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Social work school to debut new public health masters

Brittany Farb
Staff Reporter

After two years of planning, the George Warren Brown School of Social Work is accepting applications for its first master of public health class.

"We have been discussing and preparing for this new degree since 2007," said Edward Lawlor, dean of the School of Social Work and founding director of the Institute for Public Health. "It complements the work our faculty, alumni and social work students currently do, particularly in the areas of health prevention, social policy, health policy and community and mental health."

Future master of public health (MPH) students will take a group of core courses in behavioral health, biostatistics, environmental health, epidemiology and health policy and management.

"Public health focuses on such major topics such as HIV/AIDS, obesity and diabetes, cancer prevention, tobacco control, asthma, health literacy reform and disparities and Medicare and Medicaid policy," said Timothy McBride, professor and associate dean for public health at the Brown School. "These are some of the most urgent and fascinating topics of the day."

The program will also give students vital problem-solving skills

that they will need in the field.

"One of the more interesting aspects of our curriculum is a series of intensive seminars where students can explore a contemporary public health issue in depth and work through the issue from problem to solution," Lawlor said. "Some of the proposed topics include disaster preparedness and response, tobacco and obesity prevention and international health."

McBride also praised the program's pedagogical approach.

"At a time when the public health and health reform is foremost on everyone's minds, Washington University and the Brown School are poised to offer what will be an exciting, new curriculum in public health," McBride said. "Our curriculum will be innovative in how our students are taught, using an interdisciplinary approach."

After receiving an MPH degree, graduates go on to a wide range of careers at a variety of organizations.

"The MPH degree is designed to give students the skills needed to advance the health of specific populations and communities," Lawlor said. "People with this degree go on to a number of different careers, including leadership roles in the public and private sector organizations that aim to address

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DANIEL EICHLITZ | STUDENT LIFE

The Brown School of Social Work is now accepting applications for the new master of public health program.

Students: Brrr, it's cold in HIGE

Space heaters installed in Eliot; Myers loses hot water

Ben Sales
Senior News Editor

Hot air may be coursing through buildings on the Danforth Campus, but two dormitories on the South 40 have found themselves with heat deficiencies during the coldest days of the year.

Students in Myers Hall have been out of hot water for periods of several hours at a time since late last semester, and students there say that the cold-water periods have increased since the beginning of this semester, highlighted by an 18-hour break in hot water during Martin Luther King, Jr. Day weekend.

Students in Eliot House have also had to brave the cold, as their central heating system has not been able to accommodate their heating demands. To rectify the problem, the Office of Residential

Life (ResLife) has provided rooms with individual space heaters.

ResLife sent an e-mail to residents of Eliot Thursday saying that technicians are coming to the building to fix the system.

"You will see some workers from facilities working on the floor tonight and most likely tomorrow as well, and a contractor has been out today to look at the overall heating unit for the building," Residential College Director (RCD) Amy Baumgartner wrote in the e-mail.

An e-mail from the residential advisers (RAs) of Myers regarding the hot water outages, however, did not propose such solutions.

"To be perfectly honest guys, this might not be a problem that can be solved," Myers' RAs Eric Bragg and Anupam Kumar wrote. "We are talking with maintenance and our RCD about how to fix it. Please just hang tight and we will try to get it figured out. Everybody is having the same issue."

Bragg said that he had notified ResLife about the problem in December but has not seen any tangible response, even as the issues increase.

"We submitted maintenance

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S40 RAs get memory foam mattresses

Dan Woznica
Staff Reporter

Sleeping arrangements for residential advisers on the South 40 underwent a comfortable change last week when the Office of Residential Life replaced their mattresses with ones made of memory foam.

The new mattresses are part of a trial program that the Office of Residential Life (ResLife) is conducting as it considers future bedding possibilities.

"We're just trying different mattress options," said Scott Waggoner, facility and service coordinator at Residential Life.

Waggoner said the mattress trial comes in response to problems with the mattresses already in use in residential housing.

"The mattresses we have are not holding up or giving us the life that we need," Waggoner said.

According to Waggoner, dorm mattresses should ideally last be-

tween five and 10 years.

The University's current mattresses, however, have only been in place about two to three years.

"With sustainability and things like that, it's just not a good model," Waggoner said.

Waggoner said that memory foam mattresses, though more expensive, can last as long as 10 to 20 years.

"Depending on the quality and quantity, it goes up in price," he said.

Reception to the memory foam has been positive among residential advisers.

"It's more comfortable," said senior Sean Flanagan, a residential adviser (RA) on Lee 2. "It probably depends on the person, but I like it."

Flanagan was one of about 100 RAs on the South 40 who received a new mattress last week.

RAs were given the choice of opting out of the trial program.

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WATCH OUT FOR THAT SNOWBA!



MATT MITGANG | STUDENT LIFE

Students dropped their homework on Tuesday night to participate in a spontaneous snowball fight on the Swamp. More than 25 students took advantage of the six inches of snow that fell on campus.

Eating challah at Wash. U. helps others too



SAM GUZIK | STUDENT LIFE

Freshmen Hannah Shaffer and Elana Nemitoff prepare challah in Mudd Kitchen on Thursday night. The challah will be sold today in the DUC.

Lauren Olens
Staff Reporter

This Friday, some students will be preparing for the Jewish day of rest by selling bread and raising funds to feed the hungry.

Their group, Challah for Hunger, sells the traditional loaves eaten at Friday night Shabbat Dinner and donates the money to Jewish charities.

Challah for Hunger started in 2006 at Scripps College in California and now exists at more than 15 colleges nationwide. The University's chapter was established this year.

The object of the organization

is to have its chapters sell challah and raise not only money but also awareness of charities. Half of the money that each chapter raises goes to American Jewish World Services Sudan Relief Fund.

"This is a community service project that combines giving funds to charity with trying to spread the word about what's going in Darfur," said Hannah Shaffer, co-president of Challah for Hunger.

The other half of the proceeds go to an organization of each chapter's choice. The Wash. U. chapter elected to send their proceeds to the Kornblu food pantry in St. Louis. The group selected this organization so that Challah for Hunger could also make an impact locally.

"I think that's really nice because we're not just thinking about international concerns but we're also thinking about local concerns," Shaffer said. "There's a lot to do at home as well as abroad."

Freshmen Hannah Rabinowitz and Hannah Shaffer have worked hard this year to establish this program on campus. Rabinowitz, co-president of the chapter, took interest in this program when she was looking at schools, and upon arriving on campus, found out that the Jewish Student Union (JSU) wanted someone to start a chapter on campus.

"Both I and the two leaders of Challah for Hunger separate from each other wanted to start this initiative at Wash. U. We worked to-

gether to decide on the best way to go about starting the program on campus. The two leaders have taken the program and run with it once we worked out the details," Jessica Litwack, Hillel Jewish Campus Life Coordinator, said.

JSU then helped the leaders start the program, lending them the necessary money to start Wash. U.'s Challah for Hunger chapter.

"Our JSU has been a lot more supportive than any other one for a Challah for Hunger chapter. Anything we need help with they help," Rabinowitz said.

Even though this program just recent started at the University, it has already proven to be successful.

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Athletic Complex Field House, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Looking for a job or internship? Be sure to attend the Career Fair, where more than 85 companies will be searching for job candidates.

Suspicious of Whistlers performance
Labsci 300, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.
It's Suspicious of Whistlers' first performance of spring semester. See the group as they improvise in this free show.

SATURDAY 31

Lunar New Year Festival
Edison Theatre, 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday
Come watch the performance, accenting different Asian cultures, as we celebrate the Lunar New Year and the Year of the Ox.

SUNDAY 1

Super Bowl
NBC, 6 p.m.
Make sure to watch the Arizona Cardinals and the Pittsburgh Steelers compete in the 43rd Super Bowl. Or just watch Bruce Springsteen play in the halftime show.

newsbriefs

Campus

Recipients of Gephardt Institute grants revealed

The Community-Based Teaching and Learning Faculty Grants from the Gephardt Institute for Public Service have been announced. The program promotes a connection between academic learning and service activities. The grants offer funding to support curriculum development expenses. The recipients of the grants are Jeanenne M. Dallas, instructor of occupational therapy at the School of Medicine; Joachim Faust, lecturer in linguistics in Arts & Sciences; Guy Genin, associate professor of mechanical, aerospace and structural engineering; Judi McLean Parks, the Reuben C. and Anne Carpenter Taylor Professor of Organizational Behavior at the Olin Business School; Jodi Polzin, visiting assistant professor in the School of Architecture; Ruth Clark, assistant professor of physical therapy at the School of Medicine; and Victoria May, assistant dean for science outreach in Arts & Sciences. (Kelly Fahy)

National

Sticky situation in salmonella scare

The Peanut Corporation of America, located in Georgia, has recalled more products, including those produced as far back as January 2007. Salmonella in their products caused eight deaths and more than 400 illnesses, mostly in children. Initial tests concluded that products in the factory contained salmonella. They suspect substances were retested and found to be salmonella-free, but nothing was done to clean the factory in the meantime. The factory had mold growing on its ceilings and walls, holes that allowed easy rodent access to the factory and other health concerns. Additionally, the manufactured product was not kept away from the raw product, meaning the factory should not have been allowed to produce peanut butter at all. (Lauren Olens)

International

Somali pirates strike yet again

On Thursday, Somali pirates seized a German ship, making this their third capture of the year thus far. The capture occurred in the Gulf of Aden, now recognized as one of the most pirate-ridden parts of the world. Last year, the Somali pirates stole approximately \$50 million in money and goods. Many worry that the pirates' continued aggression could bring result in a higher total this year. (Kelly Fahy and Lauren Olens)

International (cont.)

French strike due to nervous economy

With French unemployment rates expected to reach 10 percent this coming year, many citizens of France are demanding that President Sarkozy stop focusing on cutting costs and instead work on protecting jobs. The most visible demonstrations of these demands was a strike. The unions approximate that more than 2.5 million workers attended the strike, but police think there were only 1 million workers present. The strikes disrupted transport services, including trains in Paris and the Orly airport, as well as schools, hospitals and post offices. Sarkozy has decided to respond and will meet with many business leaders and union groups next month to determine a mutually beneficial response to the economic crisis. (Lauren Olens)

End to world hunger in sight?

