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Students shocked and divided over Obama's Nobel

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News Editors

The selection of President Barack Obama as the recipient of the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize just nine months after he took office was a surprise that has elicited shock, applause and, in some cases, disapproval on campus.

"I think it was pretty surprising," said Alex Broad, a first-year graduate student. "I liked his response, that he said he sees it as more of a call of action as opposed

to an award he has won for something he has done."

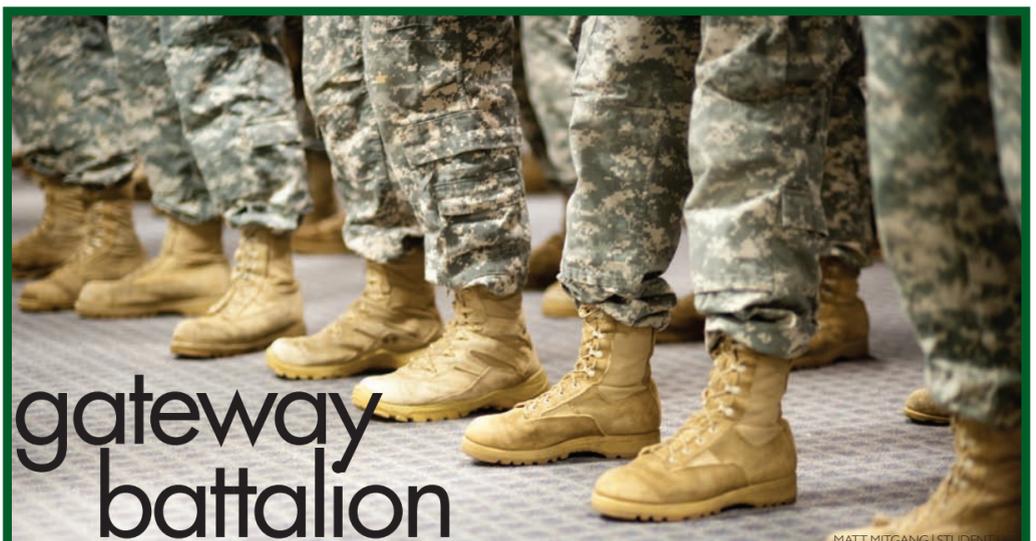
In the past, the prize has been awarded to candidates with a history of peace-making accomplishments. In contrast, Obama was awarded the prize for "extraordinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy and cooperation between people," according to the Nobel Committee.

"That's what's strange about it," senior Hannah Wroblewski said. "They're trying to

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President Obama, seen here in Arnold, Mo., on his 100th day in office, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize on Friday. Reactions on campus have ranged from skepticism to enthusiasm.



gateway battalion

academic cadets

Up at 5 a.m. every morning, students in the ROTC program at Wash. U. follow a rigorous training regimen, develop leadership skills and learn military tactics including how to properly conduct an ambush and clear out a room—all while being full-time college students.

For reporter Sasha Fine's full story on the Gateway Battalion, turn to **SCENE, PAGE 5**.



Washington University senior Jared Berkowitz instructs other cadets on how to conduct an ambush.

Alum in high W.H. post kicks off first SU reunion, tells students to aim high

Alan Liu
Staff Reporter

A high-level White House official who graduated from Washington University and served in Student Union returned to campus to speak on Friday, encouraging students to fight adversity in pursuit of their goals.

Jason Green, a 2003 graduate who is now deputy associate general counsel to President Barack Obama, spoke to about 100 students, faculty and alumni in an Assembly Series speech that served as the kickoff event for the first-ever SU Reunion. SU leaders from as far back as the Class of 1972 attended

the reunion.

During his speech, Green encouraged students to find what they valued most and pursue it, while acknowledging the challenges that may present themselves.

"I don't think it comes as any surprise that the things we cherish most have come at some cost, with some hard work," Green said. "I believe that's specifically why we pursue them—because the easy can be accomplished by anyone; we pursue the difficult precisely because we can't."

During his time at the University, Green served as an SU senator, SU vice president and senior class president. He was also the student speaker

at Commencement.

After graduating from the University with a double major in political science and finance, Green worked as a paralegal before serving as regional field director in Maryland for John Kerry's presidential campaign in 2004. Green followed that by working as field director for Doug Duncan's campaign for governor of Maryland before entering Yale Law School.

Jill Carnaghi, associate vice chancellor for students and dean of campus life, said Green represents someone who has consistently demonstrated leadership, both as an undergrad and throughout

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Jason Green, deputy associate general counsel to President Obama and former Student Union vice president, spoke on Friday as part of the Assembly Series.

EECE international program gets high students reviews, influences their career choices

Kelly Fahy
Staff Reporter

The International Experience Program in the University's Energy, Environmental and Chemical Engineering (EECE) department coordinates a program that allows students to travel to various Asian countries over the summer to study EECE advances and learn about foreign cultures.

The program is a component of the McDonnell International Scholars Academy, whose membership includes the University and 24 partner institutions around the world.

EECE Professor of Practice Ruth Chen said she believes the international research and learning connectivity established by the program helps students respond to global issues in environmental and energy studies.

"Even though we have environmental and chemical problems in this country we can see how other countries approach these issues... [which] will give us a wonderful perspective of how to solve ours and also solve them in a way that doesn't create problems in other parts of the globe," Chen said.

The International Experience brings students to a partner institution over the summer, and continues the learning experience through a three-credit course offered the following fall.

Students attend a weekend language school to develop a

conversational understanding before the program. While abroad, students take courses taught in English on the individual nation's history and culture. They also have the opportunity to see laboratories, meet professors who are leading the students' fields of study, and attend lectures and laboratory projects.

Upon their return, students work on a project with a faculty advisor that culminates in a research paper.

History: Beijing, China 2008

In China, the program has been run through two partner universities in Beijing: Tsinghua University and Peking University, both of which are top-tier schools.

Students in the program also worked alongside government officials to improve Beijing's air quality before the Olympics.

"The inaugural year went quite well," Chen said.

History: Seoul, Korea 2009

The University has three partner universities in Seoul, Korea: Yonsei University, Seoul National University and Korea University. The International Experience program also coordinated some lessons with the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST).

Students concluded their visit with a seminar presentation to 200 Korean engineering students.

Future Programs
This summer, the

International Experience will go to IIT Bombay.

The International Experience is scheduled to go to Hong Kong and Shanghai in 2011 and 2012, respectively.

Chen expects the program's strength to continue and also hopes to expand the availability of internships in the country post-program.

"I feel that this type of in-depth study would prepare our students for their future challenges in their work or in their academic pursuits," Chen said. "The perspective they bring from abroad will make them a world citizen and make them more perceptive to world problems, environmental and energy issues in other parts of the world."

Benefits of the Program

Chen notes that many students have been heavily impacted by the program.

"I feel it was eye-opening in many ways to the students and they bring back a new perspective," Chen said.

One student called the Beijing experience "the highlight of his life," according to Chen.

A number of participants who have graduated have gone on to graduate school or careers related to their experience.

Beijing program participant Tyler Nading told Chen that at a certain point in his career, he wanted to work in China.

Chen said she believes other participants in the

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THE FLIPSIDE

weatherforecast

Monday 12

A.M. Clouds, P.M. Sun
High 63
Low 46



Tuesday 13

Mostly Cloudy
High 59
Low 49



eventcalendar

MONDAY 12

The Stories Project Exhibit
DUC Visitor's Lounge, 8 a.m.-noon.
The Stories Project exhibits a collection of posters for students to share stories about their lives. From Oct. 12-30, DeAndrea Nichols, the founder of the project, will share posters on a variety of themes.

Center for the Study of Ethics & Human Values Lecture Concert
Ridley Hall, Holmes Lounge, 7 p.m.
Musicians from the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra will perform original ethnic poetry as a part of the series, "Ethnic Profiling: A Challenge to Democracy."

TUESDAY 13

Panel: What do iPods, Essays, and Wikipedia have in Common?
DUC 276, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
How can ideas and creative works be properly protected in this digital era and how much protection is too much? Come learn about intellectual property and innovation in our society.

Movie Night: The Hangover (2009)
DUC Commons, 8:30-10:30 p.m.
Come watch a Las Vegas-set comedy centered around three groomsman searching for their about-to-be-wed buddy during their drunken misadventures. This event is sponsored by the Junior Class Council.

newsbriefs

Campus

Sewage dumps into water supply

Millions of gallons of raw sewage have contaminated Missouri's water system, according to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. Most of the contamination has been centered in the Ozarks, where many state beaches have been closed due to elevating E. coli levels.

Although the extent of contamination in St. Louis remains unknown, the Missouri Coalition of the Environment has sued the city over sewage overflows. If the level of E. coli in St. Louis's water is significant, the city may be forced to spend billions to fix its sewage system. E. coli levels are used as an indicator of fecal matter in water.

Governor Jay Nixon recently declared a zero tolerance policy for those who dump raw sewage into the Lakes of the Ozarks, which now applies to all bodies of Missouri, so the city may be looking at more penalties if the problems are as significant as the Missouri Coalition of the Environment expects. (Jack Marshall)

National

Two die, others hospitalized after sweat lodge rite

Angel Valley Retreat Center, a new age retreat in Arizona, turned deadly when two people died and 21 others were taken to a hospital following a two-hour session in a sweat lodge. One person was listed in critical condition.

