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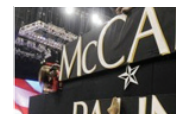


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College students liven up DNC



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Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama and vice presidential candidate Joe Biden acknowledge the Democratic National Convention crowd at Mile High in Denver, Colorado, Thursday, August 28, 2008.

Hana Greenberg
Special to Student Life

While the Democratic National Convention moved its location the final night of its convention to be more accessible to average Americans, both the Democratic and Republican conventions are considered the epitome of elite political events.

Credentials were needed to get even close to the venue and only members of the press, delegates and "special" or "honored guests" could get seats in the hall. So for the hundreds of college students who took Denver by storm this week for the Democratic National Convention (DNC), many found themselves at arms length.

While some students had access to the inside of the Pepsi Center and could observe all of the convention's proceedings, they proved to be the exception rather than the rule.

Many students in Denver barely made it into the 70,000 person event at Invesco Field on Thursday and found themselves doing grunt work—guarding doors, giving directions to delegates from their hotels and the like.

Nonetheless, few students said they regretted coming to Denver.

Before University of Iowa senior Kyle Treat knew if he would be able to make it to the proceedings on Thursday, he said he was "overwhelmed by the energy that the city has brought to the convention."

"I am awestruck by how excited people are over the possibility of electing Barack Obama president," Treat said.

Though they may have been miles away from the hall, guarding doors and burning in the strong Denver sun,

no one could take this election away from the college students.

For a movement wrapped up in the youth vote, it is not surprising to find students so excited. Several speakers at the DNC praised the role that Americans between the ages of 18 and 30 are playing in this election. Many compared this generation to the previous one, rising up for change in the 1960s and '70s.

Former Vice President Al Gore said that this election belonged to the young. He told an ecstatic crowd, "This election is actually not close at all among younger voters—you are responding in unprecedented numbers to Barack Obama's message of change and hope."

While the youth may not represent a large bloc of delegates, everyone acknowledged its impact on this campaign. Massachusetts Sen. Ted Kennedy passed the torch to this new generation Monday night, and others thanked them for the service and passion they have demonstrated over the past year.

Ashley Griffith, a senior at Emory and Henry College in Virginia, appreciated these thanks from the party elite.

"Everyone knows the impact we college students can have on this election," Griffith said. "We breathed life back into the Democratic Party. Without us, who knows where the party would be? We do know Barack Obama would not be our candidate."

Hana Greenberg is a special correspondent for Student Life and attended the Democratic National Convention after being selected by the Washington University administration through an application process.

Assembly Series lineup announced

The University has released this year's Assembly Series speakers, experts and entertainers from various fields that will speak to the student body and local community on a weekly basis.

Reflecting the political atmosphere of the season, the series will begin with Mo Rocca, an analyst on Comedy Central's "The Daily Show with John Stewart." Rocca also contributes to NBC's "The Tonight Show" and to NPR's "Wait Wait Don't Tell Me." He last appeared on campus in 2004.

Elizabeth Kolbert, a writer for the New Yorker, will be the next in line for the series. Kolbert wrote "Field Notes from a Catastrophe," this year's book for the Freshman Reading Program, and will

lecture on climate change.

Later in the semester, Peggy Orenstein, an expert on the experience of young women in the modern world, will speak. Orenstein is the author of several books, including "Schoolgirls: Young Women, Self-Esteem, and the Confidence Gap" and "Waiting for Daisy."

Also speaking in the series will be Washington University Economics Professor Steven Fazzari, neurologist Dr. Daniel Levitin, businessman and 2002 University alum Jay Swoboda, Washington Post reporter Carl Bernstein, dancer Liz Lerman, health policy historian Keith Wiloo and author and Holocaust researcher Daniel Mendelsohn.

Student Union seeks surge in school spirit

VP Administration thinks food will play key role

Michelle Merlin
Contributing Reporter

Jeff Nelson, Student Union's vice president for administration, has a plan to draw students to school events: free fast food.

One new program of Student Union, the Chipotle Challenge, aims to encourage students' participation in campus activities. Nelson's brainchild, the Challenge provides free burritos at sports games and major campus events.

According to Nelson, Student Union (SU) wants to focus on ath-

letics this year, especially on the heels of the school's three national championships earned last year.

"Lot of students love Chipotle and it's free; I think it's really going to drive kids towards involvement," he said.

Many students said that free Mexican food would encourage them to attend more student events.

"I think college students jump at any opportunity for free food, especially Chipotle, so I would be there," freshman Laura Beckman said.

Freshman Joseph Marcus said that the desire for Chipotle is widespread on campus.

"I would definitely go there if they had free Chipotle," Marcus said. "Chipotle is a strong motivating factor for all college students, including myself."

However, others feel that the new program will not make an im-



Jeff Nelson, Student Union Vice President of Administration.

huge amount," Doug Horn, a senior and residential advisor, said.

Nelson has been coordinating with Chipotle since April.

"[Chipotle was] very eager to work with us, get their name out there in conjunction with students' events and to get students out there," Nelson said.

SU's encouragement of school spirit goes beyond free food. This year will see the return of Go-CrossCampus, an Internet game in which residential colleges compete against each other to conquer various regions of Washington University's campus in a format similar to that of the board game Risk.

In order to be further in touch with students, another new program known as "Flash Drives for Freshmen" will provide every freshman with a flash drive containing information and links to useful sites for activities, the judicial code and other practical places.

Changing economy brings new prices for Bear's Den

Increase has not affected consumption

Aaron Kacel
Contributing Reporter

Although her official residence is Eliot House, freshman Hannah Fox has found another home—Bear's Den.

"You could almost say Bear's Den is my 'den,'" Fox said while eating lunch with a few friends in the popular eatery.

The dining hall's popularity may soon see a decline because, as of this past summer, Bear's Den has implemented price increases on its food in an attempt to account for a recent surge in national food costs.

Hoping to help students through this nationwide shift, the University has raised the total number of possible meal plans for all undergraduate meal plans by five percent. This move enabled students to purchase more points for their plans, allowing them to purchase as much food as they would have prior to the change.

"We're not trying to make any more money for the University," Assistant Vice Chancellor for Operations Steve Hoffner said. "We're just trying to cover some of the price increases that have been passed to us."

Although she may have to pay more, junior Kate L. Gallagher says her dining experience at Bear's Den has not changed.

"I come to Bear's Den almost everyday, mostly for breakfast and occasionally for lunch," Gallagher said. "For me, I have to eat, so there's not much I can do about it. The economy is not in my control."

Sophomore John Menze echoed Gallagher's sentiment. Though he visits Bear's Den once or twice a day, Menze says he has yet to "even notice an incredible difference."

The University is one of a number of institutions across the country that has been forced to

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Bear's den, a popular eating place for students seeking a morning breakfast burrito or 2 a.m. mozzarella sticks, has, among other campus eateries, raised their prices this semester in response to the raising price of food off campus.



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Low 66



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WEDNESDAY 3

Activities Fair
Athletic Complex, 4 to 6 p.m.

Still searching for that magical student group to complete your college experience? Want to sign yourself up for loads of e-mails? Join *Student Life!* Alternatively, check out the Activities Fair, where an array of student groups will showcase themselves and give you goodies. Please Note: The activities fair will be held in its alternate location, the Athletic Complex.

Nas at the Pageant
7 p.m.

Come see Nas, the controversial hip-hop artist, as he shocks the Loop with a concert at the Pageant. Tickets are \$35-40.

THURSDAY 4

Public Health Lecture
Goldfarb Hall Rm. 132, noon

The latest talk in the Siteman Cancer Center Seminar Series, "Meeting Public Health Challenges in Prevention Research, Practice and Policy," will be given by Susan Curry, the dean of the College of Public Health at the University of Iowa.

quoteoftheday

"We tend not be very active in actual politics."

Mitchell Port, President of Campus Libertarians

newsbriefs

National

Republicans reassemble for condensed convention

After canceling many of their original plans in the wake of Hurricane Gustav's strike on the Gulf Coast, Republicans have been working to sustain a national convention itinerary that will restore the public's attention to the GOP and project a strong image of the incumbent party.

Monday's scripted schedule was compressed by the campaign organizers, who sought to show sensitivity to those affected by the storm by limiting the convention's celebratory atmosphere and emphasizing the more business-related aspects of the meeting.

At the convention on Monday, Republicans encouraged delegates and party members to donate to the Red Cross for hurricane relief.

News of the convention was also overshadowed by the announcement that the 17-year-old daughter of Republican vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin is five months pregnant. The revelation led some to question Senator McCain's thoroughness in vetting his running mate, though Senator McCain responded with a statement that he was aware of the matter when he made his decision.

Last night's convention activities included a video-broadcasted speech by President Bush and an appearance by Democrat-turned-independent Senator Joseph I. Lieberman of Connecticut.

McCain is still expected to speak on Thursday.

"Voiceover King" Don LaFontaine Is Dead at 68

Legendary voiceover professional Don LaFontaine, whose voice was used in trailers for more than 5,000 movies, died on Monday in Los Angeles.

LaFontaine, 68, died at Cedar-Sinai Medical Centre from complications resulting from a collapsed lung.

LaFontaine's 25-year career in the entertainment industry made his deep and booming voice one of the most recognizable voices in movie trailers, radio spots and TV commercials across America.

He is survived by his wife, Nita Whitaker, and three children, Christine, Skye and Elyse.

