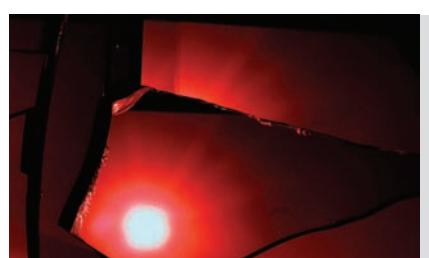




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## ThurtenE Carnival chooses St. Louis children's charity



JOHN HERGENROEDER | STUDENT LIFE

Members of the Chi Omega sorority and Beta Theta Pi fraternity work on their facade for this year's ThurtenE Carnival. ThurteneE junior honorary, the group behind the carnival, has picked the Belle Center as its charity.

### WEI-YIN KO NEWS EDITOR

ThurtenE honorary has decided to donate its proceeds from this weekend's carnival to the Belle Center.

This charity assists children with developmental delays and disabilities, as well as their families. The center focuses on helping these children to be included in their home communities, according to its website.

"We picked the Belle Center this year because it benefits children with disabilities through inclusion to normal life," said Ryan Dawson, president of

ThurtenE honorary. "Their main goal is to include children with disabilities into normal children's life, such as putting them in normal schools. They also teach parents and teachers how to help these children."

According to Dawson, the honorary chooses to sponsor a charity based on how much it impacts the St. Louis community.

The Belle Center runs three programs: the Outreach Therapy Program, Center-Based Preschool Program and Families as Partners Program.

Washington University's annual ThurtenE Carnival, the

oldest and largest student-run carnival in the nation, will take place this weekend in front of Brookings Hall.

In addition to traditional fair-ground rides, the carnival will feature performances, facades and food booths that fraternities and sororities have spent months working on.

According to ThurtenE's website, more than 50 groups, hundreds of students from Washington University and thousands of people from the greater St. Louis area will come together for the Carnival.

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## Broken Clocktower to be fixed

### MICHAEL TABB NEWS EDITOR

Most broken clocks are only right twice a day.

After remaining stationary at 1:55 for several weeks, each face of the South 40 Clocktower was frozen at a different time on Tuesday.

The inner mechanics of the Clocktower are currently being repaired. This is the first time the Clocktower has failed since it was erected in 2000.

Repairs on the Clocktower began almost a month ago when the clock did not transition to daylight saving time and Facilities tried to reset it manually. After operating for about a week, it stopped.

According to Bill Riley, director of maintenance operations, the entire inner movement of the clock is currently being shipped to Cincinnati to be rebuilt.

"We called in the manufacturer's representative from the company that made [the clock] and actually installed it, and their report



MATT MITGANG | STUDENT LIFE

Each of the Clocktower's four faces are stuck at a different time, and have been for almost a month. Parts are being shipped to Cincinnati to be fixed.

was that a certain part—the reset 'pawl'—was worn. It would need to be replaced but because they are no longer manufacturing the internal movement with the same pieces, the whole movement of the clock had to be sent back to the factory in Cincinnati, Ohio, and the movement will have to be rebuilt,"

Riley said.

Most students have not missed the absent mechanism.

"I have not noticed it," freshman Ian Kinstlinger said. "I never think to glance at the Clocktower on my way to class—I always look at my

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## Court sets trial date for WU robber

### CHLOE ROSENBERG SENIOR NEWS EDITOR

Jeremiah McMillon, the man accused of robbing two Washington University students last fall, will be put on trial in February 2012.

KSDK reported Tuesday that McMillon is being charged with 10 felonies, including forcible rape, attempted rape and kidnapping. He is also a potential suspect for a separate sexual assault, among other crimes.

McMillon was originally arrested in September for the sexual assault of a University of Missouri—St. Louis student. Since then, the University City Police Department has pressed

additional charges for the armed robbery of two Washington University students at the corner of Big Bend and Lindell boulevards.

Student Life reported last fall that McMillon had acquired a Washington University ID card after applying to be a University College student. While he had never actually enrolled in a class, the ID card allowed him access to Olin Library and classroom buildings.

McMillon was on probation for a 2007 burglary conviction when this recent string of crimes took place.

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## ORDER OF EVENTS

JULY  
2010

Registered as a University College student and received a WU ID Card.

AUG 29,  
2010

Spent time at a Washington University fraternity

SEP 6,  
2010

Robbed two Washington University students at the corner of Lindell and Big Bend

SEP 6,  
2010

Sexually assaulted an UMSL student Arrested at his home

## Former economic aide to Obama stresses progressive taxation

### KATE GAERTNER CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

Christina Romer, former chairwoman of the Council of Economic Advisers, served as the keynote speaker at Washington University's Livable Lives Initiative's first public event.

The Livable Lives Initiative is a University-wide program led by the Center for Social Development that seeks to explore the effects of policy changes on Americans in low and middle class income brackets.

Romer's address highlighted the importance of reducing unemployment in the U.S. She argued that the government needs to do more to boost economic recovery at a faster rate. The speech was

followed by a panel discussion with four Washington University professors.

Romer spent much of 2009 and 2010 working on economic policy in Washington, advising President Obama and leading efforts in health care reform and financial recovery.

Her most recently published works concern the effects of tax structures on long-run economic growth, and she holds a research and teaching appointment at the University of California, Berkeley.

Student Life sat down with Romer to talk about tax structures, government spending and the economic policy issues that will face our generation.

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## POLICE BEAT

April 11, 2011

■ **Warrant Arrest—1:41 p.m.**

Location: Off-campus

Investigation of a pan-handler led to an arrest on outstanding warrants.

Disposition: Cleared by arrest.

## EVENT CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY 13

**AOII Cupcake Sale**

*Tisch Commons 10 a.m.*

AOII will be selling cupcakes to support its ThurtenE Carnival efforts and to raise money for the St. Louis Children's Hospital. Cash or campus card are accepted.

**History Colloquium**

*Busch Hall 18, 3:30 p.m.*

University of Texas at Austin Professor Brian Levack will present a lecture titled "Making Sense of Demonic Possession in Early Modern Europe." A reception will follow.

**Hunger Banquet**

*DUC Orchid Room, 6 p.m.*

Alliance of Students Against Poverty will be holding a banquet to demonstrate the issue of hunger in St. Louis. Free food will be provided.

