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Federal funding for University science research is rising after years of constrained budgets. With \$80 million in stimulus-related funding, much of the University's increase is a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

## Government increases science research funding for WU through stimulus

Dan Woznica  
Senior News Editor

In March of 2007, Washington University joined other top research institutions in issuing a report to Congress stating that limited funding for science research was having an adverse impact on the treatment of diseases like Alzheimer's and cancer. In a sign of changing times, the University received a \$10 million federal research grant this summer to study Alzheimer's and another \$10 million to expand its world-famous study on the genomes of cancer patients.

Science researchers at the University say they are enjoying a spike in federal funding, thanks in large part to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. So far, the University has received around \$80 million in stimulus-related research funding, most of it for science. The money comes as a result of some 200 grants the University has received in the last year, culled from more than 900 grants for which University researchers applied.

Federal research dollars have mostly funded projects at the medical school. In June, for example, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) extended a five-year, \$37 million grant to medical researchers studying biodefense and emerging infectious diseases in the Midwest. The NIH also gave the medical school \$19 million to study microbes in the human body and the role they play in health and disease.

George Weinstock, professor of genetics at the medical school, is heading the medical school's microbe study. Weinstock is also directing a \$2 million stimulus-funded study on a bacterial infection called MRSA.

"We are doing very well and are in an expansion mode as we received funding for about 10 projects last year," Weinstock said. "We're going a little nuts keeping up with all the work, but

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### Federally funded science research at WU

10 million: genomes of cancer patients

10 million: Alzheimer's

19 million: microbes in the human body

20 million: light energy on the Danforth Campus

37 million: biodefense and emerging infectious diseases

## Mattea to resign as vice president of administration

10 resignations this term raise questions about SU internal affairs

Michelle Merlin and John Scott  
News Editors



Trevor Mattea, SU vice president of administration, will resign in two weeks.

Student Union Vice President of Administration Trevor Mattea announced Monday that he would be resigning from his post in two weeks. His resignation is the second for the Montana administration, raising questions about Student Union's internal efficacy.

A member of Treasury resigned late Tuesday night and seven SU senators have also stepped down this term.

"It's a wake up call; we really need to transform Student Union," SU President Jeff Nelson said of the Senate and Executive Council resignations.

Mattea, a junior, said he

resigned because he was not satisfied with some of the aspects of how SU operates.

"I fear that sometimes things are done because they've been done before and there's a hesitancy, or people are slow, to step back and reassess things and think outside the box," Mattea said.

An SU press release stated

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## Study finds 'Freshman 15' is actually 2.7

Sally Wang  
Staff Reporter

Many college students are all too acquainted with the phrase "Freshman 15." But according to a recent study on freshman weight gain, the Freshman 15 may be just a myth.

According to the Journal of American College of Health, the average weight gain in colleges across the country was found to be 2.7 pounds. In addition, only about half of the college population gains weight. On the other hand, a surprising 15 percent of students actually lose weight.

"The Freshman 15 perception is not a reality," said Connie Diekman, director of University nutrition. "Studies have shown that while some students do gain weight in college, the majority are within roughly 5 pounds."

Sophomore Xinxing Liu says she does not believe in the Freshman 15.

"Obviously, coming to college, I was told about the Freshman 15," Liu said. "But it was definitely not something that I was worried about."

"The important message that Freshman 15 conveys is that college can cause students to gain weight," Diekman said. "Sometimes, the weight gain does not necessarily happen in freshman year, so students still need to be aware of weight gain after their freshman year."

Sophomore Kevin Levine said he is remaining conscious of his food choices even into

his second year of college. "For me personally, it is the amounts of food options on campus that is quite different from home," Levine said. "This expanded freedom to choose what I want to eat means a greater responsibility to eat healthier."

Diekman attributes the weight-gaining phenomenon in college to several factors, including students eating more frequently, making incorrect food choices and alcohol consumption.

"Alcohol plays quite an important role in the college weight-gaining trend," Diekman said. "Not only does alcohol itself contain hefty calories, it also lowers the blood sugar level, inducing the drinker to consume higher-calorie food."

Additionally, Diekman noted that females usually experience a metabolism shift between the ages of 17 to 19. This means that most female college students will at some point in their college careers switch to a slower metabolism.

### Healthy living on campus

Washington University Dining Services says it is doing its part to keep students healthy.

"In developing our menus, we provide a good mix of lean proteins, whole grains, low fat and low sodium sauces," said Cathy Causey, director of South 40 operations for Washington University Dining Services. "As a general rule, Bon Appetit's stand is

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## Libraries receive federal grant to digitize pre-war slave lawsuits

Re-I Chin  
Contributing Reporter

Washington University Libraries received one of the largest grants in the institution's history, a \$376,426 National Leadership Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The money will fund the St. Louis Freedom Suits Legal Encoding Project, which aims to digitize pre-Civil War lawsuits that slaves brought against slaveholders in the St. Louis Circuit Court.

A two-year endeavor, this project will involve about 30 personnel from University Libraries, the Humanities Digital Workshop, the law school library, the American Culture Studies Program and the Missouri History Museum. It will begin in December.

The project stemmed from an ongoing initiative called the St. Louis Circuit Court Historical Records Project. As a part of this initiative, records from the St. Louis Circuit Court are being scanned to preserve judicial resources and make them available electronically.

The newly funded Freedom Suits Legal Encoding Project takes the digitalization process a step further. In addition to finishing the scanning of more than 20,000 pages of city directories and court records, the project also seeks to transcribe the documents

to enable full-text searches.

While making these resources more accessible is a significant component of the project, copying history is not all that the project aims to accomplish.

"For the National Leadership Grant, [the project] needs to be innovative in a significant way," said Andrew Rouser, Washington University's digital library director in charge of this project.

The primary novel aspect of this project is to "develop extensions to the Text Encoding Initiative (TEI) for encoding legal documents to reflect legal function, genres and roles, and employ these extensions in this collection," according to a grant announcement.

In other words, this project seeks to develop a computer language for annotating the legal functions of documents. This language would be comparable to HTML, which is used to denote structural semantics for Web pages. Ultimately, this innovation will be integrated into TEI, the existing language, to provide a model for similar archives.

The project was taken on because there is no standard for characterizing legal documents as of now. Development of this formal scheme of resource description aims at making it easier to retrieve, use and manage these documents.

While the encoding standard

would primarily be used for legal documents, there are other applications as well.

"We hope to open it up to anyone who may be interested in the development of this structure... We want it to be more applicable to just the material that we are looking at," Rouser said.

Not only will the encoding standard be widely applicable to organizing other resources, but the multifaceted nature of the St. Louis Circuit Court cases also makes the documents a rich historical resource.

Beyond shedding light on civil conflicts within a specific geographical and temporal confine, these documents will reveal valuable information about the judicial, social, cultural and economic history of the city, county, state and nation.

This encompassing nature is in part due to Missouri's position as a border state during the Civil War era. The cases will help illustrate the complex relationships among those involved in the lawsuits, thereby showing the complexity of the slavery issue.

"I think that people get the impression that the North is good and the South is bad, whereas there were many gray areas... [The project] will help show that slavery was a problem of the entire United States of America—not just the South," Rouser expects.

Many are looking forward to the potential research that the project will stimulate.

"The real promise of digital scholarship is that when you digitize something, you are literally turning this kind of material into digits. That means it is quantifiable and is potentially data, and that puts humanities research onto an entirely new footing," Rouser said.

Librarians involved with the project look forward to working on it.

"We are all very excited," said Tim Lepczyk, a metadata librarian involved with the project.

Undergraduate students will also have an opportunity to benefit from the project. The grant funds a pedagogical component: a course within the American Culture Studies to be taught by former State Archivist Ken Winn. This class will enable students to help with digitization and conduct original research to learn more about America's past through a learning model called Engaged Study Projects.

"The aim of Engaged Study Projects is to have students confront complex, real-life phenomena of American culture, or the records of such phenomena, and bring to bear techniques from multiple academic disciplines to understand or interpret them," said Randall Calvert, director of American Culture Studies.

# THE FLIPSIDE

## weatherforecast

Wednesday 21

Partly Cloudy  
High 70  
Low 54



Thursday 22

Rain/Thunder  
High 58  
Low 51



## eventcalendar

### WEDNESDAY 21

**Emergency notification system test**  
Danforth Campus, 12:50 p.m.  
The University will be testing its emergency notification system, WUSTLAlerts, at 12:50 p.m. today. Students will receive test e-mails and text messages. The test will take place unless there is a potential for severe weather or some emergency that day.

**'The Dance of Two and Latin America's Great Myth of Origin'**  
Duncker Hall, Hurst Lounge, 4:30-5:30 p.m.  
Professor John Chasteen, a distinguished term professor from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, will be coming to speak about why dance in Latin America is so popular and how it has become a part of national identity.

