or went to sleep without fumbling with that lock for a few minutes. Safety first, and have a great year!

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allowing for an independent classification of what constitutes abortion, the HHS has effectively extended that protection to cover the refusal to provide contraception.

Why is this a big deal? Well, leaving aside arguments on reproductive rights, which I'm sure many others will get into, the fact cannot be escaped that this policy is discriminatory. Defining discriminatory as "manifesting partially" (this is textbook), all negative consequences are visited upon women; there is no talk of policy or legislation limiting access to, say, vasectomies (arguably the male equivalent of an IUD), or erectile dysfunction drugs (which similarly promote "unnatural" sex and can facilitate relations outside of wedlock). This policy targets women and women only.

It also seriously jeopardizes women's access to adequate healthcare. Because, while contraceptives do prevent pregnancy, they are also used to treat any number of women's health conditions. Oral contraceptive pills, for example, are used to treat recurrent ovarian cysts, problems with the tissue and lining of the uterus (endometriosis and adenomyosis, for example), irregular bleeding, painful menstruation and more. Use of OCPs has further been shown to reduce the risk of certain cancers by up to 50 percent. To deny access to medication because of what amounts in these cases to a reproductive side effect—an effect that is completely independent from the primary purpose of the prescription, which is the treatment of the women's health condition—is outrageous.

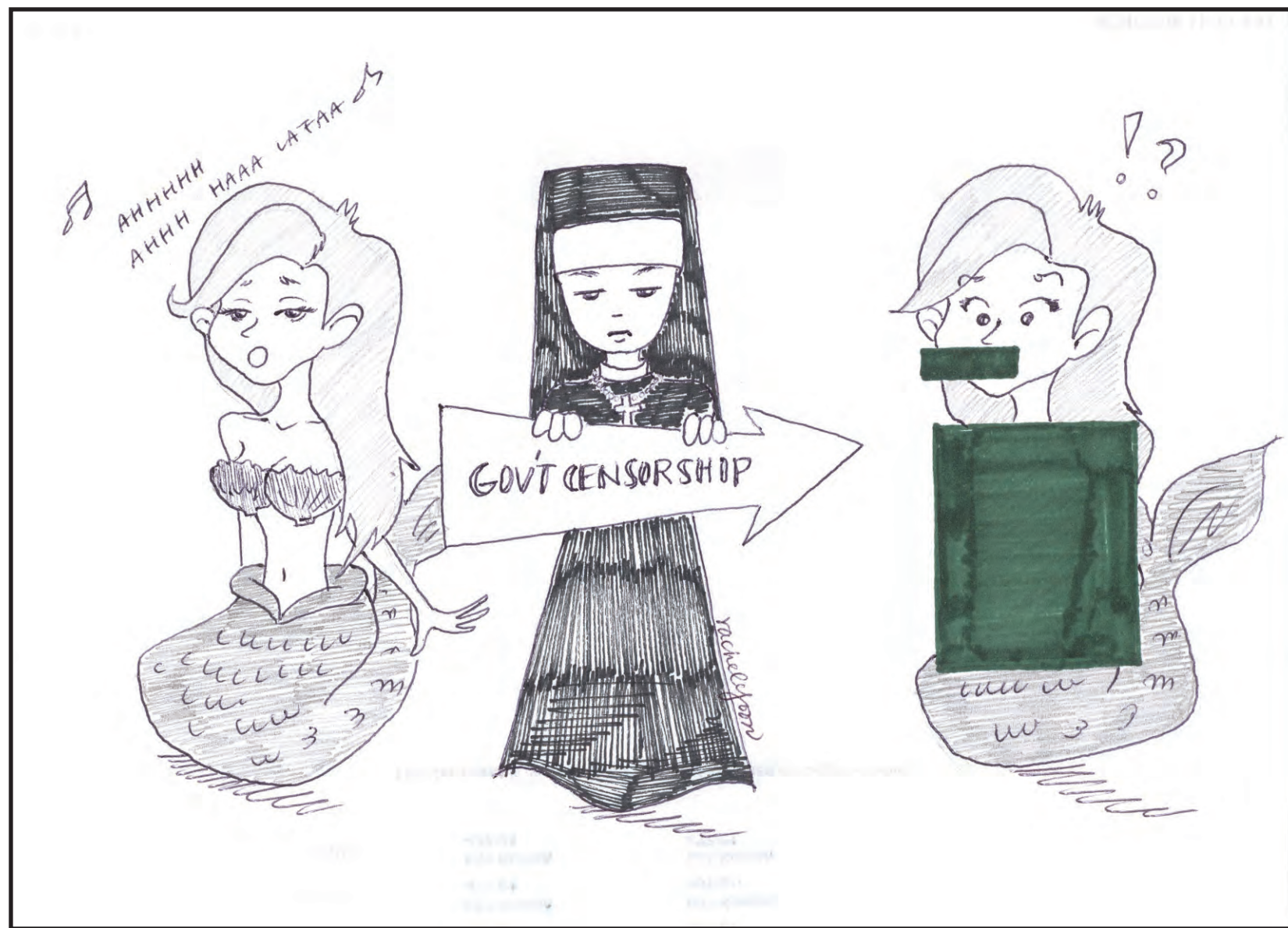
A 15-year-old girl, sexually inactive, with ovarian cysts, now might not be able to treat them. A 37-year-old woman, married, might now have to suffer intense pain and fainting once a month, because the pharmacist in her small town has reservations.

