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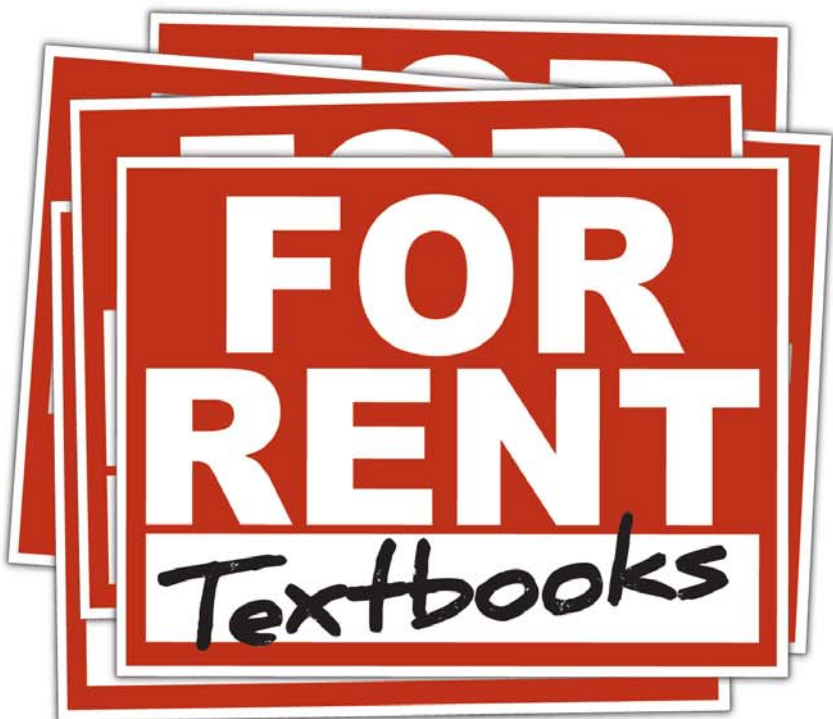


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# Senior Year: So Fo Ho, Mother's Men and tomatoes

Lauren Olens  
News Editor

The 2009-2010 school year began with the transformation of the South 40 and was highlighted by student activism and campus controversy.

The year began with the opening of the new South 40 House, which included not only sophomore housing but also a wide selection of new dining options, including new grill items, a comfort food station and a kosher station. Construction on the South 40 proceeded around the Swamp to finish building several new, modern dorms.

Despite the construction on both the 40 and the Danforth Campus, which focused on new engineering buildings, the University made budget cuts in other areas. The recovering but still hard hit endowment prompted the decision to close the Center for Ethics and Human Values by the end of the year and alter the degree of landscaping on campus,

among other things.

At the same time, University lecturer Jeff Smith resigned from his Mo. Senate seat and dropped his course for the semester after he was charged and convicted for obstruction of justice.

Students, however, still took an active role in community life. WU/FUSED (Washington University for Undergraduate Socioeconomic Diversity) was founded on campus, and by the end of the year, it grew to become a part of U/FUSED (United for Undergraduate Socioeconomic Diversity), a multi-university initiative.

As the year continued, many seniors attended their class trip to Chicago. During the trip, six black students possibly became victims of discrimination after Mother's Night Club Original Bar denied them admission to the bar, citing a no baggy jeans policy. The seniors responded with a protest the next morning near the bar, but they refused to stop at that small gesture. After much discussion back on campus, the senior

class decided to take a stand against discrimination. After discussion with the management, the bar agreed to publicly apologize to the seniors and require diversity training for its employees.

Furthering the quest for diversity, Student Union Senate passed a resolution to form the Diversity Affairs Council. Treasury rejected the council the same week, but involved students did not give up and brought the issue to the University's spring elections, allowing it to finally pass and become a part of Student Union's structure.

Controversy on campus continued when Bon Appétit stopped providing tomatoes to the University community from November through March. The Florida tomato farms were not paying their tomato-pickers living wages, so Bon Appétit took its own stand against this issue. By springtime, the food service giant was able to purchase tomatoes from farmers who met the



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The Mother's Men address a crowd of over 300 at town hall style meeting on October 26. At the meeting, students discussed the prevalence of racism locally in addition to the possible incident at Mother's Night Club Original Bar.

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# Junior year: Debate, election and an ill economy

Dan Woznica  
Managing Editor

The year began with the opening of the Danforth University Center, Washington University's new LEED Gold-certified sustainable student center, and Seigle Hall, a new law and undergraduate building on the west end of campus. On the South 40, construction began on two new buildings—new Wohl center (now South 40 House) and new Umrath Hall.

Soon after students arrived on campus, then-Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., announced via text message that then-Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del., was to be his running mate in the presidential race. One week later,

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., surprised the country by picking Sarah Palin, the little-known Republican governor of Alaska, to be his running mate.

Palin was transformed into a celebrity almost overnight, ensuring that the vice-presidential debate on the University's campus in October would become one of the most exciting moments in the year's historic election cycle.

In the weeks before the media stormed campus, the University saw a surge in political awareness and activism among students. Student Union allocated \$55,000 for student programming related to the election. Students from all ends of the political spectrum canvassed dorms and

area houses to register voters while Bon Appétit started selling political party-themed elephant and donkey sugar cookies.

The excitement culminated on Oct. 2, when thousands of media personnel converged on campus to cover the vice-presidential debate.

During the day, students rubbed shoulders with well-known journalists, politicians and media personalities, including Katie Couric, John Oliver from "The Daily Show," Howard Dean, Rudy Giuliani and Joe Lieberman.

A large crowd of students gathered behind a stage set up outside Graham Chapel, where MSNBC filmed live news coverage and episodes of "Hardball with Chris

Matthews."

Several students entered into a heated argument with some non-students in the crowd carrying McCain-Palin signs, which the students felt deliberately misrepresented the views of the University's student body.

The night of the debate, more than 400 students with winning lottery numbers entered into the Athletic Complex's ultra-secure debate hall, where PBS newscaster Gwen Ifill moderated the debate between Biden and Palin on matters of domestic and foreign policy.

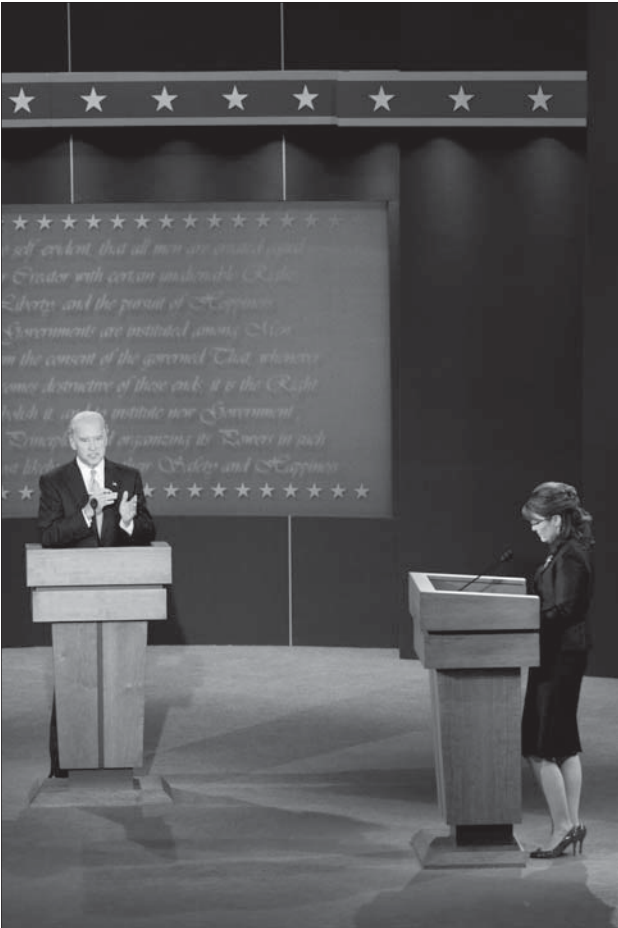
After the debate, the general consensus from politicians, pundits and students on campus was that both candidates had argued well and that

Palin had succeeded in proving her knowledge of national and international politics.