University of California-Davis Professor Pamela Ronald and her research team have made a discovery that may change the world. The researchers have dedicated a decade of work to a project that has finally come to fruition: They have discovered a rice strain capable of surviving floods for up to 17 days. The typical rice strain dies after three days in such conditions. The team used a technique known as precision breeding, which has proven successful in improving the flood-resistant ability of typical rice strains. Less developed countries currently lose significant amounts of rice to flooding each year. The research team expects the flood-resistant rice to be available to farmers in less developed countries within two years. (Kelly Fahy)

policebeat

LARCENY—Jan. 27, 2009, 11:53 a.m.
Location: PARKING LOT #4
Summary: Complainant reported his license tabs were stolen. A suspect was taken into custody for stealing license tabs on Jan. 22.
Disposition: Pending further investigation.

TRESPASSING—Jan. 27, 2009, 1:42 a.m.
Location: MALLINCKRODT CENTER
Summary: Officers responded on a report of a suspicious subject in a lower level restroom. Subject was identified as having previously been warned against being on the property.
Disposition: Cleared by arrest.

LOST ARTICLE—Jan. 28, 2009, 1:22 a.m.
Location: POLICE DEPARTMENT
Summary: Complainant reported a lost

ID card which was then deactivated
Disposition: Cleared.

TRESPASSING—Jan. 28, 2009, 11:20 a.m.
Location: ATHLETIC COMPLEX
Summary: Suspicious person call resulted in the arrest of a subject who had previously been warned about being on campus. Subject was released on a citation.
Disposition: Cleared by arrest.

LOST ARTICLE—Jan. 29, 2009, 12:35 a.m.
Location: UNDESIGNATED AREA OFF CAMPUS
Summary: Wash. U. student lost her cell phone on the MetroLink and an unknown subject found the phone, volunteering to return it for a reward. Disposition: Pending.

Perspective

THE CLASSIC JOHNNY CHANG



by Johnny Chang

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Freshman Hannah Shaffer, on the difficulties of baking challah

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Greek recruitment continues to grow

John Scott
News Editor

Continuing the upward trend of the past several years, fraternity and sorority recruitment saw unprecedented numbers this year.

Washington University's 12 fraternities and seven sororities all recruit new members in the spring and, this year, hundreds of students turned out for both men's and women's recruitment activities.

According to junior Michelle Beasley, former president of the Women's Panhellenic Association (WPA), more than 300 women registered for 2009 formal recruitment, more than any previous year.

In addition, more are expected to participate in recruitment for Alpha Omicron Pi (AOII), the University's newest sorority.

Beasley wrote in an e-mail to *Student Life* that having sorority recruitment before students return for the spring semester keeps the recruitment process from compet-

ing with other commitments.

"Having formal recruitment before the start of the spring semester allows women the chance to focus on the sorority recruitment process and is successful because it does not compete with classes, other group meetings, or campus events that take place during the semester," Beasley wrote.

Women who were not able to return to campus before the start of classes for recruitment but were still interested in joining a sorority had a unique opportunity this year because AOII conducted its recruiting in January, after classes started.

AOII did not recruit at the same time as the other six sororities and has held colonization events throughout January to recruit new members; on Thursday, AOII extended bids to more than 60 students of all classes.

Junior Adam Yasinow, recruitment chair for the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity (TKE), said that holding fraternity recruitment during the semester is a different ex-

perience than sorority recruitment held during winter break.

"The whole structure is completely different. You look at women's recruitment and they're required to go to every chapter, you couldn't possibly do that with the 12 fraternities here on campus," Yasinow said. "I like the fact that it's open and during the school week as opposed to coming in early."

Yasinow added that having men return early for recruitment could deter some from wanting to participate and that having the activities after classes allows chapters to get an idea of who would be likely to join the fraternity.

"You're looking for guys who are willing to prioritize your fraternity, and rush is very noncommittal, but you make time for things that you want to do. Because in general men's rush is a lot of fun events, you're going to make time as a freshman to go to these events, so it's really not too much of a competition," Yasinow said.

Yasinow said that recruitment

activities are meant to be fun and not be a burden on participants.

"I understand that there are some activities that are mandatory for people to go to, but because the event aren't sit down and talk, it's more like 'Hey, come play laser tag with us,' generally people are excited and they'll make time for it," Yasinow said.

The trend in men's recruitment is the same as that for women's recruitment with more people expressing interest each year, according to Yasinow.

"Numbers for fraternity rush I believe have been going up in recent years and each chapter has their own goals. As far as the way rush has gone so far this year, it has been a lot easier to get people in the house and to events," Yasinow said.

Both fraternity and sorority recruitment are guided by sets of regulations that apply to each chapter.

Coordinator for Chapter Development Lucy Morlan wrote in an e-mail that in order to participate

in formal or informal women's recruitment, participants must have a 2.5 GPA or higher.

Similar to rules on other campuses, prospective members are not allowed to drink alcohol with fraternity or sorority members, and exchanging gifts is prohibited.

Morlan wrote that the WPA developed the rules with the guidance of the Greek Life Office (GLO) and National Panhellenic Council. WPA enforces the rules through its judicial process.

Men's recruitment follows similar rules that are determined by the Interfraternity Council.

According to Morlan, while GLO assists by guiding the process if needed, it is the chapters that determine how recruitment is structured through the WPA.

"It really is WPA that is driving the entire process and because each individual chapter has a delegate that serves on WPA that means that it is actually all of our chapters that put these events on by working together," Morlan wrote.

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requests that, to be honest, I don't even know if anyone answered or not," he said. "In the past couple of weeks it's been so sporadic and problematic for everybody that everybody started sending me lots of e-mails."

Bragg's and Kumar's e-mail advises students to "shower at random times throughout the day when not many other people are showering."

Some residents of Myers are losing patience with the maintenance staff, saying that the limited availability of hot water has affected their schedules.

"It's getting very inconvenient for us—we have to schedule our time around taking a shower," sophomore Dan Caldera, a resident of Myers 2, said. "I'm not sure exactly what ResLife is doing about it, if anything."

Senior Robert Sweatt, Caldera's roommate, said that he has never experienced this problem during his four years of living on the South 40, though he has lived in an old dormitory before.

"I've been on the 40 all four years and this is the first time I've experienced anything like this," he said. "It never happened in Beaumont."

While students in Eliot, by contrast, have said that the space heaters have offset the breakdown in the heating system, those may be prone to problems. Freshman Tom Shull's space heater broke last week. He said that the heat has been broken for weeks.

"The suite across the hall had dropped to the 50s by time they got the space heaters," he said. "I understand that there's going to be problems like that, but it would be nice if stuff could be fixed in a decent amount of time."

As residents wait for their heat to return, Bragg says that the best solution is to cope with the situation as it is.

"Obviously everybody wants hot water. I want it too," he said. "If you shower at one o'clock in the afternoon or late at night there's hot water, because nobody else is taking any of it."

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Those who chose to participate had their beds removed by student workers between Tuesday and Thursday of last week.

"We chose the RAs because it was just easier," Waggoner said. "We could monitor what rooms had them."

According to Waggoner, the RAs' used mattresses were put into storage after removal.

"They're going to be reused and recycled in our buildings," he said.

According to Waggoner, the same protocol would be followed again later if the University chose to provide memory foam to all students living in residential housing.

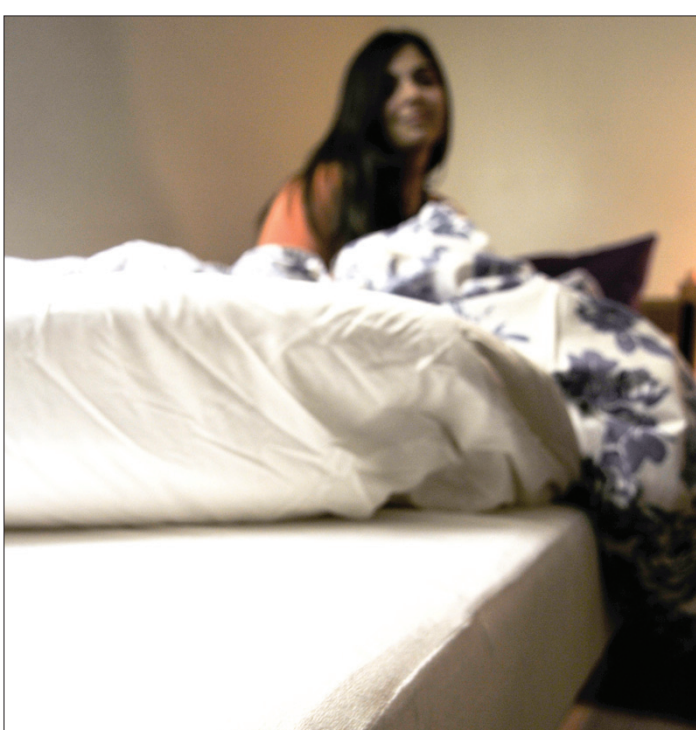
"They would be donated or recycled," Waggoner said. "They wouldn't just get thrown into landfills."

Regarding the possibility of a campus-wide switch to memory foam, Waggoner said that ResLife will wait until results from the trial program have been collected and further analyzed.

Furthermore, says Waggoner, the mattress exchange would be a gradual one.

"Whatever mattress we would decide to go with would be phased in," he said. "It wouldn't be just a total changeover. We have a furniture model that we follow."

As for how soon residents can expect this potential phase-in, Waggoner said that much of the



Aysha Saied, one of the RAs of the Dauten dorm, shows off her new mattress.

decision will be based on student feedback.

"There's a lot of decisions that have to be made," he said. "You guys drive a lot of it."

Senior Michael Rodriguez, who lives in Millbrook, said he is open to the idea of new memory foam mattresses but is concerned about the implications of the

switch.

"I don't think it's a bad thing if they upgrade the beds," Rodriguez said. "The only problem I would have with it would be if the beds were expensive enough that they affected the University's finances after it's lost 25 percent of its endowment."

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such challenges as HIV/AIDS, diabetes, obesity, cancer prevention or health policy."

McBride and Lawlor were involved in the two-year planning process. According to McBride, many factors must be considered before offering an academic program such as this at a major university.

"The faculty and administrators have to work on planning out the courses and how to structure the program," McBride said. "Attention also has to be paid to planning for recruiting and admitting students, and how to serve them once they arrive. There are a great deal of things to consider."

Although undergraduates have had the opportunity to minor in public health for several years, the program's founders felt that there was a growing need to offer an MPH program.

"Introduction to Public Health was a great class," junior Evan

Blank said. "It was packed and I think that everyone was really interested in it and now there are a lot of people asking about it. There is a lot of interest in public health on campus."

At this point, the Brown School is planning to enroll approximately 50 students in their first year class.