**'Three Jews Walk Into a Bar...'**  
Seigle L002, 8-9 p.m.  
Join Jewish Student Union for a panel discussion on Jewish humor. Participants will include Rabbi Allen Selis, Wash. U. professor Erin McGlothlin and campus comedians.

**Social Justice Center Open House**  
Hurd Basement, 6-8 p.m.  
The Social Justice Center hosts an open house featuring T-shirt decorating and food.

### THURSDAY 22

**'Captain Planet' Marathon**  
Ursa 8 Stageside, 9-11:30 p.m.  
As part of the ECOlympics week, CS40 will show a "Captain Planet" TV show marathon at Ursa's.

**Socioeconomic Diversity on Campus**  
DUC, Tisch Commons, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
Controversy N' Coffee is putting on an event to discuss issues relating to socioeconomic diversity at the University. Panelists for the program will include the vice chancellor of admissions and the assistant director of academic programs, among others.

## newsbriefs

### Campus

#### Students react to incident at Chicago bar

Following an incident in the senior class trip to Chicago during which six black male students were denied entry to Mother's Night Club Original bar, students are taking action against racism.

The Senior Class Council is organizing a town hall meeting with the Association of Black Students (ABS), which will take place at 8 p.m. on Monday. The Forum will concentrate on what students can do in response to the incident and other related issues of discrimination.

Senior Class President Fernando Cutz wrote in an e-mail to the student body that the Senior Class Council is working with other Chicago universities and the NAACP to organize a protest in front of Mother's.

Another option being explored is filing a lawsuit against the bar. Past discrimination complaints have been already filed against the establishment. (Lauren Olens)

### National

#### Balloon boy's parents face charges

Last Thursday, the Heenes family let a spaceship-shaped balloon into the sky in Colorado, and soon after told the media that they believed one of their sons was in the balloon. After traveling for 50 miles, the balloon finally fell to the ground, where it was discovered that there was in fact not a boy in the balloon. The son was hiding in his house, allegedly because he was afraid of his parents.

Now, a county sheriff says it was all a deliberate hoax. The Heenes' three children will not be castigated, but the parents will face charges, including felony charges of conspiracy and misdemeanor charges of a false report and influencing their children to become delinquents.

The parents could receive a punishment of up to six years in prison. The family may also have to pay for the attempted rescue of their child from the balloon.

Social workers will additionally verify that it is okay for the children to remain in their parents' household. (Lauren Olens)

### International

#### Man breaks 15 laws in 11 minutes

A 47-year-old Swiss man committed 15 traffic violations in 11 minutes, Zurich police say.

The man sped past a police car at more than 100 mph in heavy rain, just before driving near other cars and the curb.

The driver was charged with speeding, driving on the shoulder of the road, running red lights, and failing to yield to police, among other things. After being pulled over, he failed a drug test.

The driver faces penalties such as having his license revoked and even jail time.

"I can't remember a case this serious," a police spokeswoman told the BBC. "It's remarkable." (Dan Woznica)

## policebeat

**ACCIDENTAL INJURY**—Oct. 15, 2009, 8:17 a.m.  
Location: DANFORTH CAMPUS  
Summary: Accidental injury.

**JUDICIAL VIOLATION**—Oct. 15, 2009, 8:55 p.m.  
Location: Frat 4  
Summary: Officers responding to a fire alarm found smoke from student in violation of the smoking policy. Disposition: Cleared by referral to judicial administrator.

**LARCENY**—Oct. 16, 2009, 8:51 p.m.  
Location: DANFORTH UNIVERSITY CENTER  
Summary: An employee of Ambius, the company that provides the flowers to the orchid room in the Danforth Center, reported three orchid planters were taken from room 128 over the last month. It should be noted there was a report of two planters stolen under report #090476 on Sept. 16. The planters were valued at \$180.

**SICK CASE**—Oct. 18, 12:05 a.m.  
Location: DANFORTH CAMPUS  
Summary: Sick case.

**PROPERTY DAMAGE**—Oct. 18, 3:31 p.m.  
Location: PARKING LOT #55  
Summary: Complainant reported that person(s) unknown smashed her windshield while parked on the top level of Lien Garage between Oct. 17 at 8 p.m. hours and Oct. 18 at 3:20 p.m.

**BURGLARY**—Oct. 19, 2:51 p.m.  
Location: JOLLEY HALL  
Summary: Complainant reported the theft of two laptop computers from his office between Oct. 15 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 19 at 11:30 a.m. No forced entry observed. Value \$5,000.

**ACCIDENTAL INJURY**—Oct. 19, 8:12 p.m.  
Location: DANFORTH CAMPUS  
Summary: Accidental injury.

**SUSPICIOUS PERSON, OLIN LIBRARY**—Oct. 19, 9:23 p.m.  
Summary: Witness reported that a white male subject was using a library computer to view pornography. Subject was arrested when he refused to identify himself to officers. No-trespassing warning was also issued. Disposition: Cleared by arrest.

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that Mattea was frustrated with the bureaucratic structure of his position and his inability to make a “noticeable difference in the lives of students.”

### Second executive resignation in two months

The resignation comes less than two months after Courtney Reeves, former vice president of public relations, resigned for “personal reasons.”

Mattea said he views his resignation as different from Reeves’.

“[For me.] it wasn’t an issue of time and having enough time, it was more of an issue of, ‘How am I spending my time?’ Is it something where I feel like I’m having a worthwhile participation, and is it making me happy? More and more, the answers to those questions were ‘no.’”

Jill Carnaghi, associate vice chancellor for students and dean of campus life, agreed that the executives stepped down for their own reasons.

“I think each of them made the tough call for themselves,” Carnaghi said. “The most difficult thing can be, ‘I can’t complete what I said I was going to do.’”

While Nelson acknowledged that many students do not understand the full extent of their responsibilities until they actually hold that position, he said his focus is on the student body rather than on the students who work within Student Union.

“My focus is not so much on the internal specifics,” Nelson said. “I’m more concerned with the results for students.”

### Questions about the VP of administration position, SU structure

As for the position of vice president of administration, which Nelson held last year, Nelson said he understands Mattea’s frustrations with the job.

“It’s very internal-focused, and it’s hard to see how you make an impact on students,” Nelson said.

The position of vice president of administration involves the oversight of internal aspects of SU and many of the day-to-day issues of student government, such as rules, office supplies and room reservation.

“Perhaps I misunderstood exactly what the position was or what the day-to-day job was. I wasn’t aware of how the things I was obligated to do—the day-to-day office stuff—was going to bog me down from doing my own projects,” Mattea said. “It’s hard to have the enthusiasm to do the things you really want to do once you complete the things you’re obligated to do.”

Senior Chase Sackett, speaker of SU Senate, said he thought Mattea’s resignation was not a reflection on the structure of Student Union but rather on the position of vice president of administration itself.

“I don’t think it’s an SU thing. I think it’s more about what that position is. I can completely understand why Trevor would be unsatisfied with that position,” Sackett said. Sackett served as a senator while Mattea was the chair of the Campus Services Committee.

Junior Jack Novick, an SU Senator, said the resignation will not change his thinking on student government.

“It doesn’t really make me feel any differently about Student Union,” Novick said. “It’s more moving on the same path we’ve been on, moving toward changing from a bureaucratic self-serving organization to more outreach and more activism.”

The resignations have caused SU members to reconsider how students understand SU.

Nelson said that the executive branch is looking to create an “inside SU” program that hosts events highlighting different positions in SU. This would increase awareness about Student Union and its functions and educate those planning to run. Another suggestion has been to more explicitly outline each executive position in the constitution so that candidates are more aware of what they are getting into.

“I’d like to see Student Union be realistic about what it can do and give less emphasis to the idea that we’re changing school policy because that’s not usually the case,” Mattea said. “I won’t say that students or Student Union reps aren’t involved in some decisions because they are, but to say that’s most of what we do would be inaccurate.”

With additional reporting by Perry Stein

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- Albert Einstein College of Medicine (Yeshiva University):** 10/22, 5-6 PM, Danforth University Center, Room 248
- Green Corps:** 10/22, 6-7 PM, Danforth University Center, Room 239
- Maximus:** 10/22, 6-7 PM, Danforth University Center, Room 232
- RF Binder Partners, Inc. (Lunch & Learn):** 10/23, 1:30-3 PM, Simon Hall, Room 105
- SEO:** 10/27, 6-7 PM, Danforth University Center, Room 233
- MIT Lincoln Labs:** 10/28, 6:30-8 PM, Danforth University Center, Room 276
- St. Jude Medical:** 11/3, 6-7:30 PM, Danforth University Center, Room 234
- U.S. Peace Corps:** 11/5, 6-7 PM, Danforth University Center, Room 234

## EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

**WORKSHOP WEDNESDAYS:** The Career Center will be offering a variety of workshops every Wednesday this fall. For a more extensive list, visit CAREERlink.