A sweat lodge is a traditional Native American sauna. According to authorities, 64 people were crowded inside a center sweat lodge normally reserved for 8-12 people. Among those who took ill were a middle-aged man and woman who were unconscious and one person who was found not breathing.

The Yavapai County sheriff Steve Waugh said at a news conference Saturday that his detectives were investigating possible counts of criminal negligence in association with the incident. (Alan Liu)

International

Five new saints canonized by Pope Benedict XVI

Pope Benedict XVI held a mass at the Vatican to canonize five new saints on Sunday. The saints included a Belgian priest, Jozef De Veuster, known as Father Damien, who died of leprosy after working with lepers in Hawaii in the 19th century. The other new saints include two 19th-century Spanish men, Francisco Coll y Guitart, who founded an order of Dominicans, and Rafael Arnáiz Barón, who dedicated his life to prayer after renouncing his wealth. A French nun named Jeanne Jugan, who founded a group that runs homes for the elderly, and a Polish bishop named Zygmunt Szczęśny Felinski were also canonized.

President Obama released a statement praising Father Damien's work and recalling "many stories from my youth" about him.

Benedict encouraged Catholics to pray and help "all those engaged with generosity in the fight against leprosy and against other forms of leprosy caused by lack of love, ignorance and cowardliness." (Becca Krock)

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"I don't think it comes as any surprise that the things we cherish most have come at some cost, with some hard work."

-Jason Green, White House deputy associate general counsel, during an Assembly Series speech on Friday

Science on Tap brews students' curiosity

Gina Hyun
Contributing Reporter

In an effort to make science more accessible and engaging, Science on Tap is reaching out to Washington University students. Hosted in a bar, the program invites interested students to listen to short presentations given by University professors and participate in discussions while enjoying their favorite brew.

Created in the fall of 2005, Science on Tap presents a unique opportunity for professors and students to interact and explore the latest scientific ideas and research topics in a casual, non-academic environment. The meetings are held at Schlafly Bottleworks in Maplewood, Mo., a family restaurant with a pleasant ambience renowned for its beer brewery.

"The Washington University faculty has enjoyed the unique open format as well,

which has led to many memorable and lively discussions," said Cynthia Wichelman, assistant professor of emergency medicine at the medical school. Wichelman also organizes and moderates the Science on Tap events.

"The program is a great way to feature the wonderful faculty and research going on at the Danforth Campus in a relaxed setting," Wichelman said.

Science on Tap was inspired by the Café Scientifique of Leeds, England, which was founded in 1998. Café Scientifique started as an experiment to see if the public would come to attend a science-based discussion. The program was so successful that it caught international attention. The National Science Foundation was particularly struck by the project and adopted many similar programs. Numerous others have since sprouted across the United States and Europe.

The program at the

University continues to attract passionate professors and curious students.

"I think this is a great chance for students to not only have enlightening discussions, but also experience the fun side of our professors in an un intimidating environment," sophomore Helen Xu said.

The forums take place on the last Wednesday of every month from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and feature a 20-minute presentation by a University professor, a seven-minute break, and an hour of casual discussion. Anyone from the University community is welcome, and no scientific knowledge is required. Space is limited to the first 100 attendees, however, and reservations are not accepted.

The next meeting will be on Oct. 28 and will feature the presentation "Mirth Busters: Facts and Fiction of Happiness," given by Randy Larsen, a professor in the psychology department.

Since its founding, Science on Tap has featured topics and speakers from a multitude of Washington University departments. The professors come from across the academic spectrum, ranging from the School of Engineering & Applied Science and the physics department to the departments of music, film and media studies.

Even Chancellor Mark Wrighton gave a talk on nuclear and solar power in February 2006.

Some talks deal with more current happenings in science. For example, Michael Wysession, associate professor of earth and planetary sciences, gave a talk in September 2005 about the Sumatra earthquake.

Others have looked at science in history, including a discussion led by Richard Chapman, senior lecturer in screenwriting, in April 2006 on the Chernobyl disaster's aftermath 20 years after the explosion.

Senior to blog while abroad in New Zealand

Elizabeth Moir
Contributing Reporter

One Washington University senior has been offered a unique opportunity for his study abroad experience. Josh Malina was selected to be a student blogger for the Institute of European Studies Abroad.

Malina, a philosophy major and prospective economics minor, was selected to be a student blogger for the company, a first for a Washington University student studying abroad with the institute (IES).

While abroad in New Zealand this fall, Malina will be working for the not-for-profit organization that enrolls more than 5,000 students each year. Malina was selected from a pool of 150 applicants.

"The application was easy. I think I just submitted a writing sample," Malina said. "My interest is mostly financial, but I also enjoy writing, so it made sense in that way as well."

Jessica Mervis, a study abroad advisor, explained that the program itself is one that is becoming increasingly popular among Washington University students. Three students are in New Zealand this fall and 16 will be going in the spring.

The New Zealand experience

The IES New Zealand program helps students orient themselves in their new surroundings. It sets students up with housing, organizes activities and excursions, and even provides support services if necessary.

The organization has study abroad programs all over the world, but only the New Zealand program and one at Trinity College in Dublin are approved for Washington University students.

Malina has spent much of the first part of his nearly five-month stay in the country reading and attending classes at the University of Auckland and exploring

New Zealand on his own. The program is relatively independent, with the exception of a few sporadic gatherings.

"So far I have earned a great appreciation for the natural beauty of New Zealand, less so for its people and customs, and a firmer understanding for the logistics of planning a successful trip, budgeting money [and] having fun," Malina said.

The benefits of blogging

According to Mervis, study abroad companies have increasingly relied on student bloggers to record their experiences "to have students be able to hear the student perspective as opposed to study abroad professionals, especially their office staff, who [are] specifically trying to sell their programs."

Students have responded positively to the blogs.

"It is much more helpful and informative reading a blog about someone actually on the trip, [rather] than reading a pamphlet or brochure by an administrator of some sort," freshman Alex Chourauqui said.

Malina's blog, for example, focuses on experiences related to his personal growth in New Zealand.

"The most important thing that I have got out of the program is a better understanding of the concept of 'internationality,' friendship and the constancy of my own emotions, at home and abroad," Malina said. "The blogging has only enriched my experience insofar as I live my adventures not just for myself, but for the pleasure and pain of my readers, for better or worse."

While Malina's blogs have become more infrequent since he broke his computer, he continues to update the page regularly, approximately once every two weeks.

Malina's blog can be found on the study abroad program page on the Washington University Web site and at <http://blogs.iesabroad.org/>.

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his career. Carnaghi hopes that students will take away Green's broader message.

"I want each student to figure out what they view as a quality experience, what they view as leading lives of purpose and meaning," Carnaghi said. "There's not one way to exhibit leadership and service to the community."

Green agreed with this sentiment in his speech.

"Wash. U. affords many

opportunities that don't just reside in SU, so from now I say for you to find your own measures of success, and pursue what you love," he said. "The leader figure post, whichever area you choose to focus on, is not as important as you choosing to give of your time and talents of this place, so we are better off for you having been here."

Among the numerous students in attendance were

current SU leaders who picked up on different parts of the story, both as regards the past and future of SU.

"I think it's cool to see someone who was in the same position that we are and see them do such exciting things now," said senior Chase Sackett, speaker of the Senate. "It's funny how we're seven or eight years later and we're still dealing with the same issues, the

same challenges."

Other students also had positive reactions to Green.

"I just think that a lot of us have these really high aspirations for what we want to do, and it was just really inspiring to see someone who actually showed some of his goals, and it makes me think, 'Oh maybe I can do what I want to do too,'" said junior Robyn Michaelson, an SU senator.

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Beijing Program have had life-changing experiences.

"They have seen how far China has come, but they also see how much farther China has to go. They realize it's a global issue, and it's not a problem for only the Chinese to solve. It takes going to China to have that realization," Chen said.

Students who participated in the Korea Program have continued on to related internships.

Senior Michael Craig said he learned a lot through the Korean program and recommends it to future students.

"It seemed to be a great opportunity to visit a part of the world I've not been to

while also learning a tremendous amount and possibly networking with people outside our nation," Craig said. "Meeting people there who may be potential contacts later in life [if] I choose to look for a job there was a great opportunity."

Chen said she believes the program participants have

remarkable potential, which the International Experience Program will help to develop.

"As far as I see, they are very good engineers and this would make them better citizens of the world," Chen said.



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accomplish something by giving him the prize.”

The Nobel Committee, based in Oslo, Norway, said it came to its decision largely as a result of Obama’s effort to disarm the world’s nuclear arsenals, as well as his commitment to international diplomacy and dialogue.

According to Thorbjørn Jagland, chairman of the Nobel Committee, who issued a public statement on Friday, Obama was chosen after a rigorous selection process.

“The question we have to ask is who has done the most in the previous year to enhance peace in the world,” Jagland said. “And who has done more than Barack Obama?”

Despite this reasoning, some students have expressed skepticism about the decision.