The comment period for this policy ends Sept. 25, meaning that unless enough of a public outcry is voiced to HHS, the policy change will be active thereafter. If you agree that this policy is discriminatory, if you support not even reproductive rights but equal rights and a universal right to healthcare, please, be part of that outcry.

To find out more on the issue, and to find out how you can contact HHS to voice your opinion, please visit www.ppaction.org/ppaction/home.html.

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Protecting pornography



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As anybody who reads industry publications can tell you, it is not a good time to be in the adult entertainment business. Since President George W. Bush assumed power, there has been a federal crusade against this supposedly immoral form of entertainment, aided in large part by his creation of the Obscenity Prosecution Task Force in 2005. These trials have done little other than waste taxpayer dollars and disrupt businessmen from productively contributing to the economy. The initiation of this assault on a legal industry, and its continuation to this very day are both highly alarming.

Undoubtedly some shrug off this assault as inconsequential. After all,

there are literally millions of pornographic Web sites on the Internet and thousands of new adult titles make it to DVD every year. Moreover, few people can name a single person or company that has been subject to this absurd attempt to regulate commerce and free expression by religious zealots and their leaders. The reason for this is that pornography is constitutionally protected, but "obscenity" is not, according to the precedent-setting verdict of *Miller v. California* (1973). Incapable as our government often proves to be, those in charge of the "obscenity" prosecution for the Department of Justice are smart enough to realize that they will not be able to convince the average jury that mainstream pornography should fall outside the scope of the First Amendment. Instead, they opt for easier targets, going primarily after fetish material. Because such content

has a relatively small consumer base, and contains material that is both foreign and shocking to the average person, it is far easier to win a case against such content.

Even more unsettling is that there is nothing the industry can do to protect itself, short of shutting down completely. There is no list of things that are considered obscene; the community sets standards. As such, the government has license to target anybody it wants, for any vague reason, in whatever venue is most sympathetic to their anti-pornography position. Consequently, a pornographer may make a title and then be brought to court over it several years after its release, being told that if his work is deemed obscene, he faces substantial time in jail. Each conviction carries with it a potential of five years in jail, with cases often involving enough counts

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to ensure the offender spends decades behind bars.