- **BEHAVIORAL INTERVIEWS:** 10/21, 12:15-1 PM, Danforth University Center, Room 111
- **INTERVIEWING TO GET THE OFFER:** 10/21, 4-5 PM, Danforth University Center, Room 111
- **INTERVIEW PRACTICE:** 10/21, 5-6 PM, Danforth University Center, Room 111

**LUNCH WITH A PRO: GENZYME:**  
10/23, 12-1 PM, Danforth University Center, Room 234  
Get the inside scoop from a hiring manager in a leading biotechnology company. As the senior employment specialist, Beth Shuster will share her experience about what Genzyme looks for when hiring. A FREE lunch will be provided.

**JUNIOR SOL SEARCH: A GUIDE TO CREATING A MEANINGFUL SUMMER EXPERIENCE**  
10/28, 6-7:30 PM, Danforth University Center, Room 234  
One of the most important things you can do as a junior is plan for a meaningful summer experience. This workshop is designed to get start you thinking now about this. Come hear from panelists in different areas as they explain deadlines and processes. Panelists include former interns with:  
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**ETIQUETTE DINNER (Deadline 11/6):**  
11/11, 5:30-7:30 PM, Danforth University Center, Room 128 (Orchid Room)  
Each semester the Career Center offers this program to educate students on the basics of fine dining around a lunch/dinner interview. Students can register by visiting the Career Center at 110 Danforth University Center to pay the registration fee (\$15 by 10/31, \$20 by 11/6). Space is limited.

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to include a large variety of healthy options, as well as taking typical menu staples and making them healthier by including whole grains, avoiding trans fats and using healthier fats, such as extra virgin olive oil and yogurt in place of sour cream.”

In addition to taking advantage of these food options, many students are taking matters into their own hands to stay healthy and avoid falling victim to college weight gain.

“I run on a daily basis, in part to stay healthy,” Levine said. “I really like the added fruit options at the South 40 dining locations. There are more varieties of fruit compared to last year, and they are also serving smaller fruit-salad bowls, which are a big hit for me personally.”

“I try not to overeat each meal and to avoid junk food as much as I can,” Liu said. “I also take physical education class here at Wash. U. to stay in shape.”

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## STAFF EDITORIAL

# Mother's Night Club incident should compel boycott, activism

The recent instance of racism directed at six seniors during the class trip to Chicago last weekend is a stunning reminder of the racism that still exists in our world. Two hundred members of the senior class experienced racism firsthand, when six black students were denied entry to Mother's Night Club Original bar due to their "baggy jeans," even as several white students with baggy jeans were allowed in.

After being denied entry, a black student changed jeans with a white friend, who was smaller and wore the jeans even more loosely; the white student then successfully gained access to the nightclub. This quick-thinking and foolproof experiment demonstrates that the incident had an entirely racist motivation.

The next morning, hundreds of students protested down the block from the nightclub in front of their hotel. While some criticized the short duration of the protest or its location, the Senior Class Council members who organized the protest were told

they could not protest in front of the nightclub without a permit, and they could not obtain a permit overnight. Additionally, students had time constraints because the buses needed to return to St. Louis. Given the circumstances, we commend this unified and quickly organized display of student activism.

In an e-mail to the student body, Senior Class President Fernando Cutz announced a town hall forum next Monday to discuss the incident, and also indicated the Senior Class Council's intention to work with the NAACP and Chicago-area colleges to organize a protest. We strongly support these actions, encourage students to attend the forum, and commend student leaders for taking this initiative.

Because of the blatant racism of the situation, we urge the Chicago community not to let this incident be forgotten. A sizable portion of Wash. U. students are from the Chicago area, and we encourage students and their friends to refuse to patronize Mother's Night Club. Furthermore, each class council should

inform the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce and the Black Consumer Business Bureau of the incident and its intention to boycott this nightclub.

Finally, we take this opportunity to formally call upon organizations such as the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce to condemn Mother's Night Club. The business members of the Chamber of Commerce are hurt by the perception of racism in Chicago, and we compel them to denounce this recent instance of intolerance.

It was touching, on Sunday, to observe the way a community unites behind its leaders and the standards it knows to be right. In addition to the protests, many students commented on the article in Student Life detailing the incident or posted it as their Facebook status.

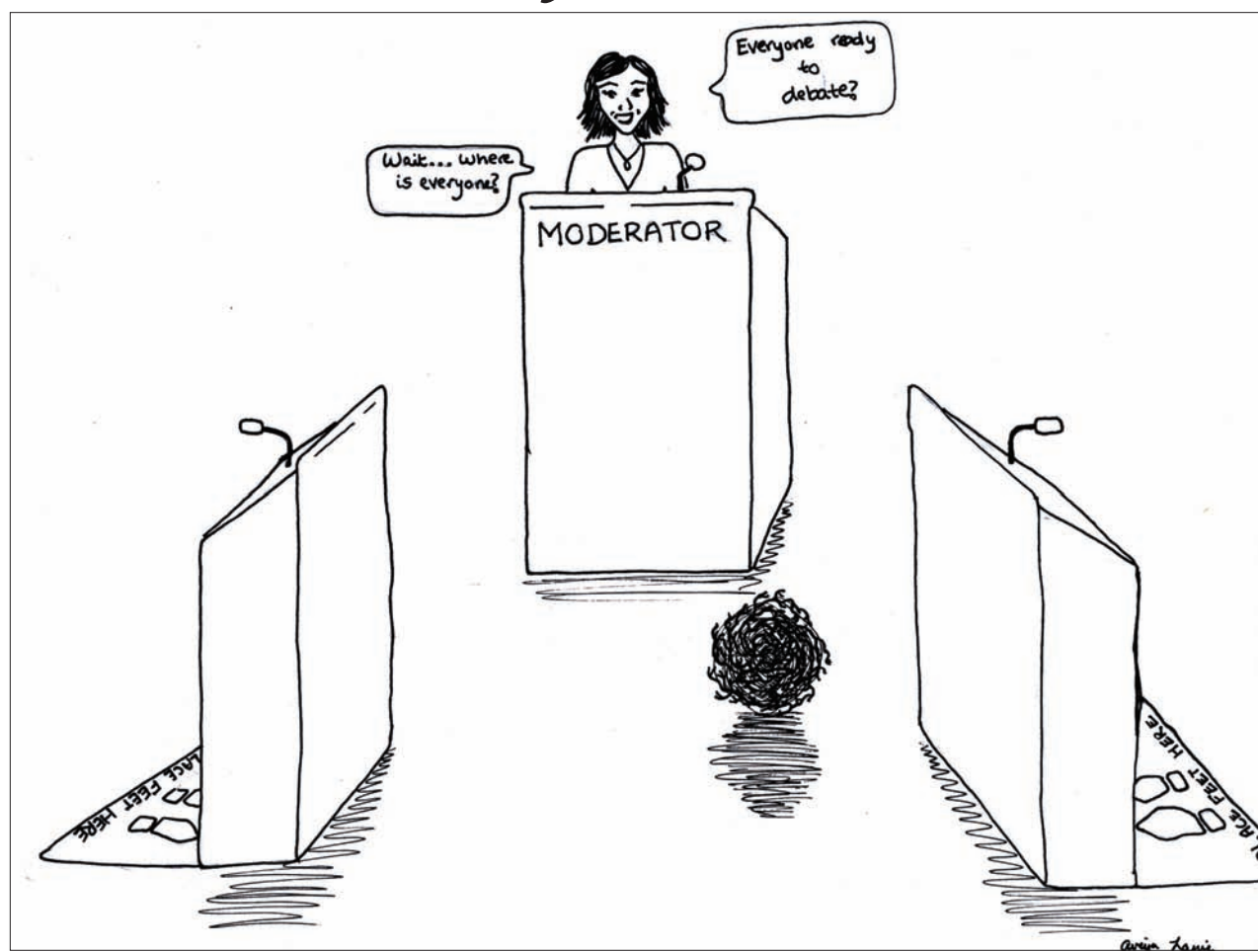
We find it ironic that the members of the Senior Class Council who planned the trip were among those excluded from the nightclub, demonstrating the senselessness of the racist attitudes exhibited. Hearing that well-regarded student leaders like

Regis Murayi and Ibore Umani were turned away from a nightclub seems other-worldly.

But it is precisely because this incident seems other-worldly that we must not forget about it. In our world—the safe and diverse world of Wash. U.—the concept of turning someone away because of the color of his skin is blatantly wrong. This incident serves to remind us that there is a larger world outside the insular Wash. U. community, one in which even black student leaders are subject to prejudice, one for which the operating principle is not tolerance but discrimination.

We must take this event as a signal of our charge in fighting the currents of prejudice. It is our duty to recognize the undercurrents of social racism and fight against them; it is, moreover, our responsibility to fight politically against Mother's Nightclub. We must ensure that an institution that rests judgment on the race of its would-be patrons is one that cannot continue its practices.

## A school of individuals



Eve Samborn  
Forum Editor

Ah, the irony. Last week, I wrote a column calling for more debate on campus about the war in Afghanistan. The response: silence. No debate, no online comments, no e-mails, no op-ed submissions and no other apparent response on campus.

