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## THE MORNING AFTER



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With just minutes to go before the vice presidential debate's live broadcast, the debate hall audience waits in anticipation for what is widely acknowledged to become the most-watched debate of the election season. In attendance were politicians from both major parties, over 400 student lottery ticket winners, camera crews, photographers and moderator Gwen Ifill.

## VP candidates fulfill expectations

*Palin, Biden  
clash on energy,  
Iraq in debate*

Perry Stein and  
Jeremy Rogoff  
News Staff

Despite countless media jabs predicting the worst, Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin's preparation seemed to pay off as she and Sen. Joe Biden (D-Del.) went head-to-head in the most anticipated debate of this election cycle.

Falling into their predicted roles in the debate, Biden established himself as the veteran by welcoming Palin with a "Nice to meet you," while Palin painted herself as someone free of Washington influence and in touch with the feelings of mainstream America by using an anecdote involving soccer moms to stress the dire state of the country's economy.

The economy dominated the first segment of the debate as each candidate aligned with his or her party's traditional economical views. Biden advocated for middle class tax cuts, while Palin defended tax cuts for corporations. Turning to foreign policy, Biden focused on Pakistan's threat as a nuclear power.

Palin, although agreeing that Pakistan posed a global threat with a nuclear weapon, emphasized the recent military successes in Iraq.

Additionally Palin, like Senator John McCain in last week's presidential debate, chose to focus on Senator Barack Obama's willingness to sit down with Iran President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, calling his action "outright dangerous" and "beyond bad judgment."

Biden provided a rebuttal by attacking McCain and saying that he wouldn't sit down with the

government of Spain, a NATO ally.

Not surprisingly, the war in Iraq proved to be a heated debate topic tonight.

Biden criticized McCain's war strategy, saying, "For John McCain, there is no end in sight to end this war."

Equally perturbed by the Democrat ticket's strategy, Palin said, "Your plan is a white flag of sur-

render."

Claiming that their positions on global warming represented the most fundamental difference between his ticket and McCain and Palin's, Biden said that global warming is undoubtedly man-made. Palin said she did not want to argue the cause and chose instead to propose solutions through

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The two vice presidential nominees, Joe Biden and Sarah Palin, debated Thursday night at the Athletic Complex.

## Protests end in disbandment

*Mood on in-  
tramural fields  
toned down*

Scott Fabricant  
Contributing Reporter

The Washington University Intramural Field, its views blocked off from everywhere else on campus, served as a space for protesters that was distant from the goings-on in the Athletic Complex.

Spontaneity in so-called public viewing area was discouraged as speakers had to register in advance in order to appear before the crowds.

While more traditionally liberal groups, such as Pride Alliance and Planned Parenthood, spoke, religious pro-life groups also paid the campus a visit. Among these groups was the Christian Defense Coalition, whose debate presence consisted solely of its director, Patrick Mahoney.

"We're a group committed to challenging the church to live their faith in the public square on a number of social justice issues," Mahoney said. "Poverty, racism, we're pro-life, human rights, free speech, pretty much all the things Senator Obama is not committed to. We're actually here to pray too."

Upon taking the stage, Mahoney launched into a charged speech, lambasting Obama for not donating a larger share of his fundraising to charity, not visiting storm battered areas of the Texas coast, and living what he considered a "disconnected" lifestyle.

Mahoney's speech aroused the anger of protesters representing Planned Parenthood, resulting in heated verbal exchanges on both sides. Mahoney accused Planned Parenthood of being created to eliminate black people through abortion.

"You're wearing your pink

shirts, but you might as well be wearing white robes," said Mahoney in reference to the clothing of the Planned Parenthood protesters and the Ku Klux Klan.

Planned Parenthood protesters walked out shortly afterwards, and remaining sympathetic protest groups left with them. The Christian Defense Coalition originally intended to split its time with its parent

group, a pro-life group known as Operation Rescue, but Mahoney's speech did not permit time for Operation Rescue to speak.

Remaining were the University Conservative Leadership Association, whose student representative Caleb Posner spoke about the dangers Iran posed, and the Florida Se-

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LUCY MOORE | STUDENT LIFE

John Oliver of the Daily Show leads a group of students in a chant about improving the environment outside of the DUC next to the IM field.





NEWS ANALYSIS

# Biden, Palin follow predicted roles

Candidates highlight differences in debate

Jeremy Rogoff  
Staff Reporter

Thursday night's debate featured much of what both presidential campaigns had promised, as Senator Joe Biden touted his experience tied with Obama's vision, and Sarah Palin attempted to appeal to mainstream America.

In what was widely considered to be a referendum on Senator John McCain's choice for vice president, Governor Sarah Palin of Alaska, while at times hesitant and often vague in her responses to weighted policy questions, exceeded the low expectations that had been set for her.

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3,100 members of the press applied for credentials to the vice presidential debate; the media filing center was one of many media strongholds during the debate.

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domestic energy production. "Energy independence is the key to our nation's future, to our economic future and our national security," Palin said. Throughout the debate, both candidates depicted themselves as in touch with the country's middle class, alluding to their families and their small-town backgrounds. Palin continuously referenced her hometown of Wasilla, Alaska, even mentioning her brother's third grade class when prompted about her education plan. Biden talked about his hometown of Scranton and the economic struggles his family faced as a child. In arguably the most anticipated question of the debate, moderator Gwen Ifill quoted the cliché "The next vice-president is a heartbeat away from being president," and asked each candidate what he or she would do if they unexpectedly became president. Biden said that he would carry out Obama's plans and most importantly work to reinstate the middle class. He elaborated on that statement, saying that he would not follow the lead of Vice President Dick Cheney. "Vice President Cheney has probably been the most dangerous vice president in this nation's history," Biden said. Palin delivered a similar answer but joked that she and McCain have their differences. "What do you expect of a team of mavericks? Of course, we are not going to agree on everything," she said. "He has never asked me to check my opinions at the door." Throughout the debate, however, the message from both parties was that these next four years would have to place the American people first. "And at the end of the day," Palin said, "as long as we're all working for the greater good, it's going to be okay."

## Students at debate enjoy University's moment in spotlight



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Wash. U. students display their tickets to the vice presidential debate on Thursday, Oct. 2 outside the Athletic Complex.

governor  
**PALIN**  
  
senator  
**BIDEN**

### ON THE ECONOMY

Go to a kid's soccer game on Saturday, and turn to any parent there on the sideline and ask them, "How are you feeling about the economy?" And I'll bet you, you're going to hear some fear in that parent's voice, fear regarding the few investments that some of us have in the stock market.

If John really wanted to eliminate [tax breaks], why is he adding to his budget an additional \$4 billion in tax cuts for Exxon-Mobils of the world that, in fact, already have made \$600 billion since 2001?

### ON ENERGY

The chant is "drill, baby, drill." And that's what we hear all across this country in our rallies because people are so hungry for those domestic sources of energy to be tapped into. They know that even in my own energy-producing state we have billions of barrels of oil and hundreds of trillions of cubic feet of clean, green natural gas.

John McCain has voted 20 times against funding alternative energy sources and thinks, I guess, the only answer is drill, drill, drill. Drill we must, but it will take 10 years for one drop of oil to come out of any of the wells that are going to be begun to be drilled.

### ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Ahmadinejad, Kim Jong Il, the Castro brothers, others who are dangerous dictators are one that Barack Obama has said he would be willing to meet with without preconditions being met first. And an issue like that taken up by a presidential candidate goes beyond naivete and goes beyond poor judgment.

I promise you, if an attack comes in the homeland, it's going to come as our security services have said, it is going to come from al-Qaida planning in the hills of Afghanistan and Pakistan. That's where they live. That's where they are. That's where it will come from. And right now that resides in Pakistan, a stable government needs to be established. We need to support that democracy by helping them not only with their military but with their governance and their economic well-being.

Dan Woznica  
Staff Reporter

a lot of politicians what Wash. U.'s all about," Cossey said. Outside the Debate Hall, many students flocked to the numerous popular personalities present at the event, including celebrities such as Katie Couric, The Daily Show's John Oliver, and actress Rosario Dawson. Sophomore Taylor Martin described seeing Dawson as a heartening experience. "I felt encouraged that a fairly big celebrity, out of all the things to do in the world, chose to be at a politically important event," Martin said. Inside the hall, students were impressed by what many saw as a complete transformation of the gym with

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# Media frenzy begins well before debate

*Wrighton: 'This will be the most heavily watched political event in history'*

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News Staff

As the vice presidential candidates sparred and debated political policy, much cacophony occurred outside the debate hall in "Spin Alley," one half of the recreational gym where hundreds of reporters scurried to spin their stories on the event.

Equipped with 70 40-inch flat screen Sony televisions, hundreds of members of the media watched the debate from the transformed recreational gym, holding in no expressions as they sighed, laughed and muttered while Biden and Palin made their points.

Howard Fineman, columnist for Newsweek and a regular contributor to MSNBC on Hardball and Countdown with Keith Olbermann, added that the reaction of the campaign managers and media members in Spin Alley serves as a strong indicator of the how the candidates fared.

"One of the things I actually look for is how the other reporters react. What makes them laugh, what takes their breath away, what makes them murmur," Fineman said. "You can often tell by the look on their face or the tone of their voice, more than they are saying. If their candidate has had a bad night, they can't hide it."

Joseph Byrne of Talk News Radio in Washington, D.C. said that much of tonight's story actually occurred in spin alley.

"We have talk radio hosts all over the country that are going to look for the color, the behind the scenes. For us, it's not about covering the circus, it's covering the people covering the circus," Byrne said.

With over five photocopy machines set up throughout the debate, the McCain-Palin campaign distributed hundreds of copies of debate fact-sheets to members of the media that positioned the Republican ticket



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Hardball host Chris Matthews chats with Tony Potts, host of Access Hollywood, one of the many media groups that has been swarming the campus.

on top of the Democrats while detailing specific points that Palin made throughout the debate. In total there were ten different fact sheets ranging from bipartisanship to the timetable of the war in Iraq.

The Obama-Biden camp did not issue any fact sheets.

Sophomore Jeremy Carlson serve as a debate volunteer that copied and delivered the debate fact sheets to the press.

"I think it is important that Palin reporters have an opportunity to analyze the situation and that the republican pundits have an opportunity to know their view," Carlson said.

After the debate, the atmosphere was energized and frantic as reporters rushed to interview pundits and politicians who came to spin the debate in favor of their preferred party.

Governor Bill Richardson of New Mexico, Senator Joe Lieberman of Connecticut and former New York City mayor Rudolph Giuliani were among the politicians available for interviews. In addition to print media interviews, major television networks were grabbing the experts for live interviews.

NBC political analyst Andrea Mitchell, who conducted live interviews before the debate, said she

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JOY WANG | STUDENT LIFE

A CNN camera man stands atop his truck in the DUC courtyard.

## Biden takes the debate, students say

Michelle Merlin  
Contributing Reporter

The excitement surrounding the vice presidential debate this past week climaxed as many students chose to attend viewing parties of the vice presidential debates.

Across campus, students felt that Sen. Biden had won the debate.

"I think that Biden's coming off really well, using a lot of logic and evidence," freshman Brook McKeown said during the debate. "Palin just seems to be avoiding questions and changing the subject when Biden has her in a corner."

McKeown was one of about fifty students to watch the debate in Graham Chapel, where she enjoyed the small crowd.

"I think it's nice in Graham Chapel because you can focus on what's going on because it's a relatively quiet space," she said. "But at the same time [I] feel comfortable commenting."

Others felt unsettled by the emptiness.

"Lots of my friends didn't know this was an opportunity or that you could get tickets. It would be much better if there were more people here," Natalia Lamberova said.

As television commentators offered their opinion on the debate's results after the event, students cheered when pundits favored Biden. When experts suggested that Palin won or tied Biden, the chapel was silent.

Students were grateful for the opportunity to see both candidates appearing together.

"I thought it was enlightening. She surprised me because I've never actually seen her in a debate—or Biden for that matter—but I feel like as a woman you go in as an underdog," Alicia Burdy, a junior at Saint Louis University (SLU) said during a debate watch party for SLU students. "I think she surprised a lot of people. I know how I'm voting it- but the debate backs up my decision even more."

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# You'll never forget your first (vote)

Students express themselves to CNN

Caroline Pogue and Ben Sales  
News Staff

Washington University's first-time voters turned out for CNN's "Election Express Yourself" tour bus, set up outside the Danforth University Center on Thursday. The interactive area offered opportunities for voters to weigh in on issues through activities ranging from crafting buttons to filming their own video responses that will be broadcast on the CNN Web site. The bus has been traveling city to city in order to get public opinions, according to Ryan Mooney, the marketing manager for CNN strategic marketing. "It's been great. Washington University has been a perfect spot for

us. You have so many that are politically minded that want to talk to us," Mooney said. First-time voters Erica Cole and Brianna Davis spent the afternoon recruiting other new voters to report their opinions to the CNN booth. The sophomores view "Election Express" as an important way to mobilize young voters. "As a first time voter, it is our job to stand up as a youth of a nation and show our stuff and that we can make decisions that affect our lives," Davis said. "This is the best election to vote in for the first time." At the prospect of having either a female vice president or an African-American president, Davis said, "Either way it goes, we'll have a diverse administration." "This election will go down in history," Cole added. Both students are interested in campaign issues, though they do not think all first-time voters are as informed as they should be. Audrey Morrow, a sophomore and first-time voter, was "extremely excited" to be involved with such an important election. She took advantage of CNN's political-button-making

stand and used it as a platform for expression. At the booth, CNN provided buttons with various bipartisan slogans, as well as buttons printed with "I am Anti \_\_\_\_," urging students to fill in the blank. Morrow wrote "I am Anti-Ignorance" on her button. "You can't have an ignorant person running the country," she said, and although Morrow is excited to have a female vice presidential candidate, she said, "Palin is ignorant. I don't think McCain is ignorant, but Palin is." Other button-makers opted to use the pins for personal statements, some more serious than others. Buttons ranged from the environmental, such as "Anti-Meat" to the bizarre and satirical, such as "Anti-Children and Puppies." A freshman also took advantage of the buttons, choosing one that read: "I totally disagree with everything you just said." The freshmen, another first-time voter, said he was "pretty much just messing around" at the CNN activities, but was overall impressed with the set up.



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Students wave to the MSNBC cameras while watching Andrea Mitchell on the stage outside Graham Chapel.