"The admissions team is working to educate current and prospective students about our program," Lawlor said. "We want to make sure our new students have a positive experience with our new program and with the University overall."

The Brown School will host a special half-day "Focus on MPH" event on Feb. 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Brown Hall lounge.

More information about the program is available at www.gwbweb.wustl.edu/Admissions/MPH/Pages/MPHLanding.aspx.

CHALLAH from page 1

ful. "Aside from a few yeast glitches, we've been pretty successful," Shaffer said.

The group has sold challah for the last two weeks, selling out both times.

So far they have sold challah in plain, chocolate, cinnamon sugar and chocolate cinnamon sugar flavors, costing four to six dollars each depending on the flavor.

Rabinowitz and Shaffer said they are even thinking of trying a new flavored challah—jalapeño.

Baked in Park-Mudd each week, the challah are kosher and parve—meaning that they contain no dairy or meat. The kitchens are cleaned each time before the challah are baked.

By the end of the semester, the group is expecting to raise 200 to 300 dollars each week, donating \$1000 to their charity.

Eli Winkelman, the founder of Challah for Hunger, is impressed with the chapter's early success.

"Every time I talk to [Winkelman] she's really shocked by how we've made, how much we've sold

and how excited everyone is to hear about it," Rabinowitz said.

Additionally, the Wash. U. community seems quite enthusiastic about this new organization.

"We've both been really surprised about how positive the reception has been just because there's so many things to do on campus and it's amazing to me how excited people are about the project," Shaffer said.

Needless to say, Challah for Hunger is an immense amount of work for Rabinowitz and Shaffer. They go shopping for the ingredients, make the dough, knead the dough, bake the challah, set up shifts to sell it and place fliers around campus.

"It's more work than I could have ever imagined, but it's so much fun," Shaffer said.

Anyone who is interested in volunteering for the organization should e-mail washu@challahforhunger.org.

The group will be selling challah in the DUC from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday.

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Tess Croner
Forum Editor

I'm not typically a religious person, but I always pray on planes. It's usually a combination of begging for some kind of divine protection and making a case for my value as a human being. I've long since ceased making promises that I can't or won't keep—the failed middle school pledge to diligently practice my French horn could have backfired big time (I hear divine retribution can be nasty). I'm not sure what it is about planes that compels me to plead with the higher powers. Perhaps it's feeling so entirely helpless, so at the mercy of things outside of my control. My attempts to wrangle with the forces that be are, in my mind, my own small means of risk aversion. I'm a girl who covers her bases (especially at 30,000 feet).

So when I was flying home through the snowstorm a few nights ago, I got to thinking about risk. Sometimes it feels like a big chunk of my life is spent in some form of risk avoidance. And yet, the things that scare me most (plane travel) are only a fraction as risky as everyday things like driving a car or breathing in the cigarette fumes at Blue Hill. Apparently I'm not that great at per-

ceiving and measuring danger. When I'm taking off in a plane, my palms are sweating and my mind is silently racing with prayers and pleadings, but my fear is irrational (and I know it). Sometimes I get frustrated with myself—the world offers me so many terrifying and very real things to be afraid of, but here I am, stuck shaking in my boots for all the wrong reasons. I wonder how many times I've been held back avoiding some risk that wasn't even that risky in the first place.

That's where risk assessment before risk avoidance becomes important. I feel like we should try to understand and quantify risk before we take great leaps to avoid it. Of course, this is easier said than done; the other day, my roommate and I were trapped in the back hallway of our apartment because a fuzzy gray spider was chilling on the kitchen countertop. At the time, the perceived risks of approaching and squashing said spider were far too much to bear. Objectivity and fear often fail to go hand in hand.

Arachnids aside, avoidance usually (and unnecessarily) just holds us back. I'm so often afraid of things I can't control, and at the same time I want so badly to be able to control those fears. (Yes, I have a control issue or two). Over time, I've constructed my own ideas about what's risky and what's safe. Sticking so rigidly to these impressions created by fear has, at times, made me feel justified in sitting out on new experiences that are a few steps (or more) outside my comfort zone. I for one am ready to reassess the risks in my life. I'd like to expand my horizons a centimeter or two. Maybe it's time for some (relatively) risky business.

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The criminalization of success

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Earlier this week, I was saddened to read a story concerning a girls' basketball team in Texas. Though I typically write about political topics, I found this cultural story to be representative of a broader trend in America that needs to be addressed. While I disagree with the reasons why Phil Gramm called the United States "a nation of whiners," he may have been on to a greater truth. It seems as if no one is allowed to lose in America anymore. Furthermore, those who are successful are often cast as insensitive and greedy. No longer are people allowed to reap the benefits of their hard work and practice for fear that they may offend those less prepared to compete.

In a recent high school basketball game, the Covenant School defeated Dallas Academy 100-0. After the victory, the administrator of the Covenant School, Kyle Queal, called the win "shameful" and an "embarrassment." Queal forced the students to forfeit their victory and then went on to fire the head coach of the team for allowing such a "dishonorable" win to occur. According to the administrator, the coach should have ended the game prematurely once it was recognized that the opponent lacked any chance of success.

In this situation, an unfortunate lesson was taught to both the winning and losing team. The message sent by Queal's actions was clear: It

is wrong to win big, and it is horrible to lose. Neither of these statements is true, yet they have permeated American society and threatened the very ideals on which our nation was founded. In a capitalist system, risk and effort are and should be rewarded. Victories, especially large ones, are the proper reward for the time invested in preparing for a particular endeavor. Conversely, failure is punished, though in a beneficial way. Failure allows people to recognize the ways in which they have poorly invested their resources. Only from failure can people learn how to better themselves and more thoughtfully prepare for future attempts. Disrupting this system risks obscuring the efficiencies in human action and camouflaging unwise practices as prudent.

In a world where poorly-managed companies are bailed out, successful entrepreneurs are prosecuted for driving out competition, wealthy individuals are penalized by progressive income taxes, savers are robbed through inflation, and spenders are padded by retiring on public aid, it is clear that success has become treason in an empire of mediocrity. Mistakes are no longer learning experiences, but rather misfortunes to be avoided at all costs. It is no longer understood that both uninhibited victory and failure are essential parts of a balanced system. So long as this reality is ignored, our future advancement will remain in doubt.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

ResLife response to dorm problems inadequate

When comparing housing prices, it is clear that Residential Life housing costs significantly more than an off-campus apartment. While the added cost comes with benefits such as basic furniture, utilities, housekeeping and emergency maintenance, recent actions by the Office of Residential Life (ResLife) have called into question its effectiveness, dedication to quality and sense of caring for Washington University housing.

Eliot House, rebuilt for the 2005-2006 school year, is already dated thanks to a careless oversight. Residents on the third floor complained about the lack of heat their units provided, a complaint to which ResLife responded by issuing each room a space heater, since the heating units on the floor were too small to provide sufficient heat. While space heaters in rooms have added the necessary heat,

they prove that ResLife is willing to violate its own policies in order to save money and deflect guilt.

ResLife policy states that any appliance with open-coil heating elements is forbidden in dorm rooms. This includes toasters, space heaters, hot plates and, by extension of this policy, halogen lamps. These appliances are all outlawed due to fire risk, and for good reason. All of them, especially space heaters, cause many deaths and injuries yearly due to their propensity to catalyze fires; while newer space heaters have smaller coils, they still pose this risk. Furthermore, many space heaters emit a small but not insignificant amount of carbon monoxide, causing many individuals to open windows a crack when using them. Since ResLife is very aware of these risks and has policies to mitigate them, it is shocking that ResLife has acted so hypocritically in solving the Eliot heat problem.

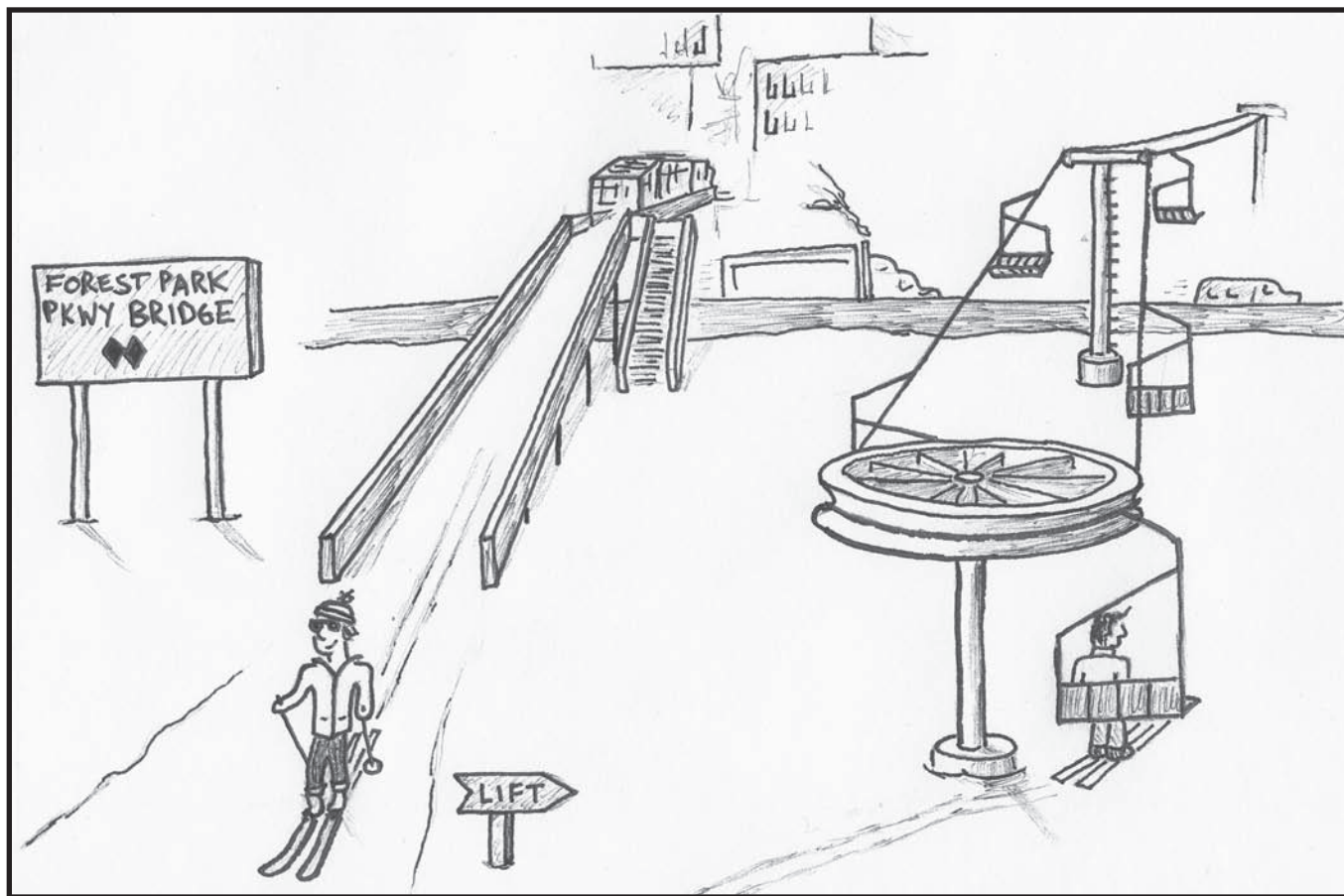
Equally shocking is the treatment of the hot water problem in Myers Hall. The dorm has lost hot water almost daily since before winter break, with the furnace becoming less and less reliable. Hot water has been unavailable for periods as long as 14 hours, and while Myers has not lost hot water since Tuesday morning, residents are just awaiting the inevitable. Numerous complaints were issued to ResLife about the sporadic hot water, but according to the Myers maintenance staff, the staff was initially instructed to simply reset the boiler whenever the hot water died. As a result, the ever-weakening boiler continues to leave Myers residents without hot water for longer and longer increments of time, a problem which, according to Myers' residential advisers, "might not be a problem that can be solved."