“I think that he doesn’t necessarily deserve the prize,” sophomore Mariana Oliver said.

preemptively in the sense that it’s only the first year of his term and he still hasn’t really done anything to merit the prize.”

Junior Nathan Fine agreed and said he sees the prize as more of an endorsement than a recognition of Obama’s efforts.

“I don’t think he deserved it yet, but I think it was just a huge vote of confidence from the world,” Fine said.

Regardless of whether Obama deserves the award, junior Maggie Parker said he accepted it graciously.

“It’s not like he chose to be awarded the prize, but I think that the way he has handled it is the best way possible,” Parker said. “When he said he took it as a call of action, as a charge to his presidency, that was the best way he could have handled it.”

Professor expresses shock

Peter Kastor, associate

professor of history and American culture studies, said he was shocked to hear that Obama won the prize.

“I was really stunned that he won it. I was really surprised,” Kastor said. “I don’t mean to say that he should or shouldn’t have won it. My point is it’s really surprising. He’s not the typical person to win this.”

Kastor, who teaches a course called Americans and Their Presidents, said Obama is unlike the two previous presidents who received the prize while still in office.

“The circumstances under which Obama won it, and more importantly the context in which he won it, in my mind are just completely different from when Teddy Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson won it,” Kastor said.

Kastor said that while Roosevelt’s and Wilson’s peace prizes recognized their achievements in ending major wars, Obama has not ended either of the wars in Iraq or Afghanistan. Moreover, Roosevelt’s and Wilson’s awards came at a time when the U.S. was just beginning to assert its role as a world power, while Obama’s prize comes amid efforts by the president to redefine America’s role as a global superpower.

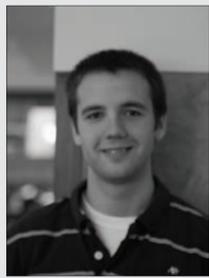
By comparison, Kastor said Obama shares more in common with former President Jimmy Carter, who was awarded the prize for his role in diffusing international conflict after he had left office as president.

“Both of them have fashioned their public persona around being circumspect about the role of the United States in involving itself in international affairs,” he said.

Peter Kastor is a member of the Washington University Student Media, Inc. board of directors, which oversees the publishing of Student Life.



After nine months in office, President Barack Obama was selected as the recipient of the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize. The Nobel Committee awarded Obama the prize for his “extraordinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy.” Pictured above, Obama speaks in Arnold, Mo. last April during an event for his 100th day in office.



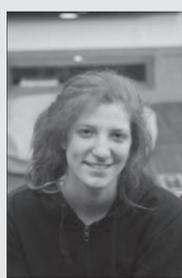
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-Nathan Fine, junior



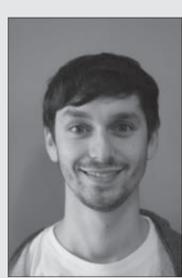
“I think it’s pretty interesting that Barack Obama received the Nobel Peace Prize, and I think it’s also interesting that a lot of people are so mad about it. It’s not like he chose to be awarded the prize, but I think that the way he has handled it is the best way possible...he said he took it as a call of action, as a charge to his presidency.”

-Maggie Parker, junior



“I think it’s early in his term and don’t know if he’s done enough to warrant this yet... That’s what’s strange about it, they’re trying to accomplish something by giving him the prize.”

-Hannah Wroblewski, senior



I thought it was a very smart way for him to handle it—to say it is something that I see as a task for myself to live up to.”

-Alex Broad, first-year computer science grad student

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STAFF EDITORIAL

As students, we should care about health care

This week, the College Democrats hung up posters containing several key facts about health care. This campaign declared four truths about the state of health insurance in America:

1. Premiums are rising three times faster than wages. At this rate, in 2016 the average family will be paying \$24,000 per year.
2. Sixty-two percent of all personal bankruptcies in the United States in 2007 were caused by health problems, and 71 percent of those filing had insurance.
3. Japan has the number-one

life expectancy in the world, while the United States ranks 42nd. Japan pays \$2,581 per person per year; we pay \$7,290.

4. Currently, insurance companies can discriminate against those with pre-existing health conditions, the elderly and women.

These facts are shocking, and regardless of our political beliefs, they are, potentially, a strong instrument to compel us to take health-care reform seriously. We attend a privileged institution, where a fee covers all of our health insurance. Moreover, our University has—as we have previously discussed—been ranked

at the bottom of the top 25 universities for socioeconomic diversity. Given these facts, it is tempting to watch the health-care debate in Washington as though it is a circus, to let it go on without establishing beliefs about the way health care should be reformed in America.

But we also neglect, when we think about health care in this way, our role—and responsibility—as students who attend an elite institution, students trained to think critically and articulate well. The health-care debate is relevant to us now because it is at the crux of contemporary political discussion. Moreover, there

will come a time when we are not covered by Wash. U. or by our parents' plans. It will matter to us what kind of health care we get.

But caring about health care is about more than just ourselves. What really ought to compel us to think about what's best for America is the scene that takes place in any hospital emergency room, where only half of the people waiting have legitimate emergencies, and the other half simply have nowhere else to go for medical care.

At the root of the health-care debate is the potential to diminish human suffering—a

reason we invoke when we talk about policy solutions for genocide or AIDS or world hunger. Health care is closer to home, and we have the potential to effect legislation if we are passionate. As students, we can call our congressmen and senators, write letters and attend rallies, participating in the public discourse that accompanies political debate.

Regardless of what we believe, health care has the potential to strongly affect our future and the future of our country. As students, we owe it to ourselves to engage in the national dialogue.

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to how far we have to go before reaching LGBT equality in the United States, most importantly, it is a celebration. It is a celebration of those who identify as LGBT and those straight-identifying folks who act as allies in the movement. We hope that you will join us. After all, closets are for clothes.

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Chicago denied again: for the fourth time

Isaac Amon
Staff Columnist

The first Olympic Games in the Western Hemisphere occurred in St. Louis, Mo., simultaneously with the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, more commonly known as the World's

Fair of 1904, which happened on the grounds of Washington University and throughout Forest Park. Chicago was unanimously chosen in 1901 for the 1904 Olympics, but St. Louis officials feared that having it there would cut into attendance for the World's Fair. Thus, St. Louis threatened to hold their own

athletic competitions if the Olympics were not moved here, and the International Olympic Committee decided to allow President Theodore Roosevelt to arbitrate the dispute. He chose St. Louis, and the IOC went along with his decision. The Francis Field, located on the Danforth Campus of Wash. U., was the primary

stadium for the 1904 Olympic Games!

Chicago thus bitterly accepted and bid again in 1952 and 1956, without success. This is why having the American president, whose adopted hometown is Chicago, fail in his bid was particularly disappointing. On Oct. 2, 2009, the IOC decided to host the coveted 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro after much competition from Chicago, Madrid and Tokyo. To the surprise of many, the United States was eliminated in the first round, even after the president and first lady personally went to Copenhagen to lobby for their hometown, Chicago.

Chicago's early exit from balloting represented a personal setback for Obama and a painful one for Chicago, America's most prominent Midwestern city. Obama put his prestige and political capital on the line to fly to Copenhagen personally to lobby for the 2016 Olympics to be held in his adopted city, Chicago. As he said in his final remarks to the IOC, "I urge you to choose Chicago—and if you do—if we walk this path together—then I promise you this: The city of Chicago and the United States of America will make the world proud."

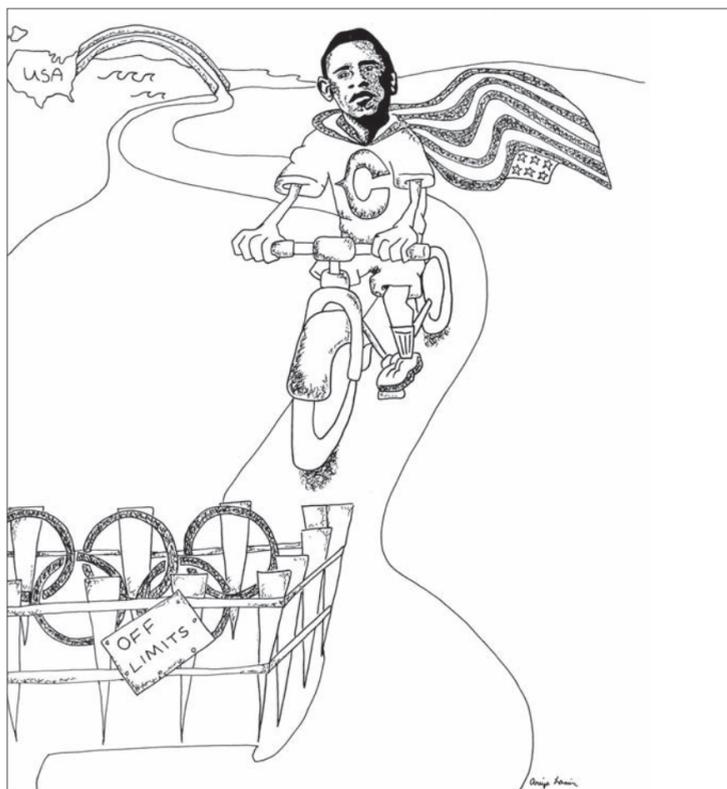
Finally, I view the Olympics as transcending any one political party or ideological division. The prestige of holding the Olympics honors the entire country, and Obama's failure to do so is a failure for all of us. It is true that the president had more pressing matters to deal with, such as

health care, and did not need to spend a lot of money for a simple five-hour trip to Copenhagen. In the end, regardless of whether or not you believe Obama should have flown to Denmark, the fact is that I was hoping the United States would win. As president, he theoretically represents the entire American people and our collective aspirations, hopes and dreams.