If we, as a society, value liberty, it is incumbent upon us to express our outrage over this campaign to quash freedom of expression and freedom of commerce, regardless of our own feel-

ings about pornography. Whether we enjoy the material specifically under attack, or we've never seen so much as full-frontal nudity, is irrelevant. What matters is that the protection of constitutionally ensured minority rights and personal empowerment is not done away with because of the myopic views of a few faith-inspired extremists. At the end of the day, how we as a people respond to this siege on what our founding fathers fought for will determine whether we can begin to reclaim the freedom lost to two centuries of governmental overstretch, or whether we sacrifice what little we have left of it.

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SPORTS

WASH. U. ATHLETICS

Wash. U. better than Harvard, Duke

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Students can tell their friends studying in Division I athletic powerhouses such as Stanford, Duke and Harvard that Washington University is superior athletically and academically. In fact, every school that you cheered for during March Madness and the BCS Bowl Games was ranked below Wash. U.

Wash. U. is ranked fourth in the nation according to the National Collegiate Scouting Association (NCSA)'s Collegiate Power Rankings, a system that ranks institutions based on academics and athletics. The poll takes into account the final U.S. Sports Academy Director's Cup standings, the U.S. News and World Report academic rankings and NCAA student athlete graduation rates. Wash. U. ranked second, 12th and 17th respectively.

Williams College sits atop the rankings, followed by Amherst College and Middlebury College. Stanford University, which is fifth in the nation, is the highest Division I school. Duke sits sixth, UAA rival Emory is tied with Princeton for ninth and Harvard is 11th.

"Having lived in one of the greatest college sports towns all my life and seeing their incredible facilities, it's amazing to be ranked ahead of those schools," sophomore halfback Sam Kentor of Austin, TX, said. "I think Wash. U. is an awesome environment for a student-athlete because we are treated like every other student. We're held to the same academic standard as every other student at this fine institution, and I wouldn't have it any other way."



The men's basketball team celebrated their national championship in the Athletic Complex during the 2007-2008 year.

The NCSA agreed with Kentor's statement: "Washington University in St. Louis has made it to the top one percent overall in the rankings because of their commitment to academics and athletics as well as their commitment to graduating their student-athletes," Chris Krause, founder and president of the NCSA, said in his statement to the press.

Last year's three national championships in volleyball, men's basketball and men's tennis and five other top 10 finishes in women's cross country, women's indoor track

and field, men's soccer, women's swimming and diving and women's soccer catapulted the Bears to the number two spot in the Director's Cup. Historically, Wash. U. has 15 national and 124 UAA conference titles.

"Championships alone tell of Wash. U.'s past athletic victories as well as the many other teams that came close," president of Red Alert and senior Jessica Hagen said.

On- and off-field success of students at Wash. U. has been aided by coaches and professors.

"Many WU coaches have the

knowledge, drive and persona to coach at the Division I level, yet they remain at Wash. U. because they believe 'we do it right,'" Head Volleyball Coach Rich Luenemann said. According to Luenemann, who has been at Wash. U. for nine years, Wash. U. athletes have less stringent offseason commitments, miss fewer classes and spend significantly less time practicing compared to their Division I counterparts. "It's a strong testament to the fiber of Wash. U.'s student-athletes that they don't have to sacrifice academics for athletics or vice versa,"

Luenemann said.

Student-athletes and Red Alert have asked the student body to show its support for the Bears by attending, and cheering at, games.

"I think that the current teams have the talent and leadership, along with fan support of Red Alert, to repeat in these victories," Hagen said.

The first home game and the first Red Alert event of the year will be the women's soccer game against Calvin College tonight at 8 p.m. at Francis Field.

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Are you one of those many people who goes to Starbucks or St. Louis Bread Company—also known as Panera—and orders the same thing every time? “I’ll have a decaf latté with 1/8 a cup of skim milk, pure vanilla extract, a pinch of cinnamon, shaken, not stirred? Oh, and a brownie.”

Well, as Ralph Waldo Emerson said, “A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds.” Not a fan of hobgoblins? Café Ventana is the solution.

Located off of Forest Park Avenue—about an eight-minute drive from campus for those fortunate enough to have a car—Café Ventana is a coffee shop with a New Orleans flair.