Heat technicians were on campus Thursday, but Myers lost

hot water starting before winter break. This kind of passiveness exhibited by ResLife is unacceptable. ResLife professes to have quality maintenance staff that responds rapidly to arising issues, yet the Myers hot water has yet to be fixed, while a short-term, hypocritical fix has been employed for the heat on Eliot 3.

Given the fact that one Myers suite costs \$46,148 per year for its residents, and a double room in Eliot costs \$18,492, ResLife must be held accountable for fixing problems that occur and for building fully-functional dorms. We must ask if ResLife has its priorities in line, since the beautiful edifices and plush common room decorations that grace all new dorms are downright wasteful unless the basic essentials, such as heat and hot water, are fully functional and any problems are addressed quickly and professionally.

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Why I will never join Facebook

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Staff Columnist

As one of the few remaining college students on the planet to resist joining Facebook, I am frequently harassed by others who want me to make a profile. The more times I hear it, the more unwilling I am to comply. Admittedly, I cannot speak from personal experience, as I have never had a Facebook account. However, as I acknowledge my own bias, I will offer an underrepresented opinion on Facebook's detrimental social value.

My primary issue with Facebook is that it perpetuates a mindset that values appearances above content. Undeniably, the Facebook profile presents a distorted image of the user based on

their pictures and comments. Because Facebook users judge their "friends" by their profiles, they correctly assume that they will be judged in return. This leads to self-consciousness and obsession over the profile. While these attributes vary in degrees between users, the clear effects become obvious in the too-frequent situations where someone begins taking pictures and spontaneously interjects, "OMG I have the perfect name for this album!" At this point, the pressure to compile the perfect profile image spills over from the online façade to real life: An addiction is evident, as the user cannot help but exclaim how he/she will portray his/her real life experience in the online realm. Facebook also encourages people to center views of themselves relative to their conceptions of their peers. Comparing users' friend counts and comments

reinforces social pressures and develops a middle school concept of popularity.

Facebook was designed based on the idea that people could create alternative personas to present ideal versions of themselves to the world. Apparently, this disguise is in high demand. Hiding behind their profiles, people can physically alter their page to create a masked identity based on social pressures that define how they should be perceived. Not only does this inhibit individuality, but it also sucks users into a world where they are living pointlessly through an intermediary. Similarly, addictive online games like World of Warcraft allow gamers to build false social networks and alternative identities in order to deny their true personalities. While a Facebook profile does not provide an alter-ego to the extent that World of Warcraft does, it

similarly masks the user behind his/her desired traits.

The problem with this simulated existence is that it is not fulfilling or productive. Facebook, as a distraction for users to avoid reconciling with their true identities, is just another demonstration of our desensitized mindsets as products of our technically complicated, yet emotionally simplistic, commodity-driven society. Facebook offers a distraction from real life: Instead of dealing with reality, Facebook users prefer an addictive time waster that allows them an escape. It is a shallow distraction from analyzing real issues, as well as a great procrastination tool.

Some argue that Facebook offers a good strategy to stay in touch with high school friends. If that means stalking what these

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Final thoughts on the Bush presidency



FOR SOME REASON, MY INTENDED ROUTE DIDN'T MATCH UP WITH THE DIRECTIONS ON THAT ROAD MAP. HOPE YOU CAN FIGURE IT OUT.

SNOW POWERS | STUDENT LIFE

Brian Price
Staff Columnist

If you didn't know any better, you'd think you were watching a basketball game in which the opposing team's best player had just fouled out. The crowd jeered the hated enemy while harshly telling him to go home, and upon his exit, mockingly serenaded him with "Nah nah nah, hey hey, good-bye." He left the city defeated, ears filled with the sound of endless applause for his rival. Upon returning home, loyal fans assured him that he had played a good game—it was the officiating that had been bad, the crowd naturally biased against him. The President—the former President—nodded his head, agreeing with them as he confidently told himself that in time people would realize they had made a mistake. In time they would come to appreciate what he had done.

Yes, George W. Bush's time in Washington is seen by most as an unmitigated failure and there is much evidence to corroborate such a view. He was handed a healthy surplus and left office with an enormous debt. He became President in the midst of relative peace and limited foreign

intervention, yet exited with the country engaged in two wars. He, along with his cronies, helped create a domestic and foreign perception of the United States government as both corrupt and inept. Based on this, it would seem that were we to close the books now and officially declare Bush's impact on history to be finished, it could very well be that he was, in fact, the worst president America has ever had, and one of the worst leaders the world has ever seen.

But history's a funny thing, and over time the villain is vindicated or the hero made into the goat. Consider not so long ago, when Bush's response to the attacks of September 11 garnered him the highest approval rating since the Gallup Poll was introduced. He was hailed as the liberator who freed the Afghani people from the authoritarian rule of the Taliban and everyone was certain it would only be a matter of time before Osama bin Laden was captured and brought to justice. Yet nearly eight years later, despite the fact that since September 11 there has not been a terrorist attack on U.S. soil, people seem to believe (maybe rightly so, and maybe not) that the war on terror has only heightened Muslim animosity toward

the United States and strengthened the resolve of the country's enemies.

There have, of course, been more absolute failures. No one can possibly look at the economy and say that it hasn't gotten significantly worse under Bush's watch, yet in time perhaps new factors not in his control may come to the forefront as responsible for the collapse. And what if the Obama administration doesn't

“But history's a funny thing, and over time the villain is vindicated or the hero made into the goat.”

make everything better? People will be patient for a time, but if the Democrats don't begin to produce results then undoubtedly clamor will begin for the Republicans to come and save us. How quickly we forget...

In closing, I'd like to make it clear that I do not expect history

to exonerate George W. Bush. While I view attempts by ultra-liberals to press criminal charges against Bush and his inner circle as nothing more than publicity-driven nonsense, the former president and those around him did set a number of harmful precedents for obedience (or rather lack of it) toward the Constitution. Any leader who makes radical and often unauthorized alterations to a more than 200-year-old code of conduct is certain to go down in history, and the fact that so many of these actions resulted in disaster makes it practically impossible for the Bush administration to be seen as anything but a failure.

Someday people may change their minds and decide that George W. Bush was not in fact a complete and total failure. He may one day be seen as only a qualified failure or a misunderstood victim of a myriad of factors beyond his control—something like that. History will never, however, judge the United States to have become better off as a result of the presidency of George W. Bush.

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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS with Caleb Posner

Whaling to prosperity

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Tough times call for tough measures, or so the saying goes. And few would dispute that in pure economic terms, we are just beginning what promises to be the toughest of times since the governmentally-caused Great Depression. Hard-hit as the United States may be, our financial position is downright desirable to certain European nations who are suffering far more severely. Chief among these is the Nordic nation of Iceland, which has seen a 35 percent decline in currency value against the Euro since September, and whose economy is forecasted to shrink 9.6 percent in 2009. Fixing its economy is no simple task and will take years of prudent fiscal policy under the best of circumstances. As part of its plan to stimulate the economy, Iceland's outgoing government has decided to raise the the whaling quota cap.

In 2006, Iceland became the third nation, after Norway and Japan, to legalize commercial whaling. But the cap was set quite low, allowing only 30 minke and nine fin whales per year to be hunted and sold. With the economy hurting as it is, the quotas were altered to allow 100

minke and 150 fin whales to be hunted and sold every year for the next five years. Unsurprisingly, those who object to whaling are up in arms about this recent news, decrying what they consider to be an indecent move given that fin whales are endangered and minke whales are classified as "lower risk." So this raises two questions. First, is whaling a defensible and potentially legitimate practice? Second, if so, do the conditions of Iceland's economy justify this pro-whaling change in law?

“Legislating to protect only those animals we regard as special in some intangible way is absurd.”

Excluding the lunatic fringe such as PETA leadership or members of the ALF, which has been classified as a terrorist organization, most humans recognize a supremacy of species. That is, it is understood that humans are of

greater consequence than other animals. It is for this reason that medical testing, which might cause large-scale animal death, is performed. Similarly, it is why we remove dangerous animals from society by putting them to sleep. And of course, like so many other animals, we eat those lower down on the food chain. Or, as the conditions may warrant, we use them in fur and leather products. Why, then, should whales be in a protected class of animals that cannot be treated as their position on the food chain would dictate? Rarity is hardly a sufficient cause, for indeed if there is a market demand for whale products, there is every reason to believe that those companies profiting from it will ensure population stability through innovative means. One example of such means would be the whale farming proposal that has created quite a buzz in Japan in recent years. The only other argument, then, is their supposed majesty. But the prospect of legislating to protect only those animals we regard as special in some intangible way is absurd, and not something that any rational person would dare propose. Accordingly, one must conclude that whaling is a reasonable and defensible practice that can have a place in society if market forces require it,

which whale meat sales in Iceland and Japan suggest they do.