Of course, one obvious possibility is that my column last week simply wasn't good enough to merit a response. That's entirely possible. The pattern of commentary over my two-plus years as a Student Life columnist, however, suggests otherwise.

The only columns that seem to generate much response on campus are those that directly criticize the work of students and student groups on campus. When I wrote a column last year "eulogizing" the College Republicans, the responses were swift and plentiful. The same thing happened when I

wrote about Conservative Coming Out Day last spring and when I wrote "Pretending to be President Obama" this fall.

It is natural that students would care most about their own work and pursuits; yet, the degree to which this occurs is somewhat staggering. More importantly, I believe it reflects a trend that is much broader than the Forum page of Student Life. We are becoming a campus of extreme individualists.

One particularly strong example of this individualism on campus are the often low rates of attendance at various campus programs. With so many options to choose from and a culture that emphasizes personal achievement, we become easily immersed in our own activities and have little time to explore the variety of speakers and other programs that populate this campus. Concerning ourselves with world affairs tends to fall even further down our priority list.

In many ways, abundance of choice is not unique to Wash. U., but is rather the inevitable

hallmark of modernity. The development of the Internet has exacerbated this trend, giving us access to information about nearly every possible human interest and from nearly every possible source.

I think our intensely-scheduled childhoods have also played a role. After years of ballet lessons, soccer games

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and Future Super Special Overachievers of America meetings, many of us came into college with already-developed interests and talents that we wanted

to pursue. Even when we have decided to look for new pursuits, we've often done so in a way that fits comfortably with the formal activities of our childhood. Though it may not be intentional, much of our time can be neatly distilled into lines for our résumés.

Maybe Wash. U. students prefer to read about national affairs in other sources. That would be perfectly reasonable, and yet I doubt it explains the silence I described. If it were true, speakers with deep expertise about national politics, like recent Assembly Series speaker Harold Ford Jr., would likely draw larger audiences.

Focusing on personal achievement is good, but we risk losing a great deal when we neglect our collective interests. We should make more time for participating in campus affairs and for educating ourselves about current events happening in the broader world. If we do not care, who will?

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## Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

Sasha Fine's (Oct. 12) report on ROTC recalls a time of great tension at Washington University. There is reference to this in the quote from a current student: "The last bad thing that happened was [in 1970] when the ROTC [building] was burned down."

For several years, there had been a growing protest, at many universities, against the Vietnam War. Students faced the prospect of being drafted after graduation. There was a student occupation (a "sit-in") in Brookings Hall.

The campus ROTC became the focus of many anti-war demonstrations, and its building, close to what is now Forest Park Parkway, was burned. Responding to a call one morning, 50 members of the St. Louis County Police, in riot gear, appeared on the campus. At the request of Chancellor Thomas Eliot, the police left the campus. (Student Life, March 27, 1970) One student was convicted of throwing a fire-cracker (a "cherry bomb") but fled from Missouri before being sentenced.

The faculty addressed some of the issues, initially through the Faculty Senate Council, which comprises the elected representatives of the University-wide faculty. The Senate Council meets regularly with the chancellor and is the most important link between the administration and the faculty. The Council can make recommendations to the administration, and it reviews all proposed policy that affects faculty.

I was chairman of the Senate Council during 1969-71, at the time of the anti-war protests when the Council adopted a resolution which was subsequently adopted by the Senate, consisting of all full-time members of the faculty. The Minutes of the Senate contain this entry:

"Resolution adopted at a meeting of the Senate, April 14, 1970.

The Senate reaffirms its support of the principle that courses awarded credit by any division of the University should be taught or evaluated by personnel whose appointment has been approved by an academic dean.

The Senate urges the Chancellor to explore whether it is feasible, consistent with the principles of Paragraph One and in consultation with the University Senate, to insure that ROTC courses be available to Washington University students who wish to participate in the program.

The Senate condemns acts of violence, vandalism and disruption by members of the University community or others and urges the Administration to take firm action to curb such acts in accordance with properly established judicial procedures, internal or external."

It must be noted that at that time, three units of academic credit were awarded each semester to students in the ROTC courses.

The recommendations were followed by the administration of Chancellor Eliot. Thus ROTC is still available but without academic credit. The core of the resolution is the requirement that "courses...should be taught or evaluated by personnel whose appointment has been approved by an academic dean." ROTC instructors are not appointed by the University after an open search (as now required for faculty appointments), and the content and evaluation of the ROTC courses are not subject to the normal academic review.

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Professor of Physics

## The Marlboro Monopoly Act

Sasha Fine  
Staff Columnist

On June 22, 2009, President Barack Obama signed the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act (H.R. 1256) into law, thus taking the first faltering steps toward fully monitoring and regulating cigarettes and their purchases. The bill gives the FDA the power to "regulate tobacco products." This is all well and good, and the act is clearly well-intentioned, but there remain several kinks to work out.

The gist of the bill deals with various requirements for tobacco companies regarding regulation of cigarettes, notification of the public about their ingredients and various other restrictions and requirements for them. However, about a quarter of the way through the bill, a "Special Rule" is thrown in, stating "a cigarette or any of its constituent parts...shall not contain...an artificial or natural flavor (other than tobacco or menthol) or an herb or spice." Note two things: first, the elimination of flavorings; second, the special exception of menthol cigarettes. The rest of the bill is largely commendable, but this special rule is a cause for concern.

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# Journeying back to the land of censorship

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Remember that part in “The Odyssey” when Odysseus returns to Ithaca and finds that everything has changed, up to the suitors prancing around like 50-year-old men at a prostate exam, legs clinched and manliness on full showcase? Well, I journeyed back to my old high school last weekend, voyage unimpeded by one-eyed monsters and evil whirlpools, to find young Telemachus under the authority of evil, ultraconservative men who would like nothing more than to corrupt Odysseus’ kingdom and take his sweet Penelope.

Sorry...I’ve been reading a lot of Greek literature lately, and I needed a slightly relevant lede.

Though at press time I find myself childless, I felt almost paternalistic and most definitely outraged when I returned to my high school and discovered the state of censorship that had fallen. I had a chance to talk to my old newspaper adviser, only to find out that my old principal, against whom the Vernois News staff and I fought for free speech for two years, censored another portion of the newspaper and has now voiced his disapproval of the teaching of “Of Mice and Men.”

I can’t believe he’s gone back to bleeping spots out of the paper. I almost feel like being here has made me forget what that time in my education was like when I had to worry about what the authority might think of what I have to say, which is something that should not be forgotten.

I was censored four times in my last two years of high school by this man, as were the works of other students. This time, the principal struck the entire artistic section out of the paper because of “questionable” photos of a graveyard. What’s wrong with a graveyard? Furthermore, the idea of cutting “Of Mice and Men” from the curriculum is ridiculous. While it may have some issues with violence and language, it is still a classic that reveals to the reader a



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little glimpse of some of life’s truths.

*“We need to see that we are now in an empowered position to speak out about what we don’t think is right, especially if it is a case of censorship.”*

I write this not to give a 600-word complaint about my old high school, though, but rather to remind us that there is a world out there that is not as free to speak and read and write as they would like. So

often we get caught up in the Wash. U. bubble that we don’t realize how lucky we are.

Where are those professors who try to prevent you from saying what you want to say? Where is that editor who will not let you run a column because of “questionable” content? For the most part, you will not find those people here.

We need to see that we are now in an empowered position to speak out about what we don’t think is right, especially if it is a case of censorship. My high school paper can’t speak out against the closed-mindedness of their principal’s cuts because he is the ultimate authority on what is printed in our school’s paper. I, on the other hand, can.

I am no longer hindered by him, just as many of you are no longer inhibited by some administrator who kept you

from expressing your opinion. As a result, we have a responsibility to speak out against this sort of control. So, I will.

To high school students (and even to the administrators who insist on monitoring your reading and writing), I want to assure you that there is a real world where you can write and draw and express yourselves in the manner in which you know you should be able to.

I am by no means Odysseus, but I, just like you, can be an advocate for those who feel like their opinions aren’t being heard, or even those who feel they are being silenced. All it took was one man to string his bow and shoot an arrow that made Penelope’s oppressors run away.

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## SMOKE from page 4

safety of young smokers. Questioning the motivations behind this legislation brings me to my second point: the menthol cigarettes exception. The exception of menthol cigarettes is contingent to the banning of all other natural and artificial flavors and additives. Menthol cigarettes—the most popular of all flavored tobacco, with 25 percent of the overall cigarette market share—are predominantly produced by Phillip Morris USA, which supported the bill in its final form. By supporting a bill that both eliminates its competitors in the flavored cigarettes market and appears to look like an excellent piece of legislation, Phillip Morris comes across as a responsible, regulation-accepting member of the tobacco industry. In reality, Philip Morris has used Congress to establish a monopoly in the flavored cigarettes market, so much so that the bill is sometimes referred to as the “Marlboro Monopoly Act of 2009” alluding to the corporation’s “Marlboro” brand.