Campus

Cancer seminar series begins on campus

The Siteman Cancer Center Seminar Series began today at noon with a lecture by Susan Curry, dean of the College of Public Health at the University of Iowa.

The series will continue tomorrow with a speech by Curry entitled "Meeting Public Health Challenges in Prevention Research, Practice and Policy," given at noon in room 132 of Goldfarb Hall.

Mace L. Rothenberg, professor of medicine at the Vanderbilt School of Medicine, will also be delivering an address on Thursday, entitled "Pancreatic Cancer: Is There any Reason for Hope?" The lecture will be given at 8 p.m. in the Clopton Auditorium, 4950 Children's Place.

policebeat

LARCENY Aug. 29, 2008-Friday at 11:46 a.m.

Location : Olin Library
Summary : Student reported her backpack was stolen from level A of Olin Library when left unattended. A cell phone and purse was inside the backpack when it was taken. Theft occurred between 11:40 and 11:45 a.m. on 8-29-08. Total loss value of \$427. Disposition: Pending.

LARCENY Aug. 29, 2008-Friday at 1:16 p.m.

Location : Anheuser Busch Hall of Law
Summary : A laptop computer was removed from the new multi-media complex.

The room was secured by departing employee at 8:30 p.m., but was opened by contractors/workmen at 7 a.m. Stolen was a Gateway 200EB laptop, valued at \$2,700.00. Disposition: Pending.

ACCIDENTAL INJURY Aug. 29, 2008-Friday at 4:47 p.m.

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

LARCENY Aug. 29, 2008-Friday at 7:08 p.m.

Location : South 40 Residence Area
Summary : Three students reported their wallets stolen from the bench area located on the north side of the basketball court in the promenade. Disposition: Pending.

INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS Aug. 30, 2008-Saturday at 3:56 p.m.

Location : West Campus Building
Summary : Ford Ranger driven by west campus contract guard reported to have been damaged by unknown persons while

parked on Saturday 8-30-08 between 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Disposition: Pending.

TRESPASSING Aug. 30, 2008-Saturday at 9:06 p.m.

Location : Olympian Way
Summary : Traffic stop on the inner campus walkways. Subject was attempting to cut through campus to Delmar, using the pedestrian pathway. Disposition: Cleared by summons.

SICK CASE Aug. 31, 2008-Sunday at 08:27 p.m.

Location : Danforth Campus
Summary : Sick case. Disposition: Cleared.

DISTURBANCE Sept. 01, 2008-Monday at 01:33 p.m.

Location : Mallinckrodt
Summary : Security reported a large fight in progress in the lower level during a fundraiser for Gateway High School. All subjects left the area. Victim does not wish to prosecute. Disposition: Closed.

LARCENY Sept. 01, 2008-Monday at 10:44 a.m.

Location : Monsanto Hall
Summary : Complainant reported that person(s) unknown stole their bike seat and replaced it with another. Disposition: Pending.

BURGLARY Sept. 01, 2008-Monday at 7:48 p.m.

Location : Lopata House
Summary : Student left room unlocked and unattended and returned to find her and her roommates' laptops stolen. TOC 9/1 6:45-7:45 p.m. Value \$3,300. Disposition: Pending.

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This Season at the Saint Louis Art Museum

Thursday, Sept. 4
7:00 pm

Immediate Touch

Pamela Kort, Independent Curator and Art Historian
Auditorium—Free

Dr. Pamela Kort specializes in 20th-century art from German-speaking Europe. Having personally interviewed and worked with such artists as Sigmar Polke and Georg Baselitz, Dr. Kort provides a unique perspective in her lecture on the featured exhibition *The Immediate Touch: German, Austrian, and Swiss Drawings from St. Louis Collections, 1946–2007*, on view through September 7, 2008, in the Main Exhibition Galleries.



A. R. Penck, *German, born 1939; Untitled (Self-portrait), 1981; watercolor on paper; 15 7/8 x 11 1/2 inches; Lent by Mrs. Barbara Eagleton in memory of her husband the Honorable Thomas F. Eagleton 2008.147*

**New Media Series:
Saskia Olde Wolbers, *Placebo*
Through October 26, 2008**



Saskia Olde Wolbers, *Dutch, born 1971; still from Placebo, 2002; video loop for projection (6 minutes); Courtesy Maureen Paley, London*

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Do-A-Poll allows students to voice their views

Student-run site looks to facilitate discussion through polling

Dan Woznica
Staff Reporter

Washington University students who want to measure the opinions of their peers, or see how their views measure up, can now do so online.

DoAPoll.com, a Web site created over the past year by a development team consisting of two Washington University students, a student from MIT and others, is a forum for visitors to vote on topics that interest them.

The polls are user-generated, and the decisions of which polls get featured on the site's front page are based on how users rank them.

Aaron Bock, a first-year MBA student in the Olin Business School and founder of the Web site, says he and the other developers came up with the idea for the site last fall after it occurred to them that similar sites, such as Reddit.com—which has visitors vote on user-posted links, lacked a key feature.

"We thought it would be cool to add a new dimension to [sites like Reddit] to allow people to create a question along with the link, or just be able to ask the question and have people vote on different options," Bock said. "It drives a better discussion."

Bock and the other site creators

began working on the site last winter, and recently launched it in its final form.

Senior Christine Board, a communication design major in the Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts and another one of the site's developers, said that the Web site's creation process was a positive experience.

"It's not every day that you get an opportunity to be involved with something like this, something that has a good idea behind it and a lot of potential right from the beginning," said Board, who operated the site's layout. "I've enjoyed being involved."

Throughout the site's creation—which involved students' diagramming, coding and designing the page—members of the development team held transparency as an important feature of the Web site.

"We believe that transparency will allow people to get a more accurate view of the topics at hand," Bock said. "It'll allow people to generate a more interesting and productive discussion. With transparency, people are able to see exactly what others are thinking."

To ensure that users engage that transparency in a productive manner, the site's polls operate on an algorithm that measures the number of "boost" or "veto" votes to measure a poll's popularity and the recency of the votes made on it.

The algorithm then drives the most popular polls in both criteria to the top of the page, resulting in a changeover for the polls that Bock says takes about a day.

Rolls recently at the top of the site have included "What do you think about McCain's choice for VP?" "What do you think of John-

ny Depp as a potential for the Riddler in a Batman movie?" and "Do you ever speak in Internet memes in real life?"

Each of the polls offers a variety of possible answers, often includes a link to a site relevant to the poll, as well as a space for users to leave comment.

The polls are also categorized into sections such as "News," "Politics," "Entertainment," and—for fun—"Curiosity."

The Web site's community also monitors each of the polls with "flagged" polls appearing below a certain threshold—where they are inaccessible to any who might find them inappropriate—until they have been investigated by the site operators.

This aspect of the site touches on another key feature of Do-A-Poll: user feedback. Feedback, especially from Wash. U. and MIT students, will also affect the direction the site takes in the future.

Board says that the Web site could go in a number of directions.

"It could support a move toward social networking with more developed profiles and adding friends," Board said. "Alternately, the polling could become more developed, with more refined categories and a more advanced comment system."

Either way, the site's creators say that the users will ultimately define the success of Do-A-Poll.

"Success would be for people to have a place to hang out to find out more about each others' views and to generate an interesting discussion," Bock said.

For more information, visit <http://www.doapoll.com>.

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Student groups gear up as election draws near

Getting out the vote is top priority for groups

Jeremy Rogoff
Staff Reporter

With the vice presidential debate less than a month away and little more than two months remaining until the polls open, student political groups are ramping up their activities in efforts to generate interest in the upcoming election.

Partisan groups at Washington University are all looking ahead of the debate and devoting most of their time and energy toward election-day turnout.

Because the College Democrats can count on strong support from the student body for Barack Obama, the Democratic nominee for president and the choice of nearly 80 percent of the student body, according to the most recent *Student Life* survey, the group is poised to maximize student participation.

"We want to create opportunities for kids who are less mobile to volunteer," President of the College Democrats Ben Guthorn, a junior, said. Any volunteer work students do will have a double effect of contributing to the campaign and a personal sense of inclusion in the political process, Guthorn said. "It makes everyone feel like they play a critical role."

The College Democrats will coordinate with the University's Students for Barack Obama chapter to ensure that the two groups do not duplicate efforts, and together, form a network of dorm captains throughout campus in charge of voter registration and turnout.

According to Guthorn, the contribution each dorm captain will make to the campaign will be substantial.

"It's kind of a big deal that you've turned out 300 people to vote," Guthorn said of the dorm captains.

While the College Democrats focus their efforts on the large liberal sector of the student body, the College Republicans are taking a different approach, extending into the St. Louis community.

"The people who want to vote for John McCain usually seek us out," said Charis Fischer, senior and president of the College Republicans.

Fischer thinks that the voting bloc her group can most affect is the surrounding conservative community. The College Republicans will travel door-to-door in the upcoming weekends in local neighborhood and will operate a phone bank to transmit the same get-out-the-vote message that the College Democrats have launched on campus.

Though they have no programming geared specifically toward the October 2 debate, the College Republicans will be bringing several speakers to campus in the coming weeks, including an Iraqi war veteran and political operative-turned actor-turned columnist Ben Stein. No dates have yet been announced for their arrival.