Many Obama critics were joyful and blamed Obama for Chicago not receiving the games. Rush Limbaugh said, "Our president, Barack Hussein Obama, has been running around the world for nine months telling everybody how much our country sucks...Why would anybody award the Olympics to such a crappy place?"

That kind of rhetoric is not helpful and it belies the belief of most Americans, including many conservatives and Republicans, that the Olympics are a glory for all of us. I hope very much that Chicago and St. Louis, again, will host the Olympics, a signal of respect from the rest of the world. In the end, it is time to strip the politicizing of the Olympics that has happened to our great detriment, and to see it for what it is: a realization that all of humanity is one and that collectively, when we have the will to solve problems, we will find the way to the solutions!

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Five ways to drive properly

AJ Sundar
Forum Editor

As I make my morning commute from an off-campus apartment to Wash. U., I encounter a lot of frustration—not only at the terribly outdated and inefficient timer-based traffic lights, but also at the complete inability of people to drive. It's less so a matter of skill or clumsiness as it is about people not following the basic rules of driving. While I would like to say that whenever I encountered these people I found elderly women (and sometimes this is the case), I see far too many people with emblazoned Wash. U. sweatshirts in the driver's seat. So without further ado, here are five things that you can do to make the streets of St. Louis run more smoothly and efficiently:

1. Follow the speed limit

There really is no excuse to go significantly under the speed limit except in cases of poor driving conditions. I don't know how many times I've gone 15 miles per hour behind a car on Skinker, which does indeed have a speed limit of 35 miles per hour. Skinker is a horrifically slow street, and a major reason is that people drive excruciatingly slowly, forcing everyone behind

them to drive slowly as well, resulting in major congestion.

2. Accelerate into turns

I really didn't know people failed, or even could fail, at this basic tenet of driving. When making a left turn, if not for anything else other than common courtesy, please push the gas pedal slightly when making turns, especially long left turns. This is so when I turn behind you, I'm not stranded in the middle of the street as my turn arrow expires and I block traffic. There's no reason to brake in the middle of a turn, and it makes those precious turn arrows accommodate far less traffic.

3. Creep up when making left turns

I know that plenty of streets in St. Louis don't allow people to creep into the middle of the street to make left turns, but people seem to conclude that this is the case for every street. It isn't. Creeping up to make left turns means more people turning per green light, and less traffic buildup overall—and three or four cars per light is infinitely better than one car, especially on streets with long red lights such as Forest Park.

4. Turn right on red

Again, I know many streets in St. Louis have no right turns on red lights, but a significant amount allow right turns. Take

advantage of this: Countless times I've been sitting behind three cars with turn signals on that are just sitting around twiddling their thumbs because the person in front won't make the right turn even when it's as clear as day to do so. It may only save you two to three minutes per intersection, but it adds up quickly.

5. Accelerate out of stop signs

When at a stop sign, you should come to a complete stop, but please don't just ride the clutch out of them. This is so cars behind you only have to stop once at a stop sign, instead of stopping behind you, and then moving four feet, only to stop again. Riding the clutch out of a stop sign simply causes a big line to pile up, causing the collective blood pressure of everyone to rise.

Following these simple rules helps everyone out: shortened delays, shorter wait times and shorter commute times, which means more time to actually do things instead of constantly being en route. Drive safely, drive soundly, but don't drive too slowly.

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National Coming Out Day

Shelby Carpenter
Op-Ed Submission

This Monday the Washington University community will celebrate National Coming Out Day, an event that fosters coming out and discussions about lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) issues. Pride Alliance, an organization that provides political and social programming for the LGBT community on campus, and the Right Side of History, an organization that aims to involve more straight-identifying people in the LGBT rights movement, have worked together to organize National Coming Out Day. This marks the first event Pride Alliance and the Right Side of History have jointly organized, and hopefully it is the beginning of an ongoing partnership. At first,

interactions between the two groups were tense, with the Right Side of History fearing that Pride Alliance was opposed to its initiatives, and Pride Alliance markedly concerned that the Right Side of History would promote LGBT rights while denying a voice to LGBT people themselves. Discussions between Pride and the Right Side of History are ongoing as we try to work together to reach shared goals.

One goal, of course, is creating a safe, supportive community for LGBT students on campus. Come and show that you support an LGBT-friendly Wash. U. by participating in National Coming Out Day. Look for tables at the northeast corner of the DUC on Monday (and expect a healthy dose of Mariah Carey when we are allowed to play music from noon to 1 p.m.).

While National Coming Out Day calls attention

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SCENE

THE HAPS DO YOU LIKE SCARY MOVIES?

Kristen Klempert
Scene Columnist

Until recently, I thought I had what it takes to survive a horror film; I don't answer the phone when I'm home alone, and I never go into a dark room if there seems to be no apparent reason for its lights not to work. But The Darkness, a seasonal haunted house in Soulard, showed me otherwise. When chased by a man wielding a chain

saw, I will run to the nearest corner, curl up and unsuccessfully hide.

The Darkness is constructed yearly at 1525 S. Eighth St., and this year it will stay open through the first week of November. The attraction spans two floors and takes about 20 minutes through which to walk. Scarefest.com lists specific hours and directions, which may be necessary due to the highway construction. The Web site also offers

\$2-off coupons, making the entrance fee \$18 instead of the usual \$20.

But enough logistics. This place will scare you to the bone. I'll admit that I'm naturally on the jumpy side, but almost every person I saw walking through the attraction screamed at least once.

"At one point my jacket got caught on something, and my friends kept walking," senior Scott Lichtor said. "I thought I was going

to die right there."

Another senior, who wished to remain anonymous, said he screamed like a little girl. And honestly, even if you consider yourself fearless, there is such a wide variety of creepy things in this warehouse attraction that something is bound to give you the willies—from carnage to monsters to children with those freaky "redrum" looks.

While some special effects are mechanical, there

are also actors, dressed up in an assortment of costumes, who will not only jump out at you but also follow you. Be warned: They're trained to smell fear. They will single out whoever screams the loudest or, in a slightly sexist strategy, whoever is a girl.

If you've been to The Darkness before, you'll still be entertained, as it changes each year. The classic scares are still there, including the room decorated like a

dungeon and one clearly belonging to a murderous butcher. But there is also a fairly impressive twist at the end this year. I won't say anything more, but it's pretty cool.

So if you're looking for things to do this month while the weather is cooling, the leaves are falling and the nerves are ripe for scaring, head down to The Darkness. As senior Albert Tzeng said, "It's freaking scary."

ROTC at Wash. U.

Sasha Fine
Scene Reporter

During the school year, students see signs and advertisements for a variety of student groups, organizations and associations. One small yet significant force on campus that is conspicuously absent from this list, however, is the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC).

Composed of a distinct breed of highly dedicated, extremely driven students, it is an organization almost everyone on campus is aware of, though only few truly know about it. Students undergo a rigorous application process for an ROTC scholarship and must coordinate the details of the award with the college itself. Washington University is one of 273 colleges with an ROTC that provides several students with the scholarships they need to attend. In return, the students are required to serve in the Army for eight years: either four years of active service and four of reserve, or eight years of reserve in total.

Throughout their four years in college, students take supplemental courses with fellow ROTC members at neighboring

universities and shoulder increasingly heavy burdens as they progress. During their freshman and sophomore years, student involvement is limited to the classroom; courses include military history, leadership training, tactics and a variety of other topics. Junior and senior years are different: cadets are expected to gain more real-world experience as their responsibilities increase.

Once every several weeks, the cadets leave on the weekend for field training.

"We do more hands-on stuff there," said junior Jonathan Deng, an ROTC member studying in the Olin Business School, about the trips. The ROTC travels to either Walden Springs (a National Guard base) or Fort Leonard Wood (a United States Army Basic Combat Training base), which are both in Central Missouri. This gives the cadets the opportunity to put into practice the skills they have been learning in the classroom.

Physical training, long associated with the military, is another staple of ROTC life.

"We work out for an hour and a half every day," said Matthew Snider, a sophomore in the College of Arts & Sciences. "I wake up at 5 in the morning. You have to be up at least by

5:30 to get there on time."

Students often see cadets walking around the Wash. U. campus on Thursdays in the Army Combat Uniform (ACU). Cadets are required to wear the uniform to ROTC class, and most students do not have enough time to change in between Wash. U. courses and the ROTC's.

"On Thursdays, the entire battalion has a lab, so everyone has to wear the uniform," said Rachel Atkins, a junior in Arts & Sciences. "We go as a battalion to do group exercises. It's our Army Combat Uniform, so we have to practice how to wear it right."