Following the debate, just over a month remained before

the election. Students focused on campaigning for various political issues including

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The two vice presidential nominees of 2008, Joe Biden and Sarah Palin, debated on Oct. 2 at the Athletic Complex.

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# Sophomore Year: Construction, championships and controversy

Johann Qua Hiansen  
Staff Reporter

This school year started with students protesting the Student Technology Fee rate hike. As the year progressed, tensions cooled as Student Technology Services backed off and wireless internet gradually became accessible around campus.

October brought racism and other forms of discrimination to the forefront of campus as a student's car was vandalized with a slur. Student groups continued to lobby for a sexual assault prevention coordinator but were unsuccessful in establishing one for the LGTBQIA community. As a result of these tensions, Connect 4 was created to address discrimination on campus.

The school hosted several famous and highly controversial speakers throughout the year. Alberto Gonzales spoke at the 560 Music Building, and his \$30,000 speaking fee sparked protests led by the College Democrats and other groups. Other notable speakers included Newark Mayor Cory Booker, author Alan Lightman, political pundit Paul Begala, Loveline's Dr. Drew, actor Peter Sarsgaard and comedian Margaret Cho.

Inflatable couches debuted as Lupe Fiasco headlined at fall W.I.L.D. and George Clinton came to the festival in the spring. Other notable performers were Stars, who played at the first WUstock, and Cascada, who gave a brief performance that disappointed many. A student got tasered by WUPD

while resisting arrest at the Gargoyle, overshadowing Girl Talk's concert there.

WUPD had its hands full this school year as multiple robberies occurred over winter break in the Myers and Hurd dorms. Many students became more conscious of their surroundings after a freshman was mugged at gunpoint on the South 40.

Several influential professors also changed their roles at Washington University. Professor Richard Smith, who taught Introduction to Human Evolution, left the class to become the dean of Graduate Arts & Sciences. Popular Accounting Professor Tzachi Zach left Wash. U. and now teaches at Ohio State University.

November saw upheaval in the Engineering school as Dean Mary Sansalone came under fire from faculty and students. Sansalone resigned in February 2008.

Politics played a large role at the University, as it was selected to host the 2008 vice presidential debate in October. Chelsea Clinton led a question-and-answer session at Kayak's Coffee while many students were dismayed to find that the University would not allow Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., a presidential candidate, to speak on campus in the run-up to Super Tuesday. This incident sparked the creation of the Student Civic Initiative, which aimed to increase campus involvement with politics. Students turned out in record numbers to vote on Super Tuesday.

Online war also came to the University as hundreds of students battled over the Danforth

Campus in a massive GoCross Campus game. Other websites such as Facebook were in the spotlight for gathering personal information of users and selling it to companies.

Several construction projects were completed or neared completion this year. The new 560 Music Center debuted in a sea of controversy as a cappella groups protested their off-campus relocation. The Danforth University Center would be ready next fall. Several departments from the School of Law and the College of Arts & Sciences would begin moving into Seigle Hall over the summer.

Construction continued to break ground as the University announced plans to tear down Umrath Hall over the summer in order to make room for a new Wohl Center.

In the world of sports, the men's basketball team captured the school's first national championship title for a men's team and the women's volleyball team captured its Division III-record ninth national championship. The athletics program was ranked first in Division III and seventh in all divisions. For the first time in school history, the University lead all schools in the Director's Cup as the women's track and field team took third place at nationals, the highest in program history. The women's cross country team, which took third, and men's soccer team, which took sixth, also matched their best finishes at their respective national tournaments. The men's tennis team defeated UAA archrival Emory University for the first time in program history and captured

the national title.

Sustainability rose to the forefront of the campus debate, as groups like Green Action led the charge for greener facilities. Bear's Den now had silverware, and the sustainable garden created by the Burning Kumquat took root. Green Action's Sustainability joined the ranks of various artworks done on campus, including the bubble wrapping of Bowles Plaza and the bed outside of Olin Library.

Mother Nature continued to fluctuate throughout

the year as the University was blanketed in over six inches of snow in March. Classes were not cancelled because of the snowstorm. A 5.2-magnitude earthquake rocked St. Louis in the middle of April, surprising many members of the community. Squirrels were reported to have attacked several students this year.

Dance Marathon broke records as other successful student-led events such as Relay for Life, Diwali, Lunar New Year Festival, ThurtenE Carnival and Carnaval continued to

unite the community.

The Student Union (SU) executive board was elected mostly unopposed and encountered the 2008-2009 budget controversy upon taking office. Several student groups mobilized their supporters to make their voices heard as the budget was passed by Treasury only to be rejected by the Senate. The deadlock was broken, and the budget passed with only three minutes to spare in an emergency joint session of the body.



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Then-senior Troy Ruths hoists the championship trophy after the Washington University Men's Basketball team defeated Amherst in the NCAA Div. III finals during junior year. The title was the first won nationally by a University men's team.

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Proposition M, a referendum to increase the St. Louis County transit sales tax by half a cent in order to fund operating expenses for Metro and to support future expansion of the light-rail system.

The proposition did not pass, despite the efforts of University students in showing up at the polls in record numbers on Election Day.

The night of the election,

campus erupted into spontaneous celebrations as the nation's first black president was voted into office.

After the election, fall semester ended on a more somber note. Later in November, Chancellor Mark Wrighton announced that due to the ill economy, the University's endowment had fallen about 25 percent in value.

More bad news came when

rising crime near campus reached a tragic new height after University City Police Sergeant Michael King, a University alumnus, was shot and killed on the Delmar Loop.

On the last day of fall semester, a drug-related search took place at the Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity house, resulting in the University's removal of the fraternity from campus at the beginning of spring

semester.

Not long after returning from winter break, hundreds of students gathered in the Danforth University Center to witness the historic swearing-in of President Obama on television. Students at the event enjoyed watching the carving of an Obama ice sculpture and a large-screen projection of the inauguration ceremony. With the nation's

economy continuing to spiral downward, students now looked to the new president to help alleviate the nation's financial pressures and sustain a job market for outgoing seniors hard-pressed to find employment.

March Madness saw the men's basketball team celebrate its second consecutive NCAA Division III National Championship, while the

women's basketball team lost in a nail-biting national championship of its own. Swimmer Alex Beyer also took home an individual national title.

David Banner had performed at fall W.I.L.D., and students gathered in the Quad on the last day of classes to listen to spring headliner The Black Keys and celebrate the end of what was a historic year at the University.

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# Freshman Year: Metro stops, security concerns and stem cells

Andrea Winter  
*Student Life Staff*

This school year kicked off with the theme of “readjustment” as Washington University welcomed an unusually large freshman class. The University continued to respond to unexpected developments, especially concerning campus security, as the year progressed. An expanded Metrolink, a renamed campus and a political win for stem cell research made this year one of progress and celebration. For the Class of 2010, admissions had been shooting for a class of 1,350 students, so the University was surprised to have 1,470 students accept their offer.