Adding to the frenzy of political activity, the College Democrats will bring their own slate of speakers to campus, beginning with Mo Rocca on September 10 in Graham Chapel, a political satirist best known for his appearances on the Daily Show with Jon Stewart.

Next, the group will host an event titled "Why Vote?" on September 22, which will feature a range of political figures, including the former president of Rock the Vote, two state senators and a leading voting-rights expert.

Aside from the two largest political groups on campus, groups of differing political association have taken their own steps to prepare for the upcoming election on a path in line with their ideologies.

Mitchell Port, president of the College Libertarians, said that he hopes to bring some speakers that share the group's values to campus.

"For the most part, our group stays away from the actual politics and sticks to discussing issues," Port said. "We tend not to be very active in actual politics."

Unlike the College Democrats and College Republicans—who both have clear preferences in the election—Port says that the College Libertarians do not, and likely will not support one candidate as a group.

"I haven't seen anything I like in either of their platforms," he said of Obama and McCain.

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This series is open to seniors in all schools. Space is limited. **Application deadline is Thursday, September 4.**

Consulting & Marketing Symposia

The Weston Career Center in the Olin Business School, in partnership with the Career Center, invites students from all schools to take part in two symposia this fall. Symposia include a career expo, a keynote speaker and panel, and a networking reception.

To attend a symposium, you must complete an application on CAREERlink (www.careers.wustl.edu). Search "jobs" with the keyword "symposium" to find each event. You will need to apply to each symposium with your resume and Statement of Purpose. Space is limited.

Consulting Symposium, Sept 17 (deadline to apply Sept 3)
KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Sandeep Chugani, Managing Partner, Boston Consulting Group
Panelists include:
Wes Janson, Bain & Company
Lee Clark, Deloitte Consulting

Marketing Symposium, Oct 23 (deadline to apply Oct 6)
KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Chris Gannett, VP Strategic Marketing and Business Development, Commercial Music Group, Sony BMG Music Entertainment

ENGINEERING CAREER WEEK

ENGINEERING OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE: Sept 8-12
GRAD STUDENTS: MONDAY
FRESHMEN: TUESDAY
SOPHOMORES: WEDNESDAY
JUNIORS: THURSDAY
SENIORS: FRIDAY
Stop by 324 Lopata Hall next week between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. for door prizes and to meet-up with the Engineering Career Center staff.

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Law School Admissions Panel

If you've ever consider law school, this panel discussion is right for you! Admissions representatives from Cornell, Duke, NYU and Stanford will discuss law school and the admissions process. You will have the opportunity to ask questions of each panelist.

This special event will be held Wednesday, September 10 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Danforth University Center, Room 234. RSVP on the calendar page in CAREERlink at www.careers.wustl.edu.

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adapt to the ever-changing state of the economy.

According to a recent brief from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Consumer Price Index is expected to increase by about five to six percent in 2008. As a result, the schools have had to charge their consumers more in order to make up for these higher costs.

"Food prices in general have skyrocketed over the summer," Hoffner said. "Weather problems, high oil prices result in much high-

er gasoline prices for shipping the food and increased worldwide demand for commodities."

Hoffner explained that the increase in meal points, however, was an attempt "to try to soften the impact on students."

"The five percent increase in points was an across-the-board adjustment giving students more dining service points than they would have had," he said.

As a consequence of the five percent point increase, students pay

five percent more when they initially purchase their plan at the start of the school year.

For example, the Square Meal Deal plan had 2,920 points. It now has 3,066, an increase of 146 points.

Following this academic year, the number of meal plan points is expected to stay the same. Bear's Den will be replaced by a new set of dining facilities currently under construction as part of a new student center on the South 40.

University presidents question drinking age

Initiative would lower drinking age to 18

John Scott
Staff Reporter

Since 1984, the federal drinking age has been 21 years old. However, more than 100 college presidents and chancellors recently have signed a petition asking lawmakers to reconsider the law.

The Amethyst Initiative has been signed by 129 presidents and chancellors of some of the country's most well-known colleges and universities, including Johns Hopkins, Duke, Ohio State and Tufts.

The Amethyst Initiative was started by Choose Respectably, a movement founded by John McCardell, the former president of Middlebury College.

According to Grace Kronenberg, a representative from the Amethyst Initiative, the movement has gained support from college administrators because alcohol use on campuses is a broad issue that impacts all campuses.

"It's frustration with the status quo. The [drinking age] law helps perpetuate the culture of drinking to intoxication, pre-gaming, playing drinking games and the unfortunate consequences that come with it. [College administrators] feel that their hands are tied on this issue," Kronenberg said.

Kronenberg also said that administrators are forced to apply different policies to segments of their campus populations.

"It divides their campuses into two groups who are both adults, but only one can drink alcohol."

The Amethyst Initiative is part of Choose Respectably, which started addressing the issue of heavy alcohol use on college campuses about two years ago.

According to Kronenberg, the Amethyst Initiative has not yet captured the attention of legislators due to the elections this fall and the fact that Congress is not currently in session. Kronenberg hopes that the initiative will receive attention once legislators return.

Inquiries to universities whose presidents have signed the initiative were directed to previously issued statements.

According to a statement by Richard Brodhead, president of

Duke University, the current law does not prevent underage drinking.

"At colleges and universities, the law does have other effects: It pushes drinking into hiding, heightening its risks, including risks from drunken driving; and it prevents us from addressing drinking with students as an issue of responsible choice," Brodhead wrote in the statement.

In many cases, universities stated that they did not sign the initiative simply to lower the drinking age, but cited the Amethyst Initiative's desire for open discussion as a chief reason for their support.

"We do not simply advocate lowering the drinking age as a solution to a very serious problem. Rather, we want to encourage an honest and constructive dialogue among educators, lawmakers, parents and students," Brodhead said in the statement.

E. Gordon Gee, president of Ohio State University, also signed the Amethyst Initiative and supports a discussion that would include many groups.

"President Gee has joined other university presidents to call for an

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SPORTS

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Wash. U. volleyball is back

Johann Qua Hiansen
Sports Editor

Washington University's defending national championship volleyball team is back with some new faces but similar results.

The Bears swept the weekend, defeating the Lawrence University Vikings, Simpson College Storm and Cardinal Stritch University Wolves in straight sets. The 19th-ranked University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Bugolds put up a fight but the second-ranked Red and Green prevailed with a 3-1 win.

One of the biggest changes this season was the conversion from 30 point to 25 point sets. The new scoring system had mixed reactions from players and coaches as they adjust to a more rapid style of play.

"It's imperative that you start quickly," Head Coach Rich Luennemann said.

The Bears demolished Lawrence (25-10, 25-12, 25-16) with strong serving and attacking in the first two sets. The team had nine service aces, with four from freshman Erin Kasson and three from freshman Tricia Brandt. Brandt's aces came at a critical time, as the Bears put together a nine-point run to overcome a 15-14 deficit in the third set. Numerous Bear errors resulting in a .071 attack percentage caused the close set.

"It was not the cleanest we could have played," senior co-captain Ali Crouch said.

Wash. U. continued its rampage on Friday night with a 25-15, 25-20, 25-20 win against the Simpson Storm. Senior Nikki Morrison led the assault with a .588 hitting percentage with junior Erin Albers close behind.

Saturday proved to be a bigger challenge, as neither the Wolves nor the Bugolds refused to roll over. The Bears started off slowly against

the Wolves. Down 7-2, the Bears went on to win 25-16 in the first set, aided by strong attacks from Albers and Morrison. Despite 12 attack errors in the second set, the Red and Green edged out Cardinal Stritch 25-23 before mauling the Wolves 25-15 in the third set off a team .522 hitting percentage.

Wash. U. came out strong in the first set overwhelming UW-Eau Claire with rapid spikes and some key dumps.

"Wash. U. has a balanced offense with hitters from every position," UW-Eau Claire Head Coach Kim Wudi said. "We were just trying to take advantage of their errors."

The Bugolds stormed back in the second set, building an 11-4 lead. Wash. U. came as close as 22-21 before the Bugolds secured three straight points to win the set.

"It's good for us to realize we're not invincible," Morrison said.

The Bears bounced back off good

blocking by Albers and Kasson to win the last two sets. Albers, who led the team with 37 kills, had a solo and four assists while Kasson recorded a solo and three block assists.

Morrison and senior Audra Janak were both named to the All Tournament Team off of Janak's 89 assists and Morrison's .508 tournament hitting percentage. Janak also had 28 digs and a momentum shifting solo block against the Bugolds.

"The team is happy we won four matches but at the same time realizes they can improve so much," Luennemann said. "We just need to flow more often."

Wash. U. hosts No. 11 Ohio Northern University, No. 22 Central College, No. 24 California Lutheran University and Bethel University this weekend. The Bears begin the WU/ASICS National Invitational against Central at 5:30 p.m. in the Field House on Friday.



Junior Vicki Blood sets the ball during a tournament match on Sunday.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Bears begin season with two home wins

Dan Chen
Sports Reporter

The Washington University women's soccer team showed that it can win in any manner and by any margin by sweeping both of its games this past weekend.

With new coach Jim Conlon, formerly of Wartburg University, at the helm, the team cruised to a 4-0 win against Hope College on Saturday, one night after earning a 3-2 win against Calvin College in overtime. With a 2-0 record, the Lady Bears solidified the number nine rank in the latest NSCAA Division III National Rankings and won the Washington University Classic.

