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CULTURE AND DANCE IGNITE STAGE AT CARNAVAL



Freshman Amelia Hetherington and others perform the Zapateado dance at this year's Carnival on Friday night in Edison Theatre. Carnival is put on every year by the Association of Latin American Students to celebrate the culture of Latin America.

School scales back annual Staff Day due to economy

Lauren Olens
Assignment Editor

Every year, the staff at Washington University is recognized for its work at the institution during Staff Appreciation Day. This year's celebration, however, is significantly different from previous ones.

Staff Day honors any staff member who has worked at the University for 10 years and any additional periods of five years. For his or her dedication, the staff member is awarded the Gloria W. White Distinguished Service Award.

"It's a time to award and recognize administrative staff from around the University who make possible many of the activities that undergraduates and faculty are involved with around the University," said Ewan Harrison, assistant dean in the College of Arts & Sciences.

Previously, the award ceremony is followed by a barbecue plus a full day's worth of activities, including golf, museum trips, bingo, volleyball and walks around campus.

Stephanie Kurtzman, director of community service, views staff day as a way to demonstrate to staff members that the University respects them and to encourage them to socialize.

"I understand [Staff Day] as a recognition of staff for how hard everybody's worked over the year," she said. "Also, it's a way to keep forming community, but also for them to relax for the day."

This year, instead of the typical activities, University staff will only be provided Ted Drewes frozen custard to enjoy.

"I'm glad there's a way for people to still stick around and visit socially and interact and get to know each other better," Kurtzman said.

University staff were informed via e-mail that Staff Day would be changed this year as a result of the current economic situation. The e-mail was sent by Vice Chancellor of Human Resources Ann Prenatt near the end of March.

"In his November 2008 letter to the University community, Chancellor [Mark] Wrighton indicated that we must exercise restraint in compensation and administrative expenses. We hope that you understand that it is in this spirit that we have scaled back our customary schedule

of events," the e-mail stated.

Despite other changes, the awards ceremony will still remain.

Many staff members said they understand why the changes have been made this year.

"It's no surprise to me [that Staff Day is being changed] and I'm fine with it," Kurtzman said. "First of all, I consider Staff Day a privilege, not a right. I'm here to work, and it's a day I'm getting paid for. It's my assumption that it has to do with budget constraints, just being fiscally responsible."

"Frankly, I'm proud of the situation for making it something meaningful," she added.

Kurtzman also noted that, from an outside perspective, Staff Day may appear to be frivolous spending.

"It's hard to justify things that, from the outside, might seem like they're unnecessary when we don't know what's coming economically," Kurtzman said.

Harrison agreed, saying that he would rather have the University reduce the amount of money spent on Staff Day than on more important activities.

"I do understand that this is a very difficult financial time for the University, and I certainly would rather have cutbacks in some areas like this, rather than people losing their jobs or not have their contracts renewed," Harrison said.

Others, while acknowledging the current limitations of the University's budget, seem less content with this year's changes.

"I guess I find that understandable given the crisis that is going around nation-wide that everybody's getting hit with," said Tina Marti, administrative assistant for the American Culture Studies program. "I think the staff definitely looks forward to the event every year, and it's kind of disappointing."

"But again, it's understandable," Marti added.

Overall, the meaning of the day remains the same for University staff and still highlights the importance of their role at the institution.

"A lot of these folks you never see and appreciate, but they're why we sit in this building right now," Kurtzman said. "It's really inspiring to see people who've dedicated their whole lives to Washington University."

Political groups plan for next year following '08 election, VP debate

Eliza Adelson
News Editor

Despite the relative lull in campus political activity following the 2008 presidential campaign, vice presidential debate and election in November, Washington University's student political organizations have not lost their steam.

Student leaders from the College Republicans and College Democrats said their activities will continue after each group's leadership elections take place within the next two weeks.

Since the presidential election, the College Democrats have launched an initiative focusing on community service. The group recently held two non-politically oriented community service events—planting and harvesting at Hope Community Gardens and a casino-themed food drive for the St. Louis Area Foodbank.

"Being a part of College Democrats means giving back to the community," said junior Ben Guthorn, outgoing president of the College Democrats.

Guthorn also said that bringing well-known speakers who appeal to a large sector of the campus population will be part of the agenda for next year.

"The Wash. U. student body responds best to large speakers than other program events. We want someone who is worth the students' time and also worth their money," Guthorn said.

The College Republicans plan to focus on new ways to invigorate their own members and continue generating awareness of conservatism on the University's campus.

Junior Ryan Winograd, outgoing vice president of the College Republicans, said he would like to see the organization bring more high-profile speakers to campus.

In the past, the group has attracted large crowds by hosting political



Representatives of the College Republicans, College Democrats and College Libertarians discuss the federal bailout of the auto industry during the groups' semesterly Campus Crossfire debate last semester.

figures such as Alberto Gonzales and Karl Rove, although it has also endured criticism for the resulting controversy.

"I think it is extremely valu-

able to have speakers come and talk about issues that aren't normally discussed," Winograd said. "Some

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Statistics show WU does more community service than other institutions

Kelly Fahy
Staff Reporter

According to recently released statistics, 51 percent of Washington University students participate in community service activities, versus 46 percent of student populations at similar institutions.

"There are a lot of people around campus who think that our current number of 51 percent involvement is underreported," said Stephanie Kurtzman, director of community service. "My guess is—especially given the humility of a lot of our students—you all don't think of a lot of the things

you do as service."

According to Kurtzman, engagement in community service at the University has come a long way since she began her tenure here in 1998. Kurtzman started as the coordinator for women's programs and community service in the Office of Student Activities.

"There were really great things going on, but not nearly the vast array or the depth or the visibility that you see today—quantity, quality, everything was different," she said.

Since then, the Community Service Office (CSO) has developed gradually into its own entity. In 2003, it was established as an official office under Cam-

pus Life. In 2006, the CSO formally became associated with the Gephardt Institute for Public Service.

Kurtzman cites several key factors that have led to the University student body's relatively strong participation in community service, one of which is what she calls the "institutional prioritization" of community service.

"The institution has valued it. So there's been attention, there's been financial support, there's been encouragement, and when the opportunities have come up, we've had all the pieces in place to be able to act," she said.

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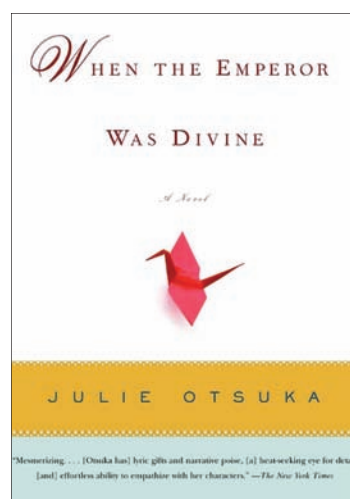
New Freshman Reading novel to examine race and racial profiling

Alan Liu
Staff Reporter

For the Freshman Reading Program this fall, the incoming freshman class will read Julie Otsuka's "When the Emperor Was Divine," a novel that tells the story of a Japanese-American family interned in Utah during World War II.

Past years' Freshman Reading Program (FRP) books include last year's nonfiction "Field Notes from a Catastrophe" by Elizabeth Kolbert, the short story collection "Einstein's Dreams" by Alan Lightman, the nonfiction exposé "One Nation, Underprivileged" by Washington University social work professor Mark Rank and the essays of Richard Rodriguez in "Brown."

In making the decision for next year's reading, the FRP partnered with the Center for the Study of



Ethics and Human Values, which is conducting a yearlong program on race and racial profiling. The FRP's choice reflects the effort to focus on these themes.

Emeritus Professor of English Dan Shea, a member of the FRP selection committee, praised next

year's book for its particular perspective, which sheds light on a different interpretation of World War II events.

"The fact that it's told from the point of view—one of a child and an assimilated child, that this person thinks of [herself] as American, and so what other people obviously see in her mother, brother and father is that Japanese people are enemies. So getting behind that kind of profiling with a subjectivity that is rendered with some sensitivity is important," Shea said.

"It's interesting to hear ethnic putdowns when you are the object of them. In the novel, the reader becomes the object of them, because the reader is identified with this kid who just happens to be Japanese during World War II," he added.

One of the other books consid-

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Low 29



Tuesday 7

Partly Cloudy
High 48
Low 30



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MONDAY 6

Locks of Love
DUC, Fun Room, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Free haircuts for anyone wishing to donate 10 inches of hair. All hair and money will be donated to the national Locks of Love organization to make wigs for children with hair-loss-causing diseases.

Campus Crossfire
Ursa's Fireside, 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Come see Campus Crossfire, this semester's debate between the College Democrats and College Republicans. The debate will focus on U.S. energy policy. Candidates will answer questions on oil, renewables and green jobs, among other issues.

TUESDAY 7

Last Lecture with Darla Dale
Wilson Hall, Room 214, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Come listen to Darla Dale speak about her amazing experiences excavating in Africa and being an Arts & Sciences dean and a mother. A reception with free food after the lecture will be offered in the atrium.