Before students arrived on campus for the 2006-2007 academic year, the University began implementing creative solutions in order to accommodate the freshman class and alleviate the housing crunch. Over one hundred upperclassmen who had been planning to live on campus were moved to the University’s Loop Lofts apartments, which made their debut this year. Large freshman classes will not continue as a trend, according to the University. Last month, the administration announced its plan to gradually reduce the size of the student body from 6,300 to 5,800 students. During the first week of classes, students witnessed a remarkable development in St. Louis public transportation: the expansion of the Metrolink.

Twelve years of discussion and more than three years of construction culminated in the addition of nine new stops—two of which border the Danforth campus. The Metrolink has effectively punctured the infamous “Wash. U. Bubble” by linking students to Clayton, the Central West End, Richmond Heights, Brentwood, Shrewsbury and downtown St. Louis. The U-Pass allows full-time students to access this service for free. In October, when the Cardinals won the World Series for the first time since 1982, many students hopped on Metro so they could celebrate the victory downtown near the stadium. One noteworthy change was made in September when the

Hilltop Campus was officially renamed the “Danforth Campus” in order to commemorate former chancellor William Danforth and the entire Danforth family. This name change was accompanied by a year-long focus on the theme “higher sense of purpose.” In accordance with this theme, all incoming freshman were given Social Welfare Professor Mark Rank’s book, “One Nation, Underprivileged: Why American Poverty Affects Us All.” Rank delivered a speech on poverty during the Assembly Series. As always, construction continued on campus. Some projects were completed this year. The Mildred Lane Kemper Art Museum opened a new building designed by Pritzker

Prize-winning architect Fumihiko Maki. In this progressively modern building that breaks away from the rest of the campus’s architecture, the University showcases its permanent collection entitled “Modernity and Self.” Other construction projects were still in progress. The new University Center, which would eventually replace Mallinckrodt, would remain a construction site for the next few years. An enormous hole in place of Prince Hall and a pothole-ridden temporary parking lot placed near the library were present for students this year. Through this school year, both safety and security continually emerged as key concerns. In the fall, one study by the Morgan Quinto Press named St. Louis the “Most Dangerous City in the United States.” Chancellor Wrighton joined experts and critics who contested the survey, claiming that its method was flawed. Campus security was on high alert after one student was attacked in her dorm room on the South 40 in February. In response to the assault, the Chancellor formed a committee to review the University’s safety and security policies. The University began to implement campus precautions such as peepholes, which were promptly installed in residential halls. In April, a tragedy at Virginia Tech shocked and saddened the world when 32 students were murdered by a gunman who subsequently took his own life. The University community congregated on the quad for an impromptu candlelight vigil in honor of the students who were wounded or killed. In light of the tragedy, the University reassessed its own mechanism in place for preventing the escalation of such an occurrence on

campus. As both Republicans and Democrats struggled for the Senate majority in the fall, the Missouri senatorial election between Claire McCaskill and incumbent Jim Talent was one of the most-watched races nationally, with McCaskill emerging victorious. The University had a particular political interest in favor of the proposed Amendment 2 that allows for embryonic stem cell research, which could potentially lead to cures for injuries and diseases such as Parkinson’s, diabetes and cancer. The School of Medicine was concerned that if the amendment did not pass, it would lose scientists who incorporate stem cells into their research. The University made a bold political move by sending all students a letter that encouraged them to vote in favor of the amendment, which eventually passed by a 51 percent vote. A series of notable speakers visited the University, including renowned autistic Professor of Animal Science Temple Grandin and a 2008 presidential contender, Mike Huckabee. Current U.S. Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr. presided over the University School of Law Moot Court competition and former Justice Sandra Day O’Connor visited first-year law school classes. This year student participation increased in campus-wide events of Dance Marathon and Relay for Life, both of which broke fundraising records by raising hundreds of thousands of dollars.



During the 2006-2007 school year, the University undertook a series of major construction projects, including the demolition of Prince Hall to make way for the Danforth University Center. By the end of the year, the gaping hole was nearly filled in with a parking garage.

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Coalition of Immokalee Workers standards, and tomatoes returned to campus. Coal was another hotly debated issue at the University throughout the year. The Consortium for Clean Coal Utilization

at Washington University was established to help reduce coal emissions, but many students voiced their opposition for the consortium and the usage of the term “clean coal.” Students interrupted a meeting of coal

executives on campus and are still fighting against the University’s coal initiatives. After falling in two of the previous three national championship games, the Wash. U. women’s basketball finally broke through

against Hope College to win the program’s fifth national championship and first since 2001. Senior Alex Beyer defended his national title in the 400-IM, and in the fall, the volleyball team won its tenth national championship.

The school year ended with the restoration of Metro services after the passing of Proposition A. Chancellor Wrighton, in support of this bill, was even featured in commercials to encourage its success and participated in a student

run flash mob. The increased taxes will provide more Metro services, such as more bus routes and more frequent trains, over the next year.

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# Speakers of 2009-2010

Michelle Merlin  
Senior News Editor

Every year, students at Washington University are given the weekly opportunity to see the rich and famous, scholarly and nerdy, and just plain funny speak in what is called the Assembly Series. Often held in Graham Chapel, these assemblies feature speakers who help to highlight the themes of the year.

The academic year kicked off with one of Wash. U.'s most well-known alumni: Harold Ramis. One of the minds behind classic American comedies like "Animal House" and "Ghostbusters," Ramis took a more academic outlook in his lecture on post-modernism existentialism and deconstructionism.

The first month back in the Lou also included speakers like the author of this year's freshman reading program novel, Julie Otsuka, who wrote about Japanese internment in America during World War II in her book "When the Emperor Was Divine."

Many of the speakers focused on the state of America today. Ranging from criticism to campaigning, the Assembly Series became the host for many political minds of the year. Politicians came from all over, ranging from St. Louis' own Mayor Slay to Harold Ford, Jr., the former Congressman of Tennessee and Chair of the Democratic Leadership Council. A University alum, Jason Green, also spoke about his life of public service and his job of deputy associate general counsel to President Barack Obama.

Not all of the comments about the state of the United States were positive. The Assembly series played host to a number of critics as well. David Callahan, author of "The Moral Center" and "The Cheating Culture," talked about how Americans have lost their morals in their constant quest for success. Journalist Naomi

Klein also came to speak about the threat of capitalism to America and humanity's well-being, warning that it capitalism was hurting people much more than helping. Edward Larson discussed the controversy about teaching evolution in schools.

Commentary expanded beyond the United States and into the international realm. Benedict Kiernan, a history scholar, spoke about genocide in Southeast Asia. Gloria Steinem, a women's rights activist, spoke about the global crisis of sex trafficking.

Several artists came to campus as well. Matisyahu, the Jewish reggae artist, held a concert and discussion of the themes in his work. Common, the Grammy Award-winning hip-hop artist, also came to talk about his themes of self-respect and activism in fighting AIDS. Tony Award-winning playwright Mary Zimmerman attended the Performing Arts Department's staging of "Metamorphoses." Kip Fulbeck spoke about using art to explore racial identity.