The rising role of women in the military is reflected by the students' opinions.

"I don't really feel at a loss at all," Atkins said. "I never really have noticed that the guys treat me differently. If anything, it makes [the women] special."

Despite their intense training schedule and heavy workload, the cadets wish to be viewed as regular undergraduates.

"We may do crazy stuff, but we're still students," Deng said.

All the cadets interviewed echoed that statement and said

they felt a lack of knowledge about the program has resulted in ambivalence among other students to approach them regarding the ROTC.

Overall, however, student reactions to the ROTC itself have not been hostile.

"People have been pretty good," Snider said. "The last bad thing that happened was [in 1970], when the ROTC [building] was burned down."

The future of the ROTC, often a contentious topic on college campuses throughout the country, seems to be secure at Wash. U.

"I don't see ROTC program dying out as long as people continue applying to Wash. U.," Snider said.

Beyond the extensive leadership and military training they receive, ROTC members also value the connections between students that the program fosters.

"They're my family," Atkins said. "You're with people at least three to four hours a day, every day. It definitely creates a bond." Indeed, the best-loved aspect of the ROTC appears to be its constituents.

"The camaraderie is the best part," Deng said. "The people are great. They're some of my best friends."

Other happenings

★ **Paint by Numbers:** Oct. 16 at Mad Art Gallery, 2727 S. 12th St., starting at 6 p.m. An interactive party with music, cash bar, food and paint-by-number canvasses for you to paint. Admission to this chance to relive your childhood creativity is \$5.

★ **Third Degree Birthday Blowout:** Oct. 16 at Third Degree Glass Factory, 5200 Delmar Blvd. 6 p.m.-10p.m. Free party including glassblowing demonstrations, food, cash bar and live music.

★ **St. Louis Fashion Week:** Oct. 12-18 at Lumière Place Casino: a variety of events centered on fashion. There will be runway shows, sample sales and chances to meet local designers. For a full list of events and times, visit saintlouisfashionweek.com. Some runway shows require tickets.

★ **Rocktober Fest:** Oct. 17 at Laclede's Landing. A Bavarian themed day of music, food and activities all out on the Landing.

Word on the Street

St. Louis was ranked the 24th smartest city by Daily Best. What's your reaction?

Compiled by Sasha Fine



"That actually doesn't surprise me that much. There's a lot of different cultures here, and a lot of universities in St. Louis, but then again, it's not a huge city like New York or Chicago."

— Alex Barger, sophomore

"That's disappointing, but I'm not entirely surprised. Just from what I've seen, St. Louis has a very high sports mentality, which in general would put something down on the lower side. We have several institutes of higher learning here, and I hope that would have pumped our ranking up a little bit more."

— Austin Hope, sophomore



"I'm almost surprised it's so high. I feel like Wash. U.'s a really great school, and there's a lot of intellectual people here on campus, but I feel like that's very limited to Wash. U.'s campus and doesn't spread outward to the city. I don't really feel that Wash. U. has connections to the city."

— Victoria Williams, sophomore

"I think that St. Louis has a lot of potential for the future, and having a school here like Wash. U. in St. Louis is great because it's a big up-and-coming school with a lot of opportunities."

— Neil Savalia, freshman



Senior Brian Lee instructs other cadets on the proper way to clear a room.

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Washington University junior William Shim stands at attention with other cadets Thursday evening. In addition to Washington University students, Gateway Battalion contains students from other schools in the St. Louis area.

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CADENZA

ALBUM REVIEW

'Music For Men' Gossip

Alex Terrono
Cadenza Reporter

If you read PerezHilton.com, then you have probably heard of the band Gossip, formerly known as "The Gossip." The band, fronted by singer Beth Ditto, is a favorite of the site's creator and is therefore frequently featured on the Web site. The band's new album, "Music for Men," with its awesome '80s-tinged music, shows why the band is one of his favorites, though it still has room for improvement.

Much of "Music for Men" sounds like it has been imported from the punk era in the '80s. The heavy bass, simple drum beats and twinkling synthesizer-piano account for this, especially in songs like "Love Long Distance." The heavy synthesizer in this song gives it a strong funky '80s vibe, while Ditto's singing also fits the music of that decade. It is fun and danceable, as is a lot of this album. "Heavy Cross" and "Men in Love" would also easily fit into the same genre of music.

The latter song ("Men in Love") is certainly chock full of '80s fun, but it doesn't fully deliver the way other songs on the album do. On the song's breakdown, Ditto restrains her voice so that it sounds weak and breathy, making her sound like she can't sing. This is a problem throughout the album. While

Ditto's voice shines on some songs, on others its punk quality sounds strained and screechy. On "Spare Me from the Mold," Ditto screams over the cacophonous punk track. Although this may fit into their intended genre, her "hut, hut, hut, hut" is just grating to the ears. The song is the worst on "Music for Men."

"Vertical Rhythm," on the other hand, is clearly one of the best of the album. For the verses, Ditto sings soulfully over sparse guitar picking and drums. In the chorus, the song adds more instruments, but the verses are what really make this song interesting. Her punk voice sounds almost haunting over the instrumental track, and she emits a great "who cares" attitude when singing about her failed relationship. "2012" is another song on the album that is fairly simple but undeniably catchy. It is a bit more punk than some of the other songs on the album, for which Ditto strains her voice a little, but with success on this song. Although it is unclear what the song has to do with 2012, its lyrics are clever nonetheless.

While many of the songs on "Music for Men" are fun and danceable, Gossip makes sure to add in some that are slower and more relaxed. With its bluesy bass and strutting vibe, the album's first track, "Dimestore Diamond," is one such example. "Love and Let Love," while a little

faster, still has a chilled-out feel to the music, which can probably be attributed to its funky bass line. Although Ditto does wail on this song, she controls her voice in such a way that it fits in with the song and actually sounds good.

Gossip's "Music for Men" is by no means perfect. It is boring in some parts (see "For Keeps") and cacophonous in others ("Spare Me from the Mold"), so why does it deserve so much attention? No, it's not great, but Gossip is bringing something to the industry that no one else is really doing: The band is bringing back the '80s with funky basses and wild synthesizers.



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Peaches, Ting Tings

tracks to download
'Vertical Rhythm,' 'Love and Let Love,' '2012'

Best episodes of 'Curb Your Enthusiasm'

Ashley Johnson
Cadenza Reporter

If ever a person embodied the words "endearing misanthrope," that person would be Larry David. To quote the master himself, "Curb Your Enthusiasm" is "pritty, pritty, pritty good." Larry David created the show and stars as a fictionalized version of himself. David's brilliant yet grating sense of humor, drawing upon influences from Mel Brooks and Woody Allen, burst onto the scene when he created "Seinfeld" in 1989. David himself primarily inspired the character George Costanza. What makes his current show so impressive is that it is largely improvisational. The actors receive a synopsis of the scene and then ad lib the rest. "Curb," as it is affectionately abbreviated in my house, stars a slew of David's actual friends, including Ted Danson, Jeff Garlin, Wanda Sykes and Richard Lewis, to name a few. The show is not new by any means; following a two-year hiatus, the seventh season premiered three weeks ago, and thank God for that. In the time that I yearned for David's unparalleled permutation of neurosis and wit, I have compiled my top five episodes from the previous six seasons.

Episode 1: 'The Pants Tent'

In the show's pilot episode, Larry accompanies Nancy, one of his wife's friends, to the movies. It would not be "Curb Your Enthusiasm" if there were no awkward occurrences, and the instigator in this episode is Larry's pants. The excess fabric causes an inconvenient and innocent bunch-up giving the illusion that Larry has an erection, which alarms Nancy. Also at the theater is Larry's friend, Richard Lewis' new girlfriend, Sofia. Throughout the show, Larry has uncomfortable interactions and opinions regarding Richard's girlfriends, but in this first episode, Larry tries to walk past Sofia to get to his seat. Sofia feels he is taking too long to go by and accuses him of staring at her breasts. Given the fact that she is wearing a provocative, form-fitting dress, Larry

delivers a great line—"No, you wear that dress so people look at your shoes." Later in the episode, Larry calls his wife "Hitler" on a phone call with his friend Jeff, not knowing that he is on speakerphone with Jeff's outraged parents listening in.

Episode 28: 'Krazee Eyez Killa'

Wanda Sykes is Larry's wife Cheryl's good friend, and in this episode she is engaged to a rapper who goes by the name Krazee Eyez Killa. At a party, Krazee confides in Larry about his love for vaginas and the differences that exist between ethnic vaginas. Krazee trusts Larry and warmly asks him, "Are you my n-----?" Later, when Wanda finds out her fiancé's side activities, Krazee accuses Larry of betraying him, but Larry vows to him that he didn't say anything. Larry demonstrates his friendship by asking Krazee, "Are you my Caucasian?" Also in this episode, Susie, Jeff's wife, offers Larry a tour of their new house, but Larry turns down the offer, saying, "Yeah, it's a house. It's new. I get it. It's nice."