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curity Council, which advertised their documentary about radical Islam, titled "Obsession." The Florida Security Council also warned demonstrators of the dangers of Muslim student associations and their alleged fundamentalist links. "Organizations such as CARE or the Muslim America Society or Muslim Students of America have been indicted as front organizations for the Muslim Brotherhood, an organization created in 1930 for the sole purpose of instituting Sharia law throughout the world and taking over the world," said Richard Swier of the Florida Security Council.

With the last of the protests finished in the field, attention turned to protesters on Big Bend Boulevard. These protesters peppered the lawn, carrying anti-Palin signs with slogans reading, "Why is Sarah Palin an NRA member? Shotgun Weddings" and "We can see Russia from St. Louis!" However, not everyone on the lawn expressed antipathy for Palin. "It's nice to find a woman that's strong and conservative and who knows that real women don't kill their children," said Ruth Cosgrove, one of the protesters. Some of the protesters carried signs for Bob Barr, the Libertarian candidate for president.

Thomas Knapp, vice presidential candidate for the Boston Tea Party, a splinter libertarian party, was also present. Knapp founded the party in 2006 to fill a void in the country's libertarian culture during the last Senate campaign. He views his party as a much more solid libertarian group than the better known Libertarian Party. "We are a libertarian party, not the Libertarian Party," Knapp said. "This year the Libertarian Party nominated a conservative republican rather than a libertarian. This year we nominated our first presidential ticket, Charles Jay from Florida, and myself from right here in St. Louis."

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thrives on this type of environment. "They were great. It was hard for me to hear, but it was so great. We love doing live shows," Mitchell said. With 3,100 credentialed media members, the most ever for a vice presidential debate, CNN political correspondent Dana Bash attributed the unprecedented attention this event has garnered to Palin. "I've been covering politics for

a while, and I don't remember anything this intriguing," Bash said. "I'd say that in terms of the energy, it's night and day compared to the last debate." Chancellor Wrighton added that the media presence on campus last night was unmatched, and enhanced the political energy on campus. "The media presence on this occasion is far greater than either of the presidential debates in 2000 and

2004," Wrighton said. "This will be the most heavily watched political event in history." Bash added that the University campus was so charged that it did not even feel like a political event. "The feel and the atmosphere and the energy is more like going to Vegas for a prize fight than going to St. Louis for a political debate."

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which they had once been familiar. "It looks nothing like the gym used to look," junior Emily Jacobson said from inside the hall. "It's really unlike anything I'd have ever imagined." The floor of the gym was carpeted over, massive light fixtures were set up overhead, and an enormous red, white and blue stage, flanked by twenty-foot American flag signs, dominated the scene. Immediately before the debate, Chancellor Wrighton and Student Union President Brittany Perez went up on the stage to address the audience. The two thanked the hundreds of people involved in preparing for the debate and encouraged University students to continue the political engagement they had demonstrated already by voting in this year's election. After Biden and Palin finished debating, students leaving the hall spoke with high enthusiasm about how the evening had played out.

"It was really cool," said junior Erin Kane. "I was totally blown away." Kane said she was impressed by both Palin's and Biden's performances. Bill Lowry, a Political Science professor who viewed the debate from inside the media filing center, felt the same. "It was a competent debate," Lowry said. "I think basically both of them did what they had to do. Palin did not embarrass herself. She showed she could be articulate and relatively competent. And Biden was very forceful and very substantive." Kane said that, in particular, she felt Biden's comments on Obama's environmental and energy policies would resonate strongly with students on campus. "I think one of the things people have seemed most active about has been Green Action, and I think that's something that Biden hit on really well," Kane said. After most of the crowd had left,

several students were given access to "Spin Alley," the media center set up in the Athletic Complex's recreational gym for pundits and politicians to gather and "spin" the debate in various directions. Seen in the Alley were campaign managers for both parties, as well as such famous public figures as Rudy Giuliani, Joe Lieberman and Missouri Senator Claire McCaskill. At one point, a group of students surrounded McCaskill and asked her what she thought of the University. "I love Wash. U.," said McCaskill. She followed with a plan of her own to begin fixing the nation's economic problems. "My plan for economic development for the state of Missouri: throw a net over Wash. U. and tell all the kids that go to college here they cannot leave when they graduate. They must stay in Missouri."

# Students look to focus election on environment

Jeremy Rogoff  
Staff Reporter

A national student movement and a local campus group combined on Thursday to call for voters to make the environment their top priority. Green Action, a Washington University student group with a focus on environmental activism, and Power Vote, a nationwide non-partisan organization that seeks to elevate climate change issues in this year's election, worked for a common cause. On debate day, affiliated students erected nine-foot windmills around campus, near areas where live television broadcasts were taking place. "People often times quarantine the environment as its own separate issue and put it so far down the list, and oftentimes they forget that national security and the economy are all totally contingent on the approach we take on the environment," freshman Emily Averna said. The joint effort spent the day trying to enlist young voters to pledge their vote for "clean and just energy," according to Power Vote's Web site. Specifically, Power Vote distributed a petition requesting students to support candidates who support "green" jobs, investing in clean energy, cutting global warming pollution, ending dependence on unclean sources of energy and reengaging as a leader in the global community. The national Power Vote goal is one million pledges. "We are trying to collect one million votes across the nation to show politicians that the youth care about clean energy, green jobs and climate change," sophomore Peter Murrey, a member of Green Action, said. "Youth are going to be an important part of this election. If [the candidates] don't talk about the environment, we are not going to listen to them. We're not going to give them

our vote." Despite the numerous organizations and interest groups that have converged on campus, the Green Action-Power Vote coalition gained considerable attention from the press, partly due to the presence of miniature windmills on Mudd Field in front of Graham Chapel and in front of Olin Library throughout the day. "I'm impressed with how into and how responsive [students] are to what Green Action has to say," junior Alexandra Fine, a Green Action-Power Vote coalition member who aimed for her group to collect 1,000 signatures for Power Vote by the end of the day, said. The group of over 40 Green Action members had garnered more than 700 pledges at the University, pushing the nationwide total to 187,206 signatures as of Thursday evening, according to the Power Vote Web site. Fine added that Power Vote has gotten some but not enough attention from local and national media swarming the campus for the vice presidential debate. "So far we've gotten some [media attention] but we deserve a lot more. The issues we're talking about are those of all youth and anyone who wants a future here." The group made appearances on local television affiliates and was featured in a national segment on CBS's "The Early Show." Averna was one of at least a dozen Green Action members who were dressed in green and were holding a windmill at the taping of "The Early Show" at 5:30 a.m. on Thursday. "We can vocalize the concerns of college students," Averna said. "Youth are really invested in our future."

With additional reporting by Puneet Kollipara, Becca Krock and Johann Qua Hiansen



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A student for Power Vote outside Olin Library. Power Vote is a bipartisan effort to help raise congressional awareness for environmental issues.

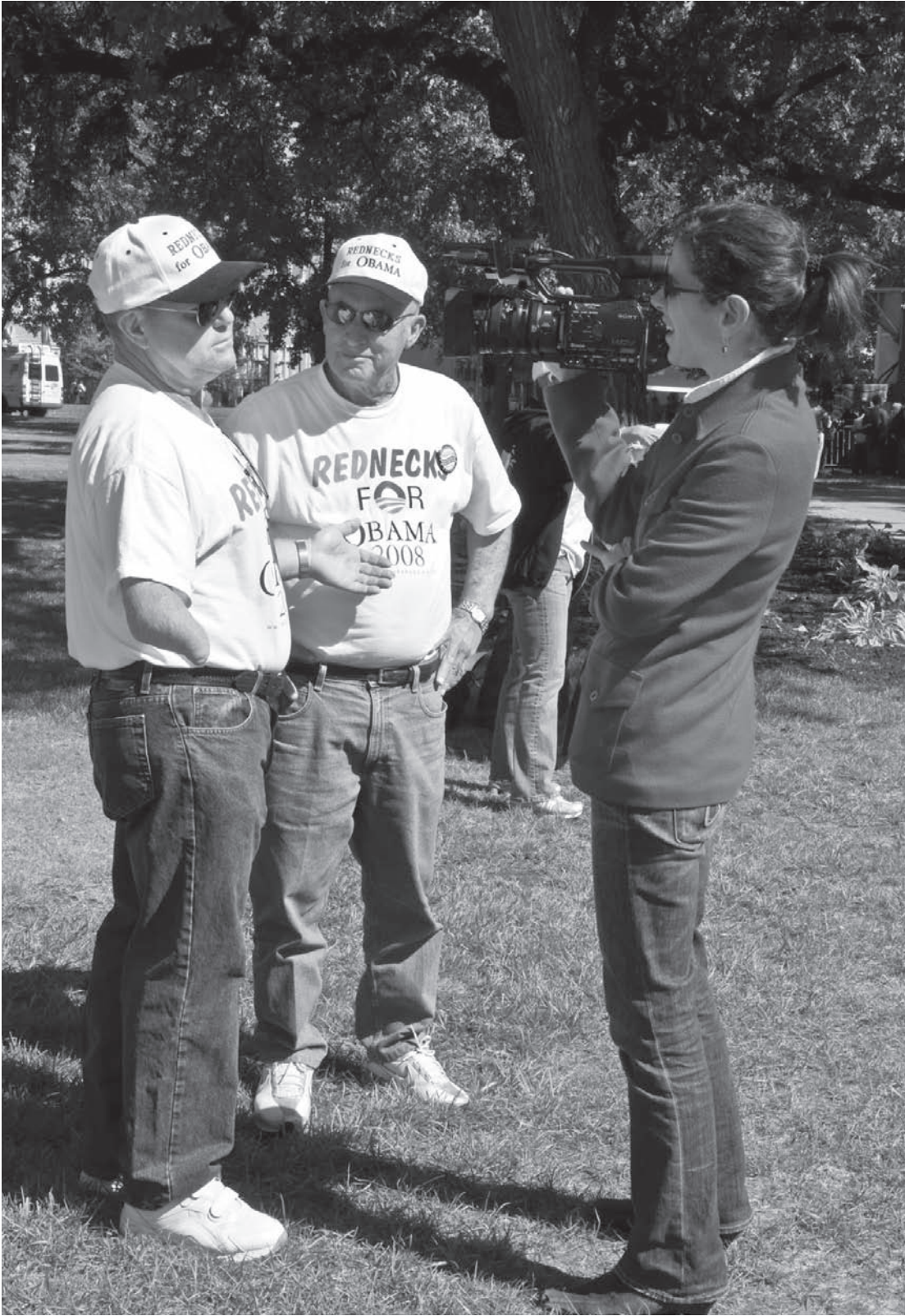
## SPIN from page 2

Biden, as in previous debates during the presidential primary season, appeared calm and definitive, choosing to make most of his comments directly toward the camera, as if to talk straight to the American people. Both candidates assumed the roles that their campaigns had promised. Palin, speaking in plain language about issues ranging from the current financial crisis to the war in Iraq to nuclear proliferation, sought to relate every topic to the country's middle class, of which she repeatedly said she was a part. Commenting on the current problems on Wall Street, Palin spoke in broad terms. "We have the opportunity to learn a heck of a lot of lessons out of this and say never again will we be taken advantage of," Palin said. Later, Palin struck the same chord regarding the source of the mortgage crisis, saying, "Damn right it was the predator lenders. There was deception and corruption." Biden answered his questions with detailed policy prescriptions in an effort to emphasize his knowledge about each issue, and often lashed out at the record of John McCain. On the economy, Biden attempted at once to paint the differences between the two candidates and to highlight his own credentials. "So what you had is you had overwhelming 'deregulation,'" Biden said of the recent financial crisis. "You had actually the belief that Wall Street could self-regulate itself. And while Barack Obama was talking about reinstating those regulations, John on 20 different occasions in the previous year and a half called for more deregulation." While both candidates played the roles that fit their strengths, their distinct styles indicated the clear differences in background and philosophy.

"We cannot slow up on education, because that's the engine that is going to give us the economic growth and competitiveness that we need," Biden said when proposing solutions to the current economic slowdown. "Energy independence is the key to this nation's future, to our economic future, and to our national security," Palin said. "So when we talk about energy plans, it's not just about who got a tax break and who didn't. And we're not giving oil companies tax breaks, but it's about a heck of a lot more than that." At several points during the debate, when Palin appeared hesitant on an issue, she pivoted to the topic with which she has dealt most intimately: energy. When challenged to refute a claim that Biden made about McCain's comments toward the mortgage market, Palin responded: "That is not so, but because that's just a quick answer, I want to talk about, again, my record on energy versus your ticket's energy ticket, also." Following the debate, surrogates for each campaign thought the debate brought out each candidate's greatest qualities. "She understood where the country would go, and she had a personable nature," Lindsay Graham, Senator from South Carolina, said of Palin's performance. "She related to people at a level that you don't see in Washington." Some Democrats, following the debate, focused on Palin's scant responses to the environment. "As Joe Biden pointed out very effectively, you can't fix the problem unless you point out the source of the problem," Susan Rice, a foreign policy expert and advisor to Obama, said. "That's a grave concern, one you would expect she would well understand."



## REDNECKS FOR OBAMA



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Rednecks for Obama visited the Wash. U. campus to voice their opinion this week. They describe themselves as “a group for working men who like guns, who like to hunt, who like the earth.”