LGBT students were represented in the Assembly Series throughout the year. The Law School brought Matthew Coles to campus to speak about the state of the LGBT movement. Coles was active in bringing about gay rights and advocating for the LGBT movement. Urvashi Vaid, another lawyer and advocate for LGBT rights, was also brought to campus.

The year wound down with a heated debate hosted by Student Union between Bruce Nilles from the Sierra Club and Fred Palmer of Peabody Energy. The two faced off to discuss the future of energy in America and its effect on the environment.

The diverse lineup of speakers was made possible since the Assembly Series lives by one rule, according to Barbara Rea, Assembly Series director. The speaker must be "distinguished in his or her own field," and of course, affordable.



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## Five to receive honorary degrees

Washington University will award five honorary degrees at the school's 149th Commencement on May 21.



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**Steven Chu**  
Commencement speaker and St. Louis native Steven Chu is the U.S. secretary of energy and a Nobel laureate. He won the Nobel Prize in 1997 along with Claude Cohen Tannoudji and William Phillips for using laser beams and extreme cold to stop single atoms from moving, allowing for easier examination of them.



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**Brian Druker, MD**  
Druker, director of the Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) Knight Cancer Center and the JELD-WEN Chair of Leukemia Research, will receive an honorary doctorate in science. He was the lead researcher in the development Gleevec (Imatinib), a drug that is approved to fight seven types of cancer.



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**Joanne Knight**  
The St. Louis community organizer, volunteer and philanthropist will receive an honorary doctorate in the humanities. Knight has served on the board for the St. Louis chapter of the Alzheimer's Association and the Central Institute for the Deaf. She and husband Charles F. Knight have maintained close contact with the University.



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**Richard A. Roloff**  
The St. Louis native and a member of the engineering class of 1951 will be named an honorary doctor of laws. Roloff became president of St. Louis-based Capital Land Co. in 1973 and was invited to sit on the University's board of trustees in 1985. He currently serves as special assistant to Chancellor Mark Wrighton.



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# To all 2010 Graduates— congratulations!

Mark S. Wrighton  
Chancellor

For Washington University graduates, their families and their friends, Commencement is a wonderful time of celebration. You have worked hard and accomplished much during your time here. At the heart of every great University are its students, and I could not be more proud of all of you for your many contributions and achievements. While learning a great deal, you have also created new knowledge, enriched our faculty and served the citizens of St. Louis. All of us who call Washington University home are better because you were here.

As your Chancellor, I have enjoyed watching you excel during your career at Washington University. I feel fortunate to have been here during such an exciting time for our students. In these past few months, many of you raised awareness about the

importance of public transportation to St. Louis and made a clear statement of support that contributed to the passing of an important ballot measure on April 6. Last year, you welcomed the world to our campus as we hosted the vice-presidential debate—the most watched Debate in history! You helped us to open the Danforth University Center—the campus “living room” that will hereafter be linked with the Washington University student experience. I have admired your efforts to educate our community about the responsible use of energy technology and issues related to environmental sustainability. You have demonstrated that you are talented on the playing field, bringing home more national championships than in any other era in our history. Members of the graduating class have brought positive benefits to many—organizing service trips, coordinating fundraisers and leading numerous theatrical performances. It is astonishing to reflect on all that you have

experienced and the tremendous impact you have had on our community during such a short time.

As many are compelled to do during life’s moments of transition, I would like to share with you one important piece of advice as you leave here on the next stage of your journey: Take advantage of the great opportunities that lie before you. Looking beyond the boundaries of Washington University, one can easily become discouraged. While the economy is showing signs of life today, there is still uncertainty in the financial future. People around the world continue to die from treatable illnesses and malnutrition and even lack access to clean water. The recent oil disaster in the Gulf of Mexico is a reminder of the great harm humankind can bring to the earth’s environment. Yet, you have been given a great opportunity. Studying alongside the most academically talented students in America, you have been educated by a world-class faculty. You have learned

how to analyze complex problems and how to motivate others to action. You are a graduate of Washington University—one of the world’s premier universities. Some of you are already responding to great opportunities by joining innovative companies, being involved in creative arts, becoming teachers or advancing to graduate or professional school. For all of you, great opportunities still lie ahead. I am confident that you leave here not only with the promise of living happy, productive and fulfilling lives, but also with the ability to make a positive difference in our world.

While your time here is drawing to a close, I want you to know that you will always be a part of the Washington University family. We are proud of you, and you should be proud to be a graduate of Washington University. I join my colleagues on the faculty, along with the rest of the staff and administrative team, in saying, “Congratulations and best wishes for many future successes!”

Dennis Sweeney  
Former Managing Editor

I looked back at old Commencement issues of Student Life expecting to find every column beginning with, “Well, I’m sitting down to write my last column, and I can’t imagine how to put into words the four great years I’ve spent here.” The plan was to cite how most final columns do that and simultaneously, in doing so, avoid doing it myself. Turns out, though, most past columnists had some very acute reflections. Turns out, I was the one sitting down to write my last column, with no idea how to put it all into words.

How about this? The thing I’ve learned in college is how the best option is to be relentlessly positive about everything. To recognize the joy in simply doing things, things happening, things simply even existing.

I’ve written a few columns in the last four years that have tried to incite or

enter into heated debates—things on subjects like sexual assault, avant-garde art and the current controversy with the neighbors. For these columns, I usually get slammed, at least by somebody. Disputes like these are usually stocked with angry people looking for a fight, and in most cases, groups on both sides have reasons to be upset, because there’s rarely a black and white answer.

But what is black and white, in my opinion, is that the world is a whole lot brighter when one has the humility to leave those kinds of heated conversations behind. The word that might best describe this approach is a simple, often overused one: appreciation.

If I may, I think it is the willingness to appreciate things that are good that has been behind my most meaningful work with the paper, from encouraging a Thanksgiving staff editorial that was actually thankful, to

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# "YOU'LL BE LAUGHING HELPLESSLY!"

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# Take your activism into the “real world”

Fernando Cutz  
Senior Class President

Diversity seems to be the topic that really affected me more than most during my time here at the University. Many people have come up to me recently and asked me where my passion for diversity comes from. I correct them, telling them that I do not have a specific passion for diversity, but rather that the topic of diversity has called out to me, and I have merely responded.

It was during the spring of my freshman year that an incident of anti-Semitism broke through the Wash. U. bubble and hit my freshman-year roommate. Worse still, it came from a student who lived in our very dorm. This was something that I could not fathom and could not stand for. Working with University officials, I created the Student Diversity Initiative, now known as Connect 4, to address problems like these.

In the spring of 2009, the issue of socio-economic diversity began to be addressed on our campus. At the time, Wash. U. was ranked 25th of the 25 top schools in U.S. News & World Report when it came to socio-economic diversity. Again, I could not believe that we, as a community of engaged citizens who were actively trying to better our world, would ignore our moral obligation to help those who are less fortunate right here within our own University. When I was

asked to help lead the new efforts of improving socio-economic diversity through the founding of a new student group, WU/FUSED (Washington University for Undergraduate Socio-Economic Diversity), I knew that turning my back was not an option.

And of course, this year, during our Senior Class Trip to Chicago, the class went to the now internationally infamous Mother’s Bar, and after almost 200 students were let in, the first six African-American students trying to enter were denied at the door. We could not allow racism and bigotry to go unanswered, and the response that our class showed the nation was beyond exemplary.