On Friday, the women's soccer season opened at Francis Field against 19th-ranked Calvin College.

Lee Ann Felder, the lone freshman starter, scored the first goal for Wash. U., and she and Rosoff assisted each other on their goals.

"I'm glad that I got the playing time," Felder said. When asked what was going through her mind when the ball was coming to her, she responded, "I better get to it."

The contest between the two highly regarded teams could not be resolved in regulation. After falling behind 2-1, junior Caryn Rosoff, the 2007 UAA Player of the Year and the team's leading scorer, was assisted by senior co-captain Carly Anderson with nine minutes left in the game to force overtime. Rosoff, the UAA Athlete of the Week, then won the game with a second goal.

"I'm just happy for the girls," Conlon said of his first win as a Bear, also crediting the win to the girls' spirit.

Saturday's contest with Hope College, however, was not filled with drama. The soccer team dominated from beginning to end. The Bears created a barrage of good shots, outshooting Hope 30-1, including 16-1 on goal. Sophomore Laura McGinnis, Rosoff and seniors Kristen Hilligoss and Jen-

ny Philip each scored in the win.

"It feels good, nice, to get a goal right away," Hilligoss said. "It's good to make an impact."

While Hilligoss was happy with her performance, she cares more about the success of the team. "Our ultimate goal is the national championship."

The defense may be lost among the offensive explosion. The defense also stepped up in the game against Hope, allowing only one shot on goal the entire game, which came 22 minutes into the game.

"Tonight was a great team win—great team effort," Conlon said. He also emphasized how important it was for all 26 players to be contributing.

Now that the team has come out of the gates strong, they look to go 5-0 as they go on a three game road trip to California. The Red and Green will face Chapman University on Thursday before a Friday matchup with the University of Redlands and Sunday's game against the Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges.



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Junior Caryn Rosoff dribbles away from a defender during Friday night's match against Calvin College.

CROSS COUNTRY

Cross country teams start season strong

Trisha Wolf
Managing Editor

Washington University's men's and women's cross country teams opened their season on a positive note Saturday, placing fourth of 15 and fifth of 13, respectively, at the WU Early Bird Meet.

The men's team, coming off the disappointment of not qualifying for the NCAA meet last season, was paced by junior Matt Kruger, who finished 15th overall in the field of 185 runners. The team finished very tightly bunched with remaining scorers freshman Kyle Short, junior Zach Griffen, sophomore Dave Spandorfer and sophomore Erik Hinrichsen finishing in 17th, 18th, 21st and 22nd places, respectively. The last two runners on the team, freshman Tucker Hartley and sophomore Kwin Keuter, also stayed close and nabbed 23rd and 25th places. All seven runners recorded personal records (PRs) at the not often run 6K distance.

"I was thrilled with the men's race," head coach Jeff Stiles said. "We put our fifth runner in front of where our second runner was two years ago when we qualified for NCAAs. We really demonstrated that qualifying for the NCAAs on the men's side is very realistic."

The women's team opened its season on a very different note from

the men. Coming off a third-place finish at the NCAA meet last year where three runners received All-American Citations, the team lost four of its top runners, while several of the remaining top underclassmen opened the season plagued with injuries. 2007 UAA Rookie of the Year Taryn Surtees sat out the race, as did junior Molly Schlamb, who also ran at NCAAs last year, junior Colleen Davis, sophomore Kelli Blake, who received an All-American citation in the distance medley relay at last year's NCAA indoor track championships meet and top recruit Liz Phillips.

Different runners stepped up and took the place of those missing from the lineup. Graduate student Angela Hartman led the team with a 24th place finish while senior Hillary Superak, junior Hope Rathnam, a member of the NCAA team last year, and freshman Hannah Fox finished right on Hartman's tail in 25th, 26th and 27th places, respectively. Freshman Erica Jackey rounded out the rest of the scorers in 29th place. Four out of the Bears' top five recorded PRs at the also unstandard 4K distance.

A highlight of the meet for all of the Red and Green competitors was that several alumni put together teams on both the men's and women's sides. Both teams placed second overall. All-American Greg Reindl (2006), paced the men's

team, finishing third overall, while Jesse McDaniel (2008) was seventh. Tyler Small (1998) finished 13th while Joe Guinness (2008) and Matt Hoelle (2004), an Academic All-American, finished 26th and 28th.

Three-time All-American Beth Herndon (2007) and four-time All-American Maggie Grabow (2005), both two-time UAA Cross Country Runners of the Year, were the stars on the women's team, taking first and second overall in the women's race. Erica Schoeller, a friend of several of the Wash. U. runners, finished 15th, and Lisa Sudmeier (2008) finished 18th while Abbey Hartmann (2008) finished 23rd to round out the scorers.

"Our alumni were simply awesome," Stiles said. "They reinforce that we are a family and that once you are a part of the family, you are always an important thought. The alumni are the ones that have laid the foundation of hard work, traditions and success."

The Bears return to action Saturday, September 13 at the Les Duke Invitational in Grinnell, Iowa where they hope to return on their opening performances.

"We are really just now starting to train hard," Hartley said. "The point is to get through September healthy and test our fitness. We are getting to work now."

MEN'S SOCCER

Men's soccer splits weekend tournament

Joshua Goldman
Senior Sports Editor

The Washington University men's soccer team finished play at the BSC Labor Day Classic with a 1-1 record after losing the season opener to The University of the South (Sewanee) 1-3 before defeating host Birmingham Southern College 2-1.

With the opening loss, the Bears dropped out of the NSCoAA Division III national rankings after being ranked sixth. Of more importance though was the opening loss to Sewanee despite dominating the game. The Bears finished with a 25-6 shot lead and an 11-3 shots on goal lead, yet the Tigers won by two goals. The Tigers also came from behind in the second half in order to overcome a goal by Wash. U. junior Ryan Grandin at the 18:31 mark.

"We weren't all working hard on defense. We weren't all doing our jobs. The first half we took for granted because we outplayed them

so badly, and they scored three goals in the second half," junior co-captain Marshall Plow said.

"This past weekend, we had more skill and better players than our opponents. That will not always be the case, and in any game, we have to play as a group in both directions with intelligent positioning and decisions. That will determine how well we do," Head Coach Joe Clarke said about the loss on Saturday and win on Sunday.

"We have been working on a new defensive system, and the game showed we have lots of finer points to iron out. Equally important [is that] the players realized they needed to play quicker and simpler to succeed as a team. I hope the game proves to be a long-term lesson for the team," Clarke added. He also said that the team changed to a zonal four in Sunday's contest against Birmingham Southern as a result of a few collapsed plays on Saturday.

The changes seemed to work Sunday, as Wash. U. held a 12-4 shot lead (6-3 shots on goal). After the Panthers scored the opening

goal at the 21:45 mark, the Bears answered with second half goals by Plow and senior Kellen Hayes at the 50:30 and 70:01 marks, respectively.

"I think [winning was important] for our confidence if nothing else. After the 3-1 loss and being down 1-0, I think it took a lot of character to respond," Plow said.

"The team chemistry and desire proved to be the MVP of the weekend because all the players carried through 100 percent on a commitment to play within the team structure: quickly and simply," Clarke said.

"It [the Sewanee game] showed us what we need to work on. It was a great wake-up call and showed that we need to work on team defense. We do have a lack of size, so we need to balance that with battling and playing team defense," Plow added.

The team is next in action Saturday at 7 p.m. against Westminster College. The first home game will be Tuesday at 7 p.m. against Principia College.

FORUM

STAFF EDITORIAL

University should consider how deep its commitment to environmentalism runs

Recently, Washington University scientists were able to isolate the cells that cause insulin-dependent diabetes in rats. Wash. U. faculty and students are working to make NASA's Phoenix Mars mission successful. The University has the coordination and planning ability to tear down and build many new buildings almost entirely over the summer. So, why is it that the University cannot become carbon neutral? Why is it that only some of the new buildings are LEED certified to the gold standard? And why is it that Vice Chancellor of Sustainability Matt Malten has been virtually invisible to students while he spent a year collecting data?

If the University were truly committed to stopping climate change and teaching its students how to deal with this generation-defining problem, it would not work toward that mission by making token

efforts like phasing out water bottles, increasing recycling and building a marquee energy-efficient building.

When Wash. U. undertook construction of the Danforth University Center (DUC), if it were truly committed to environmental change rather than the appearance of a gold-standard LEED building, the university would have constructed one of the most energy-efficient buildings possible, which cannot occur when huge open spaces have to be heated. And if Wash. U.'s goal was to act with environmental responsibility, the University would not have named the DUC parking garage as a separate building that did not matter in the energy count for LEED certification.

Constructing buildings to a certain LEED standard is a nice token, but what does it say when the goal is to receive a certain environmental ranking rather than

“If the University wants to be on the cutting edge of education, it needs to be on the cutting edge of solving the climate crisis.”

when the ranking is received simply as a result of creating a building with as much environmental responsibility as possible? Is Wash. U. committed to an appearance or is it deeply committed to a cause?

There should be no question. We should know that the University is as concerned with leading a real effort to environmental responsibility as it is with raising its U.S. News & World Report rankings.

As a side note, some have argued that a commitment to the environment will leave the University with fewer resources to attract both the country's and world's brightest students, and that both its national ranking and value as a university might suffer as a result. But, in the face of climate change, the university with the most value is the university that forces its students to challenge world problems critically and that also acts as a moral role model,

giving its students a sense of what commitment is required to challenge that world problem.