THURSDAY 14

**Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science Colloquium**

*Brauer Hall 12, 3 p.m.*

Jae-Hwang Lee, Ph.D. and Postdoctoral Research Associate at Massachusetts Institute of Technology will be delivering a speech entitled "Periodic Nanostructures: Physical Engineering of Materials."

**4x4: Four Plays on the Quad**

*Brookings Quad Pavilion, 8 p.m.*

All Student Theater will kick off the series by presenting "Peyeem," by Aaron Senser and directed by Dan Tobin.

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According to Dawson, there are six Greek Life teams that are currently working on constructing facades. Themes for the facades include a palace and a castle.

There will also be food and game booths and a rock wall provided by ROTC.

Many students remain undecided as to whether they will be attending the carnival. They say that carnival features including food and the plays are draws.

"I might go. If I go I'm looking forward toward the elephant ears—they taste really good," junior Will Putnam said.

Others want to see the culmination of their friends' work.

"I might go to see my friends in the sororities and the façades they built," sophomore Lexi Millett said.

ThurtenE Carnival has operated all but one year since 1935.

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## CLOCKTOWER FROM PAGE 1

cell phone for the time."

While some students have observed the change, most did not find the lack of function particularly troubling.

"It hasn't really been an issue because I don't live on the 40...but it's something I noticed," junior Lexi Klein said. "I think that more people probably use it as a landmark than for time and don't necessarily rely on it, but I think it's something that should definitely be fixed—it's there to tell time."

Facilities customer service was not aware of the problem until Student Life inquired about the issue Tuesday afternoon.

"This is the first time I've heard the Clocktower is not functioning," said Facilities Customer Service Representative Deborah Koonce.

"A thousand people could walk by it every day and not say it's not working," said Mary Ann Dill, service manager for Facilities.

According to Riley, this is an inconvenient time of the school year for the Clocktower to break down.

"If we were going to have the clock not operational, it would not be the last month of classes and finals," Riley said. "I suspect that a lot of students look at that leaving the South 40 to see if they'll be late to class."

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5:30 - 6:30

**Abstract Writing Workshops**

Tuesday (4/12) & Wednesday (4/13)

5:00 - 6:00 in Olin ARC



# Camp Kumquat reopens after finding sponsors

SADIE SMECK  
NEWS EDITOR

Middle school students from around St. Louis will have the chance come to the Danforth Campus this summer for Camp Kumquat, an educational day camp led by student farmers of the Burning Kumquat, Washington University's student-run organic garden.

The Burning Kumquat's leaders say that the camp will inspire a love of gardening in St. Louis youth.

Camp Kumquat, first held in 2009, did not run last summer due to inadequate financial support from the University.

This year, the camp will be supported by Quadrangle Housing, the Office of Sustainability and Bon Appétit, which will provide daily lunches and snacks for the campers and counselors.

Junior Lee Ann Felder and sophomore Terry Main will lead the camp as counselors, and junior Amanda Wolff will serve as the garden manager. She will take the food that the students harvest to sell at the North City Farmer's Market.

"I'm interested in agriculture, and that's why I started doing things with the farm," Wolff said. "I want to inspire these kids, to activate this kind of interest in them. I want them to know where food comes from, why it is important to buy things in season; it's the really hands-on part."

Counselors hope to share their love of organic gardening with the kids who attend the camp and teach them about plants and sustainable food.

"It's a fun way to learn about science, math and where our food comes from," Felder said.

The camp will be divided by grade level into three two-week sessions in June and July, with activities running daily from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Camp attendees will hear from plant biologists at the University and will take field trips to urban community gardens around St. Louis.

"Community gardens are much more frequent than we think. They are all over the city, and odds are there [are] a couple in the neighborhoods where these kids will be coming from," Wolff said. "The reason that we want to take them on field trips is to say, 'Look, this is happening in your neighborhood.'"

The counselors are currently recruiting at nearby public middle schools. They are hoping to reach a wide array of students and their families as well.

"We're not just reaching out to the kids, but going even further to their families and their friends and their classmates. Their parents are the ones buying the food for them at home; their parents need to be involved just as much as they do," Wolff said.

To accomplish this goal, the counselors plan to organize a family banquet at the end of each session.

By sharing knowledge about sustainable food with the kids and their families, the camp leaders hope to encourage the campers to incorporate what they learn into their homes and schools.

"We want the kids to come back to school and come back to their homes with this knowledge and this interest so that they can tell people, 'Hey, the stuff that we're eating in school could be better,'" Wolff said.

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## ECONOMIC FROM PAGE 1

### Q&A WITH FORMER OBAMA ECONOMIC ADVISER CHRISTINA ROMER

**In light of this past weekend's threat of government shutdown, can Congress pass a budget that will allow the U.S. to move forward and strengthen the economy?**

The fact that last year's budget was so hard to settle makes me nervous, because the questions that are looming are much bigger—they're about the long-run deficit, about what we're going to do about revenues and about what's going to happen to entitlement spending on things like Medicare and Medicaid and Social Security. What makes me optimistic is that we are finally talking about the long-run budget problem.

**It seems like bargaining between political parties isn't the most efficient way of arriving at a good outcome. Having worked in Washington, what is your level of faith in our political process? Should we leave policy decisions up to Congress?**

Democracy is messy—isn't that what we often say? It's not always pretty and the debates are not always at the highest level. I do still think it's the best way we have to make decisions.

**My generation's coming of age has been characterized culturally and politically by a rapid growth in income inequality since the 1980s. What needs to be done or should be done to reverse that process, and what is plausible for us to see in our lifetimes in terms of that inequality being repaired?**

The most fundamental [change] is to make people more equal in terms of their opportunities and their starting point when they enter the labor force. Dealing with educational disparities across communities and making sure that every child has the option of a good education and going to college.

And then I think something we haven't talked about enough as a country is the role of progressive taxation—that part of the way that you deal with inequality is to tax people more at the top of the income distribution. That was reversed during the Bush administration. That's something that I certainly don't agree with, and I know the President thinks that letting taxes go up at the top of the distribution makes sense not only from a macroeconomic standpoint, but also I'm sure from an equality standpoint.