While I have had a Wash. U. career filled with activism, this has been in no way

*“We could not allow racism and bigotry to go unanswered, and the response that our class showed the nation was beyond exemplary.”*

different than many of my peers in the Class of 2010. Whether it be protesting the new U-City “zero-tolerance policy” or doing flash mobs for environmentalism,

whether you look at issues of poverty or of poetry, and whether you agree with proponents of gay marriage or are a fan of Karl Rove, it has been our class, the Class of 2010, that has made this campus as lively, as engaged and as active as it has been over the past few years.

We have learned a lot from this University, but know that this University has learned a lot from us. We have taught the classes above and below us how to pursue their passions and get others to care as well. We have taught the administration that decisions can and should be made together, as a partnership to benefit the community, not bilaterally, in secrecy or without student input. We have taught the nation that under our generation’s leadership, hate will no longer be tolerated, and justice will no longer be synonymous with financial gain.

Indeed, we as a class have much to be proud of. But we must be mindful that this is just our beginning. This has all been a practice run. Now is the time for us to do what we’ve been doing on a much larger scale. It is time for us to be active in following our passions, for us to be diplomatic in getting what we want, and for us to be resolute in defending our morals.

We are now leaving the leadership positions that we have worked our way up to in the “fake world” that is Washington University to start working our way up to leadership positions in the “real world”

that is our broader society. And whether you find that your calling in life is the same as it has been or you find that what you want to pursue is something completely different, never forget your experiences here. Never forget the

*“We have learned a lot from this University, but know that this University has learned a lot from us.”*

activism, the passion or the pursuit of justice. Because as we work our way up to becoming the leaders of the “real world,” it is up to us to keep this fight that we have started here going. It is up to us to keep pressing for the change we wish to see in the world, and it is up to each and every one of us to ensure that The Right Side of History, Mother’s Bar, Environmentalism, U/FUSED, flash mobs and all of the other incredible things that we have done over the past few years are not just going to have taught and forever changed this wonderful “fake world” of ours.

Let the real fight begin!

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# Expectations fulfilled

Brian Krigsher  
Former Associate Editor

Expectations. That was the theme of the student convocation address that welcomed most of us to college. In the past four years, whether our expectations were primarily to find friends, succeed academically or become student leaders (or all of the above), something unexpected happened. We grew up.

As entering freshmen, we all felt like the adults we almost were. But somewhere between 2 a.m. trips to Bear’s Den, floor brunches and cooking meals in our apartments, we matured. When work got harder, we worked harder but also worked more efficiently as we gained familiarity with this academic setting. When our freshman floors disintegrated (some quite literally), we maintained the bonds of friendship we forged. And we didn’t plan for these actions, nor did we necessarily realize we were doing them at the time. But whether we knew it or not, the wheels of transformation were affecting even the most focused among us.

Looking back at our initial expectations of college, are we happy with what we see? I personally regret nothing from my college career; if I could do it over, I would not change a thing. Hopefully, we all have such sentiments, but if not, go out into the world with a renewed resolve to make the most of every day. While there’s no Tuesday Tea at 3 or an “appeals fund” in schools and offices across the country, there are always opportunities to get involved and pursue your passions. Although we tend to take our work and studies seriously, take a step back occasionally to evaluate your goals and make sure you’re happy

with where you are heading. And if not, do something to change it.

Your expectations should be your own. From our convocation speaker to Dr. Seuss, everyone acknowledges that “YOU are the one who’ll decide where to go.” Whether pursuing your passions involves number crunching, caring for animals or people, or continuing on to academia, do it because you love it.

This same message applies to our underclassmen friends we’re leaving behind. Make sure your expectations are fulfilled, or go out and fulfill them. If you expected a great education, don’t sit idly by as the best teaching professors continue to get replaced by research machines. Instead of asking for re-grades, ask how to improve for the next exam. If you’ve spent the last year or two in the library, go play a game at Ursa’s. Conversely, if you’ve spent the last year or two playing games (of any sort), a day in the library might do you some good. Enjoy your time here—it’s a beautiful campus filled with friendly, smart people, so take the plugs out of your ears and look up from your cell phones from time to time.

Whether you’re moving into the workforce, graduate school or the new dorms on the 40, remember to set goals and occasionally evaluate them. Be focused on what you want to achieve, but also be flexible. Keep everything in perspective, and try not to prioritize work above friends or advancement over being honest.

And remember to acknowledge the people who make a difference in your life. So thank you to my friends, parents and all the Student Life readers and staff!

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## Congratulations Class of 2010

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# Looking back: 2006 IN MUSIC



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Beyoncé and Justin Timberlake ended 2006 with the releases of “Irreplaceable” and “Sexy Back.”

Steve Hardy  
Music Editor

To celebrate graduation, Cadenza is turning our clocks all the way back to 2006. Seniors, these are the songs you boogied to at Prom, your jams for the last summer you’d spend before striking out for college, and the soundtrack for Freshman Orientation.

As we rang in ‘06, you were probably still enjoying some late 2005 holdovers such as “Laffy Taffy,” and though the winter was cold, the dance floor was hot with releases like “Dance, Dance” by Fall Out Boy, Ne-Yo’s “So Sick,” and the infamous “I’m N Luv (Wit a Stripper).” The winter also saw a surge in singer-songwriters like Natasha Bedingfield and James Blunt, whose single, “You’re Beautiful,” was a Billboard Top 10 mainstay for 15 weeks.

The Arctic Monkeys

attempted another British invasion, moving 360,000 copies of their debut album, “Whatever People Say I Am, That’s What I’m Not,” in its first week. The team behind “High School Musical” instigated another type of invasion—an invasion of Disney pop on the charts the likes of which still have not subsided. In fact, the soundtrack for “HSM” was the most commercially successful album of the year.

In March, Cascada released her Earth-shaking “Every Time We Touch.” In the summer of ‘06, you probably got down to a slew of hits from then-upcoming artists. Rihanna released “SOS,” Chamillionaire gave us “Ridin’,” and Nelly Furtado roared back to relevance with “Promiscuous.” Oh, and a little someone named Shakira put out “Hips Don’t Lie.”

In rock, the Red Hot Chili Peppers and “Dani California” reigned supreme (RHCP and

Shakira tied for most nominations at that year’s Vocal Music Awards), and the pop-rockers of The Fray gave us “Over My Head (Cable Car).” Danger Mouse and Cee-Lo teamed up to form Gnarls Barkley, and their debut single “Crazy” off “St. Elsewhere” stayed on the charts for over 3 months and held on to the #1 spot in England for nine weeks. By Orientation, we got “London Bridge” from Fergie and Panic! At the Disco’s “I Write Sins not Tragedies,” which would go on to win Video of the Year at MTV’s VMAs.

Indie fans everywhere rejoiced with Spin’s #1 album of the year, TV on the Radio’s “Return to Cookie Mountain,” and Nelly saw the release of “Modern Times,” Bob Dylan’s acclaimed 32nd studio album. Hot Chip kept you on the dance floor with “The Warning.”

Pop-country act Rascal Flatts released “Life is a Highway,” off of their 4x platinum

record “Me and My Gang.” The group was just one of several country acts to succeed nationally in ‘06. Others include former American Idol Carrie Underwood and the Dixie Chicks, whose October release “The Long Way Home” cleaned up at the Grammys.

Meanwhile, on campus, your first W.I.L.D. was headlined by Guster, who had just released their album “Ganging up on the Sun.” Opening for them were Rahzel and Eliot Morris.