The speculative nature of the bill aside, not banning menthol cigarettes has serious health complications. They are widely believed to be by far the most addictive of all cigarettes, as consumers take in more nicotine—the active addictive ingredient in tobacco—when they smoke them.

Overall, H.R. 1256 has

good intentions in endowing the FDA with the power to regulate cigarettes but falls short of this goal. Banning flavorings

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while excepting menthol has prevented this legislation from becoming complete and demonstrates the sway that industry giants like Philip Morris continue to hold over tobacco regulation. Because it does not prohibit menthol cigarettes, the law is weakened, and the most dangerous cigarettes will continue to lack much-needed policing.

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# Together to stop Iran

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Op-Ed Submission

Did you know the original peace sign was a symbol for nuclear disarmament and the logo for the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND)? It was created in 1958 by Gerald Holtom, a professional designer who graduated from the Royal College of Arts to advocate the anti-nuclear movement. The image has manifested itself as one of the most recognized symbols of peace in the world, and the United States is bringing it back with more meaning than ever, in its attempt to stop a nuclear war with Iran before it happens.

With 414 votes in favor, on Oct. 14, the United States House of Representatives passed the Iran Sanctions Enabling Act of 2009: H.R. 1327, authorizing state and local governments to enforce divestiture from, and bar investment in, companies with investments of \$20 million or more in Iran’s energy sector. This measure, introduced by Representatives Barney Frank, D-Mass., and Mark Kirk, R-Ill., is part of a series of bi-partisan legislations intended for strengthening America’s efforts to prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons. H.R. 1327 was passed to the Senate where it was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs before being voted on. In the Pittsburg G-20 summit on Friday, Sept. 25, President Obama criticized Iran for carrying out “covert” operations and “breaking rules that all nations must follow.” Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn., chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, said this Iran sanction will direct Obama’s actions against the looming nuclear threat of Iran.

The sanctions could affect Iran because, while the country is the world’s second largest natural gas reserve and a major crude oil exporter, Iran does not possess the capabilities to meet its domestic gasoline needs. Despite Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad’s claims that sanctions against Iran are “impossible,” his administration has developed a plan to counter these potential provisions. Iran has attempted to decrease domestic consumption of gasoline by raising gasoline prices, enforcing rationing quotas, developing alternative energy fuels, improving public transportation and increasing domestic refinery production. Iran hopes to establish an autonomous energy structure that does not rely on the U.S. and other international fuel

contributors. The effect of these efforts has yet to be proven successful in mitigating the goals of U.S. sanctions.

The sanctions could also generate significant short-term political instability in Iran. Limiting Iran’s fuel intake could entice public outrage that may exacerbate a current tense political environment in Iran. Only shortly after the controversial presidential elections, the proposed sanctions have the potential to empower regime oppositionists. September protests at the al-Quds (Jerusalem) Day rally in Tehran, supported by more than 100,000 people, reveal that a sector of the population remains unsettled over the post-election events and against the re-election of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. Despite the protests’ outcries, in his al-Quds Day address, Ahmadinejad proclaimed the “Western powers launched the might of the Holocaust” and that Israel was “doomed to be wiped off the map.” This noted statement only escalated Iran’s reputation as an existential threat to Israel and as a nuclear, peace-obstructing menace to the rest of the world.

It appears yet again that Israel and the United States share a common interest to inhibit the nuclear capabilities of Iran and the notorious behavior of Ahmadinejad’s regime. Israel backs the United States’ goal to harness international support to prevent Iran from becoming a nuclear weapons state. Deputy Secretary of State James Steinberg has stated that the United States has a greater chance of winning global confidence in its efforts for even tougher sanctions against Iran because its administration has encouraged Iran’s willingness to engage in serious negotiations first. He advises the international community that by the end of the month, the world should have a clear indication of Iran’s intentions about its nuclear program. The United States’ sanctions face Iran with the choice to continue its unlawful nuclear program and risk economic and social ruin or terminate the program for a peaceful relation with the rest of the world. The International Atomic Energy Association estimates that by 2010, Iran will have enough enriched uranium to produce nuclear bombs. The United States is taking steps to stop this activity from progressing. What is the rest of the world doing to protect you?

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# The right side of history, as told by...

*Why gay marriage needs a collaborative effort*

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I was excited to see an article in the paper on National Coming Out Day, detailing the cooperation of Pride Alliance and new campus “movement” the Right Side of History. There had been, it seemed to me, a significant tension between the two groups, based upon what appeared to be the Right Side’s lack of engagement with the actual voices of the LGBT community.

The Right Side of History seeks fundamentally to pass legislation allowing gay marriage nationally in the next two years. Their method in doing so is, they claim, novel: They seek to engage the 95 percent of straight youth in an effort to support gay marriage, rather than focusing on the 5 percent of the population that identifies as LGBT. Pride’s original disagreement with this policy was that it more or less cast to the side the voices of

the community for which it sought to attain civil rights. This skirmish between different ideas in service of the same basic goal demonstrates the relevance of a prominent political binary: that of ends and means.

More simply put, organizations like Pride that focus more on LGBT populations perform gay-marriage advocacy with a focus on the means of the movement—it is only valid, presumably, if its means are true to the goal trying to be achieved. The Right Side of History, on the other hand, seems to display a greater concern for their goal, the end of their action—the legalization of same-sex marriage—than for the supposed integrity of its means.

Arguably, the Right Side has reached many more students already with their appeal to the majority “straight” audience at W.I.L.D. than has Pride in quite a while, but only because they sought to find allies among those not explicitly engaged with the collective LGBT voice. The Right Side of History might be credited with this, then: They are not afraid to succeed.

These words are a paraphrase of the description given by Slavoj Žižek of

Vladimir Lenin, in a compilation of Lenin’s early writings that illustrate his push toward further revolution in the midst of the passive opportunism of many of the rest of the Russian Communists, who kept faith to the deterministic means dictated by Marxist texts. Žižek proposes that

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this attitude by Lenin—of reformulating means in order to get to what we know are just ends—is one we might adopt today. The Right Side of History seems to have adhered to this advice: By really actively rethinking the means used to achieve legislation on gay marriage, it moves toward the end goal of success rather than worrying so much about its own

internal integrity, as the to-the-letter Marxist Mensheviks did in Russia.

The problem is this is Lenin. Russian Communism did not turn out well, and many might argue that it was a problem of execution rather than one of basic values. The integrity of a movement may in fact be elemental for it to succeed.

The advantage of our current situation is that, where Lenin could either wait for the workers to rise or spur revolution himself, a movement toward same-sex marriage can operate with both internal integrity and external engagement; it can maintain faithful means while focusing intensely on its end goal. The Right Side of History, I mean to say, adds a valuable second element to LGBT advocacy by bringing an attitude of intense goal-orientation. That orientation toward ends must be integrated with and driven by individuals actively engaged with the LGBT community; its means must match its ends. But again, this particular movement has this advantage: It can do both.

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# SPORTS

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

# Rosoff achieves 100-point mark as Bears sweep weekend matches

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The Washington University women's soccer team seized control of first place in the University Athletic Association (UAA) after a strong weekend. The Bears defeated both the University of Rochester and Case Western Reserve on Sunday and Friday, respectively.

"We knew we had to win both games," senior co-captain Becca Heymann said. "Now, we have a little bit of a relaxation time."

With three games left in league play, the Bears have a realistic chance to end the season as UAA champions.

"[It's] so, so, so exciting—it was a battle. It puts us in a great position for the NCAA tournament," said Libby Held, senior co-captain and defensive anchor. "We're heading into the rest of the season on this huge momentum. We've won a couple in a row now, and no one can stop us."

Freshman goalkeeper Clara Jaques completed her fifth shutout as the team handed Case Western Reserve its first conference loss on Friday. The Red and Green's defense held the Spartans to only

three shots throughout the entire game and no corner kicks. Wash. U., on the other hand, dominated on the offensive end with 17 shots and eight corner kicks.

Sophomore Emma Brown opened up scoring with an assist from sophomore Lee Ann Felder 16 minutes into the first half. Felder, having received a pass that threaded Case defenders from senior Caryn Rosoff, lofted the ball to Brown, who one-touched the ball past the Spartan goalkeeper.

The goal was Brown's 11th of the season. She continues to lead the UAA in goals scored along with Rosoff, who has 10 goals.

The score rested at 1-0 until six minutes remained in the second half. Brown took the ball past the Spartan defenders before feeding Heymann for her first goal of the 2009 season to seal the game at 2-0. The Bears held onto their offensive momentum into Sunday's game.

On Senior Day, against No. 21 Rochester, the Wash. U. Class of 2010 stepped up as Heymann and Rosoff both scored to lead the team to an overtime victory. The match marked the halfway point of UAA play, as well as the recognition of the seniors on the team.