Recognizing that whaling is a valid economic activity, the question of how appropriate the decision of Iceland's government to raise the caps is, becomes much simpler to address. The practice itself not an issue, so the chief consideration here is the impact it will have. An additional 300 seasonal jobs will need to be created in light of the new quotas, which is of great value considering the tiny population (319,000) and the relatively low unemployment rate (4.8 percent). Moreover, because it is an industry restricted to just three nations, this change in policy allows Iceland to become an even more important force in commercial whaling, which will have a tangible impact on the nation's GDP. As one of the countries hit hardest by this global economic slump, the importance of taking actions with real and immediate financial benefit cannot be overlooked. And though this alone cannot save Iceland's floundering economy, this small step signals a serious effort to fix the problem, and will ultimately aid in the nation's recovery.

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Make senate your voice

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Op-Ed Submission

Last week, Student Union Senate launched its renewed efforts to connect with the student body through Senate Outreach Week. The week included tabling, personal senator e-mails, a South 40 construction forum in the DUC and, most importantly, active efforts to gather student input on a wide range of issues. We discovered that students want everything from improvements in campus security, to more sustainability efforts from the administration akin to the bottled water ban, to bringing sesame chicken and mashed potatoes back to the DUC. To everyone who took part, thank you for responding so enthusiastically and showing us how much you care about Wash. U. In total, we gathered more than 200 specific suggestions that we will use to determine our priorities for this semester and beyond.

However, the process has only just begun. Even though Outreach Week has now passed, it is critical that the dialogue between Senate and students remains open. As senators, our role is to ensure that the administration implements policies that students want. We meet frequently with a wide array of administrators and strongly influence their decisions on a range of issues, from academic affairs to dining. For example, Senate has played a major role in the recent bottled water ban, the changes to the kosher meal plan, and the forthcoming Arts & Sciences alumni mentoring program.

While we have been very successful during the past year, we have not fulfilled one of our most important responsibilities: actively gauging what the students want and ensuring we make those things happen. A major reason that the three of us became senators was a desire to make students more aware of what

Senate does and how to utilize Senate to express their concerns. We should not be viewed as a mysterious entity making decisions and recommendations, isolated from the student body. A primary goal of Outreach Week was to build the connection between Senate and the student body, and we're still working hard to improve that relationship. Throughout this semester, we will be using new, more structured ways to connect with students. These include monthly personal senator e-mails, efforts to reach out through the separate academic schools, and increased transparency through the new SU Web site, where senators are blogging about ongoing projects and meetings with administrators. Senators truly want to hear your input, and we want to focus on the issues that you care about. The more we hear from students, the more accurately we can advocate on your behalf.

Over the semester, respond to a personal e-mail from your senator. Tell the person wearing that maroon SU Senate T-shirt what food you'd rather have in the DUC. Comment on blog posts on the SU Web site regarding the proposed changes to executive committees, which include groups like KWUR and Team 31. Come to our meetings and participate in our discussions (every Wednesday at 9 p.m. in DUC 276). Take a small amount of time to give us your opinion, and you can play a critical role in making Wash. U. better for everyone. With your help, we can more effectively implement the changes that you want and make Senate a more representative advocate for the student body. Senate should be your voice. Both students and their senators can work together to make that happen.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Snow way!

Dear Editor,

The director of St. Louis City Streets has asked the residents of St. Louis to stay home: The roads are packed with snow, and plows have, at best, managed to keep the interstates mostly drivable. The rest of St. Louis, especially South City, is snowed in.

Every other educational institution has, reasonably and rightly, closed. Yet, once again, Washington University has not.

Last February, I wrote and you published a letter rebuking the University for its snow policies. I stayed at home on that day, but I did come to campus the next time it snowed, a few days later. And on the way home, my bus lost control, slid, and wrecked in the snow. None were hurt, but all were shaken.

I am not coming to campus today.

As a student, I have a choice about coming to campus and attending class. I can simply choose not to. However, as an employee of Wash. U., I don't quite have this choice. Most Wash. U. employees do not have this luxury at all. Wash. U. policy requires such employees to come to work when the University is open: "If, due to inclement weather, employees feel they cannot safely drive to work, or must leave prior to the regularly scheduled time, the supervisor may permit the employee to use vacation time." Notice that: a) The supervisor may choose not to permit the employee to use vacation time, and b) the employee must pay a price to avoid an unnecessary risk. The administration effectively requires employees to come to campus, but washes their hands of any ill that may come it. This attitude is—at minimum—disrespectful of the employees.

By insisting on staying open in such dangerous weather, and effectively requiring that employees come to work (or take a vacation day if their supervisor approves), Wash. U. is putting their employees at severe but avoidable risk. Moreover, this is not an isolated incident: Over the past many years, Wash. U. has consistently made the very same decision when other schools haven't hesitated to close.

This pattern of behavior is grossly irresponsible.

The administration is sending a clear message that it does not care about the safety and well-being of its employees by requiring them to attempt travel in dangerous conditions, and I find this attitude disgusting.

Don Goodman-Wilson

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"friends" are doing and who is writing on their walls, I guess it works. But any relationship that is forged online in this way, where the "friend" is not worth a phone call, is a weak relationship that is probably not worth pursuing. The idea that people can keep in touch via Facebook is a result of society's increasingly distant notion of developing relationships and emotional bonds with other people. As technology advances and our lives become more complex, less emphasis is placed on social circumstances. We seek ways to avoid confrontation, and because Facebook is so impersonal, people use it to escape awkward encounters, thus

weakening social skills as they apply to reality.

Since Facebook encourages judgment and self-consciousness and constitutes a technique to avoid reality, its perceived benefits are in no way worth the stress, not to mention the unnecessary drama resulting from misinterpreted messages. While I cannot deny Facebook's practical organization in regard to scheduling group events, somehow my social life survives without it. If I can live without it, I guarantee you can too.

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Life After... The AFI 100 Years... 100 Movies



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The world was a very different place for movie lovers in 1998. DVDs were but a whisper, digital downloads were just a silly dream and the Academy Awards still felt comfortable nominating popular movies. While I could wax nostalgic on the many delightful hours I spent in the late '90s wandering my local video store's aisles, I concede that it's a lot easier and more fulfilling, ultimately, to spend that time with my Netflix queue. Between IMDb, Wikipedia and the Netflix recommendation system (why yes, I would like to rent "My Left Foot," how did you know?) I know exactly what movies I want to see and which ones society thinks I should see. But back in my movie buff salad days I had one real guide on my path toward movie knowledge nirvana: the AFI.

The American Film Institute's list of what they considered to be the 100 best American films of all time upset many, even when it was first released. Some complained that their perspective was all wrong, nominating mostly movies from 1950-1979, practically ignoring the silent, golden and modern eras of moviemaking. Others thought the idea of a list ranking the best movies was ridiculous from the outset. Chicago Reader critic

Jonathan Rosenbaum wrote that ranking the films in order of quality was "tantamount to ranking oranges over apples or declaring cherries superior to grapes."

While both arguments are valid (the AFI even released a revised list in 2007 addressing in many ways the former complaint), both miss the great positive impact of such a list. Sure the list was flawed but it gave me a diving board into the vast, constantly teeming ocean of film history. It was my personal movie scorecard; each film checked off a testament to my growing cultural knowledge. Before the list's debut I had seen six of the top 35 movies on the list, but by 1999 I could brag that I had seen 24 of the 35 top movies of all time. I realize now that Rosenbaum was right, and pretending that "Citizen Kane" is fundamentally better than "Lawrence of Arabia," "Star Wars" or "Pulp Fiction" is pompous at best. I also have grown to realize that not only are the rankings misguided, but the best of American cinema isn't even fully represented there. Sure, all the classics are on the list (and life isn't really complete without having seen "Casablanca" or "Bringing up Baby") but it ignores small, interesting films in favor of Oscar winners and grand epics. Terrance Malick, Jim Jarmusch and John Carpenter need not apply. But just as I spent my time in high school English reading Shakespeare, Dickens and George Orwell, my teenage years were filled with images from Chaplin,

Ford and Kubrick. I would discover Vladimir Nabokov and Wim Wenders in college.

With this list, an entire generation was given a treasure trove of knowledge, or at least a map with all the spots clearly marked. While technology has played a major part, the spread of cinephiles beyond their old enclaves in big city revival houses and Film 101 classes can at least be partly attributed to the AFI's strong emphasis on lists. Sure, most didn't agree with the list, but they sure as hell got busy watching all the movies on it so their criticisms would be informed.

These days I've seen 86 of the AFI 100 and 34 of the top 35 (sorry, "Gone With the Wind," no time for love). More important than that for me and for the world at large is that the lists have served as an intro to world cinema, showed me the magic of documentary filmmaking and opened my eyes to the world of problems surrounding objective and subjective criticism. While the AFI seems to release a new self-congratulatory "gee, ain't movies grand" list every six months from 100 Years...100 Passions to 100 Years...100 Cheers (still confused about that one), that first list stands like the monolith in number 21: "2001: A Space Odyssey." Who knows if it created a world of better-cultured movie lovers or an army of ravaging film snobs? All we know for sure is that it stands as a monument to a culture that was soon to change.



TELEVISION REVIEW

Damages



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Marcia McIntosh
Cadenza Reporter

Wednesday night unveiled the fourth episode of FX's dramatic series "Damages" starring Glenn Close, Marcia Gay Harden ("Mystic River"), Tate Donovan (Jimmy from "The O.C.") and Rose Byrne ("Troy") as the protégé lawyer Ellen Parsons.

Last season, we watched as Ellen was snagged into the world of high-stakes litigation by the law firm Hewes and Associates, headed by the notorious Patty Hewes (Close).

The plot was very well presented. It gave the audience something to look forward to in the beginning; even though you tried to guess what would happen, you found yourself gratefully wrong.

So how are they going to top

last season, you ask? They've killed off all the interesting characters, including Ellen Parsons' fiancé. (Don't worry if you've never seen "Damages"—I'm not giving anything away; you find this out in the first episode.) Of course, with so many untimely deaths, there are messes to clean up. There is also a relatively large amount of guilt left from last season, as well as many seeds of revenge sown—the kind of plant we see in full bloom at the end of the second season's first episode—or so we, the very easily manipulated viewers, believe.

We are now nearly mid-season. Ellen has a love interest in her grief counseling session, who has a secret of his own. Patty is trying to help an old friend who has been accused of killing his wife. And Tom (Donovan) is about to be sucked in by the FBI to be used later against Patty.

All in all, a good set up, but I'm not sure if this season will live up to its previous year's glory.

The main case Hewes and Associates is working on is environmental, involving a lot of powerful men with a big toxic secret. The environmental theme, though very important, doesn't always make for the quickest or most riveting drama.