# Local anti-war protesters march on WU campus

David Song and  
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News Editors

St. Louis resident Andrew Elliot stood near the corners of Forsyth and Big Bend Boulevards, holding an anti-war poster and waving a large rainbow-striped flag. Elliot participated in a rally hosted by Instead of War, an organization whose activities during debate night centered on several speakers whose families are personally affected by the war and the economy. The speakers demanded entrance into the debate hall; their effort was meant to symbolize their call for community voice. For Elliot, the flag is a symbol of peace and the most important element in his political and anti-war expression. “I’m not even here to really protest; I just want to show my

flag,” he said. Instead of red and white stripes and stars, Elliot’s flag is adorned with bright stripes of rainbow colors and a sewn on imprint of a picture displaying a red horizon overlooking the sea. Elliot made the flag himself and says he hopes to replace the American flag with it. He runs his own blog, which primarily consists of poetry that promotes peace. Elliot says he hopes his blog will help spread the word on what he calls the “new freedom free, and not the freedom fee.” According to Elliot, his demonstration for peace also comes with a demand for change. “I don’t know who is representing peace, or if Obama is representing peace. But if they are not representing peace, they need to change,” he said. “Change needs to happen, but it needed to happen yesterday.” Dr. John Johnson, one of the central speakers in Instead of

War’s protests, is a war veteran whose 19-year-old daughter served in the Iraq War. She was raped and killed in 2005, but the military has yet to confirm details; Johnson has enlisted the help of Missouri Rep. William Clay to access information surrounding her death. “My fight is to get justice for my daughter but this is not just a fight for this daughter,” Johnson said. “This is a fight for women considering the military to making it safe for them to fight.” Other speakers included a woman whose house was foreclosed and a cancer patient being denied healthcare. Though some demonstrators in Instead of War protested against problems in the economy and the war, others protested the nature of the debate itself. Andy Haslet, coordinator of the Peace Economy Project, called for greater substance in the questions posed in **See PROTESTS, page 12**

# Middle-aged Republican picketers stir controversy

Johann Qua Hiansen and  
Dan Woznica  
Student Life Editors

Adult members of the Republican Party who gathered behind MSNBC’s live broadcast from Graham Chapel with large McCain-Palin signs touched off controversy among students on Thursday. Many of the Washington University students felt that the adults used the media to misrepresent the political views of students at the University. “They were just pushing their way from the back,” freshman Jed Jackoway said. “It was just obnoxious.” Members of the group said they were volunteers from Illinois, but would not give details about how they gained access to campus. Ben Guthorn, president of the College Democrats, felt that the adults were wrong to hold signs at the stage, especially since he saw some of them had credentials allowing access to the debate hall.

“I think that having older volunteers wasting time and space on a college campus by just holding placards and taking away opportunities from the students who actually go to Wash. U. is detrimental not only to why Wash. U. holds the debates, but kind of tears down the nice atmosphere that we have here,” Guthorn said. Sophomore Justin Samakow, campaign coordinator for the College Republicans, disagreed. “I personally think it’s good that they’re here,” Samakow said. “It’s good that they’re helping out.” Samakow felt that the sign-holders helped to show that the University has a substantial moderate and conservative presence, not just a liberal presence. Like Guthorn, junior Lauren Botteron felt the adults misrepresented the true political climate on campus. “They don’t even go here,” Botteron, who took issue with the signs themselves, said. “We have makeshift signs. They have big poles.” Junior Tegan Bukowski, holding a McCain-Palin sign, questioned this reasoning.

“What does it actually matter whether they’re even from here?” Bukowski asked. “Why does it have to be just Wash. U. students?” Other students such as junior Jacob Vineberg only minded the position of the signs. “If they were further back, it would be okay,” Vineberg said. “The really big McCain and Palin signs were large and really obstructive.” Sophomore Alex Bensick, however, believed that it was important for the adults not to be mistaken for students. Midway through the afternoon, Bensick and other students held up a sign that had arrows pointing to the other sign-holders and said, “These People Are Not Students.” “Since it’s being held at Wash. U.’s campus,” Bensick said, “it sort of presents a false image of students here.” Although the majority of the McCain-Palin sign-holders refused to speak to the press, Linda Scheaffer of Illinois defended the group’s actions. “I just want to support Palin,” Scheaffer said. “I think she was a wonderful choice for vice president.”

# Howard Dean visits Dems

## Democratic Committee Chair addresses students

Puneet Kollipara and  
David Song  
News Staff

Though Joe Biden’s name has been uttered countless times among campus Democrats, Democratic National Committee Chairman Howard Dean briefly stole the spotlight on Thursday afternoon, when he addressed a packed house of College Democrats and Students for Barack Obama in the Edison Theatre at 1 p.m. The former Vermont governor spoke for roughly 20 minutes. Harshly criticizing Republican presidential nominee John McCain, he called on audience members to mobilize and get other voters registered to vote for Sen. Barack Obama, the Democratic presidential nominee. “If all you do is vote, you get a D,” Dean said in his speech. Dean also criticized McCain for giving tax cuts to the richest Americans and for supporting the spending of \$10 billion a month in Iraq but neglecting to address rising tuition and health care costs. “That money belongs here in Missouri, so kids can pay student loans, so we can have adequate health care, so elementary schools and high schools work properly and so that we can have jobs in America,” Dean said. Additionally, Dean asserted that Obama maintained the moral high ground in the election, frequently compared the former President John F. Kennedy with the Democratic nominee. So many students came to the event that it had to move from the Gargoyle to Edison Theatre. Students expressed support for Dean’s message of bipartisan unity and the urgency of young people’s involvement in politics. The chairman also took photos with students after the event and spoke with media. Dean said that, with Missouri as a swing state, he believes enough college-age voters could be energized for Obama to win the state. “People have a different view under 35. In the civil rights generation, we tried to do the right thing but didn’t



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Howard Dean, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, spoke with College Democrats and Students for Barack Obama on Thursday afternoon.

grow up with the lots of different people. You did grow up with the lots of different people,” Dean told reporters after the event. The DNC Chair inspired some students. “Dean has been a hero and role model for me. He’s really true to his ideals, even voting against the war in Iraq while he was running for president,” junior Todd Zimmer said. “His message that we need to be active and do work politically needs to be broadcast loud and clear.” “He’s wholly supportive of democratic ideals, not just the party. He exemplifies his message of unity, and he trashes John McCain because of his support for partisanship,” junior John Peters said, referring to what Dean described as McCain’s “us versus them” attitude. However, sophomore Jeff Dreifus expressed skepticism regarding Dean’s message. “I don’t think he really represented

Obama or the Democrats too well; he talked about restoring moral high ground [with torture] but he still wants to impose our will around the world by keeping [military] bases in 140 countries,” he said. After criticizing McCain’s support for financing the war in Iraq, he expounded on what Obama and running mate Sen. Joe Biden would do to tackle rising tuition costs. “Ultimately, what you’re going to have to do, which I think is a very good thing, is have a national service program, which doesn’t have to be mandatory, but where you get serious credit toward your college education by giving two years before you go [to college],” Dean said in the interview. Dean said that such a program would be beneficial because students would receive money in exchange for their service. *With additional reporting by Sharon Barbour*

# Planned Parenthood speaks out against McCain on campus

David Song  
Managing Editor

Planned Parenthood, and its political arm of the St. Louis Region, ADVOCATES, responded to Sen. John McCain and Gov. Sarah Palin’s records on women’s reproductive rights on campus during the vice presidential debate. Planned Parenthood has also endorsed Sen. Barack Obama for president, the second time the 92-year-old organization has endorsed a presidential candidate. In 2004, Planned Parenthood endorsed John Kerry. Paula Gianino, president of ADVOCATES and alum of Washington University’s George Warren Brown School of Social Work, critiqued McCain and Palin’s voting records on reproductive rights. “We really believe the future of women’s reproductive fights is really at stake in this election, given the next administration will be able to dominate probably two to three Supreme Court justices—that is critical,” she said. Gianino referenced McCain and Palin’s refusal to support the right to abortion even in the case of rape or incest. She also cited Palin’s history as Governor of Alaska where she acted against reproductive rights. “We know that while mayor, Palin approved the city charging women for their own rape test kits. It took an act by the Alaska state legislature to stop this practice, which was mostly being conducted in Wasilla.” Gianino believed that “Palin may even be more conservative and extreme than McCain,” but there was no major difference between the two’s policies. And although Planned Parenthood acknowledges Biden’s vote for on the ban of partial-birth abortions, Gianino asserted that Biden maintains a division between his religious beliefs and his role as legislator. “Our involvement this afternoon with the activities surrounding the debates are to continue to educate voters about the voting records, and



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Planned Parenthood was one of the many groups that flocked to campus before and during MSNBC’s ‘Hardball’ broadcast. They came specifically to express their opinions against the McCain Palin ticket’s positions on women’s health

to make it clear that McCain and Palin are not our candidates, and [that] we endorse a presidential candidate—and that is Obama.” Jill Hansen, a leader of the University students with ADVOCATES, agreed with Gianino. “There are a couple of important issues, and McCain and Palin have voted against women’s issues with respect to health care and access to sex education,” Hansen said. “Biden has a longer pro-woman history in his legislation.” Patrick J. Mahoney, Director of the Christian Defense Coalition, later decried Planned Parenthood’s efforts on the Intramural Field. Ma-

honey spoke out against Obama and Planned Parenthood, comparing the latter to racist groups, and claiming that of abortions given, a high percentage goes to African American women. Members of ADVOCATES booed Mahoney, and the two engaged in an impromptu argument and verbal fight. After the ADVOCATES members left, a University alumna from the 1980s, Rhoomma Duffi, and Mahoney later exchanged heated words with Mahoney and were later interviewed by a local news station.



## THE ARRIVAL



Senator Biden and Governor Palin arrive with their families at the Lambert-St. Louis International Airport on Thursday, October 2.

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# debateinterviews

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Student Life interviews  
political polling guru

# Laura Schwartz

Host of CBS's 'Trail Mix' sits  
down with Student Life

On Thursday, Student Life's **Puneet Kollipara** talked to political blogger and polling expert **Sean Quinn**, a Clayton, Mo. resident, about the presidential race in Missouri, the vice presidential debate and recent political polls. Quinn writes for the polling and analysis Web site fivethirtyeight.com. See studlife.com for the complete interview.

*Student Life: Where does Missouri currently stand in the presidential race, and what have the polling trends been?*

Sean Quinn: As of [Thursday] morning, our projection for Missouri is a very narrow McCain win; I think we had McCain by less than a percent. And in fact we saw at least one poll, if not several, that show Obama ahead. Based on the track record and based on track records of these different pollsters, we've been able to predict that Missouri, in November, should be a very narrow McCain win. As we get more data, if polls keep coming in stronger and stronger for Obama, that trend's going to show that it's moving towards Obama's direction, [and] we're going to see a flip.

*SL: What is the importance of*

*the youth vote in Missouri, and could it tip the race one way or the other?*

SQ: In Missouri the youth vote's going to be important. It's going to be important in places like Pennsylvania and Michigan [and] Virginia, where the Obama campaign was really putting in a lot of effort. Now, we haven't seen a lot on the McCain side. As far as youth vote, to the extent that Washington University students and students at Columbia and Rolla and Kirksville all across the state turn out, it's one those possible ways that that 0.4 percent that we project McCain to win Missouri by, we might actually see that Obama wins because these little percents add up because he turns out the college vote.

*SL: How do vice presidential debates affect polling numbers, and how is this debate different from others?*

SQ: In past history, it doesn't seem to be a big deal when vice presidents go at it. What we have here, though, [is that] tonight is a little bit of an anomaly. I can't recall from looking [at] past vice presidential history any moment where we have a candidate who, [as it] seems from all sides, not just the liberal side, but the in-

dependent and conservative side, [is] having people openly question whether she is able or qualified to do the job. We go into these McCain offices and see volunteers; they're not there to volunteer for John McCain, they're there to volunteer because Sarah Palin is on the ticket and she excites them. If they were to boot her from the ticket, game over. Maybe the expectations are so low that she'll be able to pull out some kind of "victory" just by not having any type of moments like she's had on the recent Katie Couric interview, for example. If she does do terribly, it really could affect the numbers.

*SL: What should students take from the debate?*

SQ: It's an amazing opportunity because this election has been the most dramatic election. This is something they're going to remember 20, 30 years from now. Voters get to weigh [which] way they want to go. Even though McCain and Obama aren't here, these two picks have had just as much drama packed into them in a short period of time. One way or the other, whether Sarah Palin lives up to expectations or not, it's going to be a night that people talk about for a long time.

Student Life reporter **Scott Fabricant** talked to **Laura Schwartz**, who hosts CBS's "Trail Mix," a segment of The Early Show covering what most of the media doesn't cover for this election cycle.

*Student Life: So what do you think about Washington University so far?*

Laura Schwartz: It's great. [The students] are involved, and not just involved for one candidate or the other, but [because of] the issues. I think that is so important for students to get involved. You don't have to be red, you don't have to be blue, you can be independent and just focus strictly on the issues.

*SL: Okay, let's get down to politics. Palin and Biden: What are their biggest weaknesses and their biggest strengths?*

LS: Palin's biggest strength is that she comes across as very likable. She presents herself as just down-home Sarah. She could be your neighbor.

Her biggest weakness is what I call "the Ramble." As we've seen in the Katie Couric interview last week for example, when she's uncertain of an answer or when she's trying fit too much into an answer, she rambles. But tonight, if she could keep her answers

to one or two specific examples, she can keep command of those answers and that's very important because she's got some work to do.

Now, Joe Biden's biggest downfall is exaggeration. But I think that he recognizes that downfall and has worked on it and I expect him to be very crisp in his responses and I think he will go on the attack on John McCain. He's not attacking Palin, he's attacking the issues and telling the audience why they're important to him. And his biggest strength is knowing those issues. He's lived them, he knows them, and the voters have no doubt in their mind that he's familiar with them.

*SL: In the wake of Hillary Clinton, do you think Sarah Palin was picked because she's a woman?*

LS: I think that absolutely went into it, most observers would say so especially given the lack of a vetting process that we in the media were told about. McCain had met her once before in February at a governor's meeting and he'd spoken to her maybe once or twice on the phone, but that's unclear at this point. They wanted to capitalize. When they announced it, it was the Saturday after the Democratic National Committee [DNC], and the biggest hurdle the DNC had to unity was bringing the Hillary Clinton voters into the fold.

*SL: Do vice presidential candidates have a big effect on the outcome of an election?*

Unless there's a huge gaffe, it's really about the top of the ticket. You lead from the top; the VP presidential candidates can act as the attack dogs. They can attack the other person on the top of the ticket so the principal candidate can talk about how they can make people's lives better and not be the bad guy. In the case of Sarah Palin, McCain needed a boost, and she gave him one, and that's since disappeared. You've got to go with the long-term effects.

*SL: What can Washington University students do to help?*

LS: This year, the youth have a chance to prove the critics wrong. Each year, the youth vote has gone up, but it hasn't gone up as much as it goes up in enthusiasm. Youth voters have not turned out in polls in correlation to their grassroots activism. And this year, because they did turn out in the primaries, they've got to keep focus, they've got to do absentee ballots if they're registered somewhere else, they've got to take the free buses from campus to polling places, to prove they are voting and they are a force, and from then on they will be taken in the utmost seriousness. And they should be—they are the future.



# Students row in front of MSNBC

*Drawing attention, confrontation between two students turns hostile*

Ben Sales and  
Craig Ostrin  
*News Staff*

Two students, one a McCain supporter and Iraq veteran, the other a Obama supporter, had a heated argument about the Iraq war yesterday drawing a large crowd.