The Bears were the first to draw blood, as Heymann scored her second goal of the season. After receiving the ball from a corner kick, her strike ricocheted off a Rochester defender and into the net.

Rochester answered swiftly. Two minutes after the Heymann goal, Yellowjacket forward Erin Carballo found the upper corner of the goal. The game went into the second half knotted at 1-1 and remained tied until overtime. The Bears didn't enter extra time without opportunities, however, as they outshot their opponent 10-8 in regulation.

With only 5:56 left in the first overtime period, Rosoff received a cross from Brown. Rosoff deftly flicked the ball past the goalkeeper to end the game with a victory.

"It was a great cross, and I kind of flicked it hoping it would go somewhere. It went in—I got really lucky," Rosoff said of her game winner.

"She's always trying to do something cheeky like that, but to have it go in for such a big goal for us, it's really exciting," Heymann said.

Not only did Rosoff's goal cap a successful weekend, but

the goal also made her the fourth player in Washington University history to have 100 points in a career. The Bears are now in first place by one point above Rochester.

"[Caryn Rosoff's goal] was ridiculous. She is amazing. I don't even know what to say. I was in shock when it happened," Held said. "It was a battle. It was dirty; there [were] fouls, there

[were] punches thrown, I'm not kidding."

The Red and Green (10-2-1, 3-0-1) play their final home game on Sunday, Oct. 25, at 1 p.m. against Fontbonne University.



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Senior Caryn Rosoff dribbles down the field in an Oct. 11 game against Carnegie Mellon University. Rosoff scored in overtime in a 2-1 victory against the University of Rochester on Oct. 17.

## MEN'S CREW

# Bears earn automatic bid at Head of the Charles

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The Varsity 8 squad of the Washington University crew team took 17th place at the 2009 Head of the Charles Regatta and earned an automatic bid for next year's regatta for the first time in program history.

The regatta, which is considered the capstone of the fall season, features more than 2,000 boats in dozens of races with more than a quarter of a million spectators in Boston.

The Bears battled cold wind and rain while racing in a field of 38 boats from various states and divisions. Wash. U. finished with a time of 16:37.290, edging out Rochester Institute of Technology by .152 seconds and Lehigh University by .292 seconds. The Red and Green defeated 21 crew teams overall, including squads from Duke, Boston College and UAA rivals University of Rochester and Emory University.

"Our guys might be smaller... but the amount of spirit and tenacity that they brought is really the whole point of our sport," senior captain Jewell Thomas said.

With a staggered start and penalties, the team had little clue

as to their final standing throughout the race.

"It takes a lot of self-motivation and a lot of work from the whole team and the coxswain to really get there," junior Andrew Warshauer said.

As they navigated the approximately three-mile-long course, Wash. U. overtook two boats. A big part of the Bears' success was attributed to junior coxswain David Ingber.

"I don't think anybody this weekend steered a shorter course than Dave," Thomas said. "Other boats would go real wide around these turns, but our oars would be draping over the buoys as we came around."

Entering the regatta, there were some concerns. Six members of this year's crew had never competed at the Head of the Charles. But the team did not seem fazed.

"From the first stroke, it was just power," Thomas said. "You could feel we were going to go, you could feel that this was just going to be a really, really beautiful race just from that first stroke."

"It's definitely the fitness that brought us to the level we're at," junior Ryan Bowers said.

The crew team practices six

days a week with at least three hours on the water. This practice is augmented by running, rock climbing, weightlifting or other forms of exercise.

The team bond was another key factor in their high performance.

"If you're not [in sync], the boat instantly falls apart," Bowers said. "You get wet, the boat will tip from side to side...It's actually a kind of scary feeling."

"Ninety percent of a crew race is staying relaxed and trusting that there's going to be power from the guys around you," Thomas said. "The more relaxed you are, the faster the boat is going to go."

Other members of the team that competed included juniors Connor Graham, Todd Anderson and Stephen Washburn, and seniors Derek Turnbull and senior Kirk Altman. The future is bright, as the majority of the relatively young crew will return for the 2010 Head of the Charles.

The Red and Green have two more regattas to round out the semester, with a home competition in Creve Coeur during Parent's Weekend and the Frostbite Classic in Wichita, Kan., in November.

## VOLLEYBALL

# Lady Bears continue dominance, grab 1st seed for UAA tourney

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The biggest regular-season hurdle for the Washington University women's volleyball team has been jumped.

The team took all four of its matches this past weekend at the University Athletic Association (UAA) Round Robin No. 2 in New York City, putting them at a perfect 7-0 mark in conference play for the season and guaranteeing them the No. 1 seed for the UAA championship tournament in November.

"[Climbing the No. 1 seed is] just the first step. It feels good, but it's not the big goal that we're looking for," senior co-captain Erin Albers said.

The first victory, on Saturday morning, was undoubtedly one of the team's biggest wins of the season, taking out archrival Emory University, ranked No. 3 entering the match, in straight sets (25-19, 25-17, 25-18). The Bears followed the victory by defeating New York University (25-15, 21-25, 25-17, 25-19) later in the day.

"The UAA showed why it's regarded as the top Division

III volleyball conference in America," head coach Rich Luenemann said. "Our easiest match during the weekend was against the number-three-ranked team in America."

Sunday brought two more victories for the team, as the Bears defeated the University of Chicago in the morning (25-17, 25-23, 25-19) and finished out the weekend by grinding out a five-set win over Carnegie Mellon (22-25, 25-21, 24-26, 25-21, 15-8).

Against Emory, the team put together its strongest effort of the season. The Bears dominated offensively, as Emory never came close to holding a lead late in any set. Sophomore Lauren Budde led the charge, registering 16 kills without having a single error.

The Bears put out another robust effort in their second contest of the day in their defeat of NYU. Albers led the offense this time around with 15 kills, while Budde and freshman Kelly Pang helped out on defense with 27 and 26 digs, respectively.

On Sunday, the team came out and made quick work of Chicago in three sets. While no player on the team registered more than

nine kills, eight different players registered at least one. Freshman Marilee Fisher played a key part in setting up these kills, recording 28 assists.

The last match of the weekend proved to be the toughest for the Bears, needing all five sets to take out CMU. After being down two sets to one—losing two sets in which they committed 11 and 10 errors—the Bears' offense led them to victories in the fourth and fifth set.

"I don't pay that much attention to the stats, but that actually wasn't one of our better games of the season," Albers said.

The team has won 11 straight matches—16 in a row against Division III opposition—and has only dropped four sets in the process since Sept. 23.

With four regular-season home matches left, the team will try to extend their winning streak through Friday and Saturday, Oct. 30 and 31, with the Bears Classic II at the Wash. U. Field House. The Bears will face North Park University, Culver-Stockton College, Virginia Wesleyan College and Rhodes College. The team's seniors will be recognized before the Culver-Stockton match at 7:30 p.m. on Friday.

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it's a heady feeling to have the opportunity to do so much cool science and contribute to the biomedical realm."

Weinstock said science research is only just getting a jump-start in funding now that President Bush has left office.

"The Bush administration did a tremendous amount of damage to funding for scientific research," Weinstock said. "Prior to the administration, there had been a lot more funding for the NIH. We'll just have to see in the new administration whether they're going to be able to get the momentum back in the scientific research."

He said stimulus funding has proven helpful to scientific research, but it does not guarantee strong science research funding from Obama in the future.

"We're still navigating choppy waters, and time will

tell how it all comes out," Weinstock said.

### \$20 million biology grant is largest ever to Danforth Campus

Not all of the University's federal research funding has gone to the medical school. Last spring, the University received its largest-ever award to the Danforth Campus, a \$20 million grant to study light energy. The award was not a part of the government's stimulus funding but came through the Department of Energy.

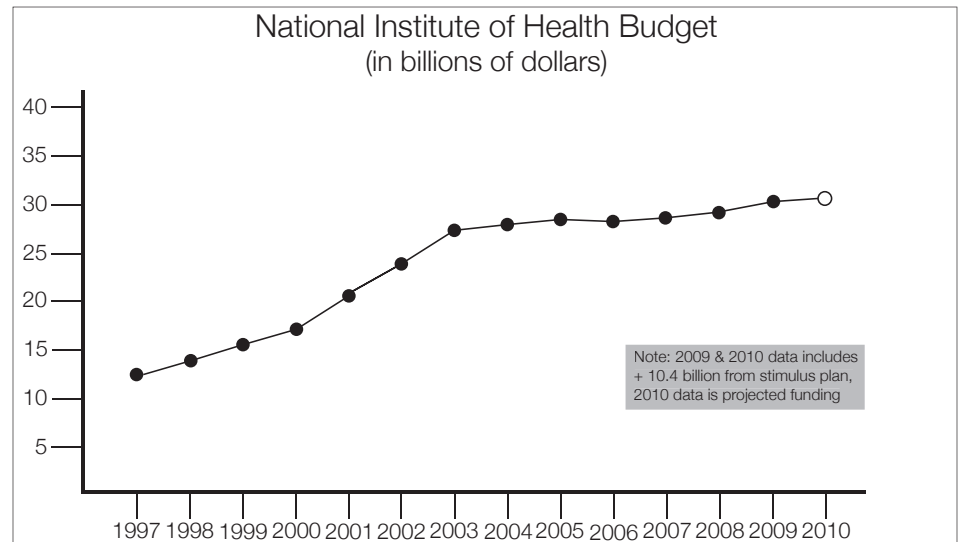
The \$20 million is going toward the establishment of a Photosynthetic Antenna Research Center (PARC) on campus, in which scientists will study the harnessing of energy from light. Robert Blankenship, a professor in the biology and chemistry departments, is

heading the project. He said the study will focus on identifying the principles that govern natural photosynthetic antenna systems, such as the ones bacteria use to create energy, as a basis for designing solar-powered energy systems.