The University's role is to give its students the best education possible, and if U.S. News rankings mean anything, then they will follow that education. Contrary to what many seem to believe, a better education does not come from a better ranking.

How has the University educated students about climate change? The Freshman Reading Program did force some students to consider the issue, and validated it as an important one. But what happened when those students left the discussions? Most of them went back to dorms that are using significant amounts of energy due to the University's almost continual demolition and construction, or into University buildings, which waste a significant amount of energy because

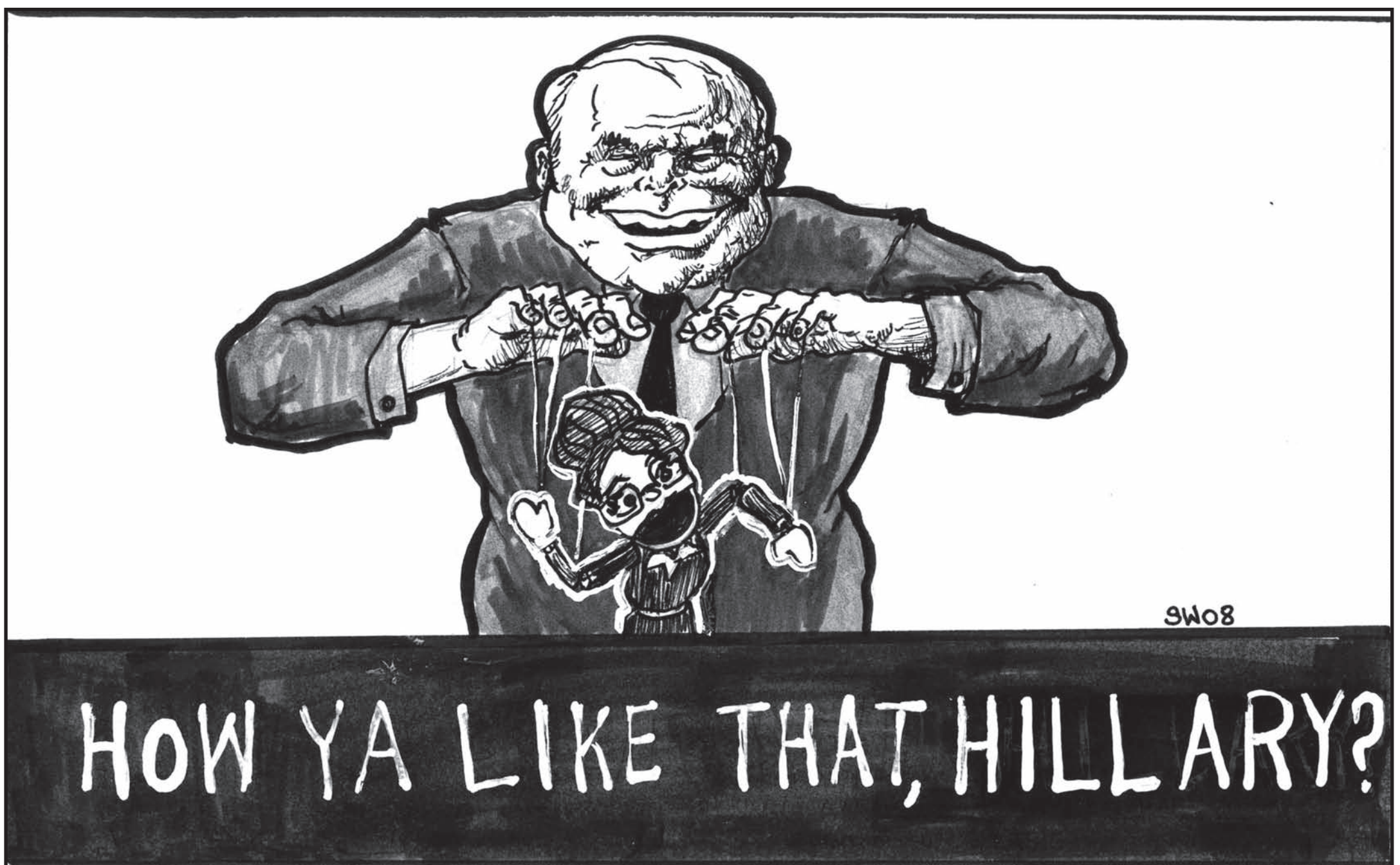
the University keeps them freezing in the summer and sweltering in the winter.

Students who participated in the reading program or heard the Chancellor speak at graduation learned that climate change is a buzzword academic problem that needs to be solved, but they did not learn that they must be part of that solution and that they must act now. If Washington University, with all of its resources, cannot make the sacrifices necessary to be carbon neutral, how are students supposed to know that they themselves can?

Furthermore, what does it say when the University hires Malten as vice chancellor of sustainability, and he spends a year gathering data? Either the University is not willing to give Malten the funds to hire a large enough staff or willing give

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Is it too early for Wash. U. to disappoint?

Randy Brachman
Staff Columnist

Hello everyone. My name is Randy Brachman. I am a freshman from Plainview, New York. Plainview is an upper middle class town on Long Island. It is predominantly white and predominantly Jewish. I am currently majoring in undecided in the College of Arts & Sciences here at Wash. U. I am socially liberal but fiscally conservative. I associate with the Republican Party, partly because economics are more important to me than social issues and partly because

the Democratic Party is a huge mess that I do not want my name attached to out of embarrassment. Also, Republicans tend to win, and I like winning.

You are going to read my columns. Why will you read them? Well, you've already gotten this far. You may as well keep going. And also, I'm sure you can't wait to learn more about me, and a great way to do that will be to read my articles. They will offer insight as to the content of my character (but not the color of my skin). Also, my columns might be a little bit funny, sometimes, I hope.

So what's important right now? Orientation just ended;

classes just started. Joe Biden and Sarah Palin are coming here soon. I think picking Palin was a great move by whoever's running McCain's campaign, by the way. Those mythical Clinton supporters with no one left to turn to (scary Barack vs. scary John) can now turn to their comfort zone: women. At least, that's the theory. Also, it guarantees that Alaska goes to the Republicans in November (Palin's approval rate hovers somewhere around 80 and 90 percent most of the time), so McCain is well on his way to victory already.

Much more important than that, though, is what I mentioned first: Orientation and classes. After

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sitting through Orientation, I can say with the utmost confidence that I am terribly glad I will never have to do that again. I don't think I sat through a single mandatory event that I thought was worthwhile. Most of the voluntary events were the same.

Sure, The Date was very well acted (props to Shauna, representing Ruby 1), and all of the various events that started at 10 p.m. and ended in the wee hours of the morning were nice, even if they did cause me (and presumably others) to become seriously sleep deprived. But on the whole, Orientation was not a good experience.

What is the purpose of that week before classes start when the freshman class gathers together? I suppose it's at least partly so that we familiarize ourselves with campus and the surrounding area. Do we really need a week for that? Do we really need any time at all? We all got a map. We're all smart. We should all be able to read maps. I'm sure another purpose of that week is to meet new people and make new friends. This is certainly a worthy goal, to be sure. Having a good support system is important, and who wants to be the person who is always sitting alone

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R-E-S-P-E-C-T

Katie Ammann
Staff Columnist

Alright kiddos, it's time to talk about respect. Remember those posters that were all around your grade schools—"In order to get respect, you have to give it"? I think it's time to readdress this theme. For all of us, whether we are returning to campus or living and learning here for the first time, there is a constant need to respect the emotions, opinions and property of everyone around us.

Let's start in the classroom. Hopefully, you're in courses you like and are truly interested in; if you are, it's easy to ask intelligent questions and pay attention. Even if there are days when you're preoccupied or bored, at least have the restraint not to be texting, checking Facebook or listening to your iPod. Not only does the professor take offense—both my parents are professors and will attest to this—but so do other students. I'm not upset because you yourself are not focused, I'm angry because you're distracting me and disallowing my acquisition of information. You have lost a bit of my respect.

Next, let's address living situations. Whether you're in a triple room as a freshman or a single room in an off-campus apartment, there's little truly personal space. Obviously, there will need to be negotiation about when the TV can be on, when music can be playing out loud, where everything is stored and who buys the next box of cereal; surely, though, those little things aren't as simple as they sound. When someone eats the last bit of cereal without replacing it or decides to stay in the shower a little too long, it shows his or her lack of regard for the other people who are

relying on the same resources.

Over the past four years, my roommates and I have developed a profound care and respect for each other, in no small part due to the small things that allowed our relationships to form at the start.

Finally, on a broader scale, the community in which we live is spectacular, and there are many of us who enjoy it and wish to see it thrive. It's impressive that so many Wash. U. students are involved in service projects around St. Louis and around the world. This university and this city both have a hand in all sorts of steps forward, such as advancing medical research, creating new visual art and music and acting as a driving force for political and social change. Many of us are proud to have found ourselves within this community; we respect it and feel responsible for it.

Since moving back to school this year, I've seen more than my share of people who do not respect their neighbors—both students and St. Louis residents. One group has, on at least five occasions just in the past week and a half, had parties after which they don't clean up until late into the next day. This means a load of red Solo cups strewn across their yard...and my yard. Sorry guys, you don't have my respect.