The argument continued for 20 minutes.

Joel Wood, who served two tours of duty in Iraq, struck up a conversation with John Rappaport, an Obama supporter who was demonstrating loudly in front of Graham Chapel.

"I can't help my tone," Rappaport said, "because I'm f---ing angry at people like George Bush and the way they run this country. I'm pissed off. This is

not an election where I just want to sit around and talk about the issues. Yes, we need to talk about the issues, but I'm also angry because there's a lot of lies and a lot of bulls---."

Wood, in turn, cited his experience as a marine.

"You're actually looking at someone who has been a small-unit executor of a lot of these foreign policy decisions," Wood said. "And I'm not exactly happy with the way things have gone. But it's not enough for me to get up and start ripping people apart."

Rappaport argued that, while many accept the surge as a success, he feels that "right now we are paying Sunnis to fight for us."

Wood laughed at Rappaport's assertion.

"I was there twice," he said. "I was there when the war started, I was there, in Anbar, for my second deployment, right when Fallujah was going down. That's when the conflict was at its darkest point. That's when Iraq was the dark side of the moon. And we didn't pay anybody to fight for us."

While the argument mainly fo-

cused on Iraq, it also touched on some of the topics that have reigned in the public consciousness over the past few months, such as McCain's age, and Republican vice presidential nominee Gov. Sarah Palin and Obama's respective experience.

When Rappaport suggested the possibility of Palin rising to the presidency were McCain to die in office, Wood dismissed the idea.

"This is the first time in a long time where age and experience is a liability," Wood said.

Rappaport argued that the issue was "particularly pertinent given who [McCain's] vice presidential candidate is."

"Palin has as much, if not more, experience as Barack Obama," Wood said. "The difference is, we have her on the bottom of our ticket as opposed to the top."

The argument soon petered out, but left an impression on the surrounding crowd. Sophomore Alex Bensick said that the spontaneous debate demonstrated positive aspects of the intellectual environment at Washington University.

"I think it's a good example of how

students here can discuss their opinions freely," Bensick said. "It says a lot about a community where you have this kind of thing going on where you have people discussing their various beliefs and you have a nice forum for that without things getting too ridiculous."

Wood also felt that the debate was positive.

"It started off pretty inflammatory," he said, "but through a process of healthy dialogue, we were able to see eye to eye."

He was also happy that the argument drew spectators, provided that it educated them.

"[It was a good thing] only if people walked away more informed. I don't want to polarize this process any more than it already is."

Wood admitted that the argument became heated, and, at times, a little too personal on both sides, but that he had expected the tension.

"I'm not saying it's right. At the end of the day, I'm human, and this is something that I'm passionate about as well," he said. "It's hard not to react humanly to stuff like that."

# Credentialing delayed for many media members

Josh Goldman and  
Johann Qua Hiansen  
*Staff Editors*

Many members of the national media and campaign teams waited for hours at the media welcome center in the Laboratory Sciences building on Thursday in order to receive their credentials to enter the Debate Hall and Spin Alley, an unexpected delay.

"This is the worst debate screw-up since the sound went out at the 1976 Ford/Carter debate," Thomas DeFrank of the New York Daily News said. "This is total chaos. Clearly there's been a credentialing meltdown. They've had 60 days to get this right."

DeFrank, a White House correspondent since the Lyndon Johnson administration, traces the problem to the presidential debate at the University of Mississippi, where reporters used credentials with the pictures of other people.

"I registered online before the deadline date," Ai Awaji, the Washington D.C. Jiji Press correspondent said. "They said my name was on the list."

Compounding the issue was the fact that many journalists decided to come to the debate at the last minute after the credentialing period was completed.

"Some members of the media said that they had credentials when they did not," Rod, a representative of the CPD who did not give his last name, said.

While he acknowledged that some individuals with confirmed credentials were yet to receive passes, he would only add that those who asked for credentials at the last minute could not gain debate hall access.

Though credentials were being issued, the delays forced changes to broadcast schedules.

"They [the people inside LabSci] just can't do anything for us. The clearance needed is in the Athletic Complex. I've covered many events and political happenings that required credentials

authorized by the Secret Service. We're already toast for the 5 [p.m.] and 6 [p.m.] spots," Phil Witt, a reporter for WDAF-TV Kansas City, a Fox News affiliate, said.

Witt and his cameraman had been waiting since around 2 p.m. to gain access to the debate site.

"If we got our credentials now [3:50 p.m.], we might be able to get there even scrambling for six o'clock," Witt said.

Members of the Commission on Presidential Debates scrambled while trying to get their credentials as journalists, cameramen, reporters and bloggers were forced to pace around the LabSci atrium waiting for debate access.

While unclear why credentials were delayed, LabSci started to empty around 2:30 p.m. after at least one member of most media units was cleared to enter the Athletic Complex.

Theories ranged from problems with background checks compiled by the Secret Service to confusion between which database was being used to retrieve the personal information needed for passes to be issued.

The Washington University Office of Public Affairs was unaffected by the delay, as it was able to issue restricted access passes and distribute press kits to any journalist when requested.

Susan McManus, professor of political science at the University of South Florida and correspondent for WFLA-TV, the Tampa NBC affiliate, waited for hours to get her credentials despite receiving conformation from the CPD that she was granted debate access.

"It's really frustrating because my students and our viewer audience in Tampa, a battleground state, are very, very interested in this debate, and we're thrilled that we have the opportunity to come out here and cover it," McManus stated. "They just tell us to wait. Many of us would like to run around the campus to get photos to bring back home and stories to tell on the evening news, but we are just staring at each other."

# Washington State U. not bitter over missing debate

Michelle Merlin  
*Contributing Reporter*

When Washington University received the offer to host the vice presidential debate in November 2007, it was the second choice for an event that pundits never predicted would amass the media attention it did.

The first choice of the Commission for Presidential Debates (CPD) was Washington State University's campus in Spokane (WSU), a school making its first bid to host a presidential debate. Though it received an offer to host the vice presidential debate, WSU declined because administrators worried about finding enough corporate sponsors for the event.

"It seemed like it was a stretch for a presidential debate. It seemed like with a vice presidential debate it would be harder," said James Tinney, WSU's director of media relations.

At the time, it did not appear as though the vice presidential debate would get as much attention as it has, especially since previous vice presidential debates traditionally drew viewers.

"We had to make a decision based on the information we had at the time," Tinney said. "Now at that point everybody thought [the presidential candi-

dates] would be Clinton and Giuliani."

WSU's application for hosting the debates began with a new faculty member who had previously worked at Michigan State University, and had enjoyed hosting the event before. Like Washington University, WSU went through the CPD's application process for months.

"[We] had good cooperation with the community," Tinney said. "It was a useful exercise for us, but [in the end] it didn't work out."

Although the debate wouldn't have been right on campus, there was still some political interest amongst the students who were already tuned into politics, according to Tinney.

This debate would have been especially important to WSU students, because Palin went to the University of Idaho, located less than 10 miles away from the WSU campus.

"I think there's a local tie in there," Tinney said.

Currently, the political makeup of the student body seemed unaffected by this connection.

The campus is located in eastern Washington, a very conservative part of the state. Because college campuses often incline toward the left side of the political spectrum, however, Tinney felt that the students' political views were split fairly evenly.



MCT CAMPUS

Washington State University's mascot, the Cougar. Before coming to Washington University in St. Louis, the Commission on Presidential Debates asked Washington State to host the vice presidential debate.

# Obituary: James Andrew Benecke



Dan Woznica  
*Staff Reporter*

Andrew Benecke, a third-year economics and systems engineering major, died Monday, Sep. 29, after a six-year battle with osteosarcoma. He was 21.

Benecke was a highly accomplished student—he earned a perfect ACT score, was co-valedictorian

of the Mary Institute & St. Louis Country Day School Class of 2006, and was honored in 2006 as a Presidential Scholar. He transferred to Washington University after briefly attending the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Katy Southworth, a sophomore in the College of Arts & Sciences, attended high school with Andrew and recalled his excellence in academics.

"We had AP Chemistry together and he pretty much taught the class," Southworth remembered. "He was really quick-witted and really smart."

In addition to his academic achievements, Andrew is remembered for his warm personality and strong faith in Jesus.

He is survived by his father, Dr. James Benecke, Jr., and mother, Barbara Benecke.

A memorial service will be held for Andrew at Twin Oaks Presbyterian Church, 1230 Big Bend Blvd. in Ballwin, Mo. on Saturday, Oct. 4 at 1:00 p.m. A private burial will be held at Forever Bellerive in Creve Coeur.

## DEBATE WATCH IN THE DUC



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Many students gathered in the DUC to watch the debate. These gatherings occurred all across campus, including in Edison Theater, Ursa's, and Graham Chapel.

## Editor's Note

*Due to the nature of debate reporting, many News articles today were written in tandem, and many of the staff writers involved in each article could not be individually credited.*

- Ben Sales, News Editor

## WINNER from page 3

Students who watched the debate in the Danforth University Center (DUC), where 200 people gathered in Tisch Commons, felt the results were the same.

"This debate just solidified my faith in Obama and Biden. I think that most of the students here, including me, would agree that Biden won the debate tonight," Jessica Katzenstein, a junior, said.

Some conservatives were also displeased with Palin.

"I thought she would have done a better job," freshman Ryan Rubin said. "Biden did a good job connecting with the audience."

Other students watched the debate at Edison Theatre, where political experts lectured before the event, and Student

Union President Brittany Perez spoke at the end.

"I loved that she spoke about education," junior Stephi Blank said. "Her speech could have been stronger, more forceful—but I love what she had to say. She spoke beautifully."

Others at Edison enjoyed the debate as well.

"In Edison Theatre, It was great especially when Wash. U. would be mentioned, people would be enthusiastic and cheering and stuff. A lot of Biden's little facial expressions would get a lot of laughs from the crowd or funny things that Palin would say like doggone it and stuff," junior Mitch Jenkins said.

Not everyone thought that the atmosphere at the watching sites was so inviting.

"It's really nice to see political activity around [the debate], but it seems like a show," Kristyna Solawetz, a senior who watched the debate at Steinberg Hall, said. "Even though it's a good experience, it's too theatrical."

Nonetheless, the focus of the night was on the issues for most students, as opposed to the atmosphere.

"I don't agree with the two other candidates so I don't want to waste my vote on them. Even though my vote isn't going to change the election, no individual vote will. I think it's much more important to make a statement about my opinions," said Mitch Port, the president of College Libertarians, who watched at Ursa's.

All of the viewing parties reported that Biden's smirking while Palin talked

was unpopular.

"I felt that some of facial expressions and laughing got to be out of place," Meagan McIntosh, a junior, said.

But McIntosh still enjoyed the debate.

"They both had good arguments. They both did equally as well although I would like to say Sarah Palin would have won. I also liked that they agreed on so many issues," McIntosh said.

But the students watching at Ursa's, as at every other location, seemed to lean toward support for the Democratic candidates.

"I don't have any opinions on Sarah Palin that don't involve obscenities," Margaret Hemkens, a senior, said.



# FORUM

## VP DEBATE REACTION

### Biden’s understanding leads to debate win

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I have to admit, despite mispronouncing “nuclear” and avoiding a few too many questions, I like Governor Palin. How can you not like someone who gives a shout-out to third graders watching a debate for extra credit? She’s definitely a patriotic, upbeat person and I would probably enjoy watching a soccer game with her. But the right person to vote for is the person who shows the best ability to reason, the best ability to lead our country into the future and the best ability to deal with new challenges.

It’s important to remember that the challenges of the future will be different from the challenges of today. No matter what policy decisions are made about today’s issues, in four years, the next debate will be about how the leader made solid decisions despite unpredictable circumstances.

And though Governor Palin certainly seems like a patriotic person who wants to do right by Americans, she hasn’t given us a lot of information about her ability to reason and think through problems. Last night, we heard Governor Palin reiterate Senator McCain’s foreign policy lines about Obama. We also learned that she supports McCain’s “all-of-the-above” approach to alternative energy, believes in the importance of education, and wants to do right by Americans. All of these feelings are important and will help progress the United States. But, we still don’t know specifically how Governor Palin will influence Senator McCain as the vice president of the United States.

Conversely, Senator Biden was able to give specific answers that offer insight into how he thinks. For example, when asked how the economic crisis might affect some of the promises he and Obama made to the American public, Biden was able to list specific changes that would have to be made and

reiterated that health care and education were priorities. He also gave several examples of his own foreign policy beliefs including the policies he would’ve liked to enact in Lebanon and his position about Kosovo. He was also able to discuss, in depth, some policy initiatives he would like to undertake that have not previously been major talking points, including possible action in Darfur.

When Governor Palin was asked what promises she and McCain might have to recant given the recent economic developments, she did not think the economic changes would have any effect on McCain/Palin policy. It is certainly possible that the economic conditions will not affect how McCain/Palin would budget. But the economic crisis will at least change the amount of revenue the government would receive from taxes. This means that economic conditions would have to either affect the McCain/Palin plan for spending or their plan for tax cuts.

As we make decisions about our future, we need to place an emphasis on how the candidates make decisions. Though candidates’ stances on current issues including tax policies, foreign policy and climate change give us insight into how they might reason in the future, it would be foolish to vote based on a particular policy. We need to elect someone who has the judgment to continue to identify issues and take stances with which we will continue to agree.

In this debate, Senator Biden demonstrated a deeper understanding of the issues facing our country. His ability to show the complex nature of the challenges we face and the complex responses they require gives me confidence that he will help Senator Obama to lead our country well. Palin’s responses? Well, at least she loves Israel.

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### The conscious non-vote

Brian Dorne  
Op-Ed Submission

As a college student during a general election year, I have had the opportunity to take part in registering voters during registration drives across campus that were sponsored by the Gephardt Institute, Student Union, the Congress of the South 40 and numerous other student groups. These efforts should be lauded as one of best ways to prevent potential voters from being disenfranchised by the sometimes confusing practice of registering to vote.

However, in this article I seek not to address voter registration, Obama, McCain, Biden, Palin, horserace journalism, the vice presidential debates, the politically-motivated evils of the Democratic Party, the politically-motivated evils of the Republican Party...you get the idea. Instead, I hope to address and hopefully alleviate the grievances toward a small but sometimes vocal minority this election cycle: the Conscious Non-Vote. This is a voter who seeks not to vote for any candidate in the general election through an informed decision.