It officially opened a little more than one week ago, and you can tell. When I first walked into the shop, there were a few workmen inside with ladders, and one on the roof. Not only that, but it was quite easy to notice that a good number of the staff was still in the training process. However, that will surely end within the next few weeks.

The environment of Café Ventana deserves special attention. The outside features a small patio, with no more than eight tables with a few chairs each, giving it a very intimate feel. However, with the café located on the street of a neighborhood not of the highest quality, there isn’t much to gain from sitting outside. The inside is a different matter, however. Immediately upon walking in, one feels greeted by a living room: four large, leather chairs surround a small table that is located directly in front of a stone fireplace. And these chairs are heaven. Though right outside of the shop is a bustling and loud city scene, upon sitting in one of these leather seats, everything else disappears as you sink into pure relaxation. There are also counters running along most of the walls, which several people were using as a study space, and a faux-stone bar with ample seating and space.

Another aspect that instantly caught my attention was the way that the menu was presented. Above the cashier are three flat-screen televisions: the outer two feature the menu, beverages and food, respectively, while the center displays a slide-show of food offered.

As I said earlier, Café Ventana is anything other than a usual coffee joint. Though you do still order from a counter, much like Starbucks, the menu is much more noteworthy. In addition to their 11 styles of coffee, they also offer

six coffees with a kick including Irish Coffee, with whiskey, and Spanish Coffee, with rum and brandy. They also allow you to add a spirit of your choice. Café Ventana offers a wide variety of Bissinger’s Chocolates, apple cider (spiced or not), smoothies and a few cocktails.

This brings me to the alcohol selection. They do offer a decent variety and a Friday night ‘Happy Hour’ from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., but it’s nothing worth going out of your way for, aside from its authentic absinthe.

The menu, however, is something that deserves a special trip. I arrived at the beginning of their lunch hour, which serves the same menu as dinner, and I sat down with one of the café’s to-go menus. At that time, I noticed the paper menu featured no prices at all. Very helpful. After careful contemplation, I decided on the Apple Brie sandwich and their special Haut Chocolate.

The Apple Brie is described thusly: “A delectable grilled panini suitable as an entrée or a dessert: fresh walnut bread smothered with honey walnut spread and stuffed with sautéed apples and Brie.” This dish runs \$9.25 and comes with a side of chips, fresh fruit or salad. The presentation of the dish was average, served much as any other sandwich and any other place would be. The walnut and Brie in the dish were very powerful, and very good, while the apple flavor was much more subtle. Though it was quite good, for something known as Apple Brie I expected a good deal more apple. The dish was very hearty, nonetheless, and certainly deserves special recognition.

Then came the Haut Chocolate, which is made from Bissinger’s Chocolate and runs \$6.95. For that amount I expected a lap dance as well. The presentation of the dish was excellent: The drink looked like your average hot chocolate with whipped cream and chocolate flakes, but it was the handmade marshmallows that made it stand out. Served on their own plate were two square fluffs, sprinkled with chocolate and made for dipping. The drink was very rich, both in flavor and in texture, and certainly anything but average. Haut Chocolate certainly set a new level to which other hot chocolates must rise.

Café Ventana offers a little of everything for everyone: an average cup of coffee, a New Orleans style crab cake, wonderful sandwiches, soups and salads. Though this place is brand new, I foresee a bright future, and hope that they stay as unusual a treat as they currently are.



Café Ventana, located in the Central West End, is a coffee shop featuring New Orleans-style cuisine.

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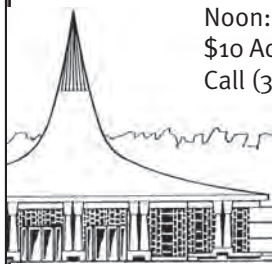
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Q: What do you think of the DUC cafeteria setup?



Allie Kroner, Senior

"I came at an off time, like 11:40, so it wasn't too bad. I think that's my plan."