To me, respect is a given; you don't have to do anything special to receive a basic level of it. You can gain more strata of respect over time, but in the beginning, you've earned it, and keep earning it, as long as you don't do anything to taint it. As we start this year, we all have new opportunities to gain, or possibly lose, respect. Don't blow it.

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The climate crisis' stakes and why I don't mind so much

Dennis Sweeney
Forum Editor

How many of you read the Freshman Reading Program book this summer, "Field Notes from a Catastrophe" by Elizabeth Kolbert? (A smattering of hands tentatively go up.) "Well, that's a start."

How many of you actually care? (Nobody moves.) Welcome, class, to a dying world. Let me tell you two reasons why you should give up. And then let me tell you one reason why you shouldn't.

To begin, the world is not worth its perceived salt. The world is saltless. We believe in progress. We invent things that are better and better at organizing our time and making our work efficient so we can do more things and occupy every moment of our time with some social, financial or metaphysical productivity.

We believe in capitalism. We believe that it is okay for McDonalds to have a store in every square mile in the United States because, well, supply and demand. Because people want McDonalds.

We believe in the power of knowledge. We believe that the faux-progressive mindsets of a majority population of a tiny number of top American universities has the ability to triumph over the irrelevant

zeitgeist of the masses, and thus, figure out what is best and most practicable for those masses.

Unfortunately, class, that's only number one. Judge for yourself whether it bodes better or worse than the following. The world, for us (humans), will end.

The world, for us (humans), will end. It will end really, really soon.

It will end really, really soon. Those of you who read Elizabeth Kolbert's book understand that it is almost impossible, even with a great amount of political and economic will, to prevent the oncoming disastrous climate change.

Those of you who picked up the supplementary and more intellectually satisfying "Short History of Progress" by Ronald Wright understand that the human race is not wired for that kind of collective, or even individual, will and long-term thinking. At best, we will wait until the effects of climate change have killed more than one half of us, until we personally see

those deaths and until it is tangible and unescapable in our minds that we, too, will die. At that point, we will struggle, a last, suddenly hopeful remnant of the human race beating off unliveable conditions with our advanced technology until a freak and vast shift wipes out the final ones of us.

I am sorry to be the bearer of bad news. Again, none of you will have to face this, fully and undeniably, until much later. And it might not even be you personally who has to face it. You may well be dead by that time. But am I trying to tell you to lose hope? No, class, I am not. You can be sure that if I were trying to tell you that, I would not be here right now. I would not, in fact, be.

The same reason I have not cast myself into the lovely Grand Canyon is the same reason that none of you ought despair. We will all die. There are good and bad things about life. Life is extremely difficult. Life is full of negativity, full of personal and social hurt. But life is also full of beauty and, potentially, meaning. Each life leaves its mark on the immutable map of time.

So, too, will the species we have called Homo sapiens die. We appreciate the human race more than our own lives. Its destruction scares us more than our own. But its destruction is at this point, like our own, inevitable. There are terrible things about humans. They ravage, obliterate and kill each

other and other things. But they have also created so much that is good. ("But isn't the concept 'good' itself a human invention?") That's right, Tim. Humans even introduced "value" to the world.

Ronald Wright nears the end of his history of progress with a revealing sentence: "...the number in abject poverty today is as great as all mankind in 1901." He, here, tries to shock us. But in my estimation, he succeeds only in bringing up the ambiguity of our own value judgments about the human race. Is it better, you should be wondering, to have a smaller human race and less suffering, but also less progress? Or is it better to have so much more humanity and happiness in the world, but for such a larger percentage of it to be miserable?

I sense I'm losing you, class. Please bear with me. I only ask, if we go on forever, and produce more and more happiness, and produce more and more misery, what more has the universe gained? I feel that humans have proved their point. They have given to the universe what they had to give.

(A hand goes up.) Yes, Rachel. ("It's time to go, Mr. Sweeney.") That's right, Rachel. It's quitting time. And to be truthful, I don't find doomsday so upsetting.

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JORDAN FERCHILL EDITORIAL CARTOON

McCain and Toast



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We invite readers to comment on articles on our Web site, www.studlife.com. This is a sample of several web comments from the past week. Although they are not edited on the web, the comments here were edited for grammar and spelling; commentors are identified by the name they provided on our Web site.

The Drinking Debate

Not a good idea

Yeah, we already had a drinking age of 18 in many parts of this country and the reason we don't anymore is the same reason we repealed abolition: It doesn't work. We can complain about how drinking ages are lower in Europe and other places around the world, but frankly a combination of puritanical cultural norms and terrible public transportation means that this country can not handle introducing legal drinking back into high schools. At least not anytime soon.

These college presidents just want to push the problem onto somebody else. It's not a sign of intelligence that they signed this, it's a sign of selfishness and an inability to deal with a problem that will always exist.

'bob'

New online college payment planning tool draws criticism

End secrets in financial aid

If financial aid officers have special knowledge of funding sources for their schools that is unknown to others, then it is their responsibility to get that information out. Let's shine some light on that so that families can really make informed decisions.

'collegeloanconsultant'

Tricks of the trade

A financial aid officer's job is to assist a student and a parent in finding financial options for college. That job tends to be very involved and detailed and as a former financial aid director I understand the difficulty of the job itself, let alone keeping up with all government, state and school regulations as they govern financial aid programs.

The comment from collegeloanconsultant, and I assume owner Vicki Klinowski, is interesting. It looks like she was unfortunately burned in a financial aid process but [I] don't believe she is qualified to critique this particular article.

There are certainly risks with providing a tool as no tool can be all inclusive. To expect that each institution of higher learning publish all their financial aid options, including institutional grants and loans is a great suggestion but one that is highly unlikely or difficult if not impossible to implement. I do believe this tool serves a purpose that will assist many families plan for college expenses in a way not offered on a scale like this before.

The issue really boils down to how transparent a financial aid office is and I would hope, especially in this time of financial struggle, that financial aid directors across the U.S. will take the lead in making financial aid options as transparent as possible to their families.

'JH'

Protecting pornography

An industry in good condition

I am a pornographer, my name is Troy Williams and I run the Bonanza Entertainment Group in New York City and trust me things have never been better for this industry. Yes, a lot of our industry has moved to the internet, but DVD sales are still strong and we have never made more money than we are making now. So before you start writing articles about MY industry you should ask one of us first.

'Troy Williams'

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him the resources he needs to gather whatever data is necessary to start tackling the problem of climate change.

A year of talk and no action teaches students to approach climate change the same way fossil fuel companies approach the issue—yes, they are concerned and willing to make an improvement here or there, but ultimately they do not have the resources.

More likely, they do not have the will.

If the University wants to be on the cutting edge of education, it needs to be on the cutting edge of solving the climate crisis.

This means instead of phasing in their plans for sustainability, like stopping sales of all plastic water bottles and asking students to carry bottles and fill them up, implement these plans now. It means looking at what temperatures we set our

buildings at and moving them up a degree or two in the summer and down a degree or two in the winter to save energy. It means building all our new buildings to the highest environmental standards.

And last but not least, a serious commitment to environmentalism means reaching out to all students and telling them what they can do to make a difference and to urge their society to make a difference. It means equipping the student body, through example and by transmitting information, to deal with the real problems their generation will face.

Wash. U. is such a great university that has accomplished so many incredible feats. In the face of one of the biggest issues of our generation, we should see the University work to do no less than it has on so many other occasions.

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in his or her room? Orientation was not actually a good way to make friends, though. I'm sure many people did just that during that week, but the setup of the program did not encourage it. First of all, the mandatory events consisted mostly of being talked at. You can't meet someone new while you're being talked at. That would be rude, not to mention the fact that it's noisy and probably cramped.

The voluntary nonacademic events consisted of a movie (who meets people during a movie? You're supposed to watch, not talk), a dance party (the music was too loud to talk over unless you went far enough away that you weren't actually participating) and some other events that I don't remember. If these programs had value, I would have remembered them.

Really, the only time that

friendship building was a definite possibility was during whatever free time we busy freshmen had. This free time was not planned by whoever planned Orientation (that is the definition of free time). So the best time to accomplish the goals of Orientation was during the time that Orientation events weren't actually going on. Awesome.

But now Orientation (and this article) is over, and classes are beginning. I'll be writing every two weeks or so. If there's any specific subject you'd like me to write about, just e-mail me, and I'll give my editor my perspective. Have a good Wednesday.

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Correction

An article on the sports page on Friday, August 29 incorrectly stated that the football team was to play its home opener last weekend. The opening game is, in fact, next weekend against Greenville.

Students 21 and over can purchase alcohol with meal points at Ibbby's, the new restaurant located in the Danforth University Center. A nation-wide initiative would extend that right to all students over the age of 18.

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open discussion and debate on alcohol-related issues on and off campus. He strongly believes that a comprehensive review of public policy related to responsible drinking is needed," a statement issued by Ohio State University announced.

According to their Web site, the Amethyst Initiative maintains that it is not pushing for a specific policy, but the initiative does state the signatories' belief that the current law is not working as it was intended.