For the politically inclined on

campus, it may seem blasphemous that someone isn’t voting for Obama or McCain. But, in our two-party, winner-take-all-of-the-white-house electoral system, it is important to note that the two broad-based parties capable of winning do not represent the concerns and values of all registered American voters. And while I’m not going to debate the merits of a multiple-party system or any other voting system in this country, I WILL argue that our present system does not support the voice of all opinions. So please stop yelling at the people who voice their opinion by choosing not to vote for either of your candidates.

Some may argue, “But Brian, I don’t like either candidate 100 percent but I’m still voting for who I want to run the country more! This is important stuff! This is the future!”

However, there is still a notable minority of voters who feel that simply because they prefer one of the two potentially victorious candidates over the other, they cannot consciously give a vote of confidence toward either candidate’s platform. These people are completely validated in their action. Do not berate them and pester them

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## STAFF EDITORIAL

### Improve health care

Health care is an important issue, both nationally and for Washington University.

In 2006, there were 47 million Americans, or roughly 15 percent of the population, without health insurance. While this number does include many who are eligible for Medicaid but have not chosen to sign up, it is still a sobering statistic. The wealthiest country in the world should not be leaving so many of its own behind. The next president must take measures to ensure that this insurance gap is closed within the next four years.

At Wash. U., the administration has worked to tackle this problem by implementing a university-wide health insurance program for students. This plan ensures that uninsured students do not fall through the cracks into bankruptcy or worse due to catastrophic health problems. However, many Wash. U. students are understandably dissatisfied with the health insurance plan offered by the University. The plan’s coverage seems meager, and students who are already covered by their

parents’ insurance reasonably ask why they should have to pay for coverage that could not get used.

Ultimately, however, the concerns about Wash. U.’s particular plan only obscure a much bigger and more important issue. In a country where health care was more widely available, the issue of students buying into a plan they will not use would not arise in the first place. The fact that the University must take on such an inefficient plan because of the high risk of uninsured students is a serious problem.

At the root of many of our health care problems is the standard method of health insurance provision in the U.S.: as an employee benefit. Under the current system, the money spent by employers to insure their employees is tax exempt. The unemployed or self-employed, on the other hand, must pay for health insurance plans out of their taxable income. Because of this, and the staggering price of private insurance, people overwhelmingly acquire health insurance through their employers.

This method of provision must be scrapped or strongly supplemented. With the stakes of unemployment so high, few will be willing to remain outside the workforce for even a short period of time. This leads to inflexible labor markets and inefficient outcomes, as people will often be unwilling to strike out on their own as entrepreneurs or leave bad jobs to find better employment. This method of provision is bad even for employers such as GM who are now finding themselves unable to keep up with rising insurance costs. Furthermore, the unemployed are precisely those who are most at risk of being overcome by health care costs, as they have little money to spare to purchase private insurance.

How exactly we will move away from employer-provided coverage is unclear and up for debate. But whatever changes are decided upon, the next president must have a plan for how we are to control rising health care costs that threaten to spiral out of control.

The United States currently

spends about 16 percent of its national income on health care, far more than any other nation in the world, and the costs are projected to keep rising in the future. This is not a sustainable path, and health care spending, like everything else, is subject to Stein’s Law: If something cannot go on forever, it will stop. Difficult choices will have to be made about how to contain future spending if health coverage is to become more widespread. Do we force the insured to bear some of the costs of their coverage to prevent extravagant consumption? Do we limit the coverage of medical procedures with high costs and low benefits? We do not know the answer to these questions, but it is crucial that they be asked.

These are difficult problems, without easy solutions or silver bullets. However, this only makes it all more important that the next president should devote a great deal of effort to find the best way forward.

## MCT EDITORIAL CARTOON



### Muslims are at peace with you

#### A do-it-yourself guide to disarm fear-mongering

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Op-Ed Submission

If you read “When being impolite is imperative” by Caleb Posner (Sept. 26), you may be wondering why, as the article points out, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch has rejected an offer made by the Clarion Fund to provide free copies of a “documentary” called “Obsession,” a special value-added insert to its paying customers. I have not approached the Post-Dispatch to find out the answer but I guess they have been puzzling over

another question. Why has this collection of hair-raising images and wild claims about the danger Muslims pose to the democratic west—made in 2006—magically resurfaced on the eve of the general election? This is a valid concern.

Since some other newspapers don’t seem to have had the insight to ask this question, you might have received a copy of this hair-raising “documentary.” 28,000,000 other people are about to receive it (or have done so already). And you all have one thing in common: you belong to a sought-after group of people: the residents of a swing state estimated to be undecided voters. The film is supposed to convince you that your country is at war with the majority of Muslims who are willing to conquer America, kill or convert you, and establish a fascist empire. Images can be

manipulated. Voices may be added or omitted. And documentation could be made to look authentic. If you watch the film by yourself, and have no way of evaluating its content, chances are you will be persuaded. Rather, you will be terrified.

That 28 million free copies of “Obsession” is landing on doorsteps in swing states at this point in time speaks for itself. Nonetheless, people (particularly professors of Religious Studies such as Professor Omid Safi at UNC) have been digging deep in search of the sources of financial support for this massive campaign of fear. I’d say more power to them. Any campaign of emotional manipulation reminiscent of fascist-like ideologies that have resulted in massive human tragedies should be exposed. For now, however, there are easier and more practical ways of countering this scare at-

tack. As a Muslim who has never been at war with anyone, I list five of them here.

First, the movie tells you that in a Muslim country, a non-Muslim is supposed to be killed or sold like an animal. Look in your neighborhood or among colleagues, relatives and friends for an ordinary fellow American who has travelled to a Muslim country in recent years. Ask if he or she felt the threat of being abducted, converted, sold or killed at any time during his or her stay in that country.

Second, the movie claims that the Egyptian textbooks tell school children that Muslims should kill non-Muslims and take over the world. Egypt has millions of Coptic Christian inhabitants. In fact, they form 20 percent of the Egyptian population. Ask yourself how

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VP DEBATE REACTION

Both candidates deserve extra credit

Bill Hoffman  
Forum Editor

The Gaffe Machine versus the Empty Suit. Working class Catholic versus shotgun-totin’ evangelical. Scranton versus Wasilla. No one really knew what to expect, and that made this vice presidential debate the most exciting in recent memory. Does anyone remember Cheney’s debate with Edwards? Does anyone even remember that Lieberman, now an Independent sprinting to the right, was nearly a Democratic veep? I have to admit that my heart leapt into my throat when I saw Biden grip Palin’s arm during their handshake in a decidedly un-fraternal way. Was the man who called Obama the first mainstream, clean and articulate African-American presidential candidate going to slip up and fulfill the prediction that he’ll look like a sexist or a bully? Thankfully, Biden handled himself

like a gentleman, albeit one who really enjoys grinning. A lot. Palin brushed aside the negative expectations just as deftly. Was this really the same woman who shocked the nation with her incoherence and ignorance only a few days prior? I guess I’ll just have to believe my lying eyes, because Sarah Palin was on her game tonight. She effectively avoided any “deer-in-headlights” moments, and she even managed a throwback allusion to one of the most famous of Reagan’s beat-downs of Carter in the 1980 debates (“There you go again”). Whenever she became comfortable with the topic at hand, her natural charisma immediately shone through with a twinkle in her eye. Still, I don’t think she showed a whole lot of improvement on substance. Her plan for Iraq: We’ll win! Withdrawing our forces would be “waving the white flag of surrender!” Nevermind that Maliki has endorsed Obama’s plan for withdrawal. Nevermind that General Petraeus himself recently told the

BBC that he would never call the outcome of Iraq a “victory,” and that “it’s not war with a simple slogan.” I suppose that since we’ll never win, and Palin won’t surrender, we really will have to stay in Iraq for 100 years. I can’t imagine why Biden didn’t point this out. Biden also lost out big on a chance to draw contrasts between the two candidates on women’s rights. Biden, the man single-handedly responsible for the Violence Against Women Act, would have been wise to draw this contrast with Palin, who presided over Wasilla at a time when it forced rape victims to pay for their own “rape kits” to investigate the crimes against them. An ideal time would have been during Palin’s unironic denunciation of Iran for suppressing women’s rights. Biden also deserves credit for dispelling some of the more foolish myths widely propagated by the McCain campaign and rarely scrutinized by the press. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad may be every bit the nutcase he appears to be, but

he does not have any power over Iranian foreign policy! That power belongs to Supreme Leader Mohammad Khatami, the same man who controlled it during the moderate and conciliatory tenure of the previous president, Mohammad Khatami. The overlap of the candidates could be as interesting as their differences, however. There was exactly zero difference in the candidates’ answers on Israel and Palestine. Biden praised himself for his unwavering support of Israel in the third person (I’m not kidding). Overall though, both candidates brought their A-game and scored points at one time or another during the debate. Though I think Biden was the winner at the end of the day, Palin’s performance was more than adequate. McCain’s campaign: It’s (still) alive!.

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The deftest sport

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The men who drafted our Constitution never wanted political parties. In fact, John Adams and his Federalist cronies were decidedly against them. Adams wrote, “There is nothing I dread so much as a division of the Republic into two great parties, each arranged under its leader and converting measures into opposition to each other.” Adams wanted more unity; most who denounce our system today want less. Today, there are some who denounce “politics as sport,” claiming that presidential elections become gross spectacles of statistics, during which the voting issues are decided by interest groups and the media, and political parties manipulate the public through advertising. Moreover, there seems to be this inherent assumption that the public is ignorant: that we vote on the basis of character, that we walk into our voting booths on Election Day and mark down an arbitrary preference and go about our lives as before. The success of the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth four years ago certainly attests to this ignorance. Political parties, it is said, enable this public ignorance. By streamlining the entire gradient of political viewpoints on an infinitude of issues into two candidates, political parties simplify politics. We are given two packages and asked to pick one, and to some, this is degrading. But if we look to history again, we will see that political parties are themselves agents of change. John Adams’ own party died out because it could no longer hold its footing. The great threat to any political party is its eventual irrelevance, and because of the competition between two parties, each must stay on its toes and remain relevant. In the 1850s, the Democrats did everything they could to accommodate pro-slavery arguments, because they lacked public backing without the South. In the 1960s and ’70s, the Republicans took measures to accommodate the socially-conserva-

tive views of a Southern population now alienated by the Democratic party. The two parties we have today have evolved into what they are because they have accommodated the changing views of the public. It is important to remember that great democracy—and yes, I think it is still appropriate to believe that we are capable of great democracy—has a basis in deliberation, not in mere aggregation of votes. The deliberation that occurs within our two pluralist political parties—between interest groups and legislators, constituents and representatives, citizens of all different colors and types and opinions—is not only desirable, but necessary. Political parties provide a means for accommodation. When a conservative financier from New York City and a deer hunter from Arkansas can agree to support the same candidate, effective deliberation has occurred. Some sort of unity has been reached. Adams’ complaint against party politics was that they factionalize. But now, in 2008, I can’t help but think that factions are what we need. Adams’ version of unity was always a stretch, even in an electorate consisting entirely of white males; it is impossible in our own pluralist society. But small-scale unity can exist, and our best hope for it, ironically, is through the deliberation within two opposed yet accommodating factions. Yes, we are given two packages and asked to pick one, and yes, perhaps this is a little degrading. But party politics ensure that we are each capable of affecting government. It is through political parties that people with no governmental experience might enact a change in policy; it is through interest groups that social concerns become political concerns. So perhaps politics is merely a game. But it is a deft sport, where the rules change every second and the teams constantly reassemble. I can think of nothing more enjoyable to watch.

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Op-Ed Submission

Although the events surrounding yesterday’s vice presidential debate certainly made for an exciting time on campus, students were unfortunately denied one major event during the past week. The College Republicans, along with the Student Investment Fund, Delta Sigma Pi and Theta Xi had planned to co-sponsor Ben Stein on October 1 to discuss the economic issues facing the nation in the upcoming election. Two weeks ago, the SU Treasury gave every indication that funding would be approved as long as security access could be obtained for Stein to speak on campus the day before the debate. That access was subsequently granted, Graham Chapel was booked, and the contract was nearly drafted. Then, at last week’s Treasury meeting, those same members did an about face and voted to reject our appeal for funding by a margin of 9-7-1. This came as quite a disappointing surprise. What could have happened during the intervening week to bring about this change of heart? The answer is pretty simple: politics.

Members of the Treasury primarily became concerned with the amount of money that has been already allotted to the College Republicans for speakers in the past two academic years (Mike Huckabee at \$16,000 and Alberto Gonzales at \$31,000). A similar argument was made by Ben Guthorn, president of the College Democrats, both on the pages of *Student Life* and in person at the Treasury meetings. He lamented the \$30,000 honorarium that would be paid to Stein, questioning the worth of this proposed speech. However, this collective argument by Ben and the Treasury lacks objective analysis. For example, the College Democrats brought Paul Begala to campus last semester at a price of \$15,000. Yes, that was about half the price of Gonzales, but we had more than 500 students fill the 560 Building for the former Attorney General. When asked by our vice president about Begala’s crowd, Ben shook his head and would not even comment. We can only assume that he failed to fill up Louderman 458. But let’s say (generously) that Louderman holds 150 people and that all those seats were taken. The price per person would still be more than 60 percent greater than the price per person attending Gonzales’ speech. Such a compari-

son undermines Ben’s argument for denying our funding and may have helped the Treasury reach a better decision. Additionally, the Treasury (and Ben) seemed to ignore the fact that we were planning to co-sponsor this event with three other groups, an approach that the Treasury actively encourages. Thus, Ben’s charge that the Treasury “cannot continue to fund individual groups at such a rate” is not applicable to this situation. Finally, the individual political opinions of certain Treasury members came to light during the discussion regarding the final vote. One member in particular encouraged her colleagues to “keep in mind that we would be having a conservative speaker who believes in intelligent design speaking on campus the day before the debate when the national spotlight would be on us.” We find the implication of this statement insulting as it suggests that hosting a conservative would embarrass the University. Furthermore, the topic of his speech was to be the economy, and his purportedly objectionable views on intelligent design are hardly relevant to that discussion. The Treasury members are elected to make fiscal decisions, not to dictate what opinions are acceptable, and they would do best to remember

this in future deliberations. Our nation is now facing a \$700 billion bailout on Wall Street, and this is certainly an issue that will define the waning days of the presidential campaign. Our school was given the opportunity to hear a brilliant economic mind in Ben Stein discuss this monumental topic, yet SU passed on the offer. We appreciate those members of the Treasury who maintained their willingness to fund this event, but it is disappointing that some of their colleagues sided with Ben Guthorn in not funding, as he described, “this minority group.” We would have expected a better attitude toward minorities from the president of the College Democrats, and we would have expected fairer treatment from the Treasury. Now, the biggest name to speak on campus this election season will have been Mo Rocca, a mere comedian. Maybe it’s just us, but this is no laughing matter. We thus urge the Treasury to refocus its efforts on funding pertinent speakers.