"We start with the purely natural antennas, that we've found in organisms. Then we go to the bio-hybrids, half natural, half synthetic. Then finally, we move on to the purely synthetic systems, things you might design for an artificial complex," Blankenship said. "But they're all designed to address the same issue of light collection."

Blankenship said he learned that the project had received funding when President Obama announced the grant at the National Academy of Sciences last April.

"It was sort of like, your life has just changed," Blankenship



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said of hearing that his project had just been given \$20 million.

He said research projects like his are getting funded in higher numbers with money

from the stimulus. But he reiterated Weinstock's message that this does not mean science research has a stable future.

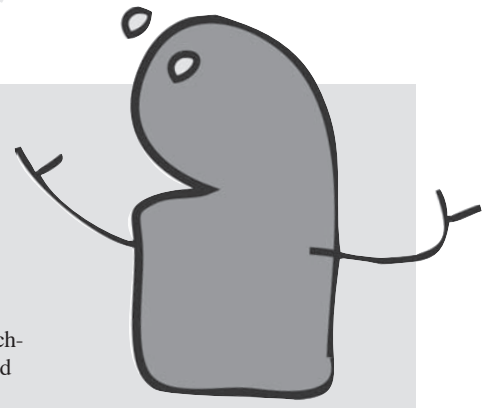
"Science has struggled for years to keep the enterprise

going, so I think the Recovery Act funding was welcome in that sense," Blankenship said. "The thing is the Recovery Act money is kind of a one-time shot."

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## In Defense of

### 'Speed Racer' (yes, that 'Speed Racer')



Percy Olsen  
Movie Editor

It was the summer of 2008. Britney Spears and Coldplay were rocking the airwaves with "Womanizer" and "Viva la Vida," and everyone I knew had flocked to the multiplexes to watch movies like "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull" and "Hancock."

On a muggy Thursday night, I asked my friends if any of them wanted to see "Speed Racer" that weekend. Their response was loud laughter—a lot of it. One of them laughed so hard that Coke came out of his nose.

The movie was directed by the Wachowski brothers. I told them, and I knew that the second and third "Matrixes" sucked, but "V for Vendetta"

was more than all right. Plus, the trailer was sweet.

If that argument didn't work on you, I'm not surprised, because it didn't work on my friends, either. No takers.

But sometime after dinner on Friday, I found myself online, looking up movie times, and before I knew it, I was in line for the 7 o'clock show. What did I think? Well, if this article's title hasn't spelled it out, let me do it: I liked "Speed Racer." Yes, THAT "Speed Racer."

I'll explain why in a second, but first, some disclaimers: The acting sucked, the story sucked and that little boy and his insufferable monkey most definitely sucked. I want to defend "Speed Racer," but there are some things in this world that are

indefensible.

As for the rest of the movie, it didn't suck. Actually, it rocked. Realize here that the only thing left, now that I've cut out the acting, the plot and the two twerps, is the racing. Oh, that sweet racing.

Every bout is different, but they all begin the same: calmly, every engine cooing. Three, two, one... and there's the flag! But the cars don't roar off screen as you'd expect; they accelerate smoothly, weaving back and forth like balls in perpetual motion machine.

As the seconds become minutes, the passing backgrounds begin their fade from being clear to being streaks, and this is when the fun begins. I know I'm playing right into the Wachowski brothers' hands when I say

that the races are spectacular and satisfying, but I do not care, because they are undeniable, visual treats. The candy colors meet the neon tracks, making a cohesive space that is beautiful and exhilarating, and breathtaking spectacles leave me in awe, my cheeks flushed.

It's like being a kid again—try to get past the cliché—and remember when you bought your first Hot Wheels set, the one with the loop-de-loop? Remember how sometimes you would close your eyes just as the car's front wheels began their ascent of the ring, and for just a split second, you were riding the loop too, feeling the wind in your hair, and your stomach dropping at the peak?

Shooooooooooooo... That's what "Speed Racer"

was to me. Inside this incredibly flawed movie beats the heart of a gleeful child.

In the days after watching "Speed Racer," I tried to convince my friends of "Speed Racer"'s greatness. They remembered "The Matrix" sequels and wouldn't believe me. Without anyone to turn to, I went to Rotten Tomatoes to see what the critics thought. "Speed Racer" had a 36 percent Tomatometer Rating. It was understandable; the chief complaint was the special effects were "head-ache-inducing," so clearly most critics weren't raised in the right generation to enjoy this movie.

But when I look back at all the crap we paid for that summer, like Britney Spears, Coldplay, "Indiana Jones" and

"Hancock," I can't believe that "Speed Racer" wasn't more celebrated. Maybe "celebrated" isn't the right word, but nonetheless, it's hard to swallow that "Speed Racer" was only the 64th highest grossing movie in 2008, one spot above "Prom Night," and two ticks below "College Road Trip." It deserved better.

Do yourself a favor, and rent "Speed Racer" the next chance you get. And make sure to keep your eyes open when Speed hits that loop. You won't want to look away from his shiny, shiny car.

## MOVIE REVIEW

# 'Where the Wild Things Are'

Alex Terrono  
Cadenza Reporter

Adapting book to screen is an extremely difficult task to complete, especially with a beloved children's book that is only 10 sentences long. How can a film capture the magic that we all felt as children when we read this book for the first time? Yes, it is hard, but the director, Spike Jonze, does it beautifully in his adaptation of Maurice Sendak's "Where the Wild Things Are."

No, the movie doesn't stay completely true to the book, but that would be practically impossible due to the lengthening of a short book into a sizable film. Jonze does, however, stay true to the overall feeling in the book, and that's what is really important.

In case you haven't read

the book, "Where the Wild Things Are" follows an energetic little boy named Max (played by the adorable Max Records) as he becomes fed up with his family and "runs away" to the woods, where the wild things are. This is where his adventures really start. After arriving on a wooded island via boat, Max encounters a group of monsters in the middle of turmoil. One of their clan, Carol (voiced by James Gandolfini), doesn't like how the monsters have been living (distantly in separate houses with one of them moving away) and is destroying all of their houses. Max arrives, and—after saving himself from being eaten by telling them to "Be still!"—proclaims himself the new king of their clan and island. From there, the rest of Max's adventures unfold as he tries to keep this clan of monsters

happily together.

The monsters, believably real with giant heads and noses, are all given distinct personalities in the film, and each helps Max to realize that in the end, he needs his family. As Max tries to rebuild the monster family (with such schemes as sleeping in a pile and building one giant fort for all of them to live in), he meets and learns from each of the creatures he encounters on the island: from the neurotic, abusive married couple Judith (Catherine O'Hara) and Ira (Forest Whitaker) to the timid, mumbling Douglas (Chris Cooper). While all of the Wild Things are funny and wise in their own rights, KW (Lauren Ambrose) brings both the wisest moments and some of the funniest (with help from her cute hooting owl friends Bob and Terry).

While the film is certainly funny, it is also remarkably touching in the way it develops the relationship between Max and the ever-stubborn Carol. Even though Max has been declared king, Carol cares for the boy as if he were his son, showing him around the island and overall just watching out for his well-being. This of course all leads up to the end of the film, in which Max has to leave the wild island to return home to the family he realizes he needs. The moment when Max and Carol have to say goodbye nearly had me in tears.

Much of this emotion can be credited to those behind the scenes, mainly Jonze's beautiful direction. The whole movie is wonderfully crafted to create a film that stands out against even the best adult films. Of course, Karen O and the Kids' haunting soundtrack can't be forgotten either.

Many critics and parents have complained that "Where the Wild Things Are" is too scary and disturbing to be a kids' movie, and that might be true. It isn't for the easily frightened or the ultra-sensitive. But there is no need to even classify it in the kids' movie

category because it can be enjoyed by all. It is a beautifully made film with a harder edge and a wonderful story to tell, so just sit back, and let it weave its magical, wild tale.



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# The real deal: MedPrep

Agnes Trenche  
Special Features Editor

It's likely that after surviving general chemistry, organic chemistry, physics and biology, Washington University pre-meds will be in pretty good shape for the MCAT and the years of medical school that await them after graduation. But doctors aren't deemed good doctors because of their crazy skills with paper, pen and Scantron sheets.