The fourth episode moved slowly. There was the traditional surprise ending, but waiting 50 minutes for it can get annoying. Especially when the big final twist is redundantly similar to last season.

Overall, I give this week's episode three out of five stars. Perhaps it was simply a setup for next week, when it looks like Ellen might get exposed as an FBI witness. The only way to find out is to tune in next Wednesday at 9 p.m. on FX.

ALBUM REVIEW

Tonight Franz Ferdinand

Steve Hardy
Music Editor

When I was home recently, I was listening to the radio with my mom, and for whatever reason, we decided to tune into Q101: everything alternative. Suffice to say that she was not impressed with recent so-called alternative music, and I couldn't blame her. There were a lot of repeating bass lines and angry lyrics, and not much else. The whole point of "alternative" music is it's supposed to be an alternative to cookie-cutter mainstream songs, but at some point it just became an edgier version of the same formula.

Well, all of you alternative music fans don't have to despair just yet, because there's always Franz Ferdinand. Their third album, "Tonight: Franz Ferdinand," brings back the whole concept of music as a form of self-expression.

They avoid scaring away the non-indie snobs for the most part—all the songs are pretty accessible, even for the uninitiated—but the whole album still

has the feel of playing around with different elements of traditional musical structure. Take the startlingly-honest lyrics, for example—no generic love songs or bitter post-breakup diatribes.

You get everything from the whimsical ("I typed your number into my calculator, where it spelled a dirty word when you turned it upside down") to the mocking ("What She Came For" is basically a lot of pickup lines strung together) to the vulnerable ("I'd never resort to kissing your photo, honest"). The situations described in the lyrics feel real, relatable and worth singing about. Couple that with actual singing ability and a good beat, and you have an album well worth listening to in its entirety, possibly several times.

There are a few instances of Franz Ferdinand pushing the envelope a little too far. Their use of stately sound effects in "Dream Again" and the throbbing techno beat toward the end of "Lucid Dreams" seem a little over-the-top. It's as if they're thrown in to boost the group's indie cred with elements made standard by such seminal bands as The Flaming



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SUPER BOWL XLIII

Yes, there's more to it than the commercials

Josh Goldman
Senior Sports Editor

This Sunday, millions of college students with no knowledge of football will crowd into dorm rooms and congregate around small televisions as the Pittsburgh Steelers battle the Arizona Cardinals in Super Bowl XLIII.

While many will attend Super Bowl parties for the food, libations, hilarious commercials and a halftime performance by Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band, understanding the game on the television can make Super Bowl parties more enjoyable. With the following basic facts in mind, one can truly take advantage of everything Super Bowl Sunday has to offer.

The Pittsburgh Steelers are one of the most hallowed franchises in the National Football League. The team, known for its smashmouth defense and style of power football (the focus is on running plays most of the time), has won a league-best five Super Bowls, including Super Bowl XL in 2006. The Steelers are 14-4 on the season and are favored by seven points to win Sunday's game.

Pittsburgh's opponent, the Arizona Cardinals, were a long shot to make the Super Bowl after an 8-8 regular season, but playoff upset victories over the Atlanta Falcons, Carolina Panthers and Philadelphia Eagles have thrust the Cardinals into their first Super Bowl, though the team won the 1925 and

1947 NFL Championships as the Chicago Cardinals before moving to St. Louis in 1960 and then Arizona in 1988.

Arizona is led by Kurt Warner, St. Louis hero and former Super Bowl XXIV MVP for the champion Rams. After a few under-achieving seasons with the New York Giants and Cardinals, Warner finished second in the league in passing and threw 30 touchdowns for the Cardinals this year.

Unlike the Steelers', Arizona's offense is pass-centered and very exciting to watch. The Cardinals' top receiver Larry Fitzgerald was second in the league in receiving yards, caught 12 touchdowns in the regular season and added three more touchdowns against the Eagles in the NFC Championship game.

Fitzgerald is known for having the best body control in the league. He routinely jumps over defenders to make catches and makes one-handed grabs around the sidelines. So whether you are a football fan who enjoys watching one of the league's elite at work, a fan of contortionists and acrobats at the circus or someone who loves to watch athletes in tight clothing, actually watching the Super Bowl can be very entertaining.

Finally, understanding the game makes interactions with fellow college students more entertaining. By following the game, one can understand why a grown man may storm out of the room crying after his team gave up a game-ending touchdown, why people watching



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Arizona Cardinals wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald speaks to the press during Wednesday's media day for Super Bowl XLIII.

the game may shout for joy after a great play, or why a fan may cuss in agony and throw random objects against the wall after a turnover.

Still, if football is so uninteresting to a viewer that he or she is relegated to enjoying the food, drinks, commercials and halftime

show, at least knowing a little about why you have gathered in front of a television for four hours should provide a sense of

enlightenment and provide a better understanding of why Sunday afternoons are a hallowed part of American history.

sportsbriefs

Three Bears win UAA Athlete of the Week

Aaron Thompson, shooting guard for the Washington University men's basketball team, was named UAA Athlete of the Week after leading the No. 2 Bears to a pair of UAA road victories. Thompson scored 16 points last Friday against Rochester and then scored 30 against Carnegie Mellon. Thompson is averaging 17.9 points per game this season.

Track and field runners Danielle Wadlington and Ben Harmon were also named UAA Athletes of the Week after their performances at the Illinois College Snowbird Open. Wadlington won the 55-meter hurdles and the triple jump, and her team won the 1,600-meter freestyle relay. Harmon's team also won the 1,600-meter relay, and he finished second in the long jump and third in the high jump. (Josh Goldman)

WU contender again for Director's Cup

After the fall season, Wash. U. sits 16th in the Director's Cup standings after finishing second to Williams College last season. Wash. U. currently has 182 points from the 12th place finish by the women's cross country team, ninth place finish by the women's soccer team and ninth place finish by the women's volleyball team. SUNY Cortland currently leads the field with 353 points. (Josh Goldman)

All-stars unable to sign contracts

With faith in the economy dwindling, former MLB all-stars and future Hall of Famers are still free agents with spring training only 14 days away. Sluggers Manny Ramirez, Bobby Abreu and Adam Dunn headline the list of unemployed all-stars while surefire Hall of Famers Ken Griffey Jr. and Frank Thomas also remain unemployed. Aside from the New York Yankees, no team is willing to pay the lucrative contracts that have been signed in the past, so look to see these superstars sign short, mid-money contracts right before spring training, instead of long-term deals. (Josh Goldman)

No surprises here

With his straight set victory yesterday against Andy Roddick, Roger Federer will attempt to tie Pete Sampras for all-time grand slam victories with 14 at the 2009 Australian Open. To win the title however, Federer must defeat world No. 1 Rafael Nadal, who has defeated Federer in both the 2008 French Open and Wimbledon finals and is also looking to make history by winning his first career slam on a hard court. The Wimbledon final, which Nadal won 9-7 in the fifth set, has been dubbed the greatest Wimbledon final ever. Should Nadal lose his semifinal to Fernando Verdasco, Federer would go from the underdog to the heavy favorite in the final.

On the women's side, Serena Williams looks for her 10th major grand slam title against Dinara Safina on Saturday. (Josh Goldman)

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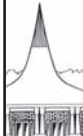
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Lunar New Year Festival gears up for annual show



William Shim
Contributing Reporter

More than 160 students involved in the production of the Lunar New Year Festival are excited to celebrate the Year of the Ox at the Edison Theatre Friday and Saturday night.

The mission of the show is to celebrate the Lunar New Year, which represents several Asian countries' new years, and to show Washington University students and members of the St. Louis community the different aspects of Asian cultures.

Back in August of 2008, Yifang Zhao and Ai-Lin Sui, both seniors and co-coordinators of the Lunar New Year Festival (LNYF) executive board, were initially worried about the often sold-out show during the planning stages this past August.

"Finding choreographers, PR-ing, handling budget issues, getting such a big show organized is a very daunting task," Zhao said.

One challenge facing the cast and crew this year came from the weather.

The performers continued their preparation for the show despite the recent snowstorm that blanketed the St. Louis region and the campus with several inches of snow.

But the issues that made the executive board and performers concerned also allowed them to appreciate how unique an opportunity it is to perform in front of their friends and family members, they said.

"I am excited for my boys; they dedicated a lot of time and went beyond Mike's, [Mike Kim, the other choreographer of the fusion dance] and my expectation. We practiced very hard," said junior Josh Kim, co-choreographer.

The students in LNYF, who will be performing either in one of 12 dances or in the skit, have been preparing for months. The Korean fusion dance group has been practicing since late October and according to Kim, "loaded a practice video on Facebook so members [could] practice during winter break."

While the show undergoes changes every year, performers are excited about the two new dances that have been added to the show: the Tinikling, a traditional dance of the Philippines that involves hitting bamboo poles to imitate the grace and speed of the Tikling bird, and Watersleeves, a classical Chinese dance that uses long silk sleeves dating back to the Tang Dynasty to try to mimic the movement of naturally flowing water.

"Everyone should expect a wide range of modern and traditional dances that will blow your mind with explosions of colors," Austin Kim, a sophomore who will be performing in the show, said.

Another change has involved adding a theme of balance—which is reflected by the ox's gentle, calm nature despite the ox's strength—to the show. The theme has emerged in the show's dances as well as the skit.

For those traveling with their residential college peers and residential advisers, the subsidized tickets were available for \$5. Regular tickets cost \$10.

Students perform in the Spring 2008 Lunar New Year Festival. This year there will be performances on Friday and Saturday in Edison Theatre.

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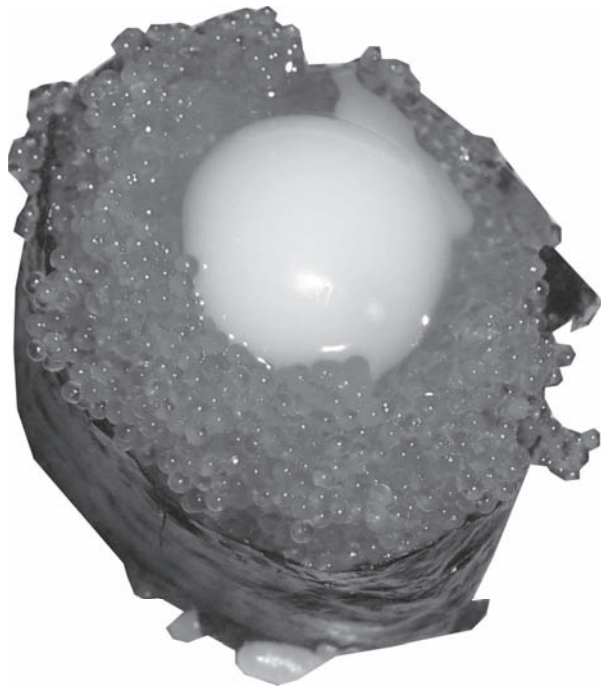
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rice all served as appetizing complements to each other. The flavor of the eel itself was simple, allowing it to subtly do its job. The California hand roll, however, was nothing much more than the name suggests, and consequently nothing to gush over.