Episode 29: 'Mary, Joseph, and Larry'

While Larry is Jewish and his wife Cheryl is Christian, their religious differences never seem to have come between them in the past. When Cheryl's family comes to visit for Christmas, Larry's lack of Christian knowledge creates a tense visit. After Cheryl and her sister bake Nativity-themed cookies, Larry eats the cookie of the baby Jesus unknowingly. Shocked, Cheryl's sister tells Larry, "You ate the baby Jesus and his mother Mary," to which Larry replies, "I thought he was a monkey." In an effort to salvage Christmas, Larry hires a group of actors to play the Nativity scene and sets them up in his driveway, but he quickly offends the actor playing Joseph by saying that the actress playing Mary is hot. Throughout the episode, Larry has a problem clearing his throat and even sees his doctor to help him remove the irritant in his throat, a pubic hair from his wife following oral sex.

Episode 39: 'The Survivor'

For Larry and Cheryl's 10-year anniversary, Cheryl tells Larry that he can sleep with another woman one time. This proposal drives much of the fourth season, and in this episode, Larry considers a tempting offer from his Hasidic dry cleaner. As they prepare to meet in a hotel, Larry wonders if it's true that Hasidic Jews have sex through a sheet. Larry shows up at the hotel with a sheet with a hole cut out, much to the woman's chagrin. Later, Larry is attending a dinner party, and a friend of his comments that he is bringing a survivor to the party. Assuming that he means a Holocaust survivor, Larry invites a friend of his father's, another Holocaust survivor, so that they can meet. Larry brings Solly to the dinner, but his friend brings Colby Donaldson, a participant on a season of the reality show "Survivor." Colby and Solly get into an all-out fight discussing who had it harder, as a contestant on the show or in a concentration camp. Colby asks him, "Did you ever see our show?" and Solly replies, "Did you see our show? It was called the Holocaust!"

Episode 36: 'The Car Pool Lane'

Larry and Jeff want to play golf but can't because they haven't heard back from the "restricted" golf club about their membership applications. Instead, they want to go to the next night's Dodgers game, but it is sold out. Cheryl surprises Larry with tickets to the game. Jeff cancels at the last minute, and Larry finds himself in traffic on the way to the game. In a stroke of genius, Larry decides to pick up a prostitute, Monena, so that he can use the HOV or carpool lane. Monena insists that Larry take her to the game, and she proves to be entertaining company, until Larry runs into some of the golf club board members who review applications. It doesn't fare so well for Larry that he escorted a hooker to the game. Earlier that day, Larry nervously bought marijuana from a street dealer for his father, who suffers from glaucoma. He ends the night smoking the marijuana with his elderly father and Monena.

In Defense of

'NYC Prep'

Alex Terrono
Cadenza Reporter

"NYC Prep": It's like "Gossip Girl," only in real life. The first season of the show premiered this summer as it followed around five prep school kids and one public school girl who was trying to break into the prep school scene. They partied; they dated; they created unnecessary drama; basically, they created great television. While the people on the show may not be the best people in the world, they sure are entertaining.

In order to prove just how great this show is, I'm going to recap the main "NYC Prep" players. Well, let's start at the bottom: Kelli. While there was really nothing wrong with her (aside from her awkwardness on camera), there was also nothing particularly good about her. The wannabe singer (and she could actually sing) was boring and awkward, contributing very little overall to the show.

Next up: Sebastian. The supposed "womanizer" dated two of the main girls on the show and claimed to hook up with at least 20 girls a month, yet he seemed to have no game whatsoever. While he was obnoxious at times with his constant bragging, his frequently failed attempts at charming girls made him all the more fun to watch. Of course, we can't forget his constant hair-flipping, which he did about every five seconds he was on screen.

Wannabe Queen Bee Camille fulfilled one of the troublemaker roles on the show. While she herself didn't have any

particularly exciting story lines on the show, her contributions to others' story lines made her role crucial. She was manipulative, judgmental, catty and self-centered. Instead of solving problems, she created them. When she wanted to join the Operation Smile junior committee, as headed by other show regular Jessie, she didn't stop at just asking Jessie. Instead, at Operation Smile's fashion show, Camille approached the leaders of the organization and called out Jessie for not involving her. The show is drama, and Camille is not afraid to play her part.

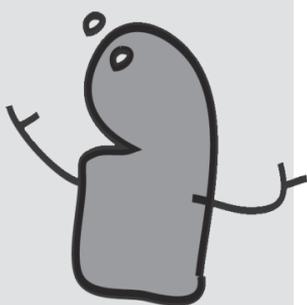
Public school sophomore Taylor was certainly one of the main focuses of the show. Between her dating Sebastian (pretty much only to be friends with the prep schoolers) and dating her creepily possessive boyfriend Cole, her love life was the central story line of the show. No other story line had as much continuity throughout the season. While Taylor couldn't decide what she wanted to do with her life (she jumped between philosopher, dancer and something in a circus), she certainly knew that she wanted to be friends with the prep schoolers, and she certainly started to make her way (with a little help from Bravo).

Finally, there are the two most entertaining and crucial characters on the show: PC and Jessie. The prep school senior exes and now best friends were by far the best people to watch. If Camille was judgmental, catty and manipulative, she learned it all from Jessie. The

current queen of the prep school scene, Jessie judged everyone and didn't have time for anyone new. She didn't care what anyone thought about her, and she didn't need to: Everyone was already afraid of her.

The stuck-up, flamboyant, fashionable and even more catty PC was definitely the star of the show. He took Taylor under his wing and tried to teach her the ways of the prep school; he started to party with 30-year-old hipsters; he decided that he was over high school and ready to move on. He wasn't afraid to stir the pot, and he did so knowing exactly what he was doing. He made the show what it is: a real-life "Gossip Girl" full of ridiculous drama. In the end, "NYC Prep" ended up being the PC and Jessie show, which was fine with me.

Yes, the kids may have been obnoxious and spoiled at times. Of course, it also clearly wasn't all real (I mean, why would the king of the prep school scene care about a public school sophomore?), but why is that important? Maybe it was a little bit trashy and overdramatic, but that shouldn't detract from the brilliance of this show. It was real entertainment. We were able to observe these kids in their natural habitat as they created drama for our viewing pleasure. Quality television? Maybe not, but entertainment television? Without a doubt. Tune in next season!



Lessons I learned from Disney Channel Original Movies

Hannah Schwartz
TV Editor

Don't get me wrong: I'm a huge proponent of the "High School Musical" franchise—well, besides the second one. Anything involving Zac Efron and musical numbers gets my seal of approval. But the rest of the Disney Channel's recent lineup of original films sounds horrendous ("Dadnapped"? Really?). So to present my plea for better-quality Disney Channel Original Movies (heretofore known as DCOMs), I have compiled a list of the important life lessons the DCOMs from my childhood espoused:

•**Ryan Merriman is the ideal man:** The golden boy of the DCOM era, Merriman was cute, charming and smart. So smart, he outsmarted the Smart House, for P.A.T.'s sake! Plus, he even pulled off the pointy-eared, red-haired, leprechaun look in "The Luck of the Irish." That takes a true stud.

•**Never make assumptions:** Yes, Piper, your African exchange student is white. Now, don't you feel ridiculous

in your African garb? And yes, Mahree, you are a racist for living in South Africa and supporting apartheid and assuming any American host family would be white.

•**Sometimes, it pays to be ignorant:** If Duncan (Will Friedle, aka Eric from "Boy Meets World"), a resident of Washington, D.C., had been a fully-functioning human being and actually known that 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. is the address of the White House, he might never have shown up to take the girl he met at the mall on a date, and would subsequently not have scored his dad a sweet promotion and himself an awesome relationship with the president's Daughter. Take that, common knowledge!

•**In high school, freedom reigns:** Wow, I can't wait to be in high school! I can be like Hayley from "Wish Upon a Star" and wear a literal dominatrix outfit—chairs, leather, fishnets and all—and do a striptease dance on a cafeteria table! What an education! (Seriously, find the clip on YouTube if you don't believe me). And yet, Hayley gets her retribution in the end by

coupling with the unfortunate-looking, gnome-like mute, Simon. Mixed messages...

•**DCOMs are the beginning of a great acting career:** Academy Award winner Diane Keaton starred in the very first DCOM, "Northern Lights," in 1997, setting a high standard for the caliber of actors in these films, and look where they are now: Ryan Merriman was in "The Deep End of the Ocean" in 1999. Xenon (Kirsten Storms) is totally on "General Hospital" now. Camilla Belle's first role was in "Rip Girls" in 2000, and she's world-famous now for dating Joe Jonas. And who can forget the legacy of the Lawrence brothers? Wait, everyone. One DCOM star has, unfortunately, actually succeeded in becoming a full-fledged star: Katherine Heigl. My hatred for her aside, her work in "Wish Upon a Star" is arguably her best, especially the sequence at the very end with Alexia (Heigl) and Hayley (Danielle Harris) staring admiringly at each other as they dance with their significant others—for a full 90 seconds. Another YouTube must!

SWIMMING

Bears hold up against Mo. elite squads

Kurt Rohrbeck
Sports Reporter

Washington University's swimming and diving team went up against the top swimmers in Missouri and posted several strong performances.