But September was a game-changer when the most iconic ‘06 jams dropped. We started the month with “SexyBack” by Justin Timberlake, which could be an entire article in itself. We also got a wide variety of other hits, from Snow Patrol’s “Chasing Cars” to Hinder’s “Lips of an Angel.” At the end of the month we all let our “Chain Hang Low” with Jibbs, and The Fray scored another, even bigger hit, “How to Save a Life,” instantly recognizable by “Grey’s Anatomy” fans.

The next month saw the release of “Costello Music” by Scottish rockers The Fratellis. Critical darlings The Hold Steady dropped “Boys and Girls in America,” the top-reviewed album of ‘06 on Pitchfork.com. November was another eclectic month whose top releases included material by Jay-Z, Akon and Daughtry and also saw the release of 2x platinum “Now That’s What I Call Music, Vol. 23.”

The year ended with hip-hop both sincere (“Smack That”) and satirical (“White and Nerdy”) and the release of controversial tabloid mainstay Amy Winehouse’s “Back to Black.” The biggest blockbuster of late ‘06, however, was Beyoncé. Her mega-hit “Irreplaceable” was both commercially successful and critically lauded.

## 2006 AT A GLANCE

### BEST-SELLING ALBUMS

#	ARTIST	ALBUM	COPIES SOLD
1.	High school musical	Soundtrack	8,500,000
2.	Justin Timberlake	FutureSex/LoveSounds	8,350,000
3.	Nelly Furtado	Loose	8,200,000
4.	Red Hot Chili Peppers	Stadium Arcadium	7,900,000
5.	Carrie Underwood	Some Hearts	6,900,000
6.	Pink	I'm Not Dead	6,500,000
7.	Beyoncé	B'Day	5,700,000
8.	The Beatles	Love	5,650,000
9.	Daughtry	Daughtry	4,900,000
10.	Taylor Swift	Taylor Swift	2,500,000

## TOP BILLBOARD HOT 100 SINGLES

“Irreplaceable” – Beyoncé  
(10 weeks at #1)  
“SexyBack” – Justin Timberlake ft. Timbaland  
(7 weeks at #1)  
“Promiscuous” – Nelly Furtado  
(6 weeks at #1)

## SELECT MTV VMAS

**Video of the Year**  
“I Write Sins, not Tragedies”  
– Panic! at the Disco

**Best Group Video**  
“Move Along” – The All-American Rejects

**Best New Artist**  
“Bat Country” – Avenged Sevenfold

**Best Pop Video**  
“Stupid Girls” – P!nk

## SELECT GRAMMY AWARDS (from Feb. 2007)

**Record of the Year**  
“Not Ready to Make Nice” – Dixie Chicks

**Album of the Year**  
“Taking the Long Way” – Dixie Chicks

**Best New Artist**  
Carrie Underwood

# “Little Miss Sunshine”

Jon Emden  
Cadenza Reporter

Remember when sweatbands were trendy? When being an outcast was something to be proud of? And when “Little Miss Sunshine” was the movie to see in 2006? In this freshman-year classic, Abigail Breslin plays Olive Hoover, the charmingly awkward seven-year-old determined to win the crown of “Little Miss Sunshine.” Her brother, Dwayne (Paul Dano), has taken a vow of silence until he becomes a test pilot. Steve Carell plays the brilliant and suicidal Frank, whose ex-boyfriend leaves him for another man. Then, of course, there’s the high-strung mother Sheryl (Toni Collette), the goal-obsessed motivational speaker Richard (Greg Kinnear) and the rebellious grandfather Edwin (Alan Arkin). The film chronicles the dysfunctional family’s misadventures as they drive to California for Olive’s beauty contest. Along the way, their banana-yellow van breaks down, they deal with an important death, and they learn life lessons.

It’s a classic that speaks to our generation. It’s quirky but not weird, smart but not pretentious, profound without becoming existential. Who can forget the scene where Olive shows Dwayne that he’s color-blind, and he screams at the



top of his lungs? Or the family struggling to push their broken-down van uphill? Or Olive’s hilarious dance choreography to the song “Super Freak”? After the movie came out, Alan Arkin won an Oscar, and Abigail Breslin became one of the youngest actresses to be nominated. Since your freshman year, the film’s stars have gone onto other well-known projects. Not long after, Paul Dano starred as the Sunday brother in “There Will Be Blood” alongside Daniel Day-Lewis. (Does the

milkshake scene ring a bell?) When Steve Carell was originally cast, he was only known for his work on “The Daily Show.” Now, thanks to this movie, “The Office” and “The 40-Year-Old Virgin,” he is one of the most popular comedic actors today. Toni Collette went on to star in Diablo Cody’s project “The United States of Tara.” And Abigail Breslin plays just about every teenage girl role in existence (“Definitely, Maybe,” “No Reservations,” “My Sister’s Keeper,” etc.).

“Little Miss Sunshine”

is a film that encapsulates the 2006-2007 school year and our generation’s attitude toward life. It rejects artificiality and the need to please others while embracing individuality. It shows us the importance of the choices and the support of family. But most importantly, it challenges us all to embrace the adventure that life is meant to be.

As graduating seniors, take a note from Dwayne when he says, “You do what you love, and f--- the rest.” Congratulations, Class of 2010!

# A reflection on four years with Cadenza

Andrew Senter  
Cadenza Lifer

Maybe it was delusions of grandeur. Maybe it was just being a freshman. But after I wrote my first music article, I was convinced that fame, fortune and the entire plot from “Almost Famous” were in my future. When I learned that the only publication that picked up my article was a college newspaper in St. Louis called Student Life, I was devastated. I had thought that it would have at least been published in USA Today or a second-tier home gardening magazine. More importantly, this effectively limited my budding writing career to two options: become a staff writer for “CSI: Springfield” or continue to write for Student Life. Being a rational individual, and after learning that “CSI: Springfield” had been cancelled due to a lack of funding after the death of its main investor, C. Montgomery Burns, I chose to become a staff writer for Student Life.

This inauspicious beginning started what became one of the defining activities of my college career. Even though I never pursued my dream of being a famous writer, or becoming Jack Donaghy, I truly enjoyed my time with Cadenza and Student Life. Cadenza’s inane Sunday meetings, in which the most minute and irrelevant details of pop culture were dissected ad-nauseum, were a weekly nuisance that I never missed. I feel that the meetings exemplified all that is great about Wash. U.’s best and brightest. In a

typical meeting, the conversation routinely shifted from “Freaks and Geeks” to “30 Rock” to “America’s Next Top Model XXXIV.” Knowing that more than five people at Wash. U. knew what “It’s Always Sunny in Philadelphia” was, or that it was possible to find 10 people who routinely watch “Curb Your Enthusiasm,” restored my faith in humanity. Especially after pop culture nuggets such as “So You Think You Can Dance,” “Jennifer’s Body” and anything by Carrie Underwood tested my resolve.

More than anything else, writing for Cadenza allowed me to forget about school, work and other fun things—such as figuring out what I want to do with my life—for a few hours every week. At a school that often seems to be more concerned with preparing people for the next step in life (think pre-med) than enjoying the moment, it was a relief to focus my energy on whether I hated, or abhorred, the latest Justin Bieber album. Even if it was only for a few hours every week, it helped me stay balanced over the last four years.

Thank you to all of the Cadenza editors whom I have worked with over the last four years. Brian, Cici, David, E, Hannah, Percy, Steve and Steph, you were great colleagues and friends. You consistently made Cadenza a pleasure to write for. I would also like to thank all of the editors who make Student Life such a great paper. You put in countless hours of work that are truly appreciated by the entire student body.