"Life in Occupied Palestine"
Lab Sciences, Room 300, 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Anna Baltzer will illustrate and narrate the current situation in Palestine, specifically the structures of the occupation and nonviolent resistance to it, as well as information about the Nakba and refugees.

newsbriefs

International

Hate crimes occur in Iraq amid crackdown on homosexuality

Two gay men were killed on Thursday in the Sadr City slum of Baghdad, and police discovered the bodies of four others bearing signs that said "pervert" in Arabic on March 25, a local official said.

"Two young men were killed on Thursday. They were sexual deviants. Their tribes killed them to restore their family honor," a Sadr City official said.

The murders come at a time when clerics are urging a crackdown on homosexuality. A perceived spread of homosexuality associated with increased Western influence, including the development of a "gay hangout," has been widely condemned in recent sermons. The rise of religious militias has created an especially perilous environment for gays in Iraq since the fall of Saddam Hussein. (Becca Krock)

National

UCSD, NYU mistakenly accept rejected students

With high school seniors receiving acceptance or rejection letters possibly from their dream schools this past month, the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) made a colossal error when sending out e-mails on March 30.

The acceptance e-mail was sent to all 47,000 applicants, congratulating them on their acceptance to UCSD and inviting them to spend a day at the University. Only about 18,000 students, however, were supposed to receive the e-mail.

Approximately two hours after the first mistaken e-mail was sent, university officials sent out a second e-mail apologizing to the 29,000 rejected applicants. The assistant vice chancellor for admissions apologized for the "emotional rollercoaster that this could cause" for the applicants.

The main damage caused by the e-mail seemed to be confusion, since most applicants had already checked their admission statuses online.

A similar incident happened on April 1 when New York University (NYU) mistakenly sent out 489 acceptance e-mails to the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service. NYU sent out an apology letter an hour later. (Alan Liu)

Campus

Campus Life Office honors students, staff for LGBT work

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Student Involvement and Leadership in the Washington University Campus Life Office will honor for the first time four University staff, students and former students.

The James M. Holobaugh Honor will be awarded to Tom Brounck, chief of Mental Health Services at the Habif Health and Wellness Center; graduate student Nancy Twilley; and University alumnus Lori Weingarten. Weingarten, who graduated last year, worked with the Safe Zones peer educators program.

Holobaugh himself, an engineer who graduated from the University in 1990, will also be honored for his work in the St. Louis metropolitan area on LGBT dialogue and service. A Reserve Officer Training Corps student at the University, Holobaugh

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nearly lost his scholarship after coming out as gay to his squad commander, until campus and LGBT groups pressured the Army to allow him to retain his scholarship. (David Song)

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"It is in no way intended to mock the gay community—we as conservatives on a college campus simply feel that we are marginalized to a certain extent in the way that homosexuals often are—and we think this will resonate with most liberal stu-

Senior Charis Fischer, outgoing president of the College Republicans, on the group's "Conservative Coming Out Day" event.

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EEC department grows in size, interest

Sally Wang
Staff Reporter

Since its founding in 2006, the Washington University Department of Energy, Environmental and Chemical Engineering has grown to become a leader in the field of combined energy and environmental research.

The engineering school at the University is the first in the nation to establish a department devoted specifically to the interdisciplinary studies of energy, environmental and chemical engineering.

The department (EEC) has approximately 160 undergraduate students, all of whom are majoring in chemical engineering. A small fraction of this group is also pursuing a minor in environmental engineering. Another portion of the 160 students is double majoring in chemical engineering and

another subject of their interest.

"The department is indeed growing," said Pratim Biswas, chair of the department. "We used to only have roughly 15 students at the College of Engineering interested in EEC engineering, but the current freshman class alone has roughly 50 students declaring an interest in EEC engineering."

EEC students said they sense the department's growth as well.

"The impression I'm getting is that [EEC] is indeed expanding," junior Neel Kotra said. "The change from chemical engineering to EEC shows the changes in the needs of the world."

Students choose to study in the EEC department for a variety of reasons.

"Personally speaking, I have a passion for the environment," Kotra said. "[The department's] focus on energy and the environment causes interest

from college students, since they feel these problems are important and are inspired to do something about them."

The department is actively spearheading the International Center for Advanced Renewable Energy and Sustainability and the McDonnell Academy Global Energy and Environment Partnership (MAGEEP).

MAGEEP coordinates 25 leading universities around the world and corporate partners in an effort to push for collaboration in energy, environmental and sustainability research, education and operations. The University is the only college in the United States to be part of MAGEEP.

MAGEEP also plays a role in hosting the International Symposium on Energy and Environment. The third symposium is slated to be held at the University in 2010 from Sept. 29 to Oct. 2.

Currently, there are 14 faculty

members in the EEC department. Due to the anticipated increase of student interest, the department plans to increase the number of faculty members to 30 within the next five to 10 years. Recruiting new faculty has been an ongoing process.

Students in the EEC department are provided with numerous opportunities to learn outside of the classroom. EEC classes often participate in field trips to local industries such as power plants, chemical manufacturing firms and research centers.

EEC students also have the opportunity to register for the recently inaugurated International Experience program, which includes a two-week visit to a McDonnell Academy partner university during the summer and fall semesters.

Last year, students visited Beijing, China, prior to the beginning of the much-anticipated 2008 Summer

Olympics. The purpose of the trip was to study the air quality in Beijing and examine what the Chinese government was doing to combat air quality problems.

This summer, a group of EEC students will visit Seoul and Daejeon in Korea to study nanotechnology.

Beginning in September 2010, the EEC department will be housed in the new Brauer Hall, which is currently in its later stages of construction. The building—a project that costs \$70 million—will provide the growing department with its own state-of-the-art facility.

"The new building will be a living laboratory," Biswas said. "For example, the new building will have an apparatus that collects rainwater, which will be used for landscaping."

"In addition, we will be implementing energy-efficient projects such as solar panels," he added.

Obama's proposals for education could make college more affordable

Rafa García Febles
Staff Reporter

President Obama's education budget proposal could provide Pell Grants to more college students and restructure the complex federal aid apparatus to benefit struggling families, making it easier for more students to attend college, according to a report issued this month.

The report, issued by the Institute for America's Future and the U.S. Public Interest Research Groups (U.S. PIRG), calls the budget "the type of re-investment that American families and students need" and stresses the federal government's commitment to restructur-

ing student loans and further investing in Pell Grants—measures that can make college education affordable for hundreds of thousands of students.

According to the report, titled "Obama's Budget: Supporting Students, Not Banks," Obama committed to making permanent the increases in Pell Grant funding, which were included as a short-term stimulus in February's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, bringing the maximum grant up from \$5,350 to \$5,500.

The estimated national average grant would increase by \$121 under the budget proposal, bringing the total to \$3,357. Under current estimates, the proposal could increase the number of Pell Grant recipients by 260,000.

To ensure that Pell Grants keep current with the economic times, the budget would tie the grant total to inflation. Education experts see this as a correction for the decades-long devaluation of the Pell Grant, which once covered more than two-thirds of the yearly cost of a public college education but now covers 35 percent. Even under the new budget proposal, a Pell Grant would cover a significantly small percentage of a Washington University education.

While the University historically had a relatively low number of Pell Grants compared to its peer institutions, the University's recent replacement of loans for families making less than \$60,000 a year with federal grants

could change that.

The federal government rewards Pell Grants to students demonstrating significant financial need.

In addition to revitalizing the Pell Grant, the budget proposes to decrease federal subsidies for private lenders, potentially freeing up \$47 billion, which could then be invested in students. This move would have the effect of decreasing the influence of bank and lending lobbyists in Congress' processing of the federal student loan program, as well as combating the debilitating problem of student debt, which many see as having an adverse effect on the economy.

While progressives are hailing the proposals, so far details of Obama's still-incomplete budget remain scarce.

During his campaign, Obama estimated the cost of his plan at \$18 billion. That number, while only a small fraction of his \$3.6 trillion yearly budget plan, is making some budget hawks and conservatives uneasy. The Republican Party's alternative budget calls for a multi-year freeze in all spending besides defense and veterans' affairs.

Nevertheless, the president expressed confidence in his plan for the country's future in his first major education speech before the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce on March 10.

"The future belongs to the nation that best educates its citizens," Obama said. "We have everything we need to be that nation...and yet, despite resources that are unmatched anywhere in the world, we have let our grades slip, our schools crumble, our teacher quality fall short and other nations outpace us."

The Obama administration plans to further simplify the application process for financial aid by allowing families to authorize the use of their tax information on their actual tax forms.

The administration has not yet made an announcement about Obama's campaign promise of a universal and fully refundable tax credit that would cover the first \$4,000 of a student's education in exchange for recipients completing 100 hours of community service.

The University's director of Student Financial Services, Bill Witbrodt, could not be reached for comment.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

University slow to reveal sustainability plan

As the end of the academic year draws near, students and faculty are increasingly occupied by finals, preparations for the summer and celebrations. However, the Washington University community must remember the commitment the administration has taken upon itself to be and remain environmentally sustainable. We must demand results from the administration's Collaborative to Advance Sustainable Transformation, and, specifically, from Assistant Vice Chancellor for Campus Sustainability Matt Malten, who heads that initiative.