In a meet dominated by the University of Missouri, which took first place in all 16 events, the women's squad took fifth out of seven. The Lady Bears edged out Lindenwood University and Stephens College. Missouri State, Drury and Saint Louis University placed ahead

of the women.

In men's action, the Bears were unable to defeat any opponents in the team score. Missouri State, Mizzou, Drury, Missouri S&T, SLU and Lindenwood finished ahead of the men's squad.

Yet no one on either side was upset by losing in the team standings.

"Nobody gets really discouraged if we lose to Mizzou, but it's a really good chance to race really fast teams," said sophomore Catherine Rafferty-Millett, who finished 11th in the 100 individual medley with a 1:02.94.

Rafferty-Millett also combined with freshman Veronica Tse, sophomore Amy VanLishout and freshman Meghan Powers to place fourth in the 400 freestyle relay with a time of 3:45.36.

On the men's side, senior captain Dan Arteaga finished sixth place in the 50 butterfly with a time of 23.75 seconds and seventh in the 50 freestyle with a time of 21.74 seconds. Senior captain Dima Galkin went 1:00.45 to finish 12th in the 100 breaststroke, and his 28.04 seconds was good for 13th in the 50 breaststroke.

"There [were] a lot of good teams there this weekend," Arteaga said. "It was definitely a good experience overall."

Other noteworthy performances included freshmen on both the men's and women's sides for the Bears. Powers, in addition to her performance in the 400 free relay, also finished 11th in the 100 butterfly and 15th in the 50 butterfly. Tse finished 12th in the 50 breaststroke and 15th in the 50 freestyle.

"I was around my time for this point in the season," Powers said. "I mean, I'd like to go a little faster, ultimately, but not

bad for the beginning."

For the men's team, freshman Brendan Morin swam with the 200 freestyle relay team and finished sixth, along with senior co-captains Arteaga, Alex Beyer and Brian Kushner.

"It was good competition. You don't see people that fast in D-III, and they were flying," Morin said. "It's good to have someone much faster than you to race against, because it gives you a good idea of where you're at."

While the team didn't gain any first-place finishes or team victories this weekend, there is

much to be gained from meets like these.

"It really motivates us, because the teams that we raced against are more like the teams we're going to be facing at nationals and at conference championships," Rafferty-Millett said. "Obviously we're not winning events at Mizzou, so it motivates us to train harder because we see how fast the competition really is out there."

The Bears face Division I Southern Illinois University-Carbondale on Oct. 30.

With additional reporting by Johann Qua Hiansen

FOOTBALL

Wabash's late TDs stop Bears' attempt at upset

Alex Dropkin
Sports Editor

The Washington University football team held the nation's best offense in check for much of the game, but could not recover from two late touchdowns by No. 11 Wabash College.

The Bears ultimately lost to the Little Giants, who entered the game leading the country in offensive production (50.8 ppg), 31-12 on Saturday, Oct. 10.

"The whole game, the whole mindset...was not that 'we're in this game.' It was, 'We're going to win this game,'" senior co-captain Andrew Berryman said. "That was felt throughout the team."

Little Giants senior quarterback Matt Hudson went 32 of 45, throwing for 335 yards with three touchdowns.

"We knew it was going to take an almost error-free game to go in and beat them, because we knew they were good, but we knew they were beatable," Berryman said. We kind of showed that yesterday."

Junior Stephen Sherman had his own career day for Wash. U. at the quarterback position, throwing for 218 yards, but the Bears offense was outmatched in total offensive yards, 272-478.

Both teams were held scoreless in the first quarter, while a 42-yard pass from Sherman to senior Matt Mangini put the team at the Wabash 29-yard line.

In great position to take the lead with less than five minutes left in the quarter, senior halfback Greg LaChaud fumbled the ball on the very next play, giving Wabash possession.

"We have put in some new plays during the course of the year, and one of time's tests of things in football is that when you put a new play in, you've

got to run it a thousand times before you put it in on the field. We didn't necessarily do that," head coach Larry Kindbom said. "That fumble was more of a result of not working on that play enough times over the course of the year."

On the following series, Wabash turned to freshman running back Nathan Walters who capped a 70-yard, 5:04 drive with a 1-yard touchdown.

Wash. U. finally broke into the score column late into the second quarter. Senior defensive back Tim Olivos capitalized on a Little Giants fumble, returning it 59 yards to the Wabash 5-yard line. Berryman forced the fumble. Sophomore kicker Brandon Rogalski scored two minutes later on a fake field goal, but his extra-point kick was blocked.

The Little Giants responded with a nine-play, 55-yard drive resulting in a field goal, taking a 10-6 lead into the half.

Hudson's 29-yard touchdown pass to sophomore receiver Brady Young extended the score to 17-6 with 5:51 left in the third quarter, but the Bears answered on the ensuing series.

"There's no doubt Wabash is an incredible team," junior receiver Tom Gulyas said. "We definitely knew we needed to sustain a drive and

get a touchdown...Obviously to even up on the scoreboard and also to give our defense a rest, because [Wabash] has so many offensive weapons."

Sherman's 73-yard pass to Gulyas ended the three-play touchdown drive, but a two-point conversion attempt failed.

The Little Giants came right back with another touchdown at the hands of Hudson, extending their lead to 24-12. Junior safety Jake Martin ended Wash. U.'s chance for a response, intercepting Sherman's pass on the following series.

A 14-yard touchdown pass from Hudson to junior receiver Wes Chemblee pushed the score to 31-12 with 11 minutes left in the game.

With the loss, Wash. U. drops to 2-3 for the season. The season continues at Francis Field on Saturday, Oct. 17, against Wooster College (3-2). Kickoff is set for 1 p.m.

"[Our defensive performance] gives us a lot of confidence from here on out, to know that we can hang with one of the top 10 teams in the nation," Berryman said, "So that gives us confidence going into the next few games against Wooster and then heading into conference play that we can go out and dominate all these offenses, because we're not going to face another offense this good."

CROSS COUNTRY

Men finish 4th, women 5th as some runners take rest

Matt Green
Sports Reporter

The men's and women's cross country teams finished fourth and fifth, respectively, in Saturday's Gibson Family Invitational meet hosted by DePauw University and Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.

The conditions were beautiful in Terre Haute, Ind., which promised for a good race and even better times. Senior Alex Bearden led the men's team with a time of 26:11.40 (fifth), and was followed by another senior, Alden Black, with a time of 26:43.09 (19th). The women's team was led by freshman Bronwyn Bedrick, who held a time of 24:02.00 (17th). Only a second behind, freshman Brittany Cronin finished at 24:03.60 (19th).

Wash. U. had roughly half its team missing from the meet. Due to a number of

injuries, and both physical and mental exhaustion, many athletes were kept from running. Senior Hope Rathnam, who finished for the women's team with a time of 24:37.40, said the team is still strong enough to compete without them.

"Some of our team had to take the weekend off in order to take a mental and physical break since we just had a big race in Louisville and another one coming up in Wisconsin," Rathnam said. "Although we had only about half our team racing, we still had a very strong meet."

The Gibson Family Invitational was a rest meet, focused more on getting the team ready for the big meets coming up, according to members of the team.

"The meet was all about having fun and setting ourselves up to run well at next week's big meet, where we'll field our full team for the first time this season," said

co-captain Bearden, who was the men's leader over the weekend. "It'll be our first good look at the competition we'll face at regionals in November, so the meet was a success."

The teams continue getting ready for their huge meet in November. The entire season has been devoted to securing a spot at NCAA regionals and running well enough to go beyond them. The runners and the coaches have been working overtime to make sure that the team is prepared and ready to do well enough at regionals to continue this year's run to more challenging and difficult competition.

"We're excited about how well the freshmen have been racing," Rathnam said. "The adrenaline is starting to build for the big races coming up."

The Bears compete at the UW-Oshkosh Brooks Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 17, at 10:30 a.m.

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

- 1 A little batty
- 5 Fills completely
- 10 Skips, as ads on a taped show
- 14 "Garfield" dog
- 15 What an ump's protector protects
- 16 Approximately
- 17 Former Italian coins
- 18 Main blood line
- 19 Loch with a legend
- 20 Corporate-sponsored vacation
- 23 Ruhr valley city
- 24 Largest continent
- 25 Sicilian volcano
- 28 Mediterranean island republic
- 33 Place to retire to?
- 36 Tournament matches before finals, briefly
- 39 Matador's foe
- 40 Retirement account transaction that may incur a penalty
- 44 "Iliad" setting
- 45 Big name in tractors
- 46 ___-mo replay
- 47 Challenge a verdict in a higher court
- 50 Money you owe
- 52 Follow, as a suspect
- 55 Love poetry
- 59 Local airline trip
- 64 "A guy walks into a bar..." may start one
- 65 Christener
- 66 Go-__: small racer
- 67 Gets it wrong
- 68 Dolly the sheep, for one
- 69 Fencing blade
- 70 Herbal brews
- 71 Sharpened
- 72 Crystal gazer

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By David W. Cromer 10/12/09

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SPORTS

MEN'S SOCCER

Bears lose after digging early hole

Hannah Lustman
Sports Reporter

A slow start by the men's soccer team was the driving force behind a 2-0 loss to No. 9 Carnegie Mellon University on Sunday.