For dessert, I felt like something unusual: tobiko quail. This dish was also composed of flying fish eggs but now with a quail egg on top. The initial flavor was much the same as the wasabi tobiko, but the small egg, though large in comparison to the hundreds upon which it rested, created a much fuller palate and new texture. The finish of the roll felt more complete than did the earlier version, with a little bit of lingering sweetness.

Overall, Wasabi Sushi Bar provided an enjoyable and relatively inexpensive meal. It serves as a nice introduction into the world of sushi and sake, though it is certainly not where one should go for an authentic experience.



The Sushi at the Wasabi Sushi Bar on Central Avenue in Clayton ranges in price from \$0.95 to \$11 and offers a wide variety of Sushi types.

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Rachel Metter
Scene Reporter

This is the third and final installment of Rachel's column that has been running throughout this week. Check out www.studlife.com if you missed Parts One and Two.

"Jennifer, why are you with this man? Please tell me some of his redeeming qualities!" Jen went on for a few minutes about how good of a father he was, his sense of humor and how when things were good they were really good.

"And he has an amazing body...although he has gotten a little scrawny lately. I think it's the HIV kicking in."

This was too insane to be made up. Jen and I talked for an hour and a half and the conversation ended with me preach-

ing to her about how she needed to leave this man. I told her to call me after she threw him out of the house. Add "homeless" to L.D.'s laundry list of desirable characteristics.

Needless to say, I couldn't go back to sleep after Jen and I got off the phone at 8:30 a.m. I went around telling everyone I possibly could this insane story because this type of thing just doesn't happen in real life. I was recounting the tale to some of my guy friends, and at the end, they said, "Rachel, this sounds like a whole bunch of B.S."

"Of course it does."

"No, Rachel, did you use your debit card to pay for your meal? Does he know your birthday?" my friend asked.

I thought for a moment. "Yes and...yes he actually does know my birthday. Holy shit. I got conned."

I freaked as the past days' events replayed in my mind. Jen concocted a story to make me stop calling L.D. She probably was in on it! Jen called my bank pretending to be me and gave them my debit card number, my birthday, and asked for my PIN!

The guys told me they would come with me to check my ATM balance. Sure enough, my account read "\$0.00."

I hit the machine. Then I put my head in my hands

and could not stop laughing for fear that if I stopped I would cry. He could steal my identity and he knows where I live because he was going to pick me up for a lunch date. I cannot express the thoughts that were running through my head.

My roommates and I took down the sign on our door that displayed our names. I called my parents and had to tell them the story so that they could check the online credit report.

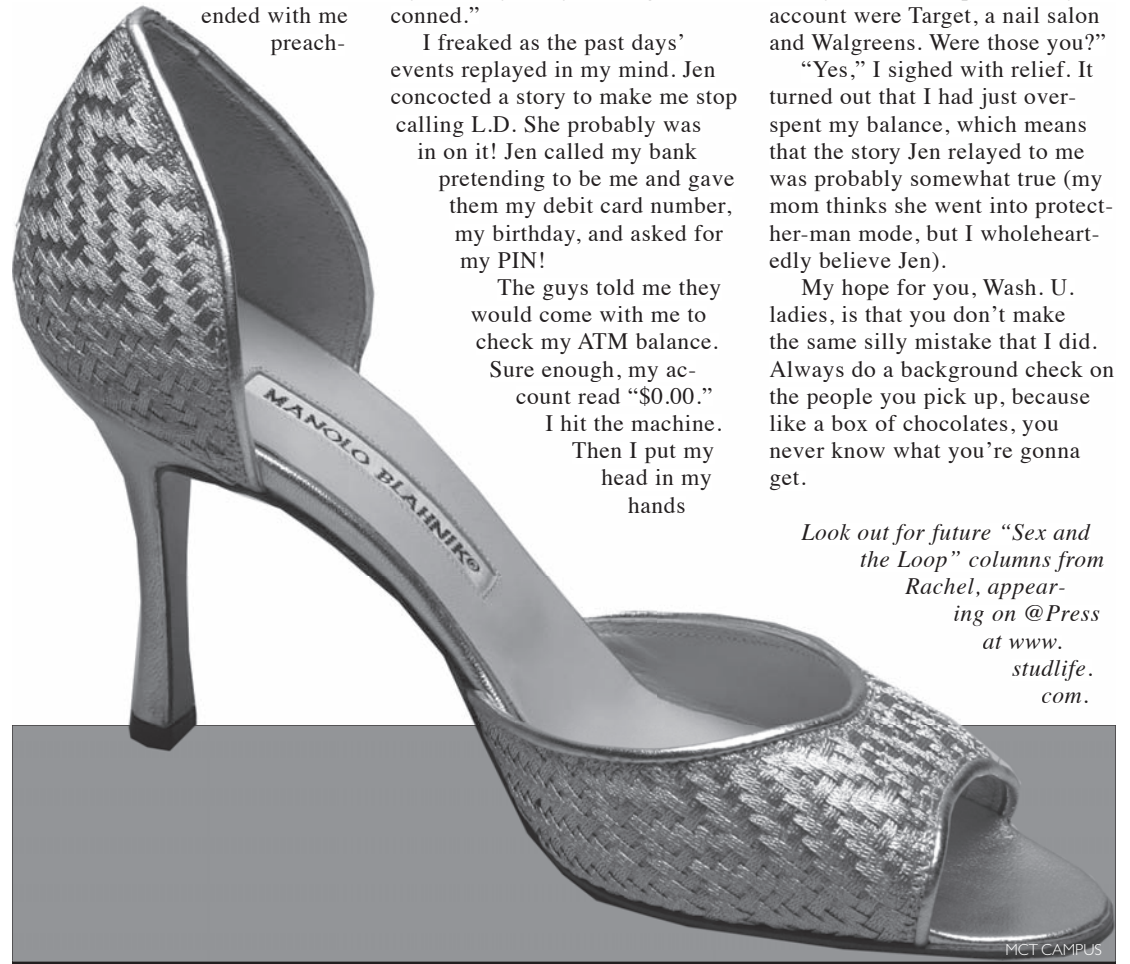
My dad, of course, was not happy. "What the hell are you doing meeting random men at restaurants?" I had no reply besides the frat boy line I used at the beginning of this piece. I hung up the phone and paced frantically around my suite until my mother rang.

"Rachel," she said monotonously, "the last expenses on your account were Target, a nail salon and Walgreens. Were those you?"

"Yes," I sighed with relief. It turned out that I had just over-spent my balance, which means that the story Jen relayed to me was probably somewhat true (my mom thinks she went into protector-man mode, but I wholeheartedly believe Jen).

My hope for you, Wash. U. ladies, is that you don't make the same silly mistake that I did. Always do a background check on the people you pick up, because like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're gonna get.

Look out for future "Sex and the Loop" columns from Rachel, appearing on @Press at www.studlife.com.



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Crossword

ACROSS

- Refine ore
- Harsh criticism
- Bestowal
- Animal with a long snout
- Dwindle
- Champing at the bit
- Cornea protectors
- Conductor Seiji
- Fancifully depicted
- Future MD's course
- Crux
- Yule wood
- "You ___ There"
- Assembled
- Foundation
- Penetrating
- Florida panhandle city
- Queens stadium
- Identical
- ___ Khayyam
- Watery branch of geology
- Put in office
- Wear away
- Australian city
- In the past
- Public vehicle
- Steady as ___ goes!
- Frank
- Traveler's tote
- Disturb
- Ingredients in dressings
- Della or Pee Wee
- E-mail period
- Minor fight
- On the move
- Actress Ruby
- Mm-mm good!

DOWN

- Part of a procedure
- Irish county
- Fencer's stiletto
- Sprightly song
- New worker
- Ford Clinic, e.g.
- Adam's son
- "Nova" network
- Peach State
- Demolish
- Lizard of the Old World
- More up-to-date
- Exchange
- Desert Storm missile
- Deputized body
- Tall and lean
- Col. Potter's command
- "___ Breaky Heart"
- Hauled into court
- Extend a look
- Light tan
- Yell at
- Walks laboriously
- Harbinger
- Fancy cloth
- Aesthetic to a fault
- Not sotto voce
- Satellite, e.g.
- Driver's license requirement
- Cellmate's knife
- Integra maker
- Gawks
- Start
- Software bundle
- Bandleader
- Arnaz
- Blackthorn
- Zany Imogene
- Hoity-toityness
- Venetian blind piece
- Lay eyes on
- Quaint

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Brooke Genkin
Scene Online Editor

A professor in Brown 100 begins to lecture and John leans over to Jane and asks what the

reading was about. "Why are you asking, didn't you read it?" "No," John confesses, "The books are so expensive; I still haven't bought any of them."

Is this from a real conversation? No. On the other hand, it isn't too farfetched to believe. More and more students have been hesitating before heading to the bookstore this semester.

The economy has taken a nosedive and students, who have always been on tight budgets, are struggling to find ways to pay for the materials they need for class (as if we needed another reason to be unmotivated to get back to work post-winter break). Needed or not, however, now we have one. Course books are outrageously priced, and now the bookstore is feeling the wrath of the suffering economy, too.

When asked about sales this semester, the director of the Campus Bookstore, Betsy Schneider, replied that she was "uncomfortable about releasing

such facts." Instead, she referred me to the director of public relations for the Follett Higher Education Group, Elio Distaola, who was unreachable at his home in Chicago. The interview process reached a stalemate.

Though no definite conclusions can be made, one can surmise that had the facts and figures for the bookstore sales been something worth publicizing, Schneider would have been more upfront with the information.

After all, why would students continue to buy books on campus if they can purchase them online? Buying online offers materials at a reduced price with more convenience. Let's face it, buying books in your underwear and saving money? It's a win-win situation.

Even the campus bookstore acknowledged the convenience of purchasing online, as they have seen an increase in the number of students buying books from the store's Web site. By doing so, students avoid the time they would have spent selecting the books from the shelves and can pay in advance without having to wait in long lines.