**What would you say needs to be in place culturally for that kind of progressive taxation to be supported by a majority of Americans?**

What I think is interesting is if you looked at the studies, the majority of Americans were supportive of letting taxes for high-income earners go up. So I think most Americans do see that as sensible policy, especially as our budget deficits become more severe over time. But I think policymakers definitely have a role to play. You referred to culture—we need people out there saying that this is sensible policy. Part of

making the case is saying that we're not talking about going up to very high numbers or what you might see in European countries. We're talking about going back to what we had during the Reagan years or the Clinton years—times when the economy was doing very well.

**What is the most important economic issue for students to be aware of and how should they deal with it after graduating?**

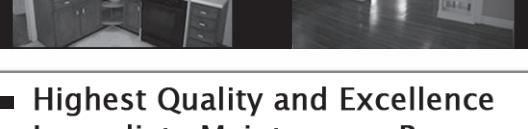
Let me start with a short-run issue, which is how important it is to get the unemployment rate down. That's not just important for students finding jobs—it's important for everything from our social cohesion to our level of growth to our budget deficit.

But the broader picture that everyone needs to be thinking about is how do we as a country, at least on the economic level, continue to grow and get stronger so that our best days are in front of us and not behind us. The main thing that you'll hear economists say there is that it's all about investments—from firms' investments to investments in education to the government's investments in basic scientific research. It's all of those things that matter for our long run health as an economy. I'd love it if a whole new generation of voters took that long-run approach—instead of cutting everything, to preserve the government spending that will make us richer and stronger in the future.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

## Emulate CS40 when planning campus-wide events

**F**or those of you who didn't attend WUStock on Saturday, the atmosphere for headlining band Matt & Kim's concert was electric. The crowd was engaged, the band was engaged and the South 40 became the place to spend Saturday afternoon. The Congress of the South 40 should be applauded for its planning and execution of the event.

We hope that Team 31 takes a page out of CS40's book. The Congress was able to work with a booking agent to compile a list of potential bands that went to a student vote. The student body voted for Matt & Kim, and CS40 booked the duo with the

\$20,000 allocated for the headliner.

We believe that W.I.L.D. would be much better served if it included more student involvement and provided more transparency when selecting the concert's lineup. Taking these measures would eliminate criticisms of band selection by the small group of students involved in Team 31 and would add incentive to Team 31 executives to select artists that a plurality of students enjoy.

The recent student experience shows that this change in operating policy is needed. Student reactions to this spring's headliner Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros

have been largely positive; reactions over the selection of Method Man & Redman last fall were often negative. Students generally enjoy the W.I.L.D. experience regardless of the artist, but giving the student body a chance to select its ideal group could boost the overall value of the concert that much more.

We believe that if Team 31 sent out a survey similar to that of CS40 in order to determine what groups (or what type of music) most students wanted to see, attendance and enthusiasm for the concert would increase, and the number of intoxicated students at W.I.L.D. may even

decrease. We think that for events such as W.I.L.D., which are designed to entertain students and distract them from the difficulty of school, those very students should be much more involved.

WUStock was an incredible event, and we believe that the student involvement CS40 included was directly responsible for that. We got to see a band that a majority of us were interested in seeing. We think that W.I.L.D. could be much better served if Team 31 followed CS40's example and tried to get students more involved in the future.

### EDITORIAL CARTOON



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## Be wary of the new AP

DANIEL DEIBLER  
SENIOR FORUM EDITOR

A few months ago, the College Board rolled out a new version of the Advanced Placement system. However, based on current information, some of the changes might not be for the best. They have only released the new AP Biology and U.S. History exams (biology is supposed to start next year and U.S. history is delayed till the 2013-2014 school year), but I think Washington University should seriously evaluate the new testing system before they dole out college credit for AP tests.

The main goal of the College Board's new AP is to make studying and learning the material easier for students. For those of us who took AP Biology in high school, we remember the gigantic encyclopedic book that we used to study. The sheer volume of information was pretty overwhelming. The new test cuts down on approximately 20 chapters of information from a popular 56 chapter textbook. Instead, they are going to focus on learning development and critical thinking (designing your own labs, etc.).

Similarly for AP U.S. History, the goal is less memorization. The material will now

be separated out into seven distinct historical periods, of which students will need to know broad trends and general dates. No longer will they have to know that the Pequot War lasted from 1634-1638 (I had to Wikipedia that by the way).

While I think the College Board is good to try and decrease the amount of memorization on the tests and focus on critical thinking, by eliminating that much information in biology (information which I recall as being quite important), I can only imagine that the test will become substantially easier. I believe this is a mistake.

There are studies citing that students have done worse on the AP exams in recent years, with the mean score in biology dropping to 2.67 from 3.18 since 1997. But I don't understand why that means that we should change the test. Unlike the SAT, the AP isn't designed to be standardized, and the score you get is the score you get regardless of the statistics that year.

I think the College Board is really missing the fact that AP credits aren't designed to help people get into college. They are designed to replace college. In most schools, you get credit for the test and you skip the introductory

classes.

I believe that by making the AP easier, more students will enroll in higher-level classes that they aren't prepared for. The whole point of an AP class isn't that it is supposed to be easy. It isn't supposed to prepare you for college—it is supposed to be equivalent to college.

While the University does not allow students to bypass freshman and sophomore biology when the classes are required for as part of a major or minor course of study, some students can and do place out of introductory classes. And since a 5 on the AP U.S. History exam only gets you three credits for History 163, the changes made by the College Board may not apply to us as much as students at other institutions.

However, we should pay attention when the College Board starts to change the rest of the exams. If the company's overall goal is to make things easier, then we need to be very careful.

In economics, you can get six credits for both of the required introductory courses (Econ 1011 and 1021) from AP credits. If the tests become easier, then the students who attend the University and skip those introductory classes might not be prepared for the higher levels. A 5 on the BC Calculus exam

automatically places you into Calculus III, without having to take the placement exam.

I do recognize that a student could realize that they aren't ready for the higher-level courses and drop down. But by the time a new student becomes aware of this fact, it may very well be after the add/drop date, at which point they are royally screwed for the semester. (Besides, how many of us overachievers really want to admit they aren't ready for something only a week into school?)

We shouldn't reject the new APs out of hand, but I think the University should take a serious look at each of the tests before new students arrive, just to make sure they really do qualify someone for higher courses. We don't want to have a situation where students aren't prepared for their coursework just because the College Board wants everyone to do better on AP tests.