It has been more than one year since Malten took over his position, and although he has made significant headway in researching and planning the University's options, we as a community are unaware of which tangible actions have been taken. The deadline for presenting the University's sustainability plan to the community has already been pushed back. As a result, the campus has no unifying vision for sustainability, and although there have been several steps toward greater sustainability this year, each has been initiated discretely by different stakeholders.

The Office of Campus Sustainability has taken action in the past, creating links to outside organizations that are helping the University to reduce the overall campus environmental impact. It has also collaborated with the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) to create a program known as STARS (Sustainability, Tracking, Assessment and Rating System). The goal of AASHE is to help the University measure its eco-footprint in order to further the development of benchmarks for the campus sustainability plan. A clear trajectory of this sort is an important step in developing any long-term strategic plan.

There has been little movement, however, from Malten or the University on specific, tangible changes that would increase sustainability. Some of the most high-profile developments this year, such as the removal of bottled

water from vending machines and eateries, have been driven not by the Office of Campus Sustainability but by student leadership. Although students should form the backbone of any University initiative, moving toward greater sustainability is too important a change to be left to students alone. The University needs an overarching vision to unify the efforts of all stakeholders, and that vision should come from the Office of Campus Sustainability.

As a premier university, we have the resources needed to cre-

The campus has no unifying vision for sustainability, and although there have been several steps toward greater sustainability this year, each of those has been initiated discretely by different stakeholders.

ate and implement programs to promote sustainability as our peers have. For example, the University of South Carolina has an extensive, detailed plan to improve its "green" policies—the school has set specific, quantitative goals to increase recycling and reduce the overall waste created by its community. Our University must strive for a similarly detailed plan that will call for visible changes around campus. Yes, increasing the number of recycling receptacles on campus and removing water bottles from campus eateries are good first steps, but we must make greater strides.

We encourage students to demand results from the Office of Campus Sustainability, and we expect results and a detailed plan from Malten in the near future. Our environment suffers with each second we do not act. As an educated, mature community, we should enforce the necessary changes to reduce our environmental impact.

Morgan Spurlock on campus

Kelly Diabagate
Staff Columnist

On Wednesday, April 1, Wash. U. had the pleasure of hosting Morgan Spurlock, best known for his documentary "Super Size Me." Spurlock was a funny and energetic speaker, keeping the audience enthralled with his various anecdotes from the beginning to the end of his presentation.

He essentially gave the audience a timeline of his career as a producer, beginning with the birth of "Super Size Me" and ending with a brief description of his latest documentary, "Where in the World is Osama bin Laden?"

Spurlock spent a great period of time addressing the controversy surrounding the release of "Super Size Me" in 2004. This documentary,

featuring Spurlock himself, consisted of him running an experiment on the effects of eating McDonald's, and only McDonald's, for 30 days. Not surprisingly, the fast food industry was not too appreciative of his criticism.

Spurlock then talked about his show, "30 Days," which aired on FX for three seasons. The basis of this "real reality TV show," in Spurlock's words, is to have people literally live someone else's life for 30 days. Two of the episodes he mentioned were "Straight Man in a Gay World" and "Animal Rights."

His latest work, "Where in the World is Osama bin Laden?" takes him all the way to Pakistan and Afghanistan to find Osama bin Laden. Unfortunately, Spurlock does not find him. It's up for debate whether Spurlock really thought he could find bin Laden. Whether that truly was his intent or not, his documentary

gives an outlet to voices that do not often get the opportunity to express their opinion about what is happening on the world stage. Moreover, he has produced a film that will expose viewers to issues they do not typically see in the media.

Spurlock's work is both entertaining and eye-opening. The issues that he addresses are highly relevant to our society, but we often prefer not to acknowledge them, hoping that maybe by ignoring them we will find a way to make them disappear.

Everyone in America can relate to the issue of fast food—it is ingrained in our culture. It is good, then, that Spurlock took it upon himself to tell us in very concrete terms that, yes, McDonald's is bad for you. Most of us already knew this, but surely someone was still in denial somewhere in America, and without a doubt some people still are. Nevertheless, as Spurlock put it, the best

one can do for the public is to give them information and then let them make their own decisions.

"30 Days" is a stroke of genius. It is entertaining to watch how people with radically different beliefs co-exist. On top of that, this sort of entertainment educates us about other cultures, about other ways of life, about other opinions and about the foundations behind them. It is much easier to be tolerant of others when we can understand their motives.

Spurlock grapples with questions we ask ourselves every day but rarely seek the answers to. Should I eat this thing? How much does it suck to live on minimum wage? Why haven't we caught Osama bin Laden yet? Spurlock's work teaches us to aim for the answers.

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The ethics of organic

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Across the nation, organic food has become wildly popular with the public, offering some supposed health benefits and a more environmentally friendly process in getting the food to the consumer. However, I'm not here to argue whether organic food is really worth it or if it has any actual health benefits. The issue here is far more pervasive, an ethical issue that is literally a life-or-death matter. About 25,000 people die of hunger every day, and millions go to bed malnourished and hungry. Thankfully, over the past few decades, genetically engineered plants have been developed that have quadrupled agricultural output per acre in developing countries. Over a billion people—one thousand million people—have been saved from death by starvation due to the technological innovation of agricultural scientists, and while they don't exactly get boatloads of publicity, their work has literally changed the world.

However, not everyone agrees with those scientists' humanitarian

efforts. Greenpeace, among other organizations, has consistently argued against genetically engineered food, calling it "Frankenfood" and other loaded rhetoric. Instead, they push for organic farming, claiming it is a more natural and environmentally friendly choice. However, even if organic food does have those benefits, it's morally callous to save the environment at the cost of people's lives, and the ends never justify the means when the means consist of people dying of starvation. If the world changed to organic farming, we would only have enough food to feed two-thirds of the world if we used all the existing land. Using genetically modified food, on the other hand, would create enough food to feed 90 percent of the world's population, and that percentage is likely to become higher as we develop better technology to maximize output.

Perhaps genetically modified food does have some harmful effects, and it's easy to argue that those harmful effects are worth avoiding when you have a full stomach and money to spend. However, if you're unfortunate enough to grow up in a situation where you may not get any food for the entire day, suddenly eating some potentially harmful food

doesn't seem like such a bad idea. At the point where we push for organic food, we're all but telling the starving people in the rest of the world that, because of our selfish desire to have fancily delivered organic products, their families have to go without a meal for a day, maybe longer. If we converted all of our farmland to produce genetically engineered food, we could save the lives of millions, if not more.

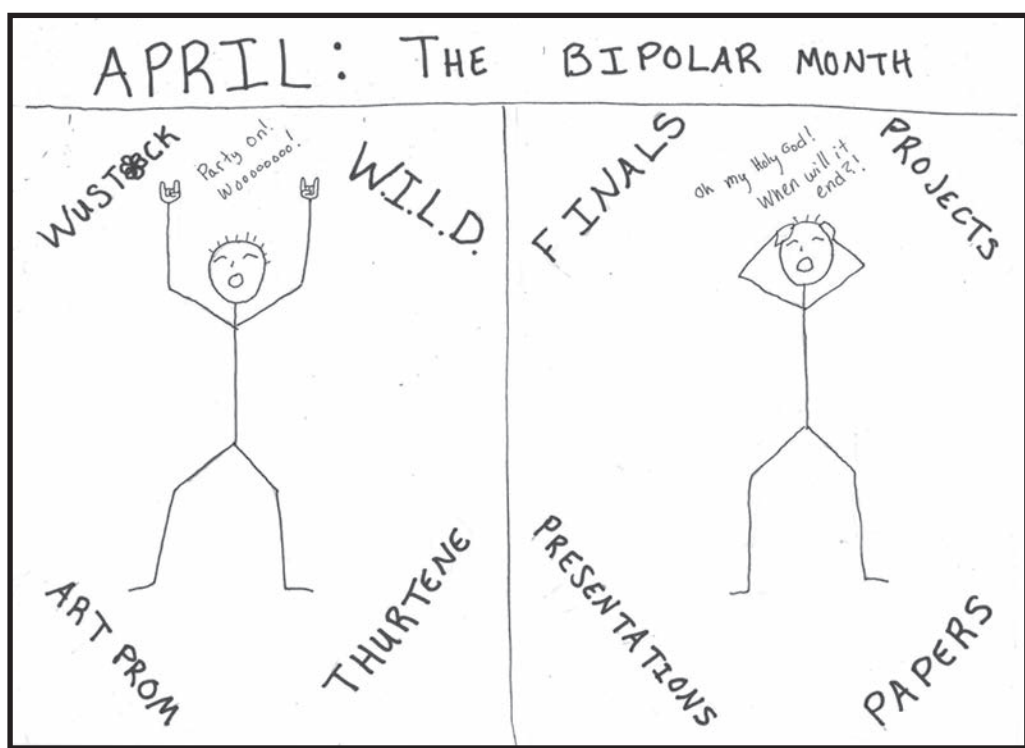
The EPA, USDA and the FDA all regulate the manufacturing of genetically engineered food, so it may not be such a crazy bet that the food is actually safe for us. However, even if you don't trust the government's regulations, opting to eat organic food instead, based solely on that skepticism, is fighting the technology that could save the lives of someone's children because you don't personally trust the regulatory process. The scary thing about all of this is that the fight against genetically engineered food is working. In 2002, Zambia rejected a U.S. donation of genetically engineered crops at the behest of groups like Greenpeace, who told them that the food was poisonous, even though that food could have been used to save millions of people starving in the

country.