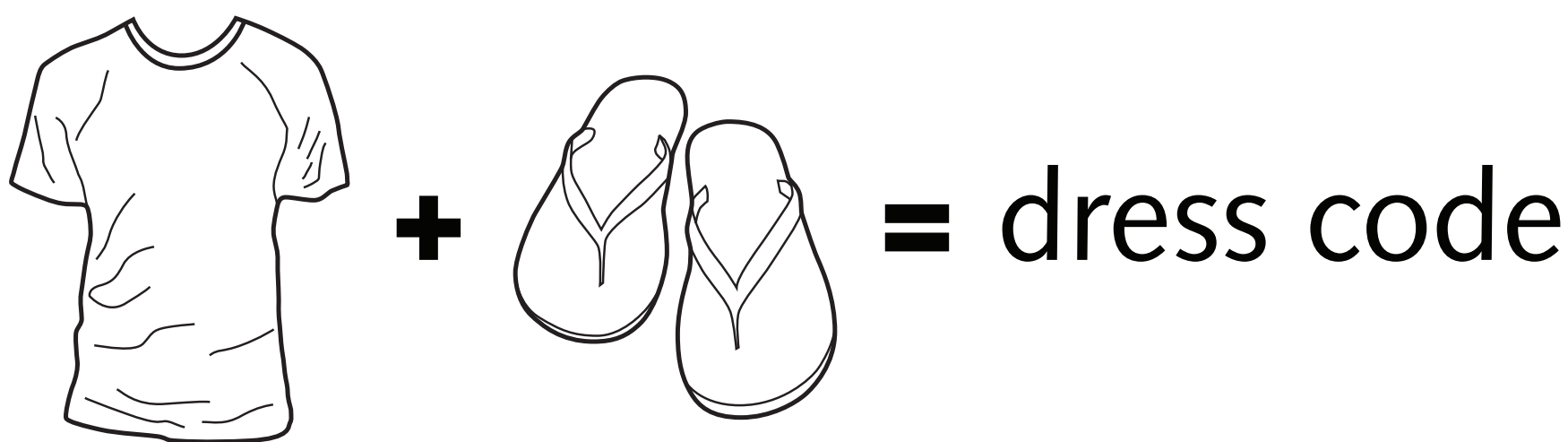
According to the policies of the Office of

Residential Life, underage possession of alcohol is against both Missouri state law and the University's student judicial code. Highest enforcement is applied to actions that are repeated, disruptive, dangerous or flagrant.

The University also prohibits large common containers on campus and bars are not allowed in residence halls. Incoming students also complete AlcoholEdu, an educational tutorial that provides information regarding alcohol use.



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ALBUM REVIEW

Intimacy Bloc Party

Rebecca Katz
Cadenza Reporter

You can say what you want about the bands that Bloc Party mimics—Smashing Pumpkins, The Smiths, The Pixies or what have you—but the musical style most at play in their new album is that of no musical style at all: unpleasant sonic experimentation. “Intimacy” is hurried and impersonal; each of the 12 tracks takes on an unorganized style of wailing on about lonely recluses in a tough and unsympathetic world.

Bloc Party’s Radiohead-style release surprised fans with a short-notice issue to prevent leaks. A digital version was available online on Au-

gust 21, while the physical album is to be released on October 27.

After releasing the phenomenal “Silent Alarm” in 2005 and the mediocre-at-best “Weekend in the City” in 2007, front man and lyricist Kele Okereke spoke of “Intimacy” as his “break up album”: driving, forceful and inspired. Instead, it comes across as angry, forced and completely insipid.

Rather than the promised intimate sound, the album begins with unintelligible lyrics and howling guitar in “Ares”. Okereke attempts to express emotion not by pronouncing every syllable, but meshing his voice with the electronic trialing. With a call and response format, he chants “War! War! War!” in a Mulan-like battle

cry. If this musical laboratory doesn’t get old by the end of the first track, “Mercury” chimes in with a catchier electronic sound that makes use of trumpets and is nearly guitar-less. Though it is ready for a club dance floor, its one line would not get past the bouncer. “In any part of the world, from Silver Lake to Williamsburg, you can pick another stranger and fall in love,” Okereke beckons. Inspired? I think not. Hopeless and cynical? That’s more of the familiar and honest breakup tale.

One track I was able to get through without pining away for my beloved “Silent Alarm” tracks was “Signs.” It begins with soft xylophone, refreshing after the screeching of non-instrumental sounds for five straight tracks,

and unfolds into a more gentle love song with a mid-tempo, without being too over the top. Just don’t listen too closely to the lyrics, not just because you will be frustrated and unable to understand them, but because they’re awful. If I took one thing from this album, it would be the best advice that Okereke gives, in the track “Biko”: “Toughen up, this world isn’t kind to little beings.” There’s the cynical drive that makes me love angry rock that flirts with punk.

So did Bloc Party really derail their proverbial train with this failed experiment? I think not. Imprudent tests aside, the energy that Bloc Party presents in its recordings is unquestionable. While they fail to strike a balance and experiment before actually producing the tracks, Bloc Party is not interested in the rock-god status of their predecessors, but rather in taking what they left and making something new. They need the criticism of this album to get back on track and keep with the charge of their beginnings.



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“Mercury,” “Signs”

ALBUM REVIEW

Fast Times at Barrington High The Academy Is...

Cici Coquillette
Cadenza Reporter

“Fast Times at Barrington High,” the third album from the Chicago-based pop-punk quintet The Academy Is... is a definite throwback to the naïveté and immaturity of high school. An upbeat and optimistic album, Fast Times is a tribute to the good times, entirely avoiding stereotypical emo sentiments. Those looking for a forward progression reminiscent of the transition from their first album “Almost Here” to 2007’s “Santi,” however, will be disappointed.

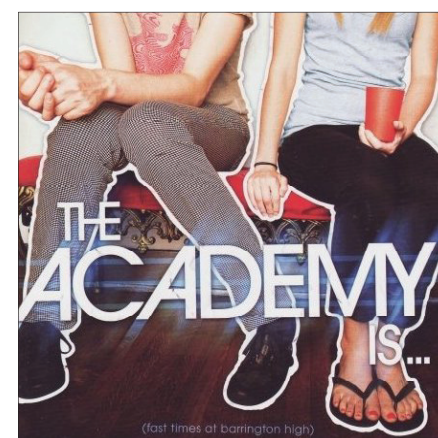
At the risk of calling it sophomore, in designing an album based entirely around the high school experience, The Academy Is... has sacrificed maturation for continuity’s sake. The songs show that type of regression: The lyrics, while still clever, have descended into teenage clichés and some of the technical proficiency has disappeared from the musicianship.

The album takes off at a run with the single “About a Girl” and similarly themed songs “Summer Hair = Forever Young” and “His Girl Friday,” but really hits its stride midway through with “Rumored Nights” and “Automatic Eyes.” One particular standout, “Crowded Room,” begins with a distorted chant that segues perfectly into the rest of the song. Following that, the album begins to slow

down and ultimately takes a turn for the worse. The album’s longest track, “After the Last Midtown Show,” drags on brutally, even for a ballad. Even a song with a title like: “Beware! Cougar!” doesn’t hold our interest. “Paper Chase,” the obligatory graduation song, has more resonance, though perhaps only because my own graduation was three months ago.

To their credit, The Academy Is... handles stereotypical high school stories with more lyrical creativity than expected. Most of the tracks detail stories of misadventures with girls. (“When I met you, you were on your back/ we still spend most afternoons like that” from “Beware! Cougar!”), popularity angst (“The hallways are filled with silence/ and gawking stares that don’t care” from “Crowded Room”), and that particular brand of teenage self-righteousness (“This won’t take long/ your reign is done/ we are the innocent ones” also from “Crowded Room”).

The tracks do tend to blend together after a while—the opening bars of “Rumored Nights” and “Automatic Eyes” slowly become indistinguishable—but The Academy Is... has a formula, and they’re sticking with it. Obviously they aren’t looking to break any new musical ground, but they do succeed in telling the idealized high school story in a ridiculously catchy manner.



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Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Turn inside out
- 6 Pouchlike structure
- 9 Sanctify
- 14 Indian instrument
- 15 Baseball stat
- 16 Spooky
- 17 Muddle
- 18 Big bird Down Under
- 19 "Divine Comedy" poet
- 20 Moray
- 21 Center
- 23 City on the Moselle
- 24 Hot tubs
- 25 Frigidity
- 27 ___ down the hatches!
- 30 Tower (over)
- 31 Planetary path
- 32 Gopher State
- 37 Signify
- 38 ___ on (mollycoddles)
- 39 False god
- 40 Sought a deal
- 42 Fluttering sound
- 43 Burn a bit
- 44 All the rage
- 45 Meals
- 49 Narrow inlets
- 50 Binary compound
- 51 Cornered in branches
- 53 Had brunch
- 56 Edmonton pro
- 57 Ages and ages
- 58 Couch potato
- 60 Took a nap
- 61 Hwy. abbr.
- 62 Sensory organs
- 63 Dry runs
- 64 Word of agreement
- 65 Folklore creature

DOWN

- 1 Latin being
- 2 Clinging flora
- 3 List add-on
- 4 Brit. flyboys
- 5 Proclaim
- 6 Plant starters
- 7 Equips for battle
- 8 Warned
- 9 Hour of retiring
- 10 Acquire knowledge
- 11 Banks of baseball
- 12 Locales
- 13 Tarot users
- 22 Writer Fleming
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- 26 Inmates
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- 28 Bailiwick
- 29 Ski lift
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- 32 Secluded religious community
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- 44 Bind
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- 53 In addition
- 54 Abound
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Mother of Delmar

Eric Rosenbaum
Scene Reporter

When Ann Lipton walks around her store in jean shorts, sandals, half-moon reading glasses and her mild, relaxed smile, she exudes a motherly quality. Which is why it is not surprising that Winslow's Home, a postmodern general store located west of the Loop on Delmar, was started out of concern for her daughters.