Students are not going to stop taking APs, and the University shouldn't stop accepting them. But in this case, I think we need to be a little careful, especially when there is an overhaul this large.

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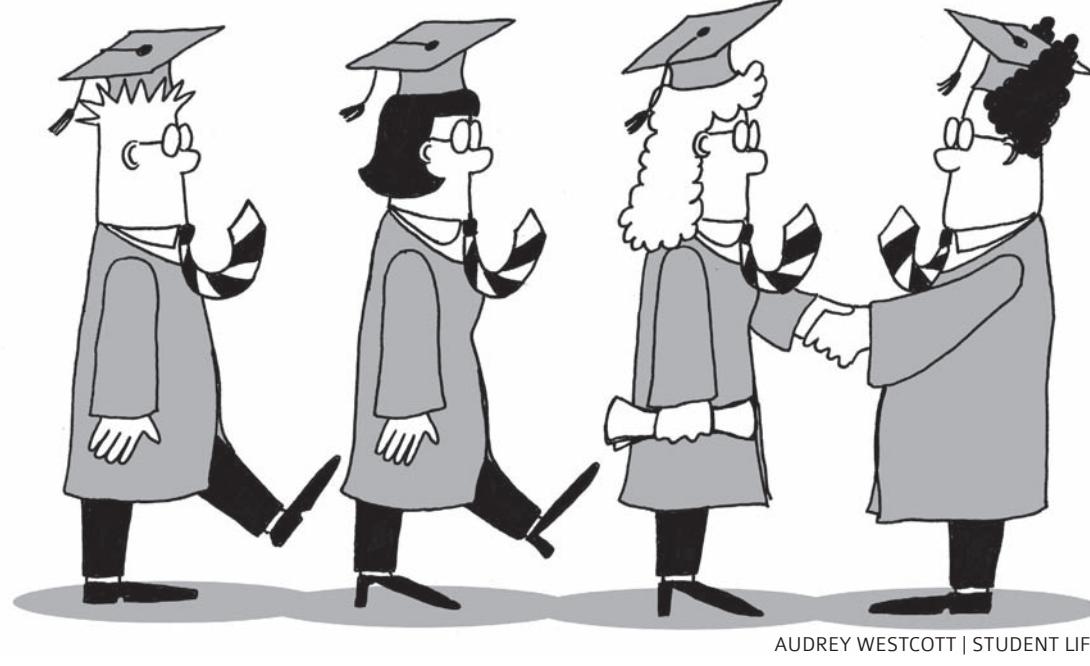
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# The Wall Street Journal and me



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**NATALIE VILLALON**  
FORUM EDITOR

To be honest, I usually do not read The Wall Street Journal. To my liberal arts-trained brain, the publication is a baffling mixture of charts and business jargon written for the tie-wearers of the world. However, I hit The New York Times paywall some time ago and decided to expand my horizons. In many people's eyes, The New York Times exhibits a more liberal bias, whereas the Wall Street Journal tends to lean to the right. To quote Robert Heinlein, "I never learned anything from a man I agreed with." Getting a new perspective strengthens your understanding of the world.

The emphasis on the business world did not surprise me. The title really sums up the intended demographic, i.e., business and finance people, not English majors. The news stories were within the realm of my comfort zone, but when I began reading about gold futures and commodity prices, I felt immensely

ignorant. I got a basic overview of the stock market in high school, but to be honest, I have forgotten everything I learned about indices and mutual funds. I can tell you that inflation is bad and rising stock prices are good. I am an extreme case, but I have the feeling that a lot of my fellow liberal arts majors and science majors (apart from economics majors) also have little understanding of the financial systems that occupy business people every day.

While reading, I came across an article by Scott Adams, the creator of Dilbert. "How to get a real education at college" essentially argues that rather than majoring in fields such as physics or classical literature, the great bulk of students ought to be "learning how to run a business." Granted, Adams' article specifically addresses "B-students." Wash. U. students would, in general, fit the criteria for "brainy peers," i.e., those who ought to pursue degrees in other fields and ultimately "propel civilization forward." To be honest, his tone can be condescending. However,

in recounting his story of transforming a failing campus business into a profitable venture, Adams offers an argument for taking practical business classes that really could benefit all of us. How many English majors or Chinese majors are going to pursue Ph.D.s or become novelists? Enough, but the bulk will be trying to find jobs, often in the business world. Lacking experience in business puts candidates at a disadvantage. Yes, it's "B-school pre-school," but who's laughing when they get jobs and you're setting up shop in your parents' basement?

I am not advocating that everyone major in business—I firmly believe in the intellectual cultivation that comes with a liberal arts education. (I, myself, an East Asian studies major.) However, in order to be a truly well-educated person, you have to be well-rounded and able to use your knowledge to your advantage. Here at Wash.U., everyone in Arts & Sciences completes core clusters designed to give a comprehensive education. The cluster system forces me to take classes I personally find painful, including math and

science, to enrich my education. This might be unfeasible to say the least, but why not add a small business requirement and force Wash. U. students to take a few basic classes?

Granted, I am not in the business school, so I have no idea what they would be. Maybe introductory management and finance courses? An introduction to the business world would help prepare ArtSci students for the big bad corporate world. At the very least, I encourage my fellow students to take a few business classes while they still can, if only as insurance for the future. Reality bites, and to be honest, potential bosses don't really care how much you know about early Chinese poetry. Yes, this is selling out to "the man," but how are you going to start the revolution without funding anyway?

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## The elephants in the room: The growing minority in the Republican Party

**KEVIN PAULE**  
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Following an electoral victory with heated rhetoric aimed at reducing the national debt and returning to constitutional government, the Republican Party seems unwilling to seriously address America's problems. "The Party of No" once again seems incapable of leading. That is, some Republicans are incapable of leading. Presently, the Republican Party is at a crossroads, and the future looks brighter. A growing number of Republicans, old and young, are standing up to leaders of both parties and denouncing the unsustainable plans for the future. This growing minority in the GOP is the only group of politicians in Washington fighting for common-sense proposals to deal with America's problems.