Even if you're scared about the health impacts of the food you're eating and you want to switch to organic foods instead, stop and think for a moment. We should all be unbelievably grateful that we're able to wake up every morning and eat breakfast. We should celebrate the fact that we can go about our daily lives without having to worry about whether or not we'll have enough food to last the month. The worst part about this is that we're in the minority—we represent a very small percentage of the population that has the privilege of being able to eat food on a regular basis. The rest of the world struggles, and they struggle because of technological problems—they have soil, seeds, sun and water, but they lack the technology to produce bountiful yields. We need to spread our technology everywhere so that everyone can benefit from our advancements. Being picky about our food, just because we have a lot of it, is shallow, selfish and callous—and it needs to stop.

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Readers debate Student Life's staff ed 'Choice of Kopp for Commencement speaker commendable'

Bad Choice, who makes these decisions anyway? Next year forget the journalists, the social activists. Wash. U. deserves much better.

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I agree that Russert and Matthews were too much. But HOW can Studlife bash Wash. U. for getting actually famous and interesting people (i.e. a Secretary of State, a Prime Minister)??? I don't even care if I completely disagree with the speaker politically: Albright and Major are exactly what a commencement speaker should be.

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When superheroes fail to inspire...

Arjun Bahl
Staff Columnist

As a child, I wanted to save the world. It's not uncommon for a kid to have that kind of dream. But children grow up; they learn the ways of the world, and they stop believing that they can do it. Why? Because while their parents tell them they can do whatever they want, their stories, their folklore and their fantasies tell them that they can't.

My childhood hero was Ash Ketchum, the boy who wanted to be a Pokémon master and was willing to work his butt off to do it. He was my role model. But then I saw the movie "Pokémon 2000" and it finally hit me. I could never save the world. I'm not the chosen one.

My hero saved the world because, a millennium ago, a prophecy was made that "the world would turn to Ash (sic)." How could I compete with that? My thoughts drifted from praying about saving the world to praying that a prophecy was made about me, and all I had to do was wait to hear it.

What do you think would happen if Ron Weasley wanted to kill

Voldemort? For pride, humanity or glory, would he even stand a chance? No way! He could be the strongest "Auror" in the history of wizard-kind and still not have a chance in hell. Think "Matrix." Morpheus: The one? Not a chance.

Even when there's not a prophecy involved, we're being sent a message. Think about "The Lion King": one of the most honored Disney movies of all time. Scar takes over Pride Rock and rules over the jungle, and he does it with an army of hyenas. Hyenas? For crying out loud! All anyone had to do was to stand up to Scar, tell him to get his butt back to the wastelands, and if he didn't listen, sic 'em with all the lionesses around. But it had to be Simba. It had to be the son of the fallen king, because he's the only person the lionesses would listen to. Great.

What are they trying to tell us?

And Spiderman? He was so lucky that he deserves his own category. Imagine you're living in New York and this mad scientist with eight limbs (four of them some type of unbreakable metal) is terrorizing the city. Who's going to save the day? It's not going to be the guy who works out in the gym every day for hours, waiting for his break. It's going to be the guy who got

bit by a spider. Some hero.

But audiences eat it up. There's something about nobility—something about destiny. It makes you feel a lot better when someone is destined to save you. Aristotle himself recognized this. When describing the perfect tragic hero, he said that the hero must be born into nobility so that he is fundamentally superior to his peers. There is something beautiful about majesty—something epic.

There are, of course, exceptions: Batman and Daredevil, to name a couple. These are the stories I continue to enjoy—the stories in which the hero is strong due to his mettle, not some greater calling.

And there are also the stories, like "Seabiscuit," that are based on real life. These stories bring us hope and show us the benefits of passion and dedication. But Seabiscuit did not save the world, and children do not aspire to be racehorses. They want to be superheroes, and, like an arrow to their heart, they will realize that it is impossible, and their dreams will be broken.

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TELEVISION REVIEW

Cupid

Marcia McIntosh
Cadenza Reporter

ABC's new series "Cupid" debuted last Tuesday night.

The show revolves around a man, Trevor (Bobby Cannavale), who thinks he is Cupid and thus must match up 200 mortals—for a total of 100 couples—before he can be welcomed back into Olympus. In the first episode, Trevor manages, with the help of his pretty blonde shrink (Sarah Paulson of "The Spirit"), to match a New York Post journalist and an Irish troubadour. Cannavale has credits from "Will and Grace" to Broadway but he is not the first man people would think of as the god of love. He was by all means very entertaining, but there are certain standards for the appearance and occupation of this particular deity that Cannavale does not pull off.

As I was watching, the number 100 stuck in my head. Then I remembered Nickleodeon's "100 Deeds for Eddie McDowd." What was the dog's centennial act of goodwill? Oh yeah, the show was cancelled on his 40th.

A hundred couples at a rate of one couple per episode, at 25 episodes per season, would result in about four seasons. And that's an optimistic estimation. What happens if "Cupid" fails to match up a couple in his allotted hour of my week? Will he have to hook up twins in order to make his quota



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before his ratings drop?

And why 100? Why not have some undefined goal like, say, until the gods agree "Cupid" is worthy of rejoining them? Or he must complete some impossible task that isn't revealed until the second season. Why would they put themselves on such a rigid and unsurprising plan when it is just that noticeable, and funny, if they fail?

Perhaps I'm being too hasty. Disney may not always be at their best these days, but it would not air a show as predictable as "Cupid" seems.

As far as we know, Trevor could really be Cupid or just some

heartsick guy who falls in love with his shrink, like we all know he will. If he is human, he won't have to worry about reaching 100 couples.

This "Cupid" is also a remake of a "Cupid" show from 1998. The 2009 version has the same premise, same character names and the same sad portrayal of Eros as its predecessor.

If the mental health of not divinely good-looking men interests you, the next episode is set to strike Tuesday at 10 p.m. (9 p.m. CDT) on ABC.



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ALBUM REVIEW

It's Blitz! Yeah Yeah Yeahs

Steve Hardy
Cadenza Reporter

"Zero," the first single and leadoff track of the Yeah Yeah Yeahs' new album "It's Blitz!" begins ominously. The synthesized drone that provides most of the accompaniment for Karen O's orgasmic singing is a poor replacement for Nick Zinner's generally fantastic and diverse guitar work. When Zinner's guitar does strike up in earnest, it is less of a climax than it is a relief. Unfortunately, the band is not done with the synth, and it rears its head on most tracks of the album with varying degrees of success.

On "Heads Will Roll," it works, especially when complemented by a bridge in which Karen O trades her typical staccato biting vocals for a more

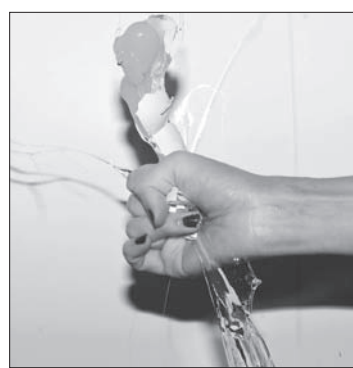
ethereal legato style. She sounds like a techno ghost, and it's deliciously trippy.

The overarching problem with the synthesizer is that it's symptomatic of a larger occasional problem on "It's Blitz!" The band seems to be experimenting with repetition. Many prominent critics have given the album rave reviews, but I liked YYY when they were playing more straightforward rock with an ear for harmony. On this album, there are a lot of long sections with one repeated note or a floated synth chord. If you were a fan of the band that used to be the smartest punk act around, listen to the new direction on "It's Blitz!" before you commit to buying it.

"Skeletons," for example, sounds like an interlude, but then it goes on for more than five minutes, a previously unheard-

of song length for the band. Although this is the most extreme example, several tracks seem to linger past their freshness. It's nearly unconceivable, but YYY have become, in a word, boring.

A quick listen will prove that the most exciting tracks are the ones most reminiscent of the band from "Fever to Tell" and "Show Your Bones," back when guitar dominated, drummer Brian Chase pushed the tempo and Karen O's ecstatic throes sounded justified. On "It's Blitz!" the good tracks, notably "Dull Life," are awesome, but the album is bogged down in heavy (and not in a good way) electric dirges. They're not full enough to be moving; they're not exciting enough to be danceable; they're not different enough to be interesting; they're not really much of anything.



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Fuzzy noises and sexual climax

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'Heads Will Roll,' 'Dull Life'

iPod Shuffle debuts

Stephanie Spera
Senior Cadenza Editor

Apple has unleashed yet another feat of technology and design: the new iPod Shuffle. Apple boasts that the newest addition to the iPod family is the "world's smallest music player," and they are not kidding.

The new design is stronger, sleeker and simpler. They've moved the controls from the device itself to the right headphone wire. It is with these controls that you can adjust the volume and change songs and playlists with a simple one, two or three clicks. And when Apple says small, they mean small. It is literally just 5 millimeters thick and half the length of my finger. Yet this little device packs some punch. Despite being half the size of the old Shuffle, it holds twice the songs—which is actually pretty crazy when you think about it. There are very few times when someone can go through 1,000 songs in one sitting, so you will never find yourself in a position where you have to listen to a song more than once—unless of course, you are like me and need Jesse McCartney's "Leavin'" on your workout playlist at least four times.

