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## Locals express optimism and some concerns about Wash. U.'s rising influence on the Loop

BY DIVYA KUMAR

Washington University is planning an \$80 million student-housing project on the Delmar Loop, and while it has stirred up some controversy among locals who are concerned about the University's institutional community impact, most appear to be generally in favor of the changes.

The project is slated to begin construction in 2013 and will provide enough housing for 550 students. Built into the project are several storefronts, which would be directly on the Delmar Loop.

Some business owners have recently expressed concern about which establishments will go in those storefronts and wonder how the new retailers will fit with the current feel of the strip.

"What really takes away from the feel of the Loop is chain stores," Vintage Vinyl employee Leon Reed said. "The more independent stores we have here, the better it is in order to stay in tune with the current vibe."

But Reed said that as long as the retail space is used for shops that are similarly independent to their counterparts on the Loop, there should be no problem.

Joe Edwards, owner of many Loop establishments including

Blueberry Hill and the Pageant, has high hopes for the new construction project.

"I think it's a really smart thing to do for the area," Edwards said. "It's got a smart urban design, and I think it'll be good for business, with the influx of more juniors and seniors living nearby."

Edwards similarly noted that the continuation of pedestrian sidewalks brought about by the construction will help to expand the Loop in a positive way.

A March 2 St. Louis Post-Dispatch staff editorial, however, cautioned its readers from overlooking the move as "a modest development project."

"It's worth noting that the University's interests are not automatically identical with those of the people who would be affected by these plans," the paper's editorial board wrote. "The people and businesses of Parkview Gardens and the Loop—and Washington University—have worked long and hard to find ways to preserve and improve the area. Public officials must now work, not to take it on faith, to determine if they got it right."

The University is taking opinions such as these into

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## Proposed Student Union budget offers few changes

BY MICHELLE MERLIN

\$2,563,617. It might be less than one ten-thousandth of what Obama's campaign had to allocate for 2012, but it is the amount that will fund Washington University's Student Union for the entire span of the 2012-13 year.

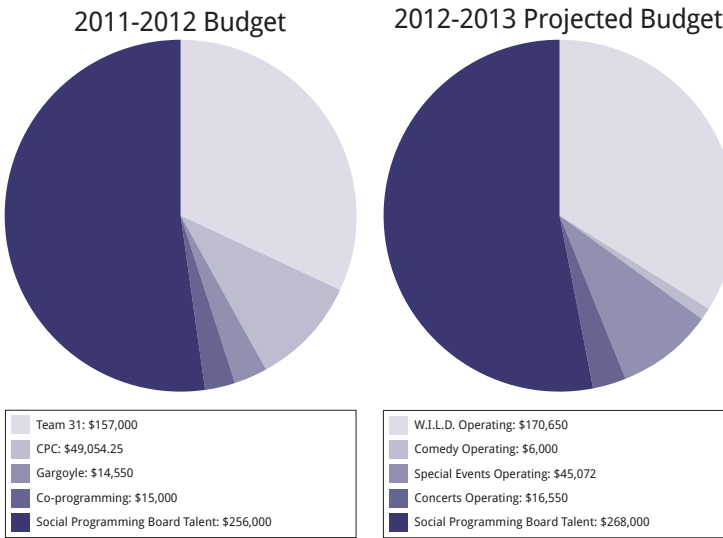
The budget is derived from one percent of every undergraduate's tuition: this year \$425 per student (last year's was \$409.50) goes to Student Union. Estimating that 6,020 students will be enrolled next year, the total SU budget is set at just over \$2.5 million.

This year's budget is nearly identical to last year's budget, but with a few small changes that reflect a refocused vision for SU over the coming year. Ammar Karimjee, the vice president of finance, compiled the budget, and SU Treasury and Senate will vote on it on Wednesday in a joint session.