"Coming into it we knew this was going to be a big test for us. Carnegie Mellon is a great team," junior co-captain Alex Neumann said. "They came at us hard, they were aggressive, really from the get-go, and that posed a few problems."

Carnegie got ahead early; forward Ricky Griffin scored his first goal of the day off a corner kick in the fifth minute and followed up with another score 16 minutes later. The goals added to Griffin's total of 15 for the season thus far.

"I'm not happy with the goals that we gave them," head coach Joe Clarke said. "We need to make teams score better goals than we made them score today, but they got them and we really put ourselves in a hole."

The Bears began to counter following the Tartans' second goal and finished with 10 shots for the half. Despite several threatening attacks at the goal, Washington

University was unable to score.

"We created some chances, and we weren't able to finish them. Their goalie made a good save or two, and we just didn't do what we needed to do when we got into great positions," Clarke said. "We played much better after the first 25 minutes. We've just got to continue to improve; that's all there is to it."

Neumann said adjustments and advice from Clarke helped the Red and Green respond. After coming into the game, sophomores Patrick McLean and Kevin Privalle combined for six shots, while sophomores Zach Hendrickson and David Kanoff each had one.

"It was a combination of a few things: I think our subs that came in off the bench provided us with a ton of energy, they did a really good job," Neumann said. "At halftime Coach Clarke gave us a really fiery pep talk and told us that he knew we could beat this team."

Ultimately the Bears' improved play could not overcome the early two-goal deficit.

"We're a very slow starting team," McLean said. "We always pick it up...But we picked it up too late."



Bears midfielder Zach Hendrickson works past a Carnegie Mellon defender. Hendrickson, a sophomore, had one shot on goal in the soccer team's 2-0 loss to the Tartans.

After allowing two goals in the first half, senior John Smelcer shut down the Tartans with four saves in the second half.

The loss was the first for the team since playing Sept. 22 at Principia. Both the Panthers and Tartans are currently ranked in the nation's top 25.

"I think Carnegie is very good, and I think we need to be able to

beat a team like that," Clarke said. "We are good enough players to win against a team like that."

McLean explained that starting games stronger will help the Bears' chances in future games.

"[We need to] start strong. I'm not sure exactly what we're lacking; it might just be the warm-up, but we always start weak," McLean said. "We just need to

get pumped up before the game better."

The Bears face Fontbonne University on Tuesday, Oct. 13, at Francis Field starting at 7 p.m. The team will collect donations for the Sunbeam Foundation, a charity started by Wash. U. soccer alum Jeff LaBoskey that helps raise research funds to help find a cure for childhood bone cancers.

Sidelines

Men's soccer

No. 10 Carnegie Mellon def. Wash. U. 2-0

Women's soccer

Wash. U. def. Carnegie Mellon 1-0

Swimming

Women's: 5th of 7 with 165.5 points

Men's: 7th of 7 with 139.5 points

Cross country

Men's: 4th of 14

Women's: 5th of 15

Football

No. 11 Wooster def. Wash. U. 31-12

Volleyball

Wash. U. def. Elmhurst College 3-1 (25-16, 25-17, 23-25, 25-19)

Wash. U. def. Central (Iowa) 3-0 (25-22, 25-13, 25-16)

Wash. U. def. UW-La Crosse 3-0 (25-12, 25-17, 25-17)

VOLLEYBALL

Ladies overcome slow start, breeze through to win title

Kurt Rohrbeck
Sports Reporter

Even the best start out slowly sometimes.

The Washington University women's volleyball team overcame something of a sluggish start to their weekend matches and won all three of their contests, taking the Washington University Invitational Tournament.

The Bears came out on Friday and defeated Elmhurst College in the opener (25-16, 25-17, 23-25, 25-19) and came back in the next game to quickly take care of Central College (25-22, 25-13, 25-16). The Red and Green capped off their undefeated weekend with a victory over the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse on Saturday morning (25-12, 25-17, 25-17).

The game against Elmhurst provided a bit of an early challenge for the Bears. The first set began close before the Bears pulled away, and after dominating in the second set, the Bears dropped a lead midway through the third and lost a close one, 23-25.

After having dropped a set for the first time in nearly three weeks, the Bears returned the favor and came back from

trailing early in the fourth, using a 7-1 run late in the set to put away Elmhurst, 25-19.

Senior co-captain Erin Albers and sophomore Lauren Budde had impressive games; both registered 17 kills while Budde also tallied 15 digs. Despite the win, the Bears left the game unhappy about how some things went.

"In the first game, we were not very energetic and we weren't playing our hardest, which is not acceptable at this point of the season," sophomore Tricia Brandt said.

The Bears took out their frustrations on their second opponent of the evening, making quick work of Central after a close first set. Albers capped off what was a stellar night for her with 14 more kills, while Marilee Fisher set 35 assists, giving her 87 for the evening after an excellent first match as well.

Saturday morning gave the Bears a chance to finish off the weekend strong, and they took advantage against UW-La Crosse. The Bears went on a run of 10 straight points to take the first set, and they took the lead early in the final two sets and never looked back. Budde had another strong game, with 14 kills and 16 digs, while the team also had a chance to get

in some of the backups.

Yet despite the success, the team seemed to leave the weekend with a few worries.

"Two things—starting sluggishly and allowing our opponents to get runs—are big causes for concern," head coach Rich Luenemann said.

Luenemann was also concerned with the absence of sophomore Erin Kasson, who was out for the weekend with an undisclosed illness and may not be able to play next weekend.

"She is an incredible player, and she is one of our missing pieces out there that we really need in the lineup," he said.

They'll especially want her for next weekend, when they head to New York for UAA Round Robin No. 2, where they'll take on four teams—including No. 3 Emory.

"Emory, perhaps as much as anybody we play, gets really, really jacked up to play us. They get very emotionally involved to play us. We have to match their emotional intensity," Luenemann said. "But we can't just focus on Emory. We've got to focus on everybody."

"We just have to perform under the pressure and play our best," Brandt said.



Freshman Marilee Fisher sets the ball in Friday's contest against Elmhurst. Fisher had 52 assists in the Bears' win, the first of their three victories this weekend at the Wash. U. Invitational.

By Hannah Lustman, Sports Reporter

Cardinals fall from grace

For native St. Louisans, Cardinals baseball is a religion, and for Washington University students without a childhood team loyalty, the Cards are the team to watch. Acquiring Matt Holliday and Mark DeRosa over the summer helped lead the Birds to the dominant position in the NL Central, and they clinched a spot in the playoffs with their Sept. 26 win at Colorado. Pitcher Chris Carpenter was named National League Comeback Player of the Year on Oct. 5, but the Cards dropped six of their last seven regular season games leading up to the NL Division Series. For those who missed it, here's a breakdown of the first time the Cardinals have been swept by a National League playoff opponent.

Oct. 7 — NLDS Game 1
Dodgers 5, Cardinals 3

- Bottom of the first: Kemp homers and Furcal scores to give the Dodgers a 2-1 lead. The Cards' only additional runs for the day came when Colby Rasmus scored on a double by Skip Schumaker in the fourth inning and Mark DeRosa doubled home Ryan Ludwick in the ninth.
- A walk and a hit batter set up the Dodgers' next two runs.
- It was a rough start for Carpenter, who allowed four runs in five innings.
- At the end of the game, Cards and Dodgers combined for a playoff record of 30 men left on base.

Oct. 8 — NLDS Game 2
Dodgers 3, Cardinals 2

- Adam Wainwright left the game after eight innings. He allowed only one run on three hits.
- Cards entered the bottom of the ninth leading 2-1.
- With two outs and the bases empty, Matt Holliday committed a two-base error with a dropped fly ball. He "lost it in the lights."
- After Ryan Franklin walked Casey Blake, Ronnie Belliard tied the game with a single. Franklin then walked Russell Martin, and pinch hitter Mark Loretta hit a single for the winning run.

Oct. 10 — NLDS Game 3
Dodgers 5, Cardinals 1

- Cards' starter Joel Pineiro lasted only four innings.
- Manny Ramirez had a two-out RBI double in the first inning, and Andre Ethier hit a two-run homer in the third.
- The Dodgers scored five two-out runs.
- After loading the bases by walking Colby Rasmus, Dodgers pitcher Vicente Padilla retired 17 of the next 18 batters and shut the Redbirds down.

The Dodgers advance to the National League Championship series, while the Cardinals must wait 'til the spring for another shot.

Cardinals Chat

The L.A. Dodgers completed a sweep of the St. Louis Cardinals in the first round of the MLB playoffs Saturday, dashing the Redbirds' World Series hopes this year. How do you feel about the loss?



Junior Elissa Eggers:

"I feel like I should be saddened because A: I go to school here and my mom loves the Cardinals...but I'm from Connecticut, and I always liked the Yankees. So, I'm good."

Sophomore Jed Jackoway:

"I'm a Brewers fan, so screw the Cardinals. Good riddance, you stole the division."



Senior Katie Keeley:

"Oh my gosh, I thought they had it clinched! Everyone on Facebook was like, 'Yeah Cardinals!'...It's a big blow, especially with the Rams the way they are."