"Big Government Republicans" are slowly losing their appeal. Despite the rise of John Boehner to speaker of the House, the victory of Roy Blunt in Missouri and the continuous media coverage of presidential "contenders" such as Newt Gingrich, the American people and Republican voters are demanding real change in Washington. The past decade is littered with Republican failures to contain spending, protect the Constitution, roll back the size and scope of government and responsibly use America's military. In fact, Republicans

did just the opposite when in power during the Bush administration. These leaders who blindly endorsed Republican policies in the past can't continue to give lip service to Americans at home. Just as Pinocchio's nose failed to disguise his lies, the record of much of the Republican establishment makes them unfit to be vehicles for change in the future.

Far from being monolithic, divisions have occurred throughout the history of the Republican Party. However, recent history has blurred the lines separating various Republican factions, and in fact, even many differences between Republicans and Democrats. Today, both parties' leaders support the continued wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the new war in Libya, the unconstitutional Patriot Act, the majority of government expenditures, record deficits, unlimited detainment at Guantanamo Bay and the federal government's intrusion into health care, education, housing, agriculture, business, banking and energy. The only difference between the current agendas of Republicans and Democrats is not whether government should be involved at all, but how much government should be involved. All of that is changing.

As the national debt becomes the nation's top priority, only the growing minority within the Republican Party has appropriately addressed it. While many Republicans focus on attacking funding

for National Public Radio and Planned Parenthood, Senator Rand Paul's plan calls for eliminating \$500 billion from the federal budget. His plan calls for eliminating waste, corporate welfare, farm subsidies and foreign aid, programs that don't affect the average American. Instead of focusing on millions of dollars in a \$1.5 trillion deficit, this plan seriously addresses America's spending problem in an appropriate, rational fashion. Rather than eliminate the welfare programs that millions of Americans depend on, this Republican minority is focusing on eliminating items that provide little or no benefit to the American public. The doubling of the defense budget in a decade is unsustainable, and this plan reduces military spending while still allowing for a more than capable defense of the nation.

Newly elected congressman Justin Amash has come out strongly against the president's decision to go to war without first consulting Congress. "When there is no imminent threat to our country, he cannot launch strikes without authorization from the American people, through our elected representatives in Congress," the representative from Michigan said. In fact, then-Senator Obama said in 2007 that "the president does not have power under the Constitution to unilaterally authorize a military attack in a situation that does not involve stopping an actual or imminent threat to the nation." One

would expect far less hypocrisy from a Nobel Peace Prize recipient.

Obama's adventure into Libya, supported by members of both parties, will soon cost American taxpayers more than the recent budget cuts passed by Congress. Add to that the ever-increasing interest on the national debt, the expansion of entitlements under Obamacare and the recent executive orders by the president further eroding the Bill of Rights and it's clear that neither Republican nor Democratic leadership has the right answer.

The crossroads facing the Republican Party is the same one facing the American public as the 2012 Presidential election nears. President Obama has delivered anything but "change" as his administration continues to support the policies of the Bush administration in domestic and foreign policy. Americans, and Republicans, must decide if they want to continue following the Patriot Act and War Powers Resolution or return to the Constitution and Bill of Rights. The former will bring more of the same and continue down the unsustainable path America is headed. The latter, which the Republican Party would be wise to choose in 2012, will bring real, much needed change.

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## We made a difficult choice

**NICOLE LOPEZ**  
OP-ED SUBMISSION

This week, Universal Beatz presents U.S.-Mideast Hip Hop Exchange Week. During this week, we the students of Universal Beatz, will be bringing together Middle Eastern rappers and dancers with local hip-hop artists from the St. Louis community to the Washington University campus for a week of cross-cultural exchange, conversation and collaboration through the artistic medium of hip-hop. The week's artists include: Y-Love and Diwon, OneVoiz, Khaled M, Tef Poe, Nato Caliph, Lavelle Spitz, iXiux and Nick Gates.

Last week, the St. Louis Palestine Solidarity Committee (STL-PSC) decided to boycott Universal Beatz's event U.S.-Mideast Hip Hop Exchange

Week on the grounds that Marvin Casey, the American-Israeli hip hop choreographer scheduled to participate, received funding for his hip-hop troupe, Tribe 13, from the Jewish Agency. While we do not endorse disinviting people, after a few other artists involved in the week expressed concern regarding Casey's involvement in the week, and after evaluating the effects of this on our event, we have decided to withdraw our invitation. While we have withdrawn invitations to specific artists participating in our artistic exchange (In addition to Casey, STL-PSC members Sharif "the Truth" and BiRD were not re-invited after their decision to boycott.), we stress that EVERYBODY is welcome to attend any and all of our events throughout the course of the week.

Our group decided that the best way to

keep our organization politically neutral in the matter is by physically representing neither side of this conflict. While this is extremely disappointing to our group, we think it is the best way to continue our original goal of bringing people together and exchanging culture through hip-hop to ultimately disband misconceptions between peoples of the U.S. and Middle East. By highlighting solely Palestinian or solely Israeli voices, we would inherently take on a political stance, which we feel would compromise the integrity of our event. We understand that hip-hop is often political in nature, and we would like to encourage and celebrate artistic expression of real issues. We, the members of Universal Beatz, do not want to bring up the topics of the discussion but rather allow our participating artists the free reign to let their ideas lead

the conversation.

We realize that this compromise is not perfect, which is why we're calling it compromise and not a solution. We are students doing the best we can to bring seldom-heard voices and perspectives to our campus and bring people together through hip-hop. It has been quite the struggle, which illustrates to us that this kind of exchange is all the more worthwhile. Thank you for understanding, and we hope to see you this week at U.S.-Mideast Hip Hop Exchange Week! You can check out our schedule of events on Facebook under Universal Beatz!

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# scene\_

## Kick off spring with some breezy rooftop bars

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*Now that the weather is finally warming up and the trees are no longer bare, it's time to kick off spring by checking out the best rooftop bars that the Lou has to offer.*

### Rooftop Terrace Bar

Moonrise Hotel  
6177 Delmar Blvd., St. Louis, MO, 63112

Located conveniently on the Delmar Loop, just minutes away from Wash. U., this fun and flirty atmosphere is the perfect destination for a spontaneous night with a small group of friends. The rooftop terrace is designed to make you feel cozy with colorful couches and heat lamps (which we hopefully won't need anymore). There is a lively full-service bar with glowing fiber-optic blue lights that give it a retro feel. The bar features signature cocktails and popular appetizers. Plus, the terrace is open until 2 a.m. every night of the week! Although we have yet to try their grub, the buzz around town is that Moonrise's toasted ravioli is better than Blue Hill's. The hotel's hip, galaxy-related motif is unlike that of any other hotel. Best of all, you can tell all of your friends that you sipped some cocktails under the world's largest man-made moon.