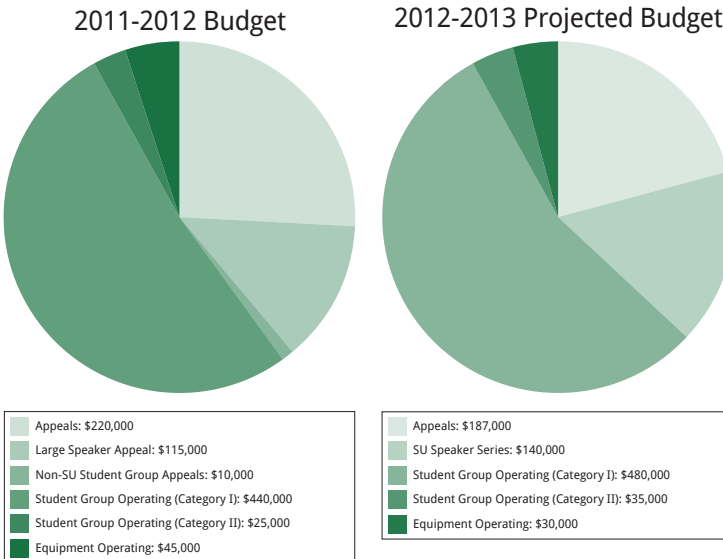
"[Last year's] budget worked well in the sense that implementation and spending was close to what the budget was, and we thought, 'why change something that works pretty well?'" Karimjee said. "That's not to say that we're not trying to do anything new in exec. The budget's not the only place money can come from. There are other sources of money from within SU, and those can be utilized. It's just a lot of these things—because of the way the budget is timed—are hard to do within

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Current and proposed budget figures courtesy of Student Union.

## Relay celebrates a decade at the University, McLeod honored in Luminaria ceremony



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During the Luminaria ceremony, Relay for Life participants attempt to light their candles from the Luminaria. Because of the strong winds, most were unable to keep their candles lit.

BY CHLOE ROSENBERG

Around 2000 community members gathered on Francis Field between 6 p.m. Saturday, April 14, and 6 a.m. Sunday, April 15, to participate in the University's 10th annual Relay for Life.

Late Saturday evening, the field basked in the glow of candles lit for cancer victims

and survivors in the annual Luminaria ceremony, which was dedicated this year to Dean James E. McLeod. Prior to the Luminaria ceremony's silent lap around the track, McLeod's daughter Sara read the speech that her father read at the event's opening ceremony last year.

The event raised \$246,959.75 for the American Cancer Society, slightly less than last

year's \$259,823.10.

Relay for Life is a national American Cancer Society (ACS) fundraiser in which participant teams walk around a track for 12 hours in celebration of a months-long fundraising effort for the ACS.

According to the University's Relay for Life Co-Chair Emilie

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## Gamers glean inside information on the industry from panel of Riot employees

BY GLENN HARRIS

For once, a group of gamers was assembled in the not-virtual universe.

Four employees of Riot Games, the maker of the immensely popular "League of Legends" computer game, attracted many students to the Danforth University Center, leaving the Friday afternoon panel discussion with standing room only.

Two of the employees on the panel, which was sponsored by the Washington University Game Developers Society (WUGS), are Washington University graduates.

Panelists spoke about what makes their game so successful. They also discussed the many job prospects the video game industry can offer.

Additionally, the speakers shared their optimistic outlooks on the future of gaming. Their discussion touched on both game play and careers in the gaming industry.

"The gaming industry has evolved a lot, and there's a lot of opportunity in business and process management," Dan Eichling, an Olin School of Business graduate and development manager at Riot, said.

Eichling tried to be encouraging to students who lacked

programming skills but were still intrigued by working in the industry; and fellow panelist Richard Hough, also a Washington University graduate, noted that Riot is always looking for people who are smart and able to communicate well.

Hough, who graduated in 2005, said his experience in WUGS led directly to his current employment.

He believes that "League of Legends" has achieved such success because he and his coworkers share the same strong work ethic.

"[We] never sit on our laurels...we are looking to improve the genre as a whole," Hough said.

Riot was founded in 2006 and has seen immense growth in its only title. Panelist Scott Delap, who joined the company in 2008, said that when he started developing the game, it was expected to accommodate 20,000 players. Four years later, "League of Legends" boasts more than 30 million registered users and operates offices in seven global locations, including Sao Paulo, Dublin and St. Louis.

WUGS first forged a relationship with Riot Games at the 2011 Game Developers Conference after learning that the company

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MONDAY 16

**Utility vs. Symbol: Ceiling and False Ceiling in 20th-Century Architecture**  
*Givens Hall, Rm. 117, 10:30 a.m.*  
Manfredo di Robilant, an architect and a scholar in the history of modern architecture, will deliver the lecture, which is a part of the “Discussions in Architectural History and Theory” series.

**Of Mice, Rabbits and Men: Mechanisms of Arrhythmia in Transgenic Rabbits with Long QT Phenotype**  
*Whitaker Hall, Rm. 218, 5:30 p.m.*  
The Cardiac Bioelectricity and Arrhythmia Center (CBAC) has invited Gideon Koren, a professor of medicine at Brown University’s Warren Alpert Medical School and the director of Rhode Island Hospital’s Cardiovascular Research Center, to lead the seminar. A reception precedes the lecture at 5 p.m.