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# SPORTS



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# Senior Q&A

## Varsity athletes look back

Sports Staff

We asked the Washington University varsity athletes in the class of 2010 to share their favorite memories, sentiments and thoughts on their careers at Wash. U. This is what they said:

**Student Life:** What’s your best memory of Wash. U. sports?

I will never forget the feeling of winning a National Championship. There is yet to be anything in my life that can compare.—**Erin Albers, volleyball**

My best memory of Wash. U. sports is winning back the [football] Founder’s Cup against the University of Chicago this past fall on Senior Day with all my family in attendance for the game.—**Nick Vom Brack, baseball and football**

Watching a guy who had been injured for two years win his heat in his first race back while the whole team painted up and cheered for him. I still get goosebumps when I think about it.—**Molly Schlamb, track & field**

The 2009 men’s basketball national championship. The combination of the overnight 15 hour bus ride with all my friends and then getting to watch the team win the championship was so much fun.—**Tim Machan, football**

**SL:** What’s been your biggest athletic accomplishment?

Along with winning the team championship, my biggest athletic accomplishments have been winning the individual national championships twice in my collegiate career. —**John Watts, men’s tennis**

My biggest accomplishment would be beating the career stolen base record. I have worked to increase my speed all of my four years here, and it is a great feeling to see hard work pay off.—**Megan Fieser, softball**

Playing in the NCAA championship game this past

season in San Antonio.—**Caryn Rosoff, women’s soccer**

**SL:** What has playing a varsity sport meant to you?

Being a varsity basketball player has really shaped my time here at Wash U. Basketball has given me wins, losses, championships, and most importantly, the best group of friends anyone could ask for. It is this camaraderie that I learned to live for—for the rest of my life I can’t imagine there being many better feelings or experiences than the ones I had with my best friends by my side on the court.—**Cameron Smith, men’s basketball**

I can’t imagine having spent four years here without soccer. Playing soccer here has given me my closest friends and many of my best memories. I have learned so much about myself and become a better person (or so I’d like to think).—**Becca Heymann, women’s soccer**

Playing a varsity sport has greatly impacted my undergraduate experience. I love to compete, but it’s even greater to compete as a team player in a traditionally individual sport. I love representing Washington University and my teammates out on the court.—**Allison Dender, women’s tennis**

**SL:** What advice do you have for the underclassmen/incoming freshman?

Try to get to a place where you feel just as much joy when a teammate is successful as when you are. Many of my favorite and most memorable races are not ones that I ran, but ones that I screamed my guts out for.—**Molly Schlamb**

Regarding athletics, don’t let your ego get tied up in where you play in the lineup. Losing just offers you yet one more incentive to work harder.—**Grace Fox, women’s tennis**

Train hard, work hard, play hard. No matter how good you are, you can always be a little better when you “scrap it up.”—**Cameron Smith**

**SL:** How have you changed as a player in your four years here?

I feel like I matured over the years into a much more consistent and dependable player. I think by my junior and senior seasons, my teammates could really count on me at all times.—**Nat Zenner, men’s soccer**

As a player, I think I have become physically stronger and smarter, especially in doubles strategy. I have become a much better doubles player with quick hands at the net. I also have improved my mental toughness.—**Allison Dender**

I developed into a much more vocal leader as senior this year. I had always been a lead-by-example player in high school and for most of my time here. But this year things were looking pretty bad after the first couple weeks and we needed to find a spark, so I stepped into that role.—**Tim Machan**

I have learned the importance of teamwork and how it allows each member to feel part of a close family and gives individuals the motivation to keep on pushing through despite difficulties.—**Dan Arteaga, swimming**

**SL:** How did being an athlete affect your Wash. U. experience?

I think it helps you grow as a person. You have to learn how to balance your time and how to deal with responsibilities and time commitments that non-athletes don’t have to deal with. But in addition to that, you also get that special bond with your teammates and other athletes. I’ve met most of my best friends through Wash. U. athletics—I wouldn’t trade that for anything.—**Ryan Grandin, men’s soccer**

Being an athlete gave me some time every day in which I didn’t have to worry about classes or grades. I could take a break from all of that and just focus on swimming. It also gave me the great group of friends I have on the swim team. —**Dima Galkin, swimming**

**SL:** What will you miss the most?

Games. Without a doubt I know I will miss that feeling in the locker room getting ready and that sense of competition once the game starts. Football is special because you are so dependent on your teammates for success and I love that about it. I have already started having dreams about being on the field.—**Tim Machan**

I will miss my teammates and the relationships that I have made over the past four years. They are great motivating factors and generally awesome people who have touched my life in ways they may never know or understand.—**Janice Evans, women’s basketball**

There is so much that I’ll miss, from the first game jitters of every season to the celebration

that takes place after each victory, but the thing I’ll miss most is the camaraderie I developed with my teammates that cannot be replicated by anything except when playing college sports.—**Nick Vom Brack**

There are so many things I will miss about playing athletics at a high level. Perhaps the feeling that I’ll miss the most is that feeling you get when you are in the heat of battle—you don’t get tired, you don’t hear or even sense the crowd, you don’t think too much about what you’re doing. You’re just having the time of your life playing the game you love.—**Cameron Smith**

**SL:** Any last words?

It has been an honor to represent this school for four years and to be a part of a larger program that will one day bring

home a national title. Definitely. I am so proud of my girls and I can’t wait to see what they’ll do next.—**Becca Heymann**

After it’s all said and done, there are times when you hate practicing, when you don’t want to hear your coach tell you how to do something, when you wonder why you decided to play sports in college. But after four years, I can say without hesitation that competing for Wash. U. on the football and baseball fields was the best decision I have ever made. I would have loved to win conference and national championships, but I would not trade the experiences and memories I have collected over these past four years. I am certain they will be some of the fondest of my entire life.—**Nick Vom Brack**

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FORUM

# Don't forget to have fun

Sam Guzik  
Former Editor-in-Chief

As a journalist, I always try to keep my own voice out of my writing and strive to finish everything on deadline. For this column, I have broken both of those rules.

Sitting and reflecting on my time at Wash. U., I've drawn a blank on what to write about here. I could fill this entire issue reflecting on and critiquing University policy, the administration and campus affairs, but that would give off the wrong impression about how much I've enjoyed my time here. Just as easily, I could fill this space with nostalgic

reminiscing about my college career, attempting to illustrate some broad, esoteric lesson explaining the meaning of college. Instead, I'm going to set my sights on a message slightly more earthy: have fun.

After four years of writing for Student Life, it's hard to believe that this is my last contribution to the paper. I've covered a nationally televised debate, bubble wrap covering Bowles Plaza and everything in between. I've interviewed students, faculty and staff on countless subjects and spent more sleepless nights than I'd care to admit on the third floor of the Danforth Center pushing to finish the paper before deadline. Student

Life has defined my college experience, offering me a support system, great friendships and amazing memories. Most of all, Student Life has been a space to be myself and to enjoy.

Whether you will be on campus next year or off in the "real world" somewhere, I hope you can find that space for yourself. Be it a campus organization, a job, community service or something else, find a place where you can have fun and be accepted. There is a lot to be seen in the world and lots to accomplish, but the best things will follow from simply stepping back and having fun.

This is certainly not the most profound advice in the

world, but it is important and worth sharing.