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for making an informed decision. Yet, I would encourage those who seek not to vote for a candidate in the hysteria of our general election cycle to look at the ballot closely and decide if there are state or local issues that they feel strongly about and vote for them. Don’t let the overriding focus our political media places on McCain vs. Obama deter you, the Non-Voter, from voicing your opinion on other issues also on the ballot. Your right to vote is a privilege that begets you a certain amount of responsibility to make an informed and conscientious choice; don’t limit that privilege by only taking a stand on the most covered issue. As for both the McCain and Obama supporters, a few words of advice: while I would discourage you to take in this election as a political sport or competition in the way our 24-hour news cycle does, don’t let anyone deride you for your informed political choices. Your voice is your own and it should be only yours, free from the tyranny that sometimes leaks into popular opinion. With this in mind, remind yourself that as this electoral marathon sprints to a close those folks on the other “team” may hold voices and opinions just as strong as your own. So before you greet them with bile, try to do so with respect or tact first.

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I’ve got the power?

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When I was younger, around eight or nine, I was the master of my own universe. I had all sorts of ideas about control—namely that I had a lot of it. I made up all my own games and managed to coerce the neighborhood kids into playing them with me. I did my homework in a flash and then did my friends’ homework just to speed things along. I raised generations of silkworms from egg to moth—a child’s turn at playing God (I was both provider and occasionally, sadly, destroyer). I even believed I could alter the truth with a colorful and pervasive set of lies (my years as a compulsive liar ended when I hit puberty—I promise). In the orchestra that is life, I was my own conductor. I set the tone and the pace for the whole performance—and that’s exactly how I liked it. Things have really changed, needless to say, with college successfully beating into my brain that I have no control. Okay, an exaggeration—I have very, very little control, certainly in contrast to my godlike early days. I mean, look at my life now. A day without the library is a day loaded with guilt. My time is currently under lease to five different Wash. U. professors and this newspaper. However they choose to divide

it up, that’s between them and out of my hands. Yes, I understand that I’m the one who sold my soul. I made the choices that got me into this mess. And I make choices all the time—I’ve hardly surrendered my free will. But now I more vividly understand the distinction between good choices and bad choices, and the pressure to make the good ones has reached a crescendo. So what choice do I really have? And here I am, so much older, so much more experienced, so much learning under my belt. Of course, one thing I’ve realized is that there is no such thing as control in healthy relationships (well, there is self-control—but who has that?). You just have to let go—isn’t that what they always say? Well, I have absolutely no desire to exercise power over other people. But hey, the timing is always off, or the distance too great, or the circumstances too bizarre. I sure would like to have a little more power over some of that stuff. I’ve tried to fight all those things in the past and have only a bruised ego and a fat lip to show for it. Is that really fair? Should there really be so many things that affect me that I can’t do anything about? Shouldn’t I be allowed to fight back? You’ll tell me what any knowledgeable person would tell me: the only thing I can ever have control over is myself. But what does that really mean? I have only minimal control over my appearance: I can

change my shirt and put up my hair, but I don’t exactly have the funds for massive plastic surgery (why mess with perfection anyway?). And my body never listens to me—it trips me up with every step and occasionally makes me stutter instead of speak. What kind of control is that? And sure, I’m free to make my own choices, but you already heard what I think about that. So for now, I know what’s advisable and what’s not—I’m trying my very best to stick with advisable. I guess even freedom has its limits. I’ve decided it’s a great misconception that power comes with age. I could never be powerful now the way I was when I was in elementary school. The years have made me a tad more impotent, all this learning and experience dumbing me down. But perhaps there is something to letting go of the desire to control. I now recognize that I don’t have total authority over my time, my body, my feelings or (much more generally) my life. And that is becoming more and more OK. So is just stepping back and appreciating how my world and the people in it are helping to shape me. Maybe the weight of all the things I can’t control will help me be strong enough to muscle myself into changing for the better. Maybe I should start raising silkworms again.

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have they survived living in Egypt for thousands of years? Then, locate an Egyptian Copt through your local library, university, the internet and/or friends. Ask that person if he or she ever saw such a statement in his or his children’s school books. Third, invite a Persian speaking friend (of whom hundreds of thousands live in the U.S.) to watch the movie with you. When supposed scenes from Iranian TV are shown, they will tell you that the actual language they hear is not Persian but Arabic. The documentary makers did not know what they were piecing together. They banked on the fact that the audience will not know that either. Fourth, the film interviews supposed Muslim fundamentalists who have turned nice, loving and truthful after conversion to Christianity. Ask yourself why you should trust them anymore now than when they were ruthless terrorists—if indeed they were terrorists. If not, why are they lying?

Fifth, when images of large and loud crowds in the film frighten you, imagine someone taking a few shots from the GOP convention’s loud chants, put a scary voice over, add a few shots of American soldiers breaking into Iraqi homes in the middle of the night, and throw a few statements from right wing shows into the mix. It could be sold to Muslim audiences as “The American War on Islam.” Finally, please send this simple guide to a friend who has been terrified after watching Obsession and tell them to vote for Mr. McCain only if they like four more years of what they have experienced for the past eight years... not because Muslims are at war with America. They are not.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Feel for conservatives

Dear Editor,

As a recent graduate of Wash. U. (2008), I’ve found myself checking the *Student Life* Web site to get updates about the vice presidential debate. In the process, I stumbled upon Tricia Wittig’s letter about being a Republican at Wash. U. As an ardent liberal currently working for the Democratic parties efforts in this election, I actually must agree with most of the points in her editorial. One of the things I loved about Wash. U. was its liberal and accepting atmosphere. As an openly gay (not “homosexual,” Ms. Wittig) student, this was especially important to me. That being said, during this experience here, I often noticed that the student body as a whole could be very hostile to the conservative opinion. Part of being open and tolerant is tolerance of diverse political opinions. Especially at an academic institution, it is important that there be a voice for all legitimate political ideologies. People being allowed to express their political beliefs without fear of retribution helps enhances the learning experiences of all students. Furthermore, when liberals berate and belittle their conservative counterparts, it does in fact contribute to the destructive image of liberals as elitist and somewhat hypocritical. So I encourage all students to listen, discuss and yes, politely disagree when appropriate, in their political discussions. Insults and the silencing of conservative opinions do nothing to advance the state of political discourse at our school and in our country. Who knows, you might even find you agree more with conservatives than you think. And that is okay.

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“One or more of the songs you have selected to import have already been imported. Do you want to replace existing songs and import them again?”

Anyone who has iTunes and is also a fan of Anberlin should be familiar with this error message—the group has a tendency to re-release old songs. In this case, the culprit was “Feel Good Drag.” Not only was the song, more reminiscent of Good Charlotte or Linkin Park than Anberlin’s usual sound, released as a single before New Surrender came out, but it wasn’t even close to new in August. “Feel Good Drag was originally part of Anberlin’s first well-known album, “Never Take Friendship Personal,” which came out back in 2005. It was even popular enough to make it onto the Tooth and Nail Records compilation CD.

So much for the history lesson. If you can get past the fact that Anberlin is trying to trick their way into a resurgence in popularity for their old material, “New Surrender” is definitely worth adding to your music library. Anberlin has always had a feel for the art of the CD—all the songs on a given album may be great, but they’re best experienced all together, preferably in one sitting. “New Surrender” puts songs like “New Resistance,” the first song on the album and a surprisingly metal one, right alongside much more acoustic love songs. It can get pretty difficult to characterize the group with one particular sound, just because they have so much variety from song to song. Even within a given song, such as “Breaking,” there are several different musical influences that emerge during the course of the song, meaning quick changes from the gentle acoustic guitar and crooning vocals, to a more uptempo, tonally complex chorus, to a suddenly and shockingly distorted bridge from a synthesizer and back to the original sound for the big finish.

This kind of variation could make for a choppy experience, but somehow,



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“Miserable Visu (Ex Malo Bonum),” “Retrace,” “Burn Out Brighter (Northern Lights)”

in the experienced hands of lead singer Stephen Christian, it all flows together. The CD is characterized by its subtle vocal harmonies, the wistful lyrics that, as college students with our whole lives ahead of us, we might be just a little bit young to appreciate, and of course the guitar work.

That said, one song does stand out as the best on the album, and maybe even the best the group has ever come out with. This is “Miserable Visu (Ex Malo Bonum.” The title seems pretentious, especially since Latin is one language not easily translatable online, so I have no idea what it means.

The song itself, however, more than makes up for any ostentation in the title. If at all possible, listen to it in surround sound or with headphones. The first impression is of some manner of acoustic instrument throbbing back and forth between your ears, as if the song itself is bouncing around in your head. True to Anberlin, the song phases back and forth through several styles, but in six and a half minutes, it reaches an epic level, almost comparable to a truly classic rock anthem like “Stairway to Heaven.” The Latin title is only reflected in the snatches of haunting, wordless vocal music like something out of a cathedral, since the song itself is obviously in English.

After several listens, I’m still not sure what the lyrics are about, just that the phrase “look, children, to the Eastern sky” is repeated many times to great effect. It’s the song you can imagine painting a masterpiece to, or maybe just turning on the visualizer and being hypnotized. If you don’t want to buy the CD, definitely download “Miserable Visu,” but as the final track on the CD, it means more, the culmination of the auditory adventure that is “New Surrender.”

The new iPod nano

Cecilia Razak  
*Senior Cadenza Editor*

Opening the case housing the new iPod nano might just be a religious experience. If angels don’t sing as the clear plastic door swings back, it’s only because Apple hasn’t yet stashed the recording in the packaging.

The nano is a feat of design. It’s 3.6 inches tall, 1.5 inches wide, thin enough to fit three times over in an envelope and slightly ovalar, with a curved crystal glass display screen. It fits easily in hand, and the curved edges mold comfortably into the fold between thumb and palm as you spin the click wheel. It makes the generation-two nano look like a slide rule, the original iPod like an abacus and all other products like those pieces of knotted string the Incas used to count on. And this is just talking about form.

As for function, the nano does everything previous products have done, with a few touted upgrades, and everything an MP3 player should do. It holds either eight or 16 gigabytes of music, movies, videos, podcasts, photos and games. It will play a day of straight music or you can watch a movie and a half per a single battery charge.

Snazzy new features include an accelerometer—like the iPhone and Touch, the nano knows when you’ve flipped it to its side and adjusts the aspect of its screen— and nine different colors for its exterior and a shake shuffle.

What’s that, you ask?

Say you’re jogging while listening to the “Yellow Submarine” album, and have gone through all the songs with lyrics. You’re into the boring instrumentals now, but don’t want to stop to switch albums. Just give the thing a good, hard shake, and it will automatically switch to song shuffle. The up-and-down of your jogging, however, doesn’t bother it a bit. You may now have to deal with “Aaron’s Party; the Aaron Carter mix,” but it’s worth the risk.

Apple’s newest and most excitedly hyped feature, the Genius Sidebar, is featured prominently. Hold down the center button on a selected song until a menu pops up, and the Genius is the first option. It suggests like-minded songs for purchase from iTunes. If you haven’t already, you will have to download iTunes 8, free from Apple, and turn on the Genius function for this to work.

Unlike Microsoft’s Zune or the Touch, the iPod nano doesn’t connect to the internet (so you can’t automatically buy new music suggested by the Genius) and no iPod models have an AM/FM tuner (though you can buy an external attachment for radio). The nano also won’t charge from older generations of USB power adaptors, so if you don’t want to charge directly from your computer, you might need to upgrade power adaptors.

But even with these minor shortcomings, Apple and its iPod prove themselves a force to be reckoned with, and entertain in the process.

iPOD REVIEW : MUSIC OF CECILIA RAZAK

Song titles A-Z: “Aaron’s Party” Aaron Carter

“Zombies Walk” Suffjan Stevens/Kanye West mashup

The fact that the first song on this iPod, alphabetically, is a cut off of Aaron Carter’s seminal party album notwithstanding, the track list on this MP3 player is certainly befitting that of a Cadenza editor. And Cecilia Razak isn’t just any Cadenza editor, she’s THE Cadenza editor.

While movies have always been her strong suit, the well-managed playlists featuring hip indie-rockers like Frou Frou, a strong presence from the often underappreciated soul god Sam Cooke and the complete works of Randy Newman prove an open musical taste with no fear of overrepresentation (The Beatles and Mr. Newman are obviously heavy favorites).

The iPod itself is a standard size video model, bound lovingly by a homemade carrying case fashioned from black duct tape and what appears to be some semi-official document on Washington University letterhead. Though the model allows for it, no videos populate the iPod’s memory banks; instead Razak opts for various NPR podcasts and a healthy number of playlists named for friends, real or imagined.

The music sampling leans toward the individual song based variety, as opposed to one based on complete albums. Razak’s iPod features everything from the standards (Radiohead’s “OK Computer,” the funnier “Flight of the Conchords” songs) to more offbeat attractions (the melancholy “She’s Too Good for Me” by Warren Zevon, and an hilarious meditation on the state with the lowest highest point by Canadian rockers Moxxy Furvous).

A few hip-hop standards like Ja Rule’s “Put It on Me” pop up here and there but do not dominate the proceedings. One is much more likely to spend time with Aimee Mann and Suffjan Stevens than Jay Z and Girl Talk on this music mix.

All in all the music offers a good entry into Razak’s music taste. It can’t really be described as a party Pod, but it certainly offers enough variety to get a bumping groove going with some careful prep work. It certainly shows that Razak values artists who are storytellers (Randy Newman, The Zombies, Warren Zevon, Aaron Carter) which fits with one who spends so much time watching movies.

Perhaps the most refreshing element is that this iPod features no crafting: There is no artificial rounding of the music library to make the owner seem more broadly interested than she is. There are a few atypical tracks here and there, but not enough to suggest any intentional shaping. The music sticks a little too close together, but shows a broad range of the same kind of music from the ’50s and ’60s through Oasis into Radiohead and multiple remixes and mash-ups.