Amy Wagoner, Junior

"Overwhelming. I ended up with food I didn't really want because the line was shorter, but it's okay. It all turned out good."



Michael Offerman, Freshman

"I waited for 10 minutes for the grill and when I got to the front of the line the fire alarm went off. I'm sure the logistics will be worked out."



Emily Heins, Junior

"I like that the cash registers are at the end of each line. I didn't have to wait in everyone else's line to get my own food."

Pack Me in Your Suitcase: In-security

Michelle Stein
Senior Scene Editor

Airport security is one of those terrible yet necessary parts of life that everyone loves to hate. Everyone worries about getting through the lines, being the random person selected for a special screening and forgetting to throw out their water bottles. Whether a person is traveling abroad or traveling domestically, security is the inevitable beginning of every flight-based vacation.

This summer, airport security proved to be even more interesting than normal. I had relatively major shoulder surgery about three weeks before I was supposed to hike, raft, climb, etc. through Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming. Needless to say, the quarter circle pillow encircling my waist put a bit of a damper on my vacation plans, especially when what was supposed to be a three-week recovery turned into a six-week ordeal. Nonetheless, I decided to continue on my trip and make the best of it. It never crossed my mind that the hardest part about recovering from surgery would be making it through the airport security.

In O'Hare airport, I patiently waited in a half hour line to walk through one of eight security hubs. Considering it was O'Hare, not so bad. I placed my purse on the conveyor belt and walked up to the line. I barely fit through the door, since my pillow was sticking out about a foot and a half in front of me.

"Should I take the pillow off? Run it through the X-ray machine?" "No!" the security guards replied. They exchanged confused glances.

"We wouldn't want you to hurt yourself in any way." Oh boy.

I walked through the security booth quite soundly. No beeps. But then I was attacked. The male security guard blockaded me into the inspection area. The female security guard pounced on my pillow, squishing and squeezing and altogether misshaping what was supposed to guard my shoulder. It failed.

After confirming all that my pillow contained was indeed stuffing, I thought I could board the plane. Not so! Again, the male security guard—who was at least twice my size and a foot and a half over my head—stepped in front of me. He gave me a very intimidating look and I covered in the corner.

"Hold out your hands." What? My good hand went forward. That wasn't enough. The female security guard took my bad hand and ran over it with a cloth. Then she swabbed my good hand. I was very confused. Apparently, my hands were being checked for some kind of residue. While one hand was still pinned by my side, Right.

As I and my surgical devices were being thoroughly inspected, my mother was going through security. With her make-up bag. Which contained liquid makeup and many other assorted containers.

I took off my sling on the way back home. Apparently, having surgery makes you look suspicious. Who knew?

Internet of hentai

Lucy Moore
Sex Columnist

Hentai, in Japanese, is a word generally indicating perversion. Literally, it means "abnormal attitude," or in slang, "weird." It is not a kind word. Rather, hentai is an insult, not always referring to sexuality. However, in the United States and other Western countries that have popularized the term, hentai explicitly refers to a type of pornography, usually involving Japanese cartoon figures like anime or manga. They are always depicting bodily exaggerations or impossible sexual scenes only achievable through animation. Though many Wash. U. students have probably never viewed this type of pornography, it is relatively prevalent on the internet and remains an essential fixture in the world of fetish porn. From advertisements to pixilated image links, if you are a porn viewer of any kind, the presence of hentai is unavoidable.

Hentai can be in the form of movies, comic strips or drawings, featuring either homosexual couples, heterosexual couples, or sometimes, ambiguously sexed characters—usually somewhat like men—called bishonen. In a common hentai video, the viewer will notice a few things: larger than possible—even

with plastic surgery—breasts on women (Bakunyū), whale-sized penises on males and transsexuals, tentacle projections used in erotic performance, incredible amounts of sperm often covering whole rooms, hermaphroditic characters with enlarged female and male parts (futanari), and/or Lolita/amateur characters (lolicon). Clearly, the English construct of hentai goes beyond Sailor Moon's cheerleader skirt and enhanced breasts hidden—arguably—well under her uniform.