### Cielo

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For the nights that you feel like being extra classy and splurging on expensive, but delicious drinks, this is the place to go. Cielo features the most impressive view in all of St. Louis, with an expansive vista of the downtown area and a direct view of the beautiful arch. The scene is a bit pretentious but perfect for a special occasion. The Rossini cocktail (prosecco mixed with fresh strawberries and raspberries) is very conducive to a celebration! The vibes are low-key and you won't find the newest and coolest music here, but with the sophistication that Cielo offers, you won't need it!



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### Vin de Set

2017 Chouteau Ave., St. Louis, MO 63103

This rooftop bar and bistro is located atop the restored Centennial Malt House on Chouteau Avenue. We're calling this place one of the best spots for dining and viewing downtown St. Louis. The design resembles French architecture, featuring high ceilings, impressive arched windows and, of course, French doors. If you decide to dine here, you will experience a nouveau American twist on French dishes. We recommend starting with the roasted eggplant flatbread followed by the traditional Steak & Frites main course and lastly order one of their savory crepe desserts. This cozy downtown bistro is a special find. With a perfect view of the Arch and delicious French cuisine, not to mention a full service

bar with inviting service, what more could you want?

Vin de Set is perfect for a birthday celebration or a romantic evening for two, but all the goodness here means you must reserve a table for the rooftop in advance or be prepared to wait quite a while.

### Tony's On Top

132 N. Main St., St. Charles, MO, 63301

If you're in the mood for an adventure and an easy (nice and straight) 35-minute drive, head down to Old St. Charles to check out a charming town filled with cobblestone streets, old ice cream parlors and one of our favorite daytime bars in Missouri. The live music is captivating and \$5 pitchers are offered Sunday through Thursday from 4 to 7

p.m. The exposed brick interior is rustic and comforting, and the outdoor gallery offers a wonderful view of old town Main Street. Despite the casual scene, the drink offers are impressive (we recommend their signature Bubbletini and White Chocolate Covered Cherry Martini for something new and exciting). And if you're underage and just in the mood to "chill" and enjoy the beautiful spring weather, have no fear because Tony's is also known for their delicious (and non-alcoholic) fruit smoothies!

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# cadenza

## In Defense Of: Going to concerts aimed at middle schoolers

GEORGIE MORVIS  
MOVIE/TV EDITOR

Tomorrow night, Cody Simpson, Australia's version of Justin Bieber, and Ellen-endorsed YouTube star Greyson Chance will perform at The Pageant to an audience of what will surely be preteen girls and their mothers. Last Monday, All Time Low and Yellowcard entertained a sold-out audience at the same venue. The kicker? I will have attended both concerts by Friday.

What reasons would a typical college student like myself have to go to these concerts? Several, in fact. Nostalgia motivated my purchase of the All Time Low tickets. There was no better way to flash back to forgotten high school dreams and Warped Tours of years past than to see the two bands that had been the soundtrack of my angst-ridden eighth and ninth-grade years. When music is good, it's good, and no matter how hard I try to distance myself from my pop-punk days with Kanye West and Iron & Wine, I'll always love it. Besides, where else can I sing catchy music at the top of my lungs while simultaneously enjoying the spectacle of a grown man with arms twice the size of mine fist pumping and chanting along to every song?

My desire to see All Time Low was motivated by nostalgia, but wanting to see Cody Simpson is brought on by something else—the need to experience something completely new. I have never

**Cody Simpson and Greyson Chance**  
Thursday at The Pageant

Price: \$18 with a \$2 minor surcharge  
Doors open: 6 p.m.  
Showtime: 7 p.m.

been to a straight pop show like this concert promises to be. It'll be wholesome fun. Neither artist is old enough to understand the concept of sexual tension, and the songs will be stuck in my head for days to come. The price was also a lovely \$20, which is a nice break from the \$50 I have become accustomed to paying for concerts by bands like Arcade Fire. And who knows? Maybe having someone in the audience who doesn't want to jump his bones (or hug him to death, a middle-school-appropriate action) will be a nice break for Cody Simpson too.

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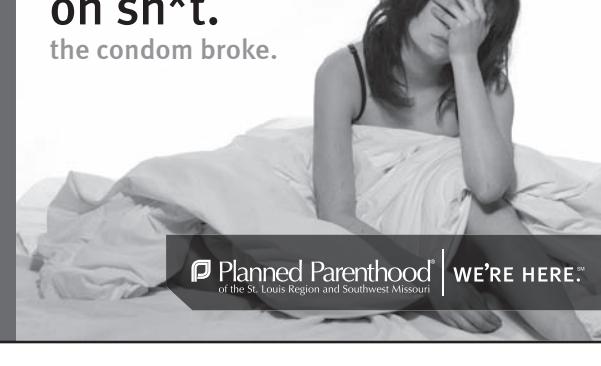
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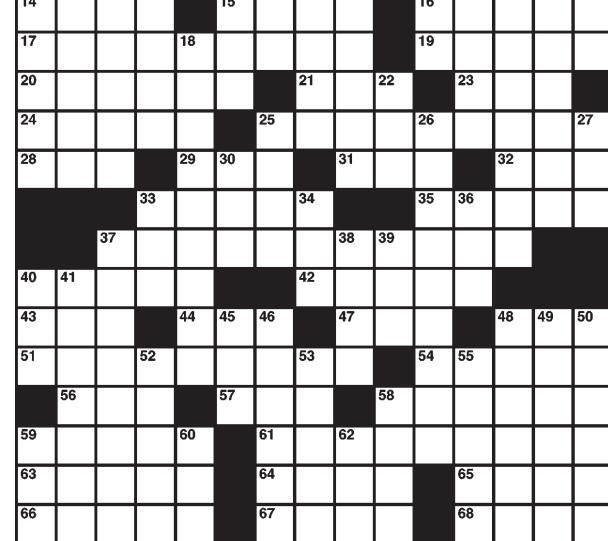
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### Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