TUESDAY 17

**What Does It Mean to Be Asian American?**  
*DUC Courtyard, 12-2 p.m.*  
The Asian Multicultural Council (AMC) will host the National Asian Pacific American Collaboration for Pvt. Danny Chen, whose death has sparked discussion concerning racial tension and prejudice in the United States. AMC will be designing a banner to be displayed in front of the White House in order to promote awareness on the issue.

**Study Break Movie**  
*DUC, Tisch Commons, 6 p.m.*  
Filmboard will host a screening of Rush Hour as its last event of the 2012-13 school year. Popcorn will be provided. Contact Filmboard at filmboardwustl@gmail.com for more information.

**“Foundations of Catholic Theology: Religious Freedom and Contraception”**  
*Catholic Student Center, Social Hall, 7:00 p.m.*  
Catholic Health Association’s senior director of ethics, Fr. Tom Nairn will lead a discussion on the ethics of using contraception. Contact Troy Woytek at woytek@washuscsc.org for more information.

POLICE BEAT

**April 12**  
**Burglary**—At 4:56 p.m., a complainant reported a laptop theft. The suspects, who had trespassed into her office, were located and arrested. The disposition was cleared by arrest.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

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- Professor Peter Benson, about the rising use of tobacco globally

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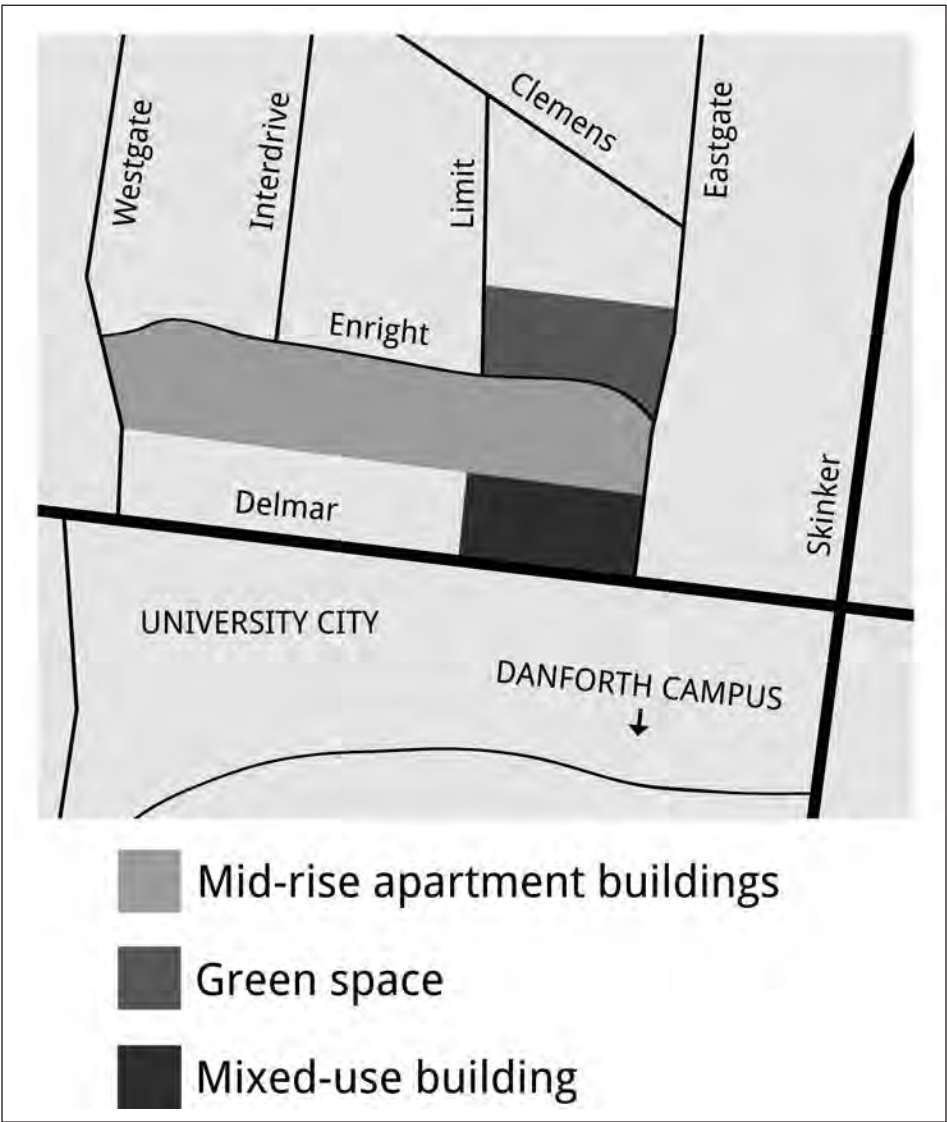
Proposed renderings of possible Wash. U. housing on the Loop from early 2010. The University recently announced that it will be following through with plans to extend housing to the north of campus starting next year.

consideration while evaluating what to do with the retail space, according to Associate Vice Chancellor for Students and Dean of Students Justin Carroll.