All in all this was not a totally inspiring listening experience, but a pleasant one, and refreshing at that. Too many iPods are bloated with tracks never listened to. This is not a problem with Razak’s iPod, and while no one will be demoting her to Music Editor anytime soon, she shows enough of a knowledge and sense of history to make her presence as ruler of all things Cadenza a happy sign for the future of *Student Life*.

-Brian Stitt, *Managing Editor*

Nick and Norah’s Infinite Playlist

Sha Sha Lu  
*Cadenza Reporter*

Like it or not, indie is slowly becoming the new mainstream. Little did early online worshippers of afro-punk-reggae-pop (clearly, the more descriptors, the indie-er) band, Vampire Weekend, see the band’s first album debuting among Billboard’s top 20. Now their song appears in the soundtrack of a major motion picture, alongside the likes of We are Scientists, Band of Horses and other bands that the cool kids listen to. “Nick and Norah’s Infinite Playlist” is an offspring of this new indie generation, eagerly embracing the concept of musical soulmates: two people who absolutely belong together because, oh my god, their iPod playlists are totally the same.

“Nick and Norah” tries to be everything at once—hipster yet still mainstream-friendly, fast-paced, intimate, profound, realistic yet dream-like. Unfortunately, the resulting concoction produces the effect of bland nothingness.

The premise runs as follows: When the fictitious band, Where’s Fluffy, announces a surprise concert at an undisclosed location, our two protagonists are brought together for a night of self-discovery as they romp through New York City. Nick O’Leary (Michael Cera), the only straight member of his band, The Jerk Offs, still suffers the heartbreak of his split from the seductive and unfaithful Tris. To console himself, he continues to send her personalized, meticulously-packaged mixed CDs. As Tris throws each CD away, who happens to pick them out of the school garbage but Norah Silverberg (Kat Dennings). She adores the playlists and even appreciates the album art. What can only follow is a

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**directed by**  
Peter Sollett

**and starring**  
Michael Cera, Kat Dennings, Ari Graynor, Alexis Dziena

**release date**  
October 3, 2008

chance encounter one night between the two, followed by multiple adventures as they search for Where’s Fluffy, chase down Norah’s intoxicated best friend Caroline, break old relationships and make new ones.

With so many to-dos on Nick and Norah’s plate, it comes as no wonder that the camera zips audiences from place to place. It is New York-in-a-minute, as we hop from raucous night clubs to nondescript streets and adjacent convenient stores to NYC landmarks like Times Square, the Brooklyn bridge and Grace Church. Regrettably, the lack of flow and coherence between the scenes results in an overall impression of messiness.

Amidst their nocturnal escapades, the development of Nick and Norah’s relationship becomes lost in the telling. It appears merely as an artificial outgrowth of their shared music tastes and shared company for the night.

As expected, Cera plays the sweet, sensitive, slightly clueless character as he always has, with the same mannerisms he always has. He is one character who goes through the stages of preteen (“Arrested Development”) to adolescent boy (“Superbad” and “Juno”) and now to the adolescent boy who has learned to play bass guitar. Nevertheless, it is Cera who saves this film from sinking too far into the pit of mediocre romantic comedies, and he does so simply by being himself. Those who have enjoyed his past performances will surely enjoy his awkward humor in “Nick and Norah,” particularly those interactions with his queer, endearing band members.

Unfortunately, Cera’s lovable stiffness is matched by Dennings’ plain, prosaic stiffness. Perhaps the movie makers wanted to portray two characters that were both closed off to the world behind their own protective bubbles before finding each other. However, they seem to remain closed off for an awfully long time—long enough for a city as energetic as New York to swallow up much of the spark remaining in the story of the protagonists.



# SPORTS

## Athletes register students to vote

Johann Qua Hiansen  
*Sports Editor*

Each volunteer worked two-hour shifts during the drive. The drive went from 1-11 p.m. and registered slightly fewer than 50 students.

“It’s good for people to take a stand and vote especially since we’re hosting the vice presidential debate,” senior Krystyn Stowe of the women’s track team said. “Either everyone was already signed up or eager to register.”

The drive even garnered some media attention as KPLR St. Louis CW 11 interviewed a few of the student volunteers.

Both soccer teams, the football team, the volleyball team, the cross country teams, both tennis teams and the swimming and diving team are in season. “A lot of athletes, particularly those in season, were very happy to be able to fill out a registration card so easily and conveniently,” Kelley said.

According to Stowe, Athletics Director John Schael gave the athletes permission to register voters outside the Athletic Complex but told them they could not set up a table. “We had to be careful not to create a fire hazard,” Stowe said.

With permission to stand outside the Athletic Complex, the volunteers were able to get students registered in about one minute.

“It was very convenient to be able to register right outside the AC,” freshman Brittany Hasselbring of the women’s basketball team said. “It was nice to have someone I knew help me through the registration process.”

At the end of the drive, Wallis and senior Tyler Nading collected the cards and mailed them to the appropriate authorities. “It was a great way to engage the athletes in the political atmosphere around campus,” Wallis said.

Student athletes at Washington University organized a non-partisan voter drive that took place on Sept. 24 outside the Athletic Complex.

Senior Sean Wallis and junior Ross Kelley of the men’s basketball team came up with the idea and organized the drive only one week earlier. Wallis got the ball rolling by presenting the idea at a meeting of the Student Athletic Advisory Council, which helped advertise the drive.

Wallis and Kelley drew their inspiration from their class, Topics in Politics: Campaigns and Elections. “Since we are the ones getting booted from our home (the AC), we felt like this would be a good opportunity to get involved before it shut down,” Wallis said. “Between practice and school, it’s a tough demographic to reach, so we wanted to make sure everyone was registered.”

According to Wallis, the College Democrats gave the athletes the voter registration cards and a little training in how to properly fill them out. “That being said, it was a non-partisan voter registration drive, not pro-Obama or pro-McCain,” Wallis added.

“They did a phenomenal job,” College Democrats President Ben Guthorn said. “They should receive all the credit.”

The 10 student athlete volunteers came from a diverse mix of teams including men’s basketball, volleyball, women’s soccer, track and softball. “It was great to see athletes from all the sports get behind this drive,” Kelley said.

### WOMEN’S SOCCER

## Bears suffer setback on road

Dan Chen  
*Sports Editor*

The Washington University women’s soccer team dropped a heartbreaker to the Division-II Missouri University of Science and Technology on Wednesday with a score of 3-1. After winning two straight road games and four overall, the Lady Bears again fell while off Francis Field, where they are a mediocre 2-2-1.

During road games, the team has played inconsistently, often allowing the first goal, which happened Wednesday night.

Throughout the first half, Wash. U. controlled the tempo of the game and played aggressive soccer. They actually led the competition in terms of shots taken and pressure applied. However, despite the offensive force exerted, the team was unable to find the back of the net.

“We played really well in the first half; we really controlled the game,” senior midfielder Lauren Mehner said. She also emphasized that the team cannot afford to start slowly and needs to start strong with a fire and carry that passion throughout the game.

Once the second half began, the Lady Miners quickly scored three goals in the first 20 minutes before the Bears had a chance to adjust and react to the sudden attacks.

“They went on a scoring run and got three fairly quick goals...we battled really hard, but we weren’t able to

come up with a win,” Mehner said.

The three goals scored against Wash. U. were a season high and came after the team had surrendered five goals over its previous eight games. On Wednesday, however, the defense did not clamp down like it had been doing in the previous weeks, and the team also failed to clear the ball from around the net.

Injuries did not help the Lady Bears’ defense, as junior Emily Bylsma was out with an injury while senior Carly Anderson was limited by illness. Wash. U. was forced to change its formation and use only three backs instead of the traditional four.

“We had to play with a three-back set more than we were used to... it added to the confusion,” Mehner said.

Despite being down 3-0, the Red and Green managed to score one goal. Senior Caitlin Malone took a pass from junior Carter Schwarberg and put it into the back of the net.

“After Malone scored the goal, we seemed to get into it. We just weren’t consistent,” freshman midfielder Lee Ann Felder said.

If the Bears did in fact regain that fire, rhythm and intensity, it could not have come at a better time. Washington University starts conference play Sunday, Oct. 5 at Carnegie Mellon University.


“It’s a bump in the road. We need to focus on putting the game away when we have control of the game. It’s a wakeup call, [and] it’s a good time to come. Our fate is still in our hands,” senior Shirey Lane said.



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Junior back Cassie Scaman controls the ball playing against Wartburg College.

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# Over 400 students received debate tickets

Craig Ostrin  
Contributing Reporter

A total of 432 students received tickets to the vice presidential debate—close to three times the number of students who had received tickets at previous debates.

The tickets, which were allotted to Washington University by the Commission on Presidential Debates (CPD), were first distributed through the University's lottery system. When the number of tickets available exceeded the number of lottery numbers drawn, tickets were distributed to student leaders.

"The real reason we had more seats in there was that we had a lot more partial and obstructed view seats on the sides," Rob Wild, assistant to the Chancellor

and chair of the Vice Presidential Debate Steering Committee, said. "Because this is not like a theater where we know how many seats there are, literally, until 48 hours up to the debate they were still setting the number of seats on the floor."

There was no shortage of interest in attending the debate: 7,148 students applied for tickets before the lottery closed on Friday, Sept. 26. Initially the University expected to receive tickets for only 100 to 150 seats, but as the week progressed, it quickly became clear that more seating would be available.

"I'm just so thrilled," Wild said. "We thought we were going to get 150 students in and we got nearly three times that many."

Because the University was given so many tickets, more tickets could be distributed to stu-

dents in the lottery.

389 students came to the drawing, leaving 43 tickets to spare. With such a substantial number of tickets remaining—and no way of contacting the students with lower lottery numbers—University administrators decided to give tickets to student leaders who were not a part of the lottery.

According to Assistant Vice Chancellor for Students Jill Carnaghi, there were three options: the University could have let the seats go empty, given the tickets to administrators or given them to students they know.

"[Letting the seats go empty] would have been a crime, and giving the tickets to administration and faculty would go against everything we stand for, and what we have done in each debate we got," Carnaghi said.

In the end, the decision to keep

all the CPD tickets in the hands of students allowed 43 students who were not in the lottery to receive tickets. Students targeted for the second distribution of tickets included campus leaders, volunteers and students known to the administration.

The total 432 tickets distributed to students do not include an unknown number of students who received tickets from the media outlets for whom they were working.

Freshman Parsa Bastani was one of the lucky few who received a ticket but was not in the top 300 lottery.

"I was pulsating entering, because I wasn't originally supposed to have a ticket," he said. "It was such an electric atmosphere."

As an undecided voter, junior Jimmy Cox was focused on the issues.

"I'm very excited," he said. "I'm just looking forward to hear[ing] both of them. I'm on the fence right now, so I want to hear what they have to say."

Overall, the debate's focus seemed to be on Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, as many students went into the debate with their eyes on her.

"I pretty much have a very Tina Fey-opinion of Sarah Palin right now, so it'll be interesting whether the extra training she's done for this has gotten her up to date," junior Emily Lebsack said. "As for Biden, I have a lot of respect for him and for his experience."

*With additional reporting by  
Sam Guzik and Dan Woznica.*

PROTESTS  
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the vice presidential debate.

"These debates are very coordinated, very planned," Haslet said. "They've got a scripted set of questions that are very rehearsed. We want to know how their policies will affect the little guys... By spending money on the war, its taking away precious funds from investing in these important issues."

Haslet and other protesters in Instead of War created homemade tickets, which they presented to debate officials on campus. These homemade tickets, according to Haslet, were meant to call attention to the need for transparency for the average citizen.

"These are tickets that have been certified by the people," Haslet said. "We, the people here, want these questions to be inserted in the debate. There's some legitimacy to the neutrality of scripted questions, but we could have learned those answers weeks ago. There's nothing said that will be new."

Though demonstrators Denise Devaro and her sister were not affiliated with the Instead of War protesters, they sought to bring attention to the issue of women's rights and abortion. The sisters held signs reading "Pro-Life Mama for Obama" and "Catholic Mama for Obama."

"As a Catholic, I feel that people who are not pro-choice are anti-abortion, because if you're truly pro-life, you have to support life in all its phases," Devaro said. "I'm in favor of universal health-care, and education, and children, and people who are indigents. I believe that as one of the richest countries in the world, we should be taking care of people who have the least."

Near the end of the rally, the Instead of War protesters marched up Big Bend Boulevard, attempting to gain access through the barricades. The group, numbering somewhere between 60 to 100 protesters, arrived banging homemade drums made from plastic buckets.

The protesters, however, stopped at a fence in the road that blocked the path to the Athletic Complex. On the other side of the fence, six St. Louis County police officers on bicycles lined up in two rows directly facing the protesters. No violence ensued, but the protesters stood and beat their drums for approximately ten minutes.

"We want substance, not the same old song and dance," they chanted.

The protest eventually disbanded and the protesters left the area.

Elliot believes that it may be too late for the changes that the protesters demand to turn the country around, but he says he is still protesting because "[he doesn't] want to see anyone else die."

"I came here to protest the war, because it's unjust. It's not right for people to go to war without the people to vote on it," Elliot said. "Voting people have the right to vote on going to war and on anything that the government does that involves the people."



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# forging a fellowship

Eric Rosenbaum  
*Scene Reporter*

Tim Bono could pass for an undergraduate. Not only does he look young and sound young for an '05 Wash. U. graduate and a Ph.D. student, but he also lives on the South 40 as the only graduate student in Shepley Hall.

Bono is among the first wave of graduate students in a revived program called the Graduate Fellows Program. A fellow works with one residential college; Bono is the graduate fellow with Danforth, Shepley and Wheeler dorms.

Officially, the program allows recent alumni to live with undergraduate students and act as liaisons between students, the Residential College Director (RCD), Cornerstone and Residential Life. In reality, the fellows' real responsibilities are outlined on the job.

Bono spent a lot of time last year looking into similar arrangements at other universities and came up with some ideas, including proposals that graduate fellows live in residential

dorms. However, he still understands that what he and his peers do this year will influence what happens to the program in the future.

"I volunteered to be the guinea pig," Bono said.

One of Bono's early ideas was to concentrate his efforts on a single freshman floor. At a meeting with RAs early this year, he met Dani Porter and Mike White, the RAs for Danforth 4. Together, they worked out a plan for Bono to join the floor in certain activities, including weekly floor brunches. As a result, Bono has become a sort of floor VIP.