#### ACROSS

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- 2 chronicler Harte
- 5 Syrup brand
- 9 Scatter
- 14 Plane opening?
- 15 Farsi-speaking republic
- 16 Sports venue
- 17 Where sea meets sand
- 19 Like most attics
- 20 Mob enforcer
- 21 Gp. concerned with fluoride safety
- 23 Links elevator?
- 24 Old Great Lakes natives
- 25 Behind-the-scenes worker
- 28 Christmas mo.
- 29 Water temperature gauge?
- 31 Pro vote
- 32 USPS carrier's assignment
- 33 Words of sympathy
- 35 Potato cutter
- 37 Light controller—either of its first two words can precede either part of 17-, 25-, 51- and 61-Across
- 40 Flora eaters, perhaps
- 42 Brief and forceful
- 43 Pilot's no.
- 44 Toothed tool
- 47 Unused
- 48 Rock guitarist's aid
- 51 Distract
- 54 Spring time
- 56 Place for a pint
- 57 Place for a cup
- 58 Anatomical ring
- 59 Steppes native
- 61 Sentry's job
- 63 Carrying a lot of weight
- 64 Cold capital?
- 65 Largest continent
- 66 Used hip boots
- 67 Feat
- 68 Winemaking waste



By Jerome Gunderson

#### DOWN

- 1 Lambasted
- 2 Put to work again
- 3 Titillating
- 4 Singer with the Mel-Tones
- 5 Brick baker
- 6 George W.'s first press secretary
- 7 Attacked with clubs and such
- 8 In the future
- 9 Glum
- 10 Liar's undoing
- 11 Fact-finding process
- 12 Understanding between nations
- 13 Method
- 18 It stretches from Maine to Florida
- 22 Make better, as cheddar
- 25 Lord's laborer
- 26 Falling object's direction
- 27 Spiegel: German magazine
- 30 Stumblebum
- 33 Roadside rest stop
- 34 Clairvoyance, briefly
- 36 Like many a slick road
- 37 Passé
- 38 Lash flash?
- 39 Suffix with cord
- 40 Scale fourths
- 41 Fictional Arabic woodcutter
- 45 Wall St. hedger
- 46 Ares or Mars
- 48 Stimulate
- 49 Uncle \_\_\_: Berle nickname
- 50 Western dry lakes
- 52 How to turn something into nothing?
- 53 Effect's partner
- 55 Go by bike
- 58 Youngest to reach 500 HRs
- 59 Auto club offering
- 60 What mad people see?
- 62 Pint contents

#### Monday's Puzzle Solved



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### ALBUM REVIEW

## 'Nine Types of Light' TV on the Radio



for fans of  
music (it's that good)  
But really: The Walkman, Yeah Yeah  
Yeas and Peter Gabriel  
singles to download  
'Second Song,' 'Repetition'  
'Caffeinated Consciousness'



WEI-YIN KO  
CADENZA REPORTER

TV on the Radio's newest studio release "Nine Types of Light" is so excellent an album that anyone who is remotely interested in contemporary music should listen to it. Coming from a person who found "Dear Science," the band's critically acclaimed 2008 studio album, somewhat repetitive, the strong singles on this album came as a really pleasant surprise.

Spanning roughly 45 minutes, the tracks presented on this album are more pop oriented than TV on the Radio's previous efforts. But, in this case, that is not a bad thing. "Second Song" is an amazing opener that immediately draws listeners in. Each song on the album sounds vastly different instrumentally and stylistically, as the lead guitar, the synth and the

drum machine all take turns in leading the musical direction of the individual tracks. "You" and "Repetition" are highlights among the high-quality selections presented in this recording. "Caffeinated Consciousness," arguably the best single, provides a satisfying closing to "Nine Types of Light."

TV on the Radio's newest release sounds vastly different from the previous works so far, but the newfound attention toward crafting easily accessible singles worked remarkably well. If you are not a diehard fan of "Dear Science," and maybe even if you are, there is no reason why you would not find something to enjoy on this album.

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# sports

## Softball sweeps pair of weekend doubleheaders

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SENIOR SPORTS EDITOR

Junior Olivia Cook and senior Claire Voris pitched the Washington University softball team to four important wins this weekend.

"They've done a tremendous job keeping the games close until we can get timely hitting from the offense," head coach Leticia Pineda-Boutté said. "It's a huge asset when they can keep the opponent's run total down."

The Bears (24-7-1) defeated the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and No. 21 Illinois Wesleyan University at the Illinois Wesleyan University Tournament in Bloomington, Ill., on Saturday before returning home to sweep Webster University in a doubleheader on Sunday.

Cook and Voris combined to pitch every inning of the weekend's games, coming away with a combined four wins, 34 strikeouts and only seven earned runs.

"Our job as pitchers is to create plays that make our teammates' jobs easier, and when the team is playing great defense behind you, it creates a system of support that everyone can sense and build from. That is the ideal," Voris said.

Wash. U. upset IWU in a thriller on Saturday afternoon that saw a pitcher's battle carry into extra innings. With the score tied at 1-1, each team plated one run in the seventh inning to force the game to continue.

The Bears broke open the game in the eighth inning with three runs, two coming on freshman Kelsey Neal's two-out, bases-loaded single to center field. Even though Voris gave up two runs in the bottom of the eighth, Wash. U. held on for a 5-4 victory.

"It was a huge confidence builder to pull out a win like that against a great opponent like Illinois Wesleyan," Pineda-Boutté said. "Our team is taking some great steps for us, and pulling out a win like that against a great team is always good for us."

In the day's first game, UW-Oshkosh scored in the top of the first inning, but Voris shut them out the rest of the way.

The Red and Green bats could not get anything going until the bottom of the fifth inning, when Neal homered to center to tie the game at 1-1, but finally put the game away with three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning.

In the sixth, the middle of the order put together three straight singles before sophomore Alex Fjeldheim came on as a pinch-hitter and doubled to right-center field, pushing the lead to 4-1. Voris retired all three Titans' batters she faced in the seventh inning to seal the win and her complete game two-hitter.

The Webster doubleheader on Sunday was part of the annual Strikeout Cancer event, a fundraiser that raised \$1,327 towards cancer research, and Voris put on a clinic in the first game. She struck out 13 en route to her 11th win of the season.

"We had our Strikeout Cancer fundraiser for the Susan G. Komen foundation this weekend, and it was really wonderful to see Wash. U. athletic teams coming out to support one another," Voris said. "Softball is typically a pretty low attendance sport, and it meant a lot to have all those girls taking the time to come cheer us on."