With the help of their new "VoiceOver" technology, Apple has fixed what was wrong with the old model. The Shuffle no longer just chooses randomly from the whole list of

songs put on it. Now it allows you to import your iTunes playlists and choose which one you want to hear. Holding down the middle button on the controls lowers the volume of the song (but doesn't completely turn it off) and tells you first what song you are listening to and then, if you keep holding the button down, goes through the names of your playlists so you can just click when you hear the one you want to listen to.

Because I have a Mac, the wonderful man who says my choices aloud sounds exactly like the guy who was found on every elementary school reading software ever. It's pretty funny to hear the pseudo-robotic voice speak when Flight of the Conchords' "Humans Are Dead" pops on. If you're a PC owner, you will not get to reconnect with your childhood friend, but you will instead get to hear a woman's voice without having to pay 99 cents a minute.

If you're interested in buying a Shuffle, you are probably not looking for all of the crazy features that come with owning the typical iPod. I own a video iPod and still use the Shuffle just as often: It's great for working out or walking to class because you can just clip it to your shirt. I can only imagine what Apple's next product will be (but if it consists of just two headphones that somehow hold all of your music, Apple, I had that idea first).



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TV shows they could bring back... and should

Stephanie Spera & Brian Stitt
Cadenza Staff

On Tuesday, ABC aired its newest sitcom, "Cupid," starring Bobby Cannavale—best known for his role as Will's boyfriend, Vince, on "Will & Grace." And by newest sitcom we mean the first version of the show aired in 1998, starred Jeremy Piven and was cancelled, so they're trying it again. But, of all the shows to recreate, ABC, why on earth was "Cupid" at the top of your list?

In light of ABC's inspired decision, we've decided to compose a list of television shows that should have been brought back before a network green-lit "Cupid" again.

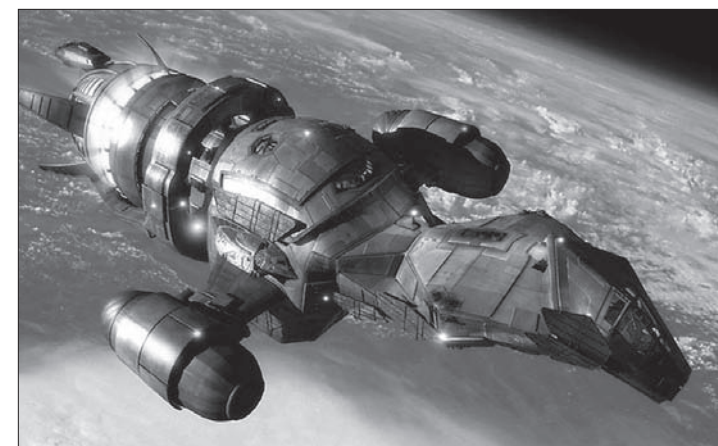
"The Muppet Show": There is a void in television, and that void can only be filled with a variety show featuring puppets (Jason Segal, you better get to steppin'). From Alice Cooper to Julie Andrews, Tony, Grammy, Emmy and Oscar winners as well as other A-list celebrities appeared on "The Muppet Show," parodying themselves and showing off their inner children. Mickey Rourke wrestling Animal—there's a sketch I wouldn't mind seeing.



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"Pushing Daisies": Despite sounding like Seth Meyers on the "Saturday Night Live" segment "Weekend Update": Really, ABC? Really? Cancel an innovative, well-written, whimsical sitcom, narrated by the amazing vocal talents of Jim Dale and starring an inspired, adorable cast, and instead, bring back a trite, literally-reused premise of a sitcom? Really?

"Firefly": While Joss Whedon's cult sci-fi western already got a reboot of sorts with the underperforming film adaptation "Serenity," the time is right for a full-fledged return to television. The newly renamed SyFy network is going through a tough rebranding process made especially difficult by the departure of its flagship show "Battlestar Galactica." Whedon may be busy with "Dollhouse" right now (although, given the ratings, probably not for long), but "Firefly" has already been cast and created. Captain Mal and the gang could bolster SyFy and give net nerds one less thing to complain about. Everybody wins.



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"Legends of the Hidden Temple": Hello, greatest game show ever created. To win that killer Huffly bike and a week at NASA's Space Camp, you had to make it across the moat and down the Steps of Knowledge, compete in the Temple Games and then make it through Olmecs' Temple in only three minutes without getting caught by any of the actually frightening temple guards. What I would give to see people somehow struggle into the Shrine of the Silver Monkey just one more time.

"Pop-Up Video": These next factoids are brought to you by John Cougar Mellencamp's "Pink Houses" pop-up video: Americans were introduced to the T-shirt by World War I soldiers returning from France; the American buffalo has never been on the endangered species list; and, children's overalls account for 95 percent of the leading manufacturer's overall sales. And that's my pitch.

"Clone High": "Clone High" was one of your run-of-the-mill animated teen dramas set in an experimental military-run high school populated by clones of famous world leaders.

While the adventures of teenage Abe Lincoln, JFK, Joan of Arc, Cleopatra and Gandhi (among many others) provided many opportunities to poke fun at history and teen culture, the show didn't rest on the easy jokes. The brutally insane mad scientist/principal, Scudworth, and his robotic assistant Mr. Butlertron could have filled out their own pretty funny show. Produced by "Scrubs" creator Bill Lawrence and voiced by the likes of (talented but not too busy) Will Forte, Nicole Sullivan and Donald Faison, "Clone High" deserves a second life on Cartoon Network's Adult Swim, if only to finish the cliffhanger final episode, which left John Stamos and the clones frozen alive at prom!



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"Arrested Development": Quite possibly the best sitcom of all time, the critically acclaimed "Arrested Development" invited us into the absurd lives of the Bluth family. The show is so brilliantly cast and even more brilliantly written that you find new jokes and foreshadowing the nth time you watch. I could write for ages on Tobias alone, with his business cards (analyst + therapist = analrapist), hair plugs, cutoffs, Mrs. Doubtfire-like inspiration Mrs. Featherbottom and his closet homosexuality: "Well, Michael, you really are quite the Cupid. You can zing your arrow into my buttocks any time." "Arrested Development" should not have been canceled after a mere two and a half seasons. But now that Michael Cera has finally signed on (and it took him long enough), a script is being written, and we all have a movie to look forward to.

Senior Special:

Surviving the economic crisis after graduation

Meghan Luecke
Scene Reporter

Ramen noodles and dumpster diving are just a few things Washington University graduates might have to look forward to when they venture out into the real world.

The economic crisis has hit everyone hard, and the Wash. U. bubble is no exception. Seniors this year are facing fewer options and tougher choices: short-term fellowships and teaching programs are reporting record numbers of applicants, and well-paid entry-level jobs are hard to find. According to the organization's Web site, Teach For America has seen an unprecedented 42 percent increase in applicants for positions starting in fall of 2009; likewise, the Peace Corps and other service organizations have shown a spike in applications.

How has this economic down-

turn affected the senior job search? In general, being open to different paths is key.

Senior economics major Lauren Hillemann decided to go straight to law school instead of working beforehand.

"The economy definitely encouraged me not to take a year off," Hillemann said.

Andrew Basham, an English major who is still undecided about his plans for next year, said he might have made different choices had he predicted how hard the crisis would hit.

"I thought I should give it two years to see if I really wanted to go back to school," said Basham, a senior. "But if I'd known things would go like this, I would have applied to grad school this year. My only skills are close reading and writing 10 to 15-page papers!"

Unfortunately, graduate schools may not provide the solutions some students hope for. Hillemann said

she has had a hard time securing the financial aid she needs and is still in the process of negotiating with schools that have accepted her.

"[Financial aid] is a big factor in my decision of where to go," Hillemann said.

Some of the classic differences between disciplines still persist: A fair number of engineers and finance majors secured job offers months ago, while students in the liberal arts are still struggling.

"Whenever I tell people [who ask about next year] that I'm an English major, they look at me with pity," senior Sarah Beckett-Hile said.

But it seems that the crisis has cut across all fields. Students University-wide report difficulty finding salaried entry-level positions, and many have adjusted their post-graduation plans, considering short-term positions that may not previously have been so appealing.

"The economy has made me consider alternatives to full-time jobs right out of school, like internships or temp. work," said Paige Creo, a senior in the International and Area Studies program.

Communications design major Leesandra Graf said she, too, expects to start with internships instead of a full-time job. "I'll have to work my way up from the bottom," said Graf, a senior.

Although many younger students say they feel grateful that they are sheltered from the crisis for another couple of years, junior Greg Allen is taking a more cautious stance. "Where we are now is a lot like where people were in 1929," Allen said. "People weren't worrying about feeding their families yet. The worst part hadn't hit. With that parallel in mind, I've been considering possible contingencies that may be worse than they actually could be."

Allen has already felt the ef-

fects of the economic squeeze as a junior. The fellowship program he participates in at the University has suffered a 75 percent budget cut this year, dramatically decreasing the funds for his summer research.