"They never knew [the] part of me that worked," she said, sipping coffee she had brewed minutes ago at the store's coffee bar. "I wanted to show them a different side of me, and the fact that I can still be a good mom and pull this off."

A former commercial designer, Lipton let herself go.

"I'm thinking of moving the books over here," she said, pointing to a wall with cardboard gift boxes from Maine and alien-like oil and vinegar dispensers from Amsterdam. Walking around the store, I saw, among other things, cast-iron cookware, homeopathic medicine, children's games—none of which have batteries—maps of world cities, wine, pliers, garden hoses and toenail clippers.

"We sell a ton of rubber ducks," she said. "I don't know why."

In this way, Lipton also acts as sort of a mother for her community, the approximate 1.5-mile radius of University City that houses about 9,200 people. She notes that while the Delmar Loop is nearby, the area has no convenient access to hardware stores, grocery stores or even toy stores.

"[They] have taken the most essential, core goods and services out of our neighborhood," she said. "If you need something, you are resigned to getting in your car."

She says that residents, including Chancellor Mark Wrighton and other members of the University, have responded positively to Winslow's Home, a statement affirmed by the disappointed people of all ages who peeked through the window. It happened to be a Monday, the one day of the week the store is

closed.

As a mother, Lipton is also trying to expose her daughters to the working world as well as their local community. Her daughter Madeline Lipton, 13, works in the kitchen. Here, Ben Poremba, the head chef and one of two Israeli nationals on staff, tries to vary the menu regularly while sticking with organic ingredients.

Katie Lipton, 15, is notoriously picky and so she fits in better in the store. But even she is starting to like the store's produce, most of which is grown in the Liptons' personal garden or by local growers. A whiteboard behind the cash register advertises the new eggplant sandwich by proclaiming, "Even Katie likes it!"

"We have the luxury of growing things for taste, because it doesn't have to travel," Lipton explained.

In every way, the Liptons are entrenched in the workings of Winslow's Home. Randy Lipton, Ann Lipton's husband, is a commercial real estate agent, but he moved his office to the area above the store. Just as he is very supportive of her work and finds time to help sometimes, Ann Lipton is very supportive of his.

In 2006, Ann Lipton bought an 82-year-old defunct general store near her house and masterminded a complete renovation, not only replacing worn supports, plumbing and fixtures, but replacing them with identical materials and designs.

Even though Lipton worries a lot about waste, over-packaging, unhealthy food and pollution, she does not side with people who say that department stores are the problem.

"I guess what I think was short-sighted was the way we have designed our cities in such a way that the car is the link between where you work, where you live, where you shop," she said. "If there were at least essential services around where people lived, maybe it would



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be different."

As mentioned before, she uses only organic food and does not sell products with batteries. She keeps a storeroom full of fresh produce and flowers in what she says used to be the meat locker.

When she talks about environmental issues, Lipton, in a way, begins to sound like the mother of the world. She sees problems with the way people live, but she has enough faith in them to think that they would change if given the opportunity.

"Every person who walks here, that's probably one less car driven," she said.

"You don't have the luxury to waste the way my parents did and, frankly, the way we did," she said. "I don't think we can afford any longer to live in oblivion and be politically correct."

She also supports the global community by hiring some staff through Catholic charities and the International Institute. Two of her employees are Eritrean, one of whom, Aramdan, cannot speak very much English. He gets by because Poremba knows a moderate amount of Arabic.

An important aspect of being a mother is knowing when to let things go. During our interview,

she interrupted me to take a call from Madeline, who is traveling to Champaign-Urbana on her first ever road trip. Lipton seems unfazed, even excited.

In the same accepting way she handles her daughters, Lipton knows how to accept the fact that the world does not yet wholeheartedly support her way of doing business. For instance, organic farming is rarely feasible. She could never sell her goods wholesale because the prices would be too high. She also realizes that durable goods can no longer be produced locally because people require a certain level of quality. She argues that

transported, durable goods leave less of a carbon footprint than food products that must be constantly repurchased, simply because fewer objects are being moved.

"But that may be my own way of justifying it to myself," she added.

Lipton is anything but complacent, but she is also anything but perfect, she said walking out to her imposing white Jeep. She needs a big car for farmwork, but she still drives to and from work and to and from her daughters' school daily.

"I like to view this whole thing as relevant to who we are today," she said.

The New, the Old and the Over- Tabbed

Michelle Stein
Senior Scene Editor

During a beautiful hour of dawdling, a Washington University student goes onto Facebook. But wait. He clicks on his friend's profile, but where is his information? And what the heck are "boxes?" Welcome to the new Facebook.

The whole point of changing something, of giving it an overhaul, should be to improve it. Otherwise, why waste the effort? Starting in early August, the popular social network Facebook gave its site a complete makeover.

The latest and most noticeable adjustment in a series of revisions that has included the implementation of the news feed, mini-feed, applications and various privacy settings, the "new" Facebook is an attempt to make this college procrastination tool cleaner and easier to use. However, it seems debatable as to whether the changes actually help Facebook users or merely make the of-late familiar site into a confusing maze.

Prior to the most recent changes, the top bar of the "old" version of Facebook contained tabs for Profile, Friends and Inbox on the left, and tabs labeled Home, Account, Privacy and Logout on the right. The rest of the page was white, with a search box and applications on the left sidebar. The profile held information, quotes, and of course, the wall for your friends to write on.

The "new" Facebook changed the "Profile" tab on the homepage so it now says the user's name, which is not quite as drastic as the changes you see when clicking that link to go to the profile page. Instead of all of the user's information laid out on one page, the profile has been broken up into four different sections—Wall, Info, Photos and Boxes—which, for the most part, are the same as applications. Furthermore, users can add as many tabs as they would like to their profiles to further customize their organization. This makes for admittedly less scrolling but a tougher workout for your pointer finger.

Many users' first response to the change was something along the lines of "What the...?" Users had issues finding their friends' information, searching and navigating the new structure of the site in general. But change often takes time to get used to. After all, humans are creatures of habit. So, after a few weeks to become familiar with the new structure, it was time for a new evaluation.

"I hate the new Facebook," junior Meaghan McIntosh said. According to McIntosh, the pre-overhaul Web site's all-white background and wall structure were "aesthetically cleaner." Like many, she also believes that the older version was more user-friendly.

However, McIntosh did cut the site some slack, despite her self-described "loathing."

"I guess I just got used to the old one," McIntosh said with a shrug.

But there must be something good about the "new" Facebook, right? Something to get everyone excited about using the new site? After all, no one would take the time to design a new layout for millions of users without giving them an incentive to, in fact, use it. Junior Aaron Kaplan said he could not really find whatever was supposed to be improved.

"I haven't found much of a difference," Kaplan said in response to the logistics of the new site. "Just a different feel."

While Kaplan is now using the "new" Facebook, McIntosh is sticking to the familiar and less-tabbed Facebook. Apparently not wanting to force its users into stepping out of their comfort zone, Facebook left an option in the top right corner to forgo the new site. Right next to the link that says "Send feedback" is a link offering users a way "back to the old Facebook."

This link, however, begs a question creator Mark Zuckerberg probably does not want to hear. If the "new" Facebook is not offering any new incentives and users are still linked to the old and comfortable, how many people are actually using the new site? Better yet, why, as users, should we?

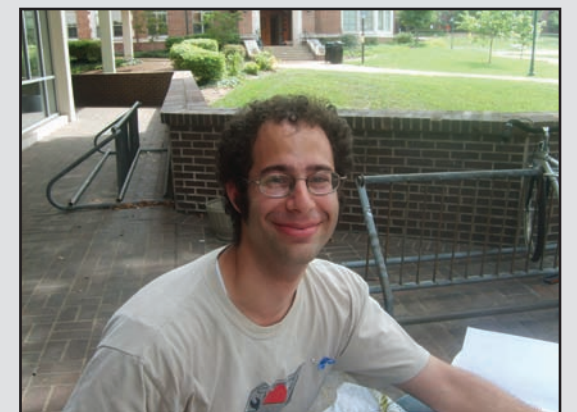
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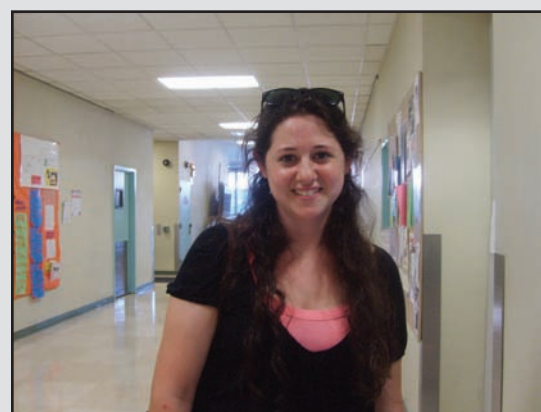
Michael Weiss, Freshman

"Online and the TV. TV is a bigger screen so it's more enjoyable to my senses. Online I can control when I watch it and that gets me going."



David Schwartz, Alum

"I would watch an actual show, but I don't have the time or the inclination to do so."



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