Freshman Maggie Mullen hit her team-leading seventh homerun of the season, and Neal hit her fourth of the season two batters later in the sixth inning to clinch the 6-3 win.

Cook followed with a gem of her own, pitching a two-hit, complete-game shutout. She got all the run support she needed in the first inning when Mullen doubled in two runs, and Cook stifled the Webster bats the rest of the way for a 5-0 win.

Wash. U. had struggled as of late in fielding, accumulating costly errors. However, in the four games this weekend, the Red and Green defense came to play, having just two errors in all.

"We've been having a tough time defensively lately in terms of errors, and it was nice to see us pull through in some situations where errors could have ended the game for us," Voris said. "We are definitely still working to improve, but it's nice to see we are on the right track."

The Bears will travel to Fulton, Mo.,



JOHANN QUA HIANSEN | STUDENT LIFE

Junior Olivia Cook pitches against Augustana College on March 20. Cook started and won two games over the weekend, allowing only two earned runs in 13 innings.

on Wednesday for a doubleheader against Westminster College. Westminster is 4-11 on the season and on a six-game losing streak.

"We are definitely looking for our offense to continue to produce, continue

to have great pitching, continue to have great defense and continue moving forward," Pineda-Boutté said.

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## Bears ride strong pitching to weekend split

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After Central College snapped an eight-game winning streak for the Washington University baseball team on Saturday, sophomore Stephen Bonser propelled the team back into the winning column with the strongest outing of the year by a Wash. U. pitcher.

Bonser tossed a complete-game shutout in game two of the team's doubleheader against the Dutch, allowing just seven hits in seven innings pitched while striking out four without allowing a walk. Bonser also induced 14 ground ball outs to improve to 4-0 on the season and lower his ERA to 2.76.

"Bonser was fantastic, and for the most part this year, he's done that. He's gone deep into games, he's given our bullpen a chance to rest, and he's baffled opposing hitters for most of the year," head coach Steve Duncan said. "I look for him to continue that towards the end of the season. He and Adam Merzel pitched extremely well and kind of put us on their back in terms of getting us to a victory."

Bonser was helped by seniors Matt Bayer and Joe Noon, who each picked up two hits in the game. Noon hit a two-run homerun and also contributed an RBI double and a sacrifice fly in the 7-0 victory.

Wash. U. also received a strong pitching performance from Merzel, a senior, to take game one of Sunday's doubleheader at Coe College 8-3. Merzel pitched 6.1 innings, while giving up eight hits but just three runs to improve to 3-2 on the year. He struck out five but walked four and threw three wild pitches.

The second through sixth hitters for the Bears all recorded two hits and scored at least one run. Junior Brandon Rogalski knocked in two runs, Bayer drove in two and Noon drove in two on two groundouts.

"They [the offense] were as good [as] they have been at any point this year.

We would have had far more hits had the wind not been blowing at around 30 miles per hour straight in from left field," Duncan said. "The only thing a hitter can control is what kind of an at-bat he has and how hard he hits the ball, and I was very pleased with how we hit the ball on Sunday, even in the game we lost."

The Bears fell 8-3 to the Kohawks in the second game on Sunday. After senior David Liebman surrendered two unearned runs in 2.1 innings pitched, the bullpen allowed five more runners to cross the plate in 3.2 innings pitched.

Freshman Kyle Billig scored all three runs for the Bears, going three for four out of the leadoff spot, but the Kohawks never allowed the Bears to score more than one run in an inning.

Wash. U. opened the weekend with a 7-2 loss against Central College. Sophomore Taylor Berman suffered his first loss of the year, surrendering seven runs on six hits and five walks over four innings.

The Bears (21-13) are looking to make a final push for an NCAA tournament bid in their final 12 games. The team is vying for an at-large selection to the tournament along with other Pool B teams. Teams in Pool B do not play in athletic conferences with guaranteed tournament bids.

Duncan said that the improved defense needs to continue to develop and that the team's pitching needs to be a little more consistent to close the season.

"We have work left to do, we have a number of good teams left on the schedule, that if we take care of business the rest of the way, I think we'll be in excellent shape for the postseason," Duncan said. "We've played one of the more difficult schedules in the country, so we're optimistic that will be taken into account when it's time to judge who the most worthy team is."

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## Under good conditions, Bears post low scores

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The No. 5 Washington University women's golf team left the Katman Klassic hosted by No. 2 DePauw University with a lot to feel good about following their score of 647.

While the Bears only managed a third-place finish, they finished just one stroke out of second place and ahead of three other ranked opponents.

The Bears turned in a 323 on day one and found themselves tied for second place trailing the hosts by only nine strokes, but Sunday quickly turned into a battle for second place as DePauw posted a 298 and surged to a 34-stroke victory.

While Wash. U. held firm with a 324, for a 36-hole total of 647, No. 18 Olivet College overcame a three-stroke first-round deficit to knock the Bears into third place by just one stroke. The team did, however, hang onto leads over No. 18 Wittenberg University (325-329, 654), No. 8 Illinois Wesleyan University (323-334, 657) and No. 22 Hanover College (351-357, 708). The Bears have now beaten IWU all four times they've faced them this year.

Up and down the roster, the golfers took advantage of their first chance to play in good golfing conditions to post some of their best scores of the spring. The two co-medalists of last week's Illinois College Spring Invitational, sophomore Hannah Buck (78-77, 155) and freshman Andi Hibbert (81-81, 162), led the way again this week, finishing in ties for third and tenth, respectively. Buck was the only golfer not representing DePauw to finish in the top five.

"We were consistent, Hannah and Andi especially, and that's a really good sign for us," head coach Sean Curtis said. "I thought that we responded well to the challenge of playing a top team, and being paired with them both days at that...and in a field with five top-25 teams."

While she still only finished tied for 32nd, she did so while recording 11 pars on Saturday and working around a quintuple-bogey at the 3rd hole on Sunday.

"I think [Melanie] is on pace to come back to form," Curtis added. "She's been swinging good, and she really just needs a couple of breaks to go her way. She's been an integral part of the team since she stepped on campus and I know she'll continue to be."

The team closes out the regular season this weekend at the Millikin Hickory Point Open before waiting to hear if they've made it to their second consecutive NCAA Championship at Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla., in May.

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