To my family and friends who have kept me sane throughout the last four years, I say thank you. For the runs in Forest Park, for listening to my crazy ideas or for just taking my phone calls whenever I've needed to talk, I am more appreciative than you could ever know.

To all the Student Life staff members who will be here next year, good luck: treasure every story and every late night (Kate and Josh, I'm looking at you). Every issue, you will have the opportunity to meet amazing people from every part of campus—take advantage of that, and you will

have an amazing time.

To the rest of the University community: thank you for everything that you have allowed me to experience. The students, faculty and staff here give the University its character and have created an incredibly special atmosphere that I am glad to have taken part in.

Whether you are graduating this month or whether you will be here next year, live and enjoy, you have great opportunities ahead of you.

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pointing out, perhaps naively, some of the interesting peculiarities of college life, to

capturing exciting events like flash mob dances on camera. While entering into the fray

has its time and place in the development of a fair, progressive world, I find that life is much more worth living when, instead of criticizing the world, one focuses on

loving it.

That's been my primary revelation at Washington University, as I think might be true, actually, for most students. I (and perhaps you) did a lot of things from ages 0 to 18 for the wrong reasons: getting excellent grades because I wouldn't let myself not, playing a sport each season because that's what one did, hanging out with people who I may not actually have had very good relationships with because they were perceived to be somewhat cool, and so on.

Life in college, for many of us, represents the point at which we were finally given the opportunity to do, instead, just what we thought was the best thing to do. It became an opportunity to embrace life, to experience variety, now not because of external (or awry internal) motivations but rather because of a zeal for the things of the world. For this reason, I think, so many of us are fumbling around with plans after graduation. We have learned to embrace life for what it is, for the underlying enjoyment we get

out of the thing, while many traditional jobs require us to embrace a single activity or cause, which often becomes disassociated over time from that underlying good.

But, fortunately, with such a point of view at the front of our minds, we can maintain an approach to the universe that holds onto that fragile energy and zeal. Such a task will become quite difficult, I am sure, in an environment without the vibrancy that we've all experienced here. But with the knowledge that many of us have gained on our best days, that simply doing, simply moving oneself from the bed in the morning can be done with an enthusiasm for the project of life at large, we might hope to avoid the dullness of routine, in favor of going with a sense of engaged appreciation through life. Many days, we will wake up tired. But that's only because yesterday was so big!

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# R♥mance 101

## Summer: Beginnings and endings

Carly MacLeod  
Scene Columnist

As the semester comes to a close, here I sit, one paper down, four to go, and dreading one exam that I really need to cram for. But instead of studying or outlining, I'm writing my last romance column of the year and watching my boyfriend design his dream laptop, which he hopes will be a graduation gift.

He's really sick of the laptop he has; it takes almost 15 minutes to start up, and the internet is pretty temperamental. But, as I see him looking over the newest Macbook Pros, I feel a slight pang of sadness. As silly as it may sound to you, when he graduates, the computer he brings with him into the real world won't be the one that we've watched at least 100 episodes of "How I Met Your Mother" on or the one that he would write papers on while sitting next to me at 2 a.m. And, as he figures out which technology will be best for his future, I can't help but be reminded

that in two weeks, he will no longer live a flight of stairs away from me.

At this time of year, it's easy to feel torn. Summer is arguably the best season of the year: the sun, the days on the beach and the late night BBQs. Don't get me wrong; I'm a summer girl through and through. But while summer, for many, is a season of potential and beginning, for some of us, summer is not the light at the end of the tunnel, but rather the black cloud looming over our final weeks on campus.

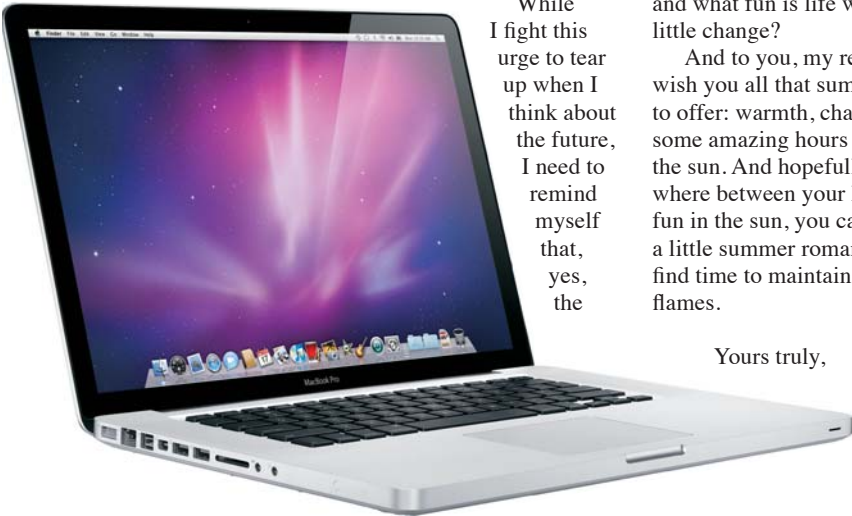
This year has been a whirlwind. In the time I've written Romance 101, I've taken 12 exams, written 23 papers, made new friends, discovered fantastic music and become addicted to Glee. But while all that was going on, and while I wrote for all of you, I've had the privilege of getting to know, and later love, one of the most incredible people I've ever met. And now that the year is over, it seems like it will be far too easy for all that has happened this year to slide seamlessly, as things do, into the past.

While I fight this urge to tear up when I think about the future, I need to remind myself that, yes, the

school year is over. But at the same time, summer is just starting. Summer is the season of spirit, of finding something new and unexpected. There is incredible potential in summer; it's the beginning of so much wonder. While it may sound cliché, graduation is that same sort of beginning. You've probably heard it a thousand times, but really, all of you graduating seniors have the world at your feet. It's scary to say goodbye, but your future will be an incredible new adventure that you can't help but be excited for under all that fear.

I know that next year I will miss this guy sitting next to me immensely. But, as he saves the Apple computer on his wish list, I know that (if he gets it) there will be new shows for us to become addicted to and more YouTube videos for us to watch. I know that, from that computer, I will be getting silly emails and plane ticket confirmations all the way from D.C. It's scary to think about what next year will be like without him living downstairs, but it's not over. It will just be something new—and what fun is life without a little change?

And to you, my readers, I wish you all that summer has to offer: warmth, change and some amazing hours under the sun. And hopefully, somewhere between your hours of fun in the sun, you can fit in a little summer romance or find time to maintain current flames.



Yours truly,  
The Love Guru

# 10 THINGS

to do before

# GRADUATING

by Carol Iskiwitch, Scene Reporter

Although I am not a senior, the upcoming Commencement has me thinking about how quickly my own graduation will come and all the things I hope to have done before that day arrives. Consider adding some of these items to your personal must-do-before-graduating list:

- 1 Attend a meeting of an organization with views that oppose yours.
- 2 Choose a paper or project of which you are particularly proud, and store it for posterity.
- 3 Eat gooey butter cake—it's a St. Louis tradition.
- 4 Find a secret passageway or tunnel on campus.

- 5 Discover a local band. There are many great, smaller venues around the city, such as Off Broadway, the Lemp Neighborhood Arts Center and Cicero's.

- 6 STREAK.



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- 7 Before we are no longer provided free passes, grab a Metro Transit map and schedule, recruit a few friends and roam around aimlessly.



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- 8 Take part in a FLASH MOB.

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