Although hentai has been traced back to the Japanese erotic pictures (shunga) in 1300, the rise of its popularity is wholly due to the Internet age. When you decide to battle the all-seeing eyes of Student Technology Services and type in your most frequented erotic Web site, or if you are just feeling frisky and command a generic Google search for "sex," most likely any sexual Web site you click on will link to hentai, and thus link to sources of stolen DVDs or VHS tapes from Japan. Even if you don't click that particular link, it's there: an anime character who might be female, drawn for the pleasure of the fetish's fans and more. Some will click, some will enjoy. Its recognition will continue to spread as its Internet presence remains so strong. Whether you have already heard of hentai or not, it's something to be aware of in the age of new media. It will find you!



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ACROSS
1 Took flight
5 Earthshaking event
10 As a result
14 "Clair de ___"
15 Citified
16 All-knowing
17 Fe
18 On the ball
19 Brainchild
20 Sweet, undiluted juice
22 Conrad's "Heart of ___"
24 Casual tops
26 Armored vehicle
27 Silvery food fish
29 Shotgun ball
33 Fair and square
36 Be a bookworm
38 Archie ___, a.k.a. Cary Grant
39 Single unit
40 Genderless
42 "___ Loves You"
43 Stable unit
45 Female swans
46 Nautical "Yo!"
47 Empty promises
49 Confiscate
51 Smile radiantly
53 Depository for goods
57 Opposite of angelic
61 Covered with trees
62 Done with
63 Scree element
65 Warbled
66 Pitchfork point
67 Turkish seaport
68 Grimm meanie
69 Aspersion
70 Titled peer
71 Suggestive glare

DOWN
1 Spark producer
2 Tackle-box items
3 Son of Cain
4 Canine doctor?
5 Billets
6 WWW address
7 Sacked out
8 Gold standard
9 Catch in a setup
10 Shine with amusement
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54 Old saw
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60 Search thoroughly
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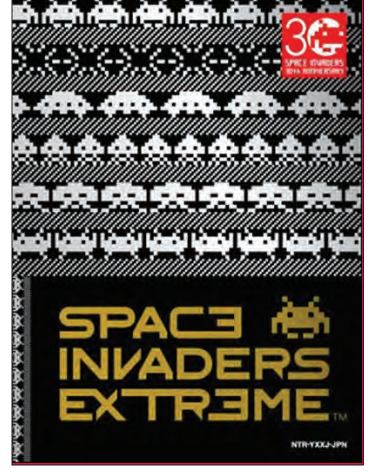
The Summer Games



Last summer, competitors from all around the globe met in a single place to compete. Admit it, you were left in awe when you saw the champions raging on deep into the night, sometimes until three in the morning.

I'm speaking, of course, about last summer's video games. Coming from their land to our land, these video games flooded our consciousness. So lube up your joysticks: The events are over. It's time to hand out some medals.

- CADENZA STAFF



"Most Attractive Game"

Gold: "Strong Bad's Cool Game for Attractive People—Episode 1: Homestar Ruiner" (PC, Wii)
This game is cheap, funny and best of all, it stars everybody's (EVERYBODY'S! EVERYBODY'S!) favorite wrestling, mask-wearing e-mail correspondent, Strong Bad. While it's essentially a point-and-click adventure, The Chapmans keep the pace up with their trademark humor. The best part is getting to make your own "Teen Girl Squad;" nothing quite compares to finding the funniest way to kill them all. IT'S OVER!