So far this semester, 10 percent of all course books have been purchased through the bookstore's Web site. In order to facilitate this option, there is a link on the WebSTAC class schedule page that connects students directly to the bookstore site, where books can also be ordered by looking up course numbers.

However, buying books online through the bookstore does not mean books are discounted.

This has led many students to Web sites such as Amazon.com, Textbooks.com or Half.com in search of cheaper options. In fact, several professors have recommended checking online for books before going to the bookstore because they "know the bookstore

overcharges unnecessarily."

Junior Jesse Markowitz explained that he has the book-buying process down to a science. "The day I got the syllabi for my classes, I went to the bookstore, checked the ISBN number, went upstairs and ordered the books on Amazon.com."

Still, some have trouble parting with the age-old tradition of buying books from the bookstore. There is something to be said about the experience itself—it has a very nostalgic feel. Dropping your bag at the door in exchange for a shopping basket, searching the disorganized aisles for books that look like they match the syllabus, running into friends you haven't seen since before break and waiting in line for what seems like an eternity—it's all part of the experience.

"I buy [all of my books] at the bookstore. I know I probably overpay for them, but it's so much more convenient and I'm just too lazy to spend time online looking for them," senior Anna Sobotka said.

So what will it be: Amazon.com or the good 'ole bookstore? For some, the answer isn't as

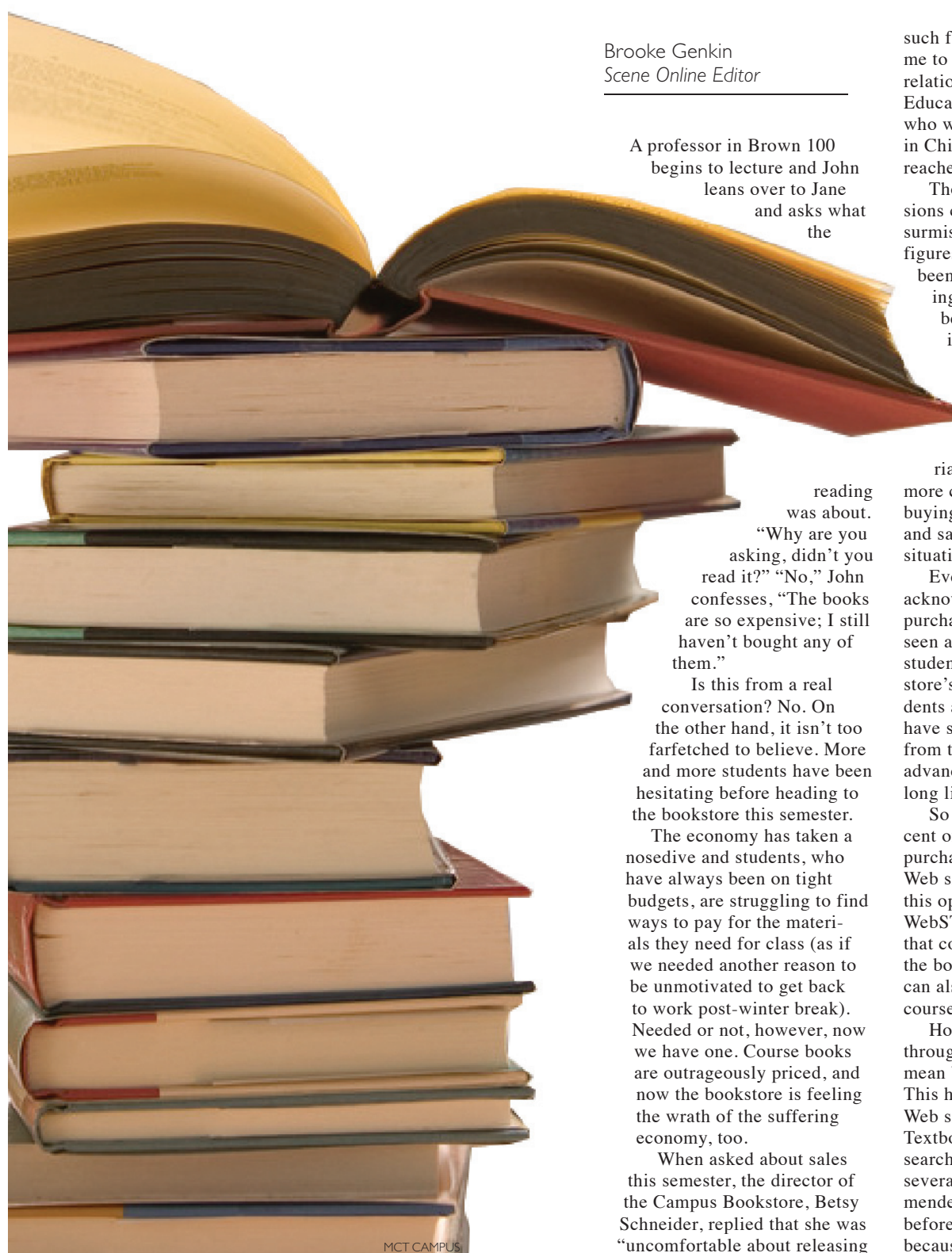
simple as one or the other but rather a strategic combination.

Senior Rob Montgomery's approach is to split his purchases depending on whether he plans to keep or resell the texts.

"I buy all the books that I think I am going to want to keep from Amazon. They are cheaper and usually in very good condition. Then I buy all the books that I only want for class from the bookstore. They are typically more expensive, but I can return them at the end of the semester and get some money back at least," he explained.

Clearly there seems to be a trend among students to buy online, and for good reason too—who wants to pay \$98 for a new book when you can buy a used one for \$27? Still, a caveat: Not all of the deals you find online will be great. With shipping charges and delivery time included, it seems that buying at the bookstore may be preferable.

Whatever you choose, just remember: you do have to buy books, even if you are a second-semester senior.



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High textbook prices are influencing students to buy books from online Web sites such as Amazon.com.

HISTORY + ECONOMICS

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Lana Goldsmith
Scene Regular Features Editor

When designing schedules, students look to Course Evals, cluster requirements and recommendations from friends as methods for choosing what classes to take. A less common criterion is whether a course has won an award, but it's something students may want to consider when choosing how to fill those last three credits.

Professor Steven Hause of the History department has developed a course that has accomplished just that. His class, Economic History and Entrepreneurialism in Modern European History, won the national award for the most innovative entrepreneurship course of 2008.

Hause's love for history developed while he was an undergraduate at the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University.

"I was a naïve high-schooler and editor of my high school paper," he recalled, so he followed his interests to journalism school.

Knowledge of history was a requirement for Medill students—and all good historians know that

history is only what was written down. At Medill, Hause fell in love with the university and the academic world, and went on to receive his Master of Arts and Ph.D. from Washington University.

Hause summarized his award-winning course as a survey of Western European economic history from the 17th century to the present—much like a traditional western history course but with a focus on economics. From there, he took examples of individual entrepreneurs and wove them into the broader history.

He explained that people at that time had any number of reasons for starting their own business enterprises.

"It's not always about making a lot of money... [some individuals were] directing a social effort, not personal profit. I hope to make it more interesting than about rushing out to get rich."

Hause went on to give a practical example of a young man who, in attempt to win the affections of a woman and her father, invented a device to make weave-net fabric, the same material that comprises the type of socks Hause wears now.

Some individuals at Wash. U. were interested in having a course

like this offered, so Hause was approached with the proposal. His expertise and knowledge of the subject matter made him a logical choice to develop it. The grant from the Kauffman Foundation and the Skandalaris Center for Entrepreneurial Studies made the course possible.

It was Ken Harington, managing director of the Skandalaris Center and member of the United States Association of Small Business and Entrepreneurship (USASBE), who nominated Hause and his course. Of more than 60 candidates, three finalists were selected to make presentations to the judges. In the end, Hause came out with the award.

Hause is currently working with Professor Liz Childs of the Art History department to develop a course on art and art history in Belle Epoque, France in the late 19th century.

Although Hause's course on entrepreneurial history is aimed to be an introductory course targeted toward freshman, it is open to students of all years and attempts to draw in students from different schools including Arts & Sciences, Engineering and Business. This course will be offered every fall, so look for it next semester!

Stepping Out

Wasabi Sushi Bar 16 S. Central Ave., Clayton, MO 63105; (314) 721-9970



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When I first arrived at Wasabi Sushi Bar on Central Avenue in Clayton, there was a line of 12 people waiting to be seated, six of whom were in the same party.

"There's no wait for the sushi bar," the hostess told me.

Those are words I love to hear. After being seated immediately, I glanced around at the walls lined with kanji and kana, and cheap pictures of landscapes that exist only in the winsome imaginations of those who have never been to modern Asia. Other decorative highlights included pictures of sushi drawn by a grade-schooler, a young baseball team and a puffer fish. This caught my attention as slightly ironic—openly displaying something that has put many hypochondriac Americans into a state of panic when it comes to sushi.

The menu was divided into four

sections, with prices ranging from \$0.95 to \$11, depending on the item. I proceeded to check off my choices: wasabi tobiko, massago, California and unagi hand rolls and a caterpillar roll.

It was not too long before my nigiri sushi (individual rolls) and caterpillar roll arrived on a large, faux-wood boat, followed shortly by my two hand rolls, served in their own stand. The sushi on the boat were arranged wonderfully, though the caterpillar roll looked much more artistic in the picture on the menu.

I should preface my taste test with a rule that I learned from a friend of mine who is a sushi chef: if the dish needs soy sauce, the chef will put soy sauce in it (the same goes for wasabi). The first thing that I tried was the head of the caterpillar roll. The caterpillar was composed of unagi (eel), smoked salmon, cucumber, massago (smelt eggs) and an avocado exterior. The avocado and massago made an intriguing

combination, both in texture and in flavor. There were bits of wasabi sporadically distributed throughout the roll, countering the fishiness and allowing for a constantly surprising dish throughout the eight pieces.

Next came the wasabi tobiko: flying fish eggs, wasabi and white rice. The eggs were colored green from the wasabi and were flavored heavily. The different flavors of the roll came in waves as I ate the piece in a single bite: first a rush of spice, followed by the cooling sensation of the rice and then the soft flavor of the tobiko—not to mention the fun little pop that came from the eggs.

I then directed my attention to the hand rolls, which are aptly named; they are large cones of tougher seaweed with the ingredients stuffed inside. The first one I tried was the unagi hand roll, which was simply eel and rice. The toughness of the seaweed, the crispiness of the eel and the softness of the

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