Allen pointed out that the economic situation privileges those who can afford to take unpaid career-advancing internships. Others find themselves sacrificing great job experiences for higher pay.

Related is the increasing trend of students, such as Graf, who are willing to spend time back at home with family in order to afford lower-paying jobs or to save up before starting out on their own.

But not all is doom and gloom. As senior anthropology major Eric Castillo pointed out, flexibility can be a good thing.

"The economy definitely forces you to consider opportunities you wouldn't otherwise," Castillo said.

Castillo explained that the crisis has given him the freedom

to explore unusual job options that he won't have time for later in life, such as traveling to China for a year to teach. "As of right now, I still think it was the right decision for me to postpone going to grad school for a few years," he said.

Still, many students feel that their age group actually is lucky in this environment. "We're college students," senior Abby Schwartz said.

"It's not like we had money in the stock market. The people who feel it more are our parents."

Hillemann said she has faith in an economic comeback.

"I'm confident that in three years it's going to be over. I'm feeling very calm about it," Hillemann said.

Indeed, when the Class of 2009 meets for a reunion in years to come, the former classmates may well have great stories to tell about the unexpected places this economy led them to.

Sexual assault: working around the statistics and through the misconceptions

Kristen Klempert
Scene Reporter

While April marks the official Sexual Assault Awareness Month, campus groups, planned events and debates ensure that university discussions about the subject are not confined to just these 30 days.

Sexual assault statistics can

vary, spurring contention over how pervasive the problem actually is. Depending on the demographics surveyed, the definition of sexual assault used and the extent of unreported rape factored in, rape statistics can vary from reporting one in six women being assaulted in their lifetime to a rape occurring every two minutes in the United States (both statistics listed by the

Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network). So how serious of an issue is sexual assault in our society?

"Personally, I don't care that much about statistics," said senior Paige Sweet, a trainer for the Committee Organized for Rape Education (CORE). "It wouldn't matter if it was one in 10 or one in 20—it would still be unacceptable. Behind every statistic is a person, someone who's been victimized in a way that no one should be, and I think that is a really important thing to remember whenever we start talking about statistics."

The frightening thing about statistics is the fact that the faces behind these numbers are real and can be anybody. No one wants to entertain the idea of oneself or an acquaintance being assaulted, but the truth is that there is no prescribed method of beating the odds.

"We tend to believe myths over facts as a way of separating ourselves from it," said senior Andrew Lopez, the current co-director of Men Organized for Rape Education (MORE). "When asked to close their eyes and picture an impending rape, most people would probably imagine a man, probably large in stature and black, jumping out of the bushes and attacking a woman, probably small and white [and] brutally assaulting her."

Lopez acknowledged that while this scenario is horrible, it is not the most common case. Misconceptions like these are what awareness groups on campus are trying to dispel. Through programs like The Date, Take Back the Night and discussion forums, campus organizations are working to educate the Washington University community.

Apart from fostering knowledge and discussion about rape, awareness groups on campus aim to create a safe support network for any and all victims—not only women, but also men, children and members of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning, intersex and asexual (GLBTQIA) community.

"If [we] stopped at a certain point and said, 'Oh, that's good enough,' we would not address the issues of marginalized populations such as the GLBTQIA community

and low-income individuals," said Courtney Miller, a senior and Sexual Assault and Rape Anonymous Hotline Outreach (S.A.R.A.H.) coordinator.

Sweet mentioned that one of the most harmful misconceptions about assault is the idea that the woman has done something to deserve the crime.

"It doesn't matter what a person wears, what a person says, if they are flirting, if they are drinking, if they are doing drugs, if they are in a relationship with the perpetrator—none of these things matter," Sweet said. "Myths like these contribute to a culture where victims are too embarrassed or ashamed to come forward about what has happened to them."

For many people, the role our culture plays in perpetuating rape is also a hot-button topic. In discussions, aspects of cultural masculinity, like how men treat each other and how they treat women, can especially receive a lot of blame for society's rape problem.

"I think many men have responded by discrediting [women's] fight to end sexual violence as 'male-bashing.' But if it is coming from men, that claim is tough to

make," Lopez said.

Lopez explained that there is pressure from society for men to prove their masculinity by being tough or by gaining sexual conquests. This pressure, however, is only one of many motivations that lead to sexual assault. Although there is a stereotype, males do not exclusively create these problems.

"Men are taught to speak the 'locker room' language where they brag about their latest 'conquests.' That is not to say that women do not play a role in harmful conversations surrounding sexual assault," Miller said. "We all need to be more aware of the language that we use to discuss these issues and how our language can affect how we think about the issue."

So the question remains: With various societal contributions and fear that may hinder open communication about sexual assault, can things change? Can we not only get around the statistics but also lower them to zero?

"Things are changing," Lopez said. "I think men are getting tired of masculinity as usual, only being allowed a two-dimensional emotional life of anger and lust."

Sweet also mentioned her hope

about the progress taking place.

"More people are talking about this issue than ever before," Sweet said. "We are hopeful that if we continue to discuss this issue, to challenge our own beliefs about sex and gender and communication and power, that if we continue to question why victims are faced with so many unjust obstacles, then we can truly change these structures."

Until society reaches this perfection, devoid of sexual violence, however, fear remains an issue to be dealt with. "Women should not be scared. Women and men should be conscious and aware," Sweet said. "Fear is disabling and discouraging, while awareness is empowering."

Above all, those fighting against sexual assault say that one of the best things to do is to listen to survivors—not to judge them, force them to go to the police or seek revenge, but simply to listen and support them.

If you would like more information on sexual assault or support, you can visit more.wustl.edu, su.groups.wustl.edu/~core/ or contact S.A.R.A.H. at 314-935-8080.



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Christina Meneses, community education coordinator for the YWCA rape crisis center, talked to students last Tuesday at Take Back the Night, a march that started at Brookings Quad, went through the loop, and ended on the 40.



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Nation's top recruits shine, but Diggins takes center stage

Josh Goldman
Managing Editor

After being dubbed the best player on the court at last Wednesday's McDonald's All-American Game, Skylar Diggins outshone all of her peers again at the 2009 Women's Basketball Coaches Association High School All-America Game. The game was hosted by Washington University in the Field House and drew over 2,300 fans.

With the White team trailing 74-77, the 5-foot-10-inch Diggins continued to bring her team back into the game with a runner off the glass with 13.8 seconds left. The basket was her 11th point in the final 4:41 and gave the White team a chance for an unlikely comeback from 11 points down with five minutes to play.

After two Blue team free throws, Diggins was fouled to prevent a game-tying three-point attempt. Forced to make the first shot and then miss the second to give her team a chance at the rebound, Diggins tried to throw the second shot off of the rim but only hit the glass, sealing a 79-77 Blue team victory. Despite the loss, Diggins asserted herself as the top recruit in college basketball and was awarded the White team MVP.

"When you're out here playing against [these strong] athletes, everyone's got to show heart," Diggins said.

While Diggins ended with a game-high 24 points, 19 of which came in the second half, the fans who packed the Wash. U. Field House were not there to see the South Bend, Ind., native and future University of Notre Dame star. Rather, fans filled the stands to see 6-foot-8-inch center Brittney Griner, who will attend Baylor University next year.

After displaying numerous dunks during the shootaround and even a windmill and reverse dunk during the team's morning prac-

tice, Griner met her match during the actual game. A 16-point second half gave her 20 for the game to go with nine rebounds and eight blocks, but the weaknesses of the 2009 High School Player of the Year were exposed. She had trouble creating shots in the low post and rebounding over shorter but stronger opponents, forcing her to rely on screens to score her points. Still, she dominated and won the Blue team MVP.

"She's probably one of the best athletes in our class right now. She's a great player. She doesn't show a lot of emotion. She doesn't talk trash. She goes out there and plays. That's what I like so much about her," Diggins said.

As with most all-star games, most players shot whenever open, though Diggins also had a game-high five assists. No team led by more than 12 points, and the lead changed hands 12 times. All but one player scored, with future University of North Carolina guard Tierra Ruffin-Pratt going 0-11 for the game and shooting whenever she touched the ball.

Aside from being a showcase of talent, the game provided the first collegiate coaching experience for the players, as they saw how they matched up against future college stars.

"I'm just not really good. I've really been exposed to that so far...I got a lot of work to do," Diggins said.

"I really liked it 'cause I go against the boys a lot at my school, so to finally be able to go against the big girls, it was really good. I really enjoyed playing," Griner said.

College teammates also played together for the first time. Mariah Chandler, who scored nine points, will attend Baylor in the fall with Griner. DeNesha Stallworth and Layshia Clarendon of the Blue team and Waltia Rolle, Krista Gross and Ruffin-Pratt of the White team also played together before the two groups begin play

at California and North Carolina respectively.

"It was so much fun. We [Chandler and I] got to run together and play together. We got a little chemistry going," Griner said.

"Me and her are gonna be dominating next year. They better watch out for us," Chandler said.

Due to the location of the game, a third player also received more attention than the rest of her peers.

Blue point guard Taber Spani received the loudest cheer during player introductions and scored the first basket of the game with a three-pointer at the 19:13 mark. The St. Louis native and future Metro Academy graduate, who will attend the University of Tennessee, went 3-6 from three-point range and had three assists in front of a hometown crowd and her future coach, Pat Summitt.