Silver: "Wii Fit" (Wii)

Bronze: "Soul Calibur IV" (Xbox 360, PS3)



"Most Like a College Gamer's Real Life"

Gold: "Pong Toss: Frat Party Games" (Wii)
Stuck all alone on a Saturday night without a Solo cup in sight? Well, buck up Mr. or Mrs. Social Outcast, you can still have the fun of the frat party without the sticky floors or physical activities. Nintendo has offered this little gem on Wiiware for anyone who wants the beer pong experience but doesn't want to even hear the word beer. See, this game was meant to be called "Beer Pong" but that would have been no good on the family friendly Wii, so now there's no mention of drinking and when your ball hits the cup it makes that dull rattling sound empty cups make when they come into contact with ping pong balls in a wholesome, alcohol free, rated E for everyone setting.

Silver: Getting your character drunk and playing darts in "Grand Theft Auto 4" (PS3, Xbox 360)

Bronze: "Major League Eating: The Game" (Wii)



"Coolest Cucumber"

Gold: "Ikaruga" (Xbox 360)
Not to be confused with "Most Attractive Game," the "Coolest Cucumber" is the prettiest to look at and the smoothest to the touch. The whole game relies on this innovative black-and-white system. Enemies come in black-and-white varieties, and your ship can switch between the two colors. If the enemy is white, you can either stay white to absorb its bullets or switch to black to deal double the damage, but you'll risk being blown up. Mini-bosses become death-defying leaps from "playing it safe" to "going for broke." "Ikaruga" may be on its second remake right now, but it still has that rare blend of difficulty and entertainment.

Silver: "Metal Gear Solid IV" (PS3)

Bronze: "Space Invaders Extreme" (Nintendo DS)



"Most Introspective"

Gold: "Braid" (Xbox Live arcade)
This downloadable "meaning of life" kind of game from independent software developer Jonathan Blow is most innovative when it comes to time control. Main character Tim has lost his girlfriend and sets out to find her, longing to reconcile whatever misstep has ended their relationship. Despite this seemingly-prosaic description, the game's approach to a simple problem is artful: Tim can shift, pass through and rewind time as the levels progress. Each of the six levels showcases a different method of time control, and the fun is in discovering what works and where. The art direction lives up to the action: The landscapes are vibrant impressionist watercolors—both hues and time bleed together. Braid is well worth its \$15 price tag, if the more than 50,000 downloads in six days are any indication.

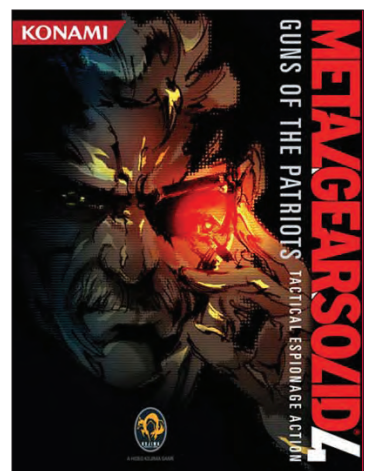
Silver: "Doom"

"Freshest Groove"

Gold: "Guitar Hero: On Tour" (Nintendo DS)
"Guitar Hero" on the DS was supposed to be a hard sell. The guitar was nonexistent and those tiny speakers were tinny, at best. The thing is, none of that stuff mattered. The "Guitar Grip" is honestly just as authentic as a plastic guitar with colored fret buttons, and headphones work wonders. The track list is pretty much bananas, too.

Silver: "Rock Band" (Wii)

Bronze: "Guitar Hero: Aerosmith" (PS3, Xbox 360, Wii)



Best "At Least it Looks Like a Sport" Game

Gold: "MLB Power Pros 2008" (Wii, PS2)
Inevitably, we all started to feel pretty lazy when watching the world's greatest athletes compete in Beijing. It was like their muscles were mocking us. Thankfully, "MLB Power Pros 2008" lets you feel like you're on a baseball team, hopefully stopping you from giving up those Cinnamon Pop-Tarts, whose taste you love so very much. Don't let the cartoon-like characters fool you; the realism is striking. No minuscule stat is unexplored. The Elias Sports Bureau is strong with this one.

Silver: "Madden 2009" (All)

Bronze: "Top Spin 3" (All)