"I missed floor brunch once, and I really heard about it," he said.

Resident Amanda Freedman could not be happier with her graduate fellow.

"He helped us get second place in WUTube," she said, referring to the annual video-making competition among freshman floors. "He was very serious about learning how to snap right."

More importantly to Bono, however, he has been able to use his experience to help students. As an alumnus, he has been able to

provide advice about research and graduate opportunities to interested freshmen. As a psychology student and teacher of the class "Psychology of Young Adulthood," he has contributed his knowledge. For instance, the RAs of Danforth 3 asked him to organize a presentation on conflict resolution.

"I kind of like having a grad student here, just so I know what life is like after graduation," said resident Greg Gerold. "You have RAs on the floor, but they're just a year or two older than you."

In addition, Bono is learning a lot himself. Part of his motivation for taking this position was to experience his area of study more immediately than he had in the past. Vice Chancellor for Students Jill Carnaghi told him prior to graduation and the proposal of the program that he should look for something like it.

"You learn so much from students that you gain invaluable perspective," Bono remembered Carnaghi saying.

Despite these measures of success, there are some disappointing

effects. While Danforth 4 residents like Bono, they do not completely understand what his role is on the floor.

"I don't really know what he does, but he's a nice guy," resident Joe Greer said. "There are so many elder figures already."

The future of the program is already in doubt. While there are no reasons to think that it will be canceled, in an experiment such as this one, anything can happen.

The live-in aspect may disappear in future years. According to Bono, there has been talk of building efficiency apartments for graduate students above the eatery of the new Wohl Center. In that case, graduate fellows, whatever their role, would likely move into those apartments.

As for Bono, his future is also uncertain. He had sworn to himself that he would leave St. Louis after graduation, but keeps finding new reasons to stay. Finally, he may have a chance, but is no longer sure that he wants to go.

"I do have a pretty fierce allegiance to Washington University," he said.

# R♥mance 101

## Class matters: From classroom crush to real romance

Willie Mendelson  
*Staff Manager*

"Mean Girls" is one of my favorite movies for a number of reasons. Not only is it based on my hometown—and quite accurately so—but it also features a variety of romantic issues and plights common to many young adults in the real world. Oh, and even I have to admit that Lindsay Lohan looked smokin' in this movie.

Regardless, one issue presented in the film deals with Lohan's character pretending to not understand a class she is in so she can be tutored outside of class by the guy of her dreams. While this led to further consequences, I couldn't help but sympathize with Lohan's character. Keyword: character; not actually sympathizing with Lindsay Lohan, since that's pretty hard to do. After all, what are we supposed to do when we want to spend time with that attractive individual in our class outside of class? How do we win that special someone over and find out what he or she is really like outside of an academic setting?

Let's say you are in a small class, and in this class there's that good-looking guy or girl you want to talk to, get to know better and, if there's chemistry, spend time with outside of the classroom. Hopefully, your professor will encourage class discussion and maybe even small group work. If so, do everything in your power to try to work with that person.

You can even just walk up to them one day and say, "I really liked what you said about..." or "What you said about this or that text was so interesting." It's as simple as that.

A compliment always proves helpful in the game of love, and this can easily lead to a bond and an excuse to work together. If you don't actually think what that person says is interesting, either move on or, if you are just that attracted to that person physically, find some other compliment. Just don't be overly maniacally friendly, and never refer to

anything you see on that person's Facebook, even if you do stalk him or her daily.

If you find yourself in a large lecture environment and notice that cute guy who comes to class every day, you'll know that he probably cares about schoolwork, which is always good. Though it may be hard at first, sit next to him one day. Flash a charming smile, and you can even ask to borrow a pencil/pen/piece of paper. Just don't let him look in your backpack to see that you actually have one and are just asking to initiate conversation, because then he may think you're crazy.

Another tip is to try to talk with that person after class. That is, if you and a friend grab lunch and happen to see that cute girl sitting with her friend, it is more than all right to walk up to her, say hello and make a comment about that day's class, like how boring it was, or laugh over an absurd comment some other student made in class. Eventually, if love is in the cards, you guys can start eating lunch together. Given time, this can lead to hangouts off campus.

If you want to take eating lunch together to the next step, tell that person that you guys should make a time to hang out that weekend or go out one night. It can be said causally, while simultaneously allowing you to get the message across that you're into him or her. You can also ask that person to study with you, since group studying is both fun and productive—well, sometimes. More importantly, this is a nonchalant question, and a study date could with time progress to romance. All you have to do is communicate.

So the next time you want to pull a Lindsay Lohan and are tempted to pretend to be stupid just to have that special someone tutor you, don't. After all, playing dumb probably won't work—we are pretty bright kids. Just remember to be yourself, talk to the person you're interested in and if it's meant to be, it will be.



Students relax outside Danforth House on the South 40. The William Greenleaf Eliot Residential College is now home to a new graduate fellow as part of a program aimed at providing regular guidance from a different perspective.

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43 Fully full

45 Cleansing powder

47 Stick out

48 Made in the \_\_\_

51 Airplane ground track

55 Keep an eye on

58 Select few

59 Annoy

61 Stones used to strike fire

62 Primo condition

63 Of the moon

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66 1958 Pulitzer winner

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7 Swimming stroke

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11 Having a ball

12 Chunk of bacon

13 One-time capital of Phoenicia

21 Sighted

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25 Laos locale

27 Aries, e.g.

30 Giant Ott

31 Layer

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36 NYC financial daily

37 \_\_\_ de cologne

38 Legal advocate

40 Ballot

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46 Figure skater's jump

49 Marine research facility

50 Maestro Toscanini

52 \_\_\_ the Pooh

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# SCENELIFE



## Feeding through the Band

Rachel Metter  
Scene Reporter

Imagine this: Your favorite band is coming to St. Louis, and you're super-pumped to see them play. And by purchasing a ticket, you are single-handedly feeding a hungry child in St. Louis for the whole weekend. LiveFeed, one of St. Louis' newest and most innovative non-profit organizations, is making this scenario a reality, "ending hunger, one show at a time," as its slogan proudly declares.

In November 2007, Tom Robinson, LiveFeed's founder, came up with the idea to take events that were already happening in the St. Louis area and give them a cause. In St. Louis alone, there are 135,000 people who go hungry each day. Many children depend on school lunches to get them through the week. The LiveFeed concept is a clever and mutually-beneficial idea: The organization hooks up with as many entertainment events in the area as possible by promoting them and channeling a portion of the

ticket sales or merchandise into the mouths of hungry children.

The organization works closely with Operation Food Search and their backpack program, which gives these hungry children a backpack full of nutritious food for the weekend. The concept is to bring it back on Monday to be re-filled for the following weekend. It only costs four dollars to feed a child for that amount of time. LiveFeed makes it incredibly easy for people to donate to a good cause without any extra effort.

LiveFeed has grown very rapidly in the past year and is currently establishing its first campus chapter here at Wash. U., which will serve as the model for future campus chapters.

Outreach coordinator and senior Steve Kurtz is working hard to ensure that the ultimate goal of fully integrating LiveFeed into every entertainment event on campus is reached. Currently he manages livefeed.org, which lists all entertainment events happening in the St. Louis area, including non-LiveFeed events. "We want people to say 'Oh, I'm bored...let's check out livefeed.

org and see what's happening. Let's go to the LiveFeed event and make a difference."

As of now, the campus program is looking to get as many people involved as possible. Sophomore Josh Truppmann, who recently joined the group, really enjoys the fact that there is no hierarchy yet. "How we're operating right now is that everyone is equal, and the organization is a team. I'm excited to be involved at such an early stage," he said.

Kurtz agreed. "Someone can do an event and run with it if they want to."

LiveFeed St. Louis and LiveFeed Wash U. have plans to work closely together, but each is an entity of its own. The city organization will be the campus' support network, and each group will function to serve the same purpose but will hold independent events.

Amy Graham, director of operations of LiveFeed St. Louis, said, "The Wash. U. chapter will always be a unique example because of the natural collaboration with the city." But it's not stopping here. The organization

has major plans to expand. "I see us becoming a national organization in the next five years through campus chapters. It will virally spread," Graham said.

LiveFeed's current approach to its national development is hosting "battle of the cans" events at local high schools and presenting information about the program. Ideally, seniors will get excited about the organization and spread the information at their future respective college campuses. Graham said, "Anybody at any other university could set up a LiveFeed chapter. They would just need to get in contact with us, and we have a package of materials ready to go."

As of now, though, the Wash. U. chapter is trailblazing the first campus pathway to ending hunger through concerts and entertainment.

*If you are looking to become a part of this innovative and exciting precedent, e-mail Steve Kurtz at [steven@livefeed.org](mailto:steven@livefeed.org). If you would like to volunteer for LiveFeed St. Louis, e-mail Amy at [amy@livefeed.org](mailto:amy@livefeed.org).*

## Word on the Street

What unwritten book would you most like to read?



"A Child's Guide to Modern Interrogation Techniques."  
—Jason Anderson, senior



"Wars of Chocolate"—a work of fiction in which people shoot canons with flames of chocolate and people are boiled in chocolate."  
—Hunter Zupnick, senior



"A choose-your-own-adventure fantasy novel about a world with seven dimensions and no gravity."  
—Ellie Elster, junior and Kevin Banas, senior



"The Book of Answers: All of Them."  
—Sydney Rossman-Reich, freshman

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# Stepping Out

Kate Gallagher  
Scene Reporter

What do you think of when you hear the word "pi"? Math majors, engineers and pre-meds may begin to quickly rattle off the digits 3.14159—okay, that's as far as I remember. Meanwhile, foodies like me will inevitably think of lemon meringue or chocolate silk, or maybe fresh blueberries and pastry crusts. Yet, now when you hear someone say "pi," be prepared to think outside the box—unless you're thinking about a box of pizza.

When I told my suitemates that I'd never eaten Chicago-style pizza before, they flipped out. "You've never had Chicago-style pizza before?! Did you grow up in a remote cave?" No, I just grew up in Ohio. Jeez. The next question I asked, of course, was where I could find Chicago-style pizza in St. Louis. "We'll go to Pi!" they exclaimed, and that was the beginning of my love affair with the new pizza place located on the Loop.

With its specialty Chicago-style pizza and eco-chic atmosphere, Pi is not your typical St. Louis pizzeria. Waiters serve deep-dish cornmeal crust pizza, sporting shirts that say "Green is the new black." Pizza boxes have the recycling symbol on them, and organic drinks are offered.

When we arrived at Pi on a Saturday night around 7 p.m., it was hopping. The tables on the patio were full of patrons sharing large pans of pizza. To our dismay,

the host told us that there would be a 30 to 45-minute wait for a table. While we waited, I took in the atmosphere, noting the busy bar area, the hardwood floors and the white walls with black polka dots.

We were finally seated in a dining area away from the bar. It was still quite noisy, which I suppose was a testament to Pi's popularity. Our table was hardwood with no cloth, adding to the restaurant's casual feel. I sat on a wooden chair while my friends sat on a green wooden bench. The walls were painted a buttery yellow, and our napkins were checkered red and white. While this may seem like a strange hodgepodge of colors and designs, it really worked well, creating a hip, happy and vibrant atmosphere. Our waiter arrived quickly and took our drink orders. I decided to try the special organic iced tea. This unsweetened iced tea had a nice hint of mango flavor, but it was too bitter for me and no sugar was provided. Fortunately when I told the waiter I needed sugar, he rushed to get it for me.

Once our waiter explained that the pi'tites are an appetizer, we decided that we had to have them. The six pi'tites arrived on a long white plate. These delicious round morsels were made of fontina cheese blended with prosciutto and rolled in bread crumbs. Once I cut into them, the soft, creamy cheese spilled out. Dipped in a red marinara sauce, the pi'tites had a slightly smoky flavor with a hint of rosemary. What really made this appetizer stand out was the mix of textures between the crunchy

bread crumb outer layer and the creamy cheese inside. Need another reason to order the pi'tites? The waiter assured us that they're baked not fried, so they not only taste a lot better than Bear's Den mozzarella sticks, they're actually better for you too.

After we had finished our pi'tites, the pizzas arrived. At Pi, you have several different options in your pizza selection. They offer eight different specialty pizzas—four deep-dish style and four thin-crust style. You can order either a large or small size. You also have the option of creating your own pizza.

We decided to try the "western addition," "south side classico" and the "Lincoln Park." My personal favorite was the western addition. This pizza consisted of mozzarella, ricotta and feta cheese blended with spinach, mushrooms, onions and garlic. All of the ingredients tasted extra fresh. In case you're not familiar with Chicago-style pizza, let me explain that the cheese was on the bottom and the sauce was on the top. The deep red sauce consisted of chunks of tomato and was neither too sweet nor too sour. The pizza was packed with spinach, and the ricotta cheese offered a creamy texture, complementing the unique, gritty yet satisfying texture of the cornmeal crust. The garlic flavor was recognizable yet subtle.

The south side classico pizza was also a deep-dish specialty, which consisted of mozzarella, sausage, mushrooms, green bell peppers, onions and the same fresh tomato sauce. This one was not

quite as exciting as the western addition in my opinion, but it was still a very good, savory pizza. The thin-crust "Lincoln Park" had a completely different feel than the other two pizzas. It was very light with a crunchy crust and no sauce at all. It was topped with mozzarella, garlic olive oil, zucchini, fresh tomato slices, feta and fresh basil. The "Lincoln Park" was a nice complement to our heavier deep-dish pizzas and would be a wonderful choice on a hot day.

After all that pizza you'd think that we'd be ready to go home, but we couldn't leave Pi without trying dessert. Guess what it was? That's right—the only dessert Pi offers is pie. Made with the same cornmeal crust, they offer an apple pie as well as a seasonal pie. We decided to try the current seasonal pie, a peach pie. It was topped with a lattice crust and accompanied by creamy cinnamon ice cream. My suitemate and I are still debating whether the ice cream

was better than the pie; it's a close call.

All in all, we had a great night at Pi. I can safely say that the pizza was delicious. In fact, I had some of the leftovers for breakfast this morning. Is that weird? Maybe, but the pizza was just that good! So next time someone asks you about Pi, don't start reciting digits. Instead, wisely reply, "Ah, yes it's located on the Loop. Let's go this weekend. I hear they're also open for lunch."



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The "Lincoln Park" is one of the many unique pizzas served at Pi, the hip, eco-friendly pizza joint located on the loop.