MATT MITGANG | STUDENT LIFE

Skylar Diggins led all scorers at the 2009 WCBA High School All-America Game with 24 points and also contributed five assists. Diggins will attend the University of Notre Dame in the fall.

SOFTBALL

Softball team struggles with midseason rut

Johann Qua Hiansen
Senior Sports Editor

April started off poorly for the Washington University softball team, as the No. 4 Bears won just two of six games to start the month and drop their record to 15-8. Wash. U. was outscored 19-12 in those six games, and the four losses this week equal the team's total in March.

"As a team, we're in a bit of a hitting slump," junior Ashton Hitchcock said. "When we get people on base, we have to get in the mindset of 'I have to get this person in.'"

Coe College

Hitchcock provided one of the few shining moments of the weekend as part of the Bears' 1-0 defeat of Coe College in the first game of a doubleheader on Saturday. With two outs in the top of the first inning, Hitchcock stepped to the plate and sent a home run to left field. She had only one hit in her 10 previous at-bats before hitting her second homer of the season. Sophomore Claire Voris ensured the victory, limiting the Kohawks to only two hits and striking out nine.

In the second game, Wash. U. trailed 3-0 but was poised for a big sixth inning after loading the bases with only one out. But Coe's Sonja Schwenker struck out Hitchcock, and senior Lindsay Cavarra grounded out to third to end the threat.

Down five at the bottom of the final inning, a late Wash. U. rally was still possible as senior Kerry Kreitman had just scored, junior Caitlyn Hoffman was on second and Voris was on third as junior Megan Fieser stepped to the plate with two outs. But Schwenker closed the door on a potential rally with a strikeout of Fieser, and Coe held on for a 5-1 victory.

Central College

Wash. U. lost both games of a doubleheader against No. 14 Central College on Friday, dropping the first game 4-3 and the second 4-1. The Bears

carried a 3-0 lead into the final inning of the first game, capitalizing on three Central errors. But the Dutch kept their composure while stringing together four hits and four runs to win.

"We had one error and it snowballed from there," Hitchcock said.

The Bears' bats went cold in the second game. Wash. U. mustered just four hits while Central continued its strong hitting en route to a 4-1 victory.

Webster University

April started well for the Bears with a 4-1 victory over crosstown rival Webster University on Wednesday. The first inning set the tone for the game, as freshman Corissa Santos scored two runs for the Bears with her team-leading third home run of the season.

Before Santos had stepped to the plate, teammate Alyssa Abramowski scored on a Cavarra single. Fieser also scored on a Santos single in the fifth. Wash. U. had 10 hits in the victory.

The Bears' success in the first game once again did not carry over to the second, as the Gorlocks stormed to a 6-2 victory. Wash. U. gave up two runs and committed two errors in the sixth inning and then allowed three runs on back-to-back homers in the seventh.

While the Bears managed seven hits, they struggled to knock in runs. On three separate occasions an inning ended with two runners left on base, and the team left nine runners on base for the game.

"Our consistency is not there yet," Fieser said. "When we're hot, we're very hot. When we're cold, we're real cold."

The Red and Green look to get back on track this Wednesday in a doubleheader against Illinois College starting at 3 p.m. Wash. U. also hosts a doubleheader against Robert Morris-Springfield at 3 p.m. on Friday.

"We need to be able to put the ball in places that need to score the run," Fieser said. "After this weekend, our team is going to be fired up and ready to go to score the runs we need."



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SPORTS

MEN'S TENNIS

Men's tennis tops tough competition

Trisha Wolf
Sports Reporter

Washington University's second-ranked men's tennis team went 2-0 during its tough road trip this weekend, defeating No. 18 DePauw University 8-1 Saturday in Greencastle, Ind., before topping Kenyon College 7-2 Sunday in Milwaukee, Wis.

"We assured ourselves to be the number one team in the region. That bodes well for possibly hosting the first round of the NCAA Tournament, which is pretty important," senior Charlie Cutler said after the matches.

"The team played really well and got two good results against two quality teams," junior John Watts said.

Against DePauw, the Red and Green had a 2-1 advantage after doubles play and never looked back. Eighth-ranked sophomores Isaac Stein and Max Woods defeated Will Gates and Hunter Schouweiler 8-3

in the second spot while Watts and junior Danny Levy won 8-1 at third doubles. Third-ranked Cutler and fellow senior Chris Hoeland fell 8-4 in the top spot to Bryan Heck and Scott Sandager in what proved to be the only Wash. U. defeat of the day.

In singles play, Watts, the third-ranked player in all of Division III, Stein and Levy cruised to straight-set wins at the first, fourth and fifth spots, respectively. Cutler and Hoeland each had come-from-behind wins to avenge their earlier losses. Twelfth-ranked Cutler overcame Sandager, 3-6, 7-5, 6-3, at second singles, while Hoeland topped Gates, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4, at sixth singles. Woods also held on for a three-set win at third singles, defeating Schouweiler, 6-3, 3-6, 7-5.

Following a lengthy bus ride, the

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Senior Eric Pollak returns a shot in doubles play against Westminster College on April 1.

TRACK & FIELD

Track & field team dominates competition at WU Invitational

Becky Chanis
Sports Editor

The Washington University track & field team performed exceptionally well at the Washington University Invitational on Friday and Saturday. The women placed first out of 21 schools with a total of 144 points and the men placed second out of 22 schools with a total of 104 points, just four behind meet winner University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

The Bears also found individual success at the meet, as sophomore Ben Harmon automatically qualified for the 2009 NCAA Division III Outdoor Track & Field Championship by winning the men's decathlon with a total of 6,550 points.

"The decathlon takes two days, so it's really, really tiring—and if I didn't qualify this time I would have to do another one...By qualifying this weekend, I have the next two months to just train and focus on nationals," Harmon said.

Harmon, who placed fifth in the decathlon at the 2008 NCAA Division III Outdoor Championships, gave a spectacular performance. He won four of the 10 events: the long jump, with a jump of 6.95 meters; the high jump, with a jump of 1.99 meters; the 400-meter dash, with a time of 50.05 seconds; and the pole vault, with a jump of 4.45 meters.

In the pole vault, Harmon set a personal record by clearing 4.35 meters—and then broke it again by clearing 4.45 meters on the next jump. Fellow teammates crowded around to support and cheer for him.

"The pole vault is my favorite [event] by far," Harmon said.

In addition, senior Alli Alberts provisionally qualified in the heptathlon, placing second with 4,498 total

points in five events.

Alberts won the javelin throw and the 800-meter run in the heptathlon, throwing a distance of 39.02 meters and running a time of 2:22.39. She also came in second in the high jump, clearing a distance of 1.59 meters.

The meet featured other phenomenal performances. Sophomore Taryn Surtees ran a provisional time in the 5,000-meter run on Friday night, winning the event in a personal best 17:15.65.

"It's good to get momentum going at the start of the season," Surtees said.

Senior Michael Waterson placed second in the 10,000-meter run with a time of 32:31.56, while senior Danielle Wadlington placed second in three events as well.

Wadlington's time of 14.34 seconds in the 100-meter hurdles almost broke the school record in addition to almost qualifying for the NCAA championships, but due to high winds in her favor, the results could not be counted. She also cleared 11.26 meters in the triple jump and ran a time of 1:05.07 in the 400-meter hurdles.

Many credit a large portion of their success to the support of their teammates from the sidelines and on the track.

"Just to know that you're part of a team that cares about you and supports you and feels your excitement is a really great experience," Surtees said.

"Having them [spread] all throughout the track just gets you going, really pumps you up, keeps your head in the race, gives you that little extra strength to finish well. That's what this sport is all about, a team. Without them it would be so hard," Waterson said.

In addition, senior Tanner Coghill won the 400-meter hurdles with a time

of 53.61 seconds, and senior Kevin Opp placed second in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 4:01.01. Senior Jessica Lane and freshman Katie Hered won second and third places in the pole vault, with each clearing 3.30

meters. The Bears will hope to build on their performance this weekend when they travel to the Cougar Classic at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville, Ill., on Saturday.



Sophomore Ben Harmon takes second in the 110-meter hurdles in the decathlon on April 4. Harmon took first in the decathlon and automatically qualified for the Division III NCAA Outdoor National Championships.

recent top performers

Ben Harmon, men's track & field

The sophomore took first in the decathlon over the weekend with 6,650 points, automatically qualifying him for the Division III NCAA Outdoor National Championships. Harmon won the long jump, high jump and pole vault. He also took second in the 110-meter hurdles and took third in the 100-meter dash, javelin and 1,500-meter run.

Taryn Surtees, women's track & field

The sophomore took first in the 5,000-meter run with an NCAA provisional qualifying mark of 17:15.65.

Bryce Hrovat, baseball

The sophomore led the Bears in the second game of a doubleheader against the University of Dubuque in 6.2 innings of action on Saturday. Hrovat struck out five, allowing only five hits and one run as the Bears won 2-1.

Max Woods, men's tennis

The sophomore beat Hunter Schouweiler of DePauw University in three sets at No. 3 singles on Saturday. Woods later teamed with classmate Isaac Stein to win at No. 2 doubles.