How can the studying and test taking of college help prepare a pre-med for the very real task of saving people's lives? In a sense, MedPrep is part of Wash. U.'s answer to this question. For years, this two-credit, pass/fail course has allowed students to shadow physicians as a way to acquire an up-close look at the unpredictable environment of an emergency room and the responsibilities that come with that coveted medical degree.

The around 100 participants in the MedPrep program attend lectures from Dr. Gregory Polites, assistant prof of emergency medicine, each Wednesday and have three-hour shadowing sessions at the Charles F. Knight Emergency and Trauma Center of Barnes-Jewish Hospital once every two weeks. The course touches base with the medical school application process and the subsequent years of study, and it also addresses some of the more long-term questions about residency life-style. Indeed, this course is deeply grounded in giving students pragmatic lessons and

viewpoints about the medical profession. Many physicians give guest lectures, and they are people who, according to sophomore Betel Ezaz, "know the system inside out."

"It's really eye-opening," Ezaz said. "[MedPrep] helps you realize whether or not you want to go through the entire [medical school application] process, and it makes you question whether you value medicine as a way of life."

One of the lectures in the official course Web site is dubbed "The 'Ooh, Ahh' Lecture—Cases from the Image Bank." With very graphic pictures and videos, it is presented early in the term and shows some of the situations participants might expect during the shadowing experience. Students are allowed to attend most procedures, except if patients specifically request their removal, Ezaz said. Births, deaths and resuscitations—all have been witnessed by students in the program as they follow their designated physicians of the week.

With rotating assignments that switch mentoring physicians, the ER experience is about proximity to action and not necessarily about one-on-one time with a mentor. Being deposited in the middle of a respected medical institution is nevertheless an opportunity within an opportunity. Junior Mariana Deseda has made friends with students from the medical school she shadowed, and she has found this to be a helpful complement to how Polites' class has showed "not only how competitive [medical school] is, but how

rewarding it is personally and professionally."

However connections may happen, MedPrep students do benefit from gathering their share of personal impressions about saving lives—a task in which humanity and pragmatism sometimes arise in an interesting tug-and-pull.

"The first two nights that I shadowed, there was a man who came in after having a heart attack," Ezaz said. "They had the wife into the room as they were trying to resuscitate him because he ended up crashing. At first, it was kind of like a typical problem of how to figure out how to make him live, but when they brought the wife in, it brought the human element out."

Deseda witnessed the physical struggles of a heroin addict suffering from an infection, and sophomore Kevin Zhou saw his share of grotesque wounds. Zhou, who valued the demystifying factor of the course, highly recommended it to potential medical students.

"When you think of being a doctor, it's so easy to think you just go there and see patients. You go to med school, study for a while, and you're home free," Zhou said. "But there's so much involved you don't realize unless you really talk to somebody. Some people go out and do that, but for a lot of people, MedPrep was the way to find out the subtleties of the profession."



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Barnes-Jewish Hospital, located in the Central West End, boasts many different specialized wards, including the Center for Advanced Medicine. U.S. News & World Report ranks Barnes-Jewish Hospital the sixth best hospital in the nation.

## Architectural hot spots in St. Louis

Sasha Fine  
Scene Reporter

When thinking about St. Louis, impressive architecture does not come to mind. Sure, the Arch is a widely recognized symbol of the Gateway to the West, but beyond that, the city isn't noted for awe-inspiring structures.

This, however, is a regrettable misconception. St. Louis holds a treasure trove of little-known architectural marvels, which are hidden away in cemeteries, on street corners and throughout the city.

Bellefontaine Cemetery, located in North St. Louis, holds some of the most magnificent tombs in the country. In 1915, the wife of St. Louis brewing magnate Adolphus Busch had an enormous tomb reminiscent of a gothic cathedral and built to house the body of her dead husband.

The granite mausoleum where Busch's body lies almost appears to be a church for him. The single entrance mimics each of the three entryways of the famous cathedral Notre Dame de Paris, with its heavily embedded pointed arch over the door. Above the arch, 13 stone protrusions styled as gothic heads project out of the stone.

Given the overall status of the tomb as a sort of church, the allusion to Christ in the middle surrounded by the 12 Apostles is undeniable. This, again, is influenced by various Gothic churches throughout history, which often had depictions of Christ and his disciples etched in their stone.

The design of the roof, with towers at each corner, is similar to other Gothic Revival architecture, especially the Collegiate Gothic style. Graham Chapel, another building constructed in this style, has small towers almost identical to the ones on the mausoleum. Extending out of the middle of the mausoleum's

roof is a green steeple, completing the resemblance to a church. While Neo-Gothic is the primary influence on the tomb, Eastern architecture also has an impact on it. On the front of the building is inscribed an ornate Islamic design often found on the walls of various mosques.

Another tomb in Bellefontaine that has overt Eastern influences is the sepulcher of Charlotte Dickson Wainwright, wife of Ellis Wainwright. Designed by Louis Sullivan, often considered the father of the modern skyscraper, the building is redolent of the famous Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem. Constructed from concrete, limestone and bronze, the crypt is a low-set box with a hemisphere placed on top.

This hemisphere draws the most obvious comparisons to the Dome of the Rock. The burial chamber has several rows of motifs that surround the doorway and various apertures that mimic or draw from the Dome's elaborate exterior; both the door and the few windows into the tomb are inlaid with Islamic-influenced bronze designs that do the same.

St. Louis' grand architecture is not limited to cemeteries, however. Notably, there exist three showy water towers built during the end of the 19th century. The first, the stone and iron Grand Water Tower, is on the corner of 20th Street and Grand Avenue. It was completed in 1871 and looks exactly like a Corinthian column, with its detailed capital decorated with acanthus leaves and scrolls. The bulk of the water tower is cylindrical, which widens to form an octagonal base at the bottom.

The second water tower, built in 1886, is the Bissell Water Tower on Bissell Street and Blair Avenue. Reminiscent of a potpourri of minarets, the four-sided tower was built from brick, stone and terra cotta. The architecture of the area surrounding the tower has been influenced by its looks, with some houses and structures acquiring a Moorish accent.

The final structure, the Compton Hill Water Tower, was completed in 1898. Made from limestone, terra cotta and brick, the turret looks like a space shuttle about to launch. Leaf patterns and fantastical animals frolic around its walls.

These are only a few of St. Louis' architectural wonders, which you can find if you look around. So look at St. Louis with a fresh pair of eyes, and you'll be surprised at what you find.



Completed in 1871, The Grand Water Tower in St. Louis is modeled after a Corinthian column.

## To queef or not to queef

Lucy Moore  
Sex Columnist

Vaginal flatulence, popularly known as "queefing," is the phenomenon that occurs when excess air is pushed out through the vagina; it's like a fart but without the expulsion of odorous gases. Queefing normally occurs during intercourse, as arousal causes a vagina to expand and the entrance of the penis causes air to be pushed inside. After sex, the vagina contracts as the penis is removed, and the air is released. Any noise associated with the queef is caused by the vibration of air against vaginal muscles.

Queefing can be controlled during sex only by slow insertion and removal of the penis, or by familiarizing yourself with which sex positions cause one's body to be prone to queefing—and then avoiding them. For example, queefing is thought to be most common during doggy style intercourse, or "the congress of the cow," when the man enters the woman's vagina from behind. The downward angle of the woman's body coupled with the upward insertion of the penis may cause a more rapid release of trapped air and thus, a queef.

Some women, however, can queef anytime, using the control of their abs, breath and the PC muscles in their vagina. This so-called "queefing on command" has been illustrated in the recent "South Park" episode "Eat, Pray, Queef," in which queefing is likened to the youthful male obsession with farts. Women assume the upper

hand with queefing—queefing at the dinner table and queefing in guy's faces, much to male disgust.

But "queefing on command" has also been taken to the erotic level by celebrities like Amber Rose. Rose, known most recently as Kanye West's love object, made much of her headway as "Amber the Lesbian Queefer" in films in 2002 and 2003. Queef porn has grown to a type of fetish likened to lactation porn, which has a decent level of Internet popularity but has stayed relatively below the radar.

Whether on "South Park," in porn or in your bed, queefing remains a controversial subject. Although "Talk Sex" TV show host Sue Johanson calls them "wonderful fun" and advocates that women should laugh about them, there's no denying that the sound of a fart erupting during sex breaks the mood. Unplanned and often louder than expected, queefs can be a point of embarrassment, especially when you are with someone you just became intimate with.

While one anonymous sophomore male calls queefs "something you just don't talk about," an anonymous junior male refers to queefing as "a huge turn-off." With these kinds of reactions, it's hard to follow Sue and just laugh it off. Whether you are into "queefing on command" or no queefing at all, being aware and being close with your partner are important ways to make any sort of bodily function just what it is—another bodily function, akin to orgasming, burping or crying.