Alex Cassady, women's tennis

The sophomore won both singles and both doubles matches that she played against Wheaton College and the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater this weekend.

Kate Pettinato and Kris Zeschin, golf

The sophomore and junior both fired an 89 to lead the Bears to a fifth-place finish in the Illinois College Spring Tournament on Saturday.

Ashton Hitchcock, softball

The junior scored the game-winning homerun in the first inning in a 1-0 victory over Coe College on Saturday.

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people perceive what we do as useful and educational, even if they may disagree with what he or she is saying and what he or she has done.”

A pre-election survey conducted by the Gephardt Institute for Public Service at the University found that only 10 percent of University students consider themselves Republicans, while almost 60 percent identify as Democrats.

For Winograd, the fervor surrounding the presidential election helped him feel less isolated on a

predominantly liberal campus.

Senior Charis Fischer, outgoing president of the College Republicans, wrote in an e-mail that the group will be sponsoring an event called “Conservative Coming Out Day” on April 15, this year’s tax day.

“It’s a way for fellow conservatives to identify themselves and express their support for one another,” Fischer wrote. “It is in no way intended to mock the gay community—we as conservatives on a col-

lege campus simply feel that we are marginalized to a certain extent in the way that homosexuals often are, and we think this will resonate with most liberal students.”

Sophomore Caleb Posner, events manager for the Conservative Leadership Association (CLA) and a staff columnist for Student Life, said his group next year will continue to host guest speakers, show movies and publish “The Washington Witness,” “the independent magazine of cultural and political commentary at

Washington University,” according to the publication’s Web site.

This year, the CLA has brought to campus speakers Daniel Pipes and Robert Spencer, whose visits have also sparked controversy.

“Generally, you are going to see events that promote small government and the value of the independent market,” Posner said of the CLA’s activities in the future.

Student leaders from all three organizations emphasized the importance of reconciling the differ-

ences between political parties with collaboration.

Today, the College Democrats and College Republicans will participate in Campus Crossfire, an event that encourages political debate on current events.

“I think a lot of people see politics and parties as either liberal or conservative, and I think it’s important to remember that these issues are things you care about,” Guthorn said. “They are not just campaign stuff; they are 24/7, 365 days a year,

and it’s important to pay attention to them.”

Despite their political differences, members of the College Democrats and College Republicans find collaboration to be both important and useful.

“It was really great to collaborate with the College Democrats,” Winograd said. “Our [own] meetings consist of the discussion of an article each week, just amongst ourselves, so it’s nice to have a debate.”

SERVICE from page 1

In 1998, the budget for community service activities was \$3,000. Now, due to the greater variety of sources for funds and the collaboration between many campus groups on different service projects, Kurtzman said she presently cannot give the precise cost of running the CSO.

“What it costs to run our office is a little bit confusing, and we’re trying to get that sorted out and stabilized,” she said. “When good opportunities and good ideas came and the timing was right, we were able to act and money didn’t have to be in the way.”

Kurtzman also attributes much of the success of community service programs to the efforts and dedication of University students.

“They lead the way, and it’s the passion and the drive, and, I think, a real focus on the need,” she said. “They come with a higher amount of enthusiasm, passion, expectation and a lot more information about the ills in the world.”

A prime example of the high participation in community service on campus is Service First, offered each year to the freshman class during Labor Day weekend. Approximately three-quarters of freshmen, along with their resi-

dential advisors, participate in this activity annually.

“It’s really part of the culture. I think that’s what’s notable is there’s just this culture and this energy,” Kurtzman said.

According to Kurtzman, the work of the CSO’s professional and student staff is also crucial to the department’s success.

“Somebody needed to be paying attention to community service. What’s good? Where are the gaps? What are people asking for? Where do we go next? There was no one who went home at night thinking about community service outside of the Campus Y [before the CSO was established],” Kurtzman said.

The CSO holds an important role in linking the efforts of different campus organizations and facilitating their collaboration.

“We’re rebuilding infrastructure,” Kurtzman said. “We’re helping to connect dots. We’re facilitating folks coming together.”

Campus group leaders view the CSO as a strong asset to the community due to its institutional structure and the support it provides for student group initiatives. One particular form of support is providing student groups with



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a CSO advisor to guide them in planning large service activities.

“I think that the CSO is a real help to Dance Marathon, because you’ve got an advisor who understands the policies of Student Union [and who] has a bend or twist toward community service and serving and engaging the community,” said senior Lauren Statman, former executive director of Dance Marathon.

READING from page 1

ered was “The Reluctant Fundamentalist,” which deals with a similar issue of race and racial profiling. The novel follows the story of a Pakistani man in the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks.

Junior Jillian Morie, selection coordinator on the Orientation Executive Board, said each of the two books considered had its strengths and weaknesses.

“[‘When the Emperor was Divine’] was an easy read, which is good for a Freshman Reading Program book, and I liked the narration style in terms of the vague subjects,” Morie said. “But overall, I think ‘The Reluctant Fundamentalist’ inspires more potential discussion, especially since the subject material is more relevant for the current times.”

With this past year’s choice of “Field Notes from a Catastrophe” and the University’s push for sustainability and this year’s decision on “When the Emperor was Divine” coinciding with other University programs, one point of contention is whether the FRP is being used to forward certain University agendas. Alicia Schnell, manager of the FRP, refuted this suggestion.

“Interestingly, our Fresh-

man Reading Program does not have any agenda in that way. We choose books based on a number of factors, but we’re really not trying to make any statement or make any stance,” Schnell said. “If anything, we aim to be very neutral. What we look to do is have all our programming and events related to the book and its themes.”

“We just want people to think about things, to have ideas and to be able to discuss them and be able to back them up,” Schnell added.

For Shea, the purpose of the FRP goes even beyond the themes within the novel.

“The overall purpose is to introduce freshmen to subjects that are going to be debated for years and to be studied in courses. [The purpose is] also to hear each other. I don’t think necessarily that freshmen really have taken notice of all the diversity there is, even on a given floor of the South 40, until they hear each other talk,” Shea said. “It’s an introduction to the intellectual life, the stir of issues and meeting each other—brain to brain, temperament to temperament.”

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team jumped out to a 3-0 lead following doubles play against Kenyon College. Cutler and Hoeland avenged their earlier loss, topping Michael Greenberg and William Vandenberg 8-6. Stein and Woods cruised to a relatively easy 8-3 win while Watts and freshman Dushyanth Srinivasan pulled out a 9-7 win over Thomas Piskacek and Jeremy Polster at the third spot.

The Bears went on to take four of the six singles matches. Watts easily defeated sixth-ranked Greenberg, 6-2, 6-0, at the top spot. Hoeland was the only other straight-set winner for Wash. U., taking sixth singles, 6-4, 6-4. Cutler pulled out a 3-6, 6-2, 6-1 win over Piskacek at the second spot,

while Levy won, 6-3, 5-7, 6-4, at fifth singles. Woods fell, 3-6, 6-2, 6-1, at third singles, while Stein lost, 7-6, 6-1, at fourth singles.

“The score was lopsided, but we had a few close matches. We played a lot of three-setters, which is good for the team to get that experience for later in the season,” Cutler said.

Wash. U. returns home next week to play matches at the Tao Tennis Center. The team will then play a match in Edwardsville, Ill., before heading to Rochester, N.Y., for the UAA conference tournament in two weekends.

“We would love to win conference,” Cutler said. “We’ve never done it before. It’s one of our team goals and has been for a long time.”

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The April 3 brief in News titled “U.S. Public Service Academy member visits campus” stated that the proposal for the U.S. Public Service Academy (USPSA) passed via legislation in 2008. In reality, the proposal has not passed and will be reintroduced to Congress in the next few weeks. Additionally, the article incorrectly identified Chris Myers Asch as a member of the academy; he is in fact the co-founder and executive director of the USPSA.

In the April 3 story in News titled “Old classrooms still suit students, faculty,” the student interviewed should have been identified as Daniel Fishman, not Dan Fishman.

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SUUPDATE

Monday, April 6th

"The Land of the Settlers" Screening

SPIIF will screen a controversial Israeli new expose about settlers in Hebron with a discussion following.

6:00 pm, Ursa's Stageside

Tuesday, April 7th

Student Union Treasury Meeting

9:15 pm, Simon Hall, Room 112

RAINN Day Planning Meeting

5:30 pm, Goldfarb 132

Peer to Peer Diversity Training Info Session

6:00pm, Office of Student Activities

Anna Baltzer: Witness in Palestine

7:00pm, Lab Sci 300

African Storytelling

8:00pm, McMillan Cafe



Wednesday, April 8th

Student Union Senate Meeting

9:00 pm, Danforth University Center, Room 276

West African Dance Workshop

8:00pm, Lower Mallinckrodt

Thursday, April 9th

CPC Stand-up Comedy

Greg Giraldo (Comedy Central's Tough Crowd and Comedy Central Presents), Bill Burr (Chappelle's Show, Late Show, HBO), and Dan Boulger. Mama's Pot Roast will open the show from 8-8:30pm.

Doors open at 8:00pm, 560 Building

Friday, April 10th

African Fashion Show

7:00pm, Holmes Lounge

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