Currently the University is working with City of St. Louis and University City officials to establish approval for the construction of these new buildings in the area.

“We are interested in retail tenants who will complement the current shops and entertainment vendors in the Loop,” Carroll said. “The University appreciates the eclectic nature of both the Loop and the retail store owners in the area. It will be working to attract retail tenants who will complement the existing merchants, and who also might add needed services to the Loop.”

The property currently consists of University-owned apartment buildings, a commercial building and a vacant lot.



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The planned housing on Delmar Boulevard will accommodate an estimated 550 students and add additional storefronts to the neighborhood.

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operates a local branch.

Student reactions to the event were generally positive.

“They answered questions a lot of other companies wouldn’t have,” sophomore Kevin Shi said.

Shi said the discussion has made him begin to consider gaming as a career and not just a hobby.

Senior Bennett Sprugel, on the other hand, came into the panel discussion already planning to join the industry following graduation.

“[There was] not a huge variety of panelists,” he said. “[But] I hope they do it again.”

Senior and WUGS president Zach Dumey described the event

as a “smash hit.” He believes the event fully satisfied the goals of its planners.

“Students with diverse backgrounds got a view into these peoples’ jobs, which was exactly what we wanted,” he said. “[And] we showed Riot we can get them good talent.”

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Weisser, between 1,800 and 2,000 people took part in this year's event.

In addition to traditional laps around the track, the event included performances from several different University groups, including a capella by the Amateurs, the Stereotypes and After Dark, as well as routines and clinics from WUSauce Salsa team and Wash. U. Bhangra. For two hours, many Relay participants took a break from walking to participate in a “silent rave” donning headphones

and dancing as the same song was broadcast to each set of headphones.

According to Weisser, much of the money that is raised will go toward research grants for the University and to patient services in St. Louis.

After last year's Relay, at which the weather was near freezing and it rained for part of the night, organizers were glad that the temperature remained in the 70s for much of the night.

"I think the event was a really great success. The

weather really shaped up, and we had an amazing night. Those who were in attendance had a really good time," Weisser said.

She says the amount of money raised is indicative of the high level of interest in the cause on campus.

"It really shows that the entire campus has support for a common cause. That this is our 10th year raising so much shows the entire effort the Wash. U. community puts in toward a common cause."



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Above: Freshman Andy Lee and Celia Rozanski share their flames as they prepare to light their candles. Students lit their candles from nieghbroing students or the already lit Luminaria bags. Below: Students enjoy EnCouncil's on-site fundraiser, a life-size Rock 'Em Sock 'Em Robots game. Students could play with the set for a donation of \$1.



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A lap of silence during the Luminaria ceremony gives students a chance to reflect on those in their lives affected by cancer.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

When universities should refrain from targeting students

In the past weeks, two independent student newspapers, the Maneater at the University of Missouri-Columbia and the Daily Free Press at Boston University, saw their most prominent editors resign over content in April Fools’ issues of their papers—issues devoted entirely to jokes. At Mizzou, the paper’s name was changed to “Carpeteater,” a derogatory term for lesbians, and when the BU staff altered its name to the “Disney Free Press,” an article joked about seven fraternity “dwarves” raping a Snow White figure.

Anger from students, administrators and community members over offensive humor like this is certainly not misplaced. The editors-in-chief and managing editor at these publications clearly

exercised poor judgment when choosing to publish the jokes. But that does not justify the schools and public targeting individual students in the way they did.

At Mizzou, the school quickly responded by threatening the Maneater’s editors with expulsion. That reaction was misguided—as administrators seemed to realize when they cancelled the disciplinary hearing—and it showed a clear ignorance of the meaning of a newspaper’s independence. Without a financial dependency on the University of Missouri, the Maneater allows itself a certain freedom to criticize events and policies of its administration without the threat of reactionary discipline. Even in the case of an April Fools’ issue, these editors’ status as University students and Maneater staff members should

be treated separately. Given that their paper does not depend on their university in order to function, Mizzou does not have grounds to threaten students’ standings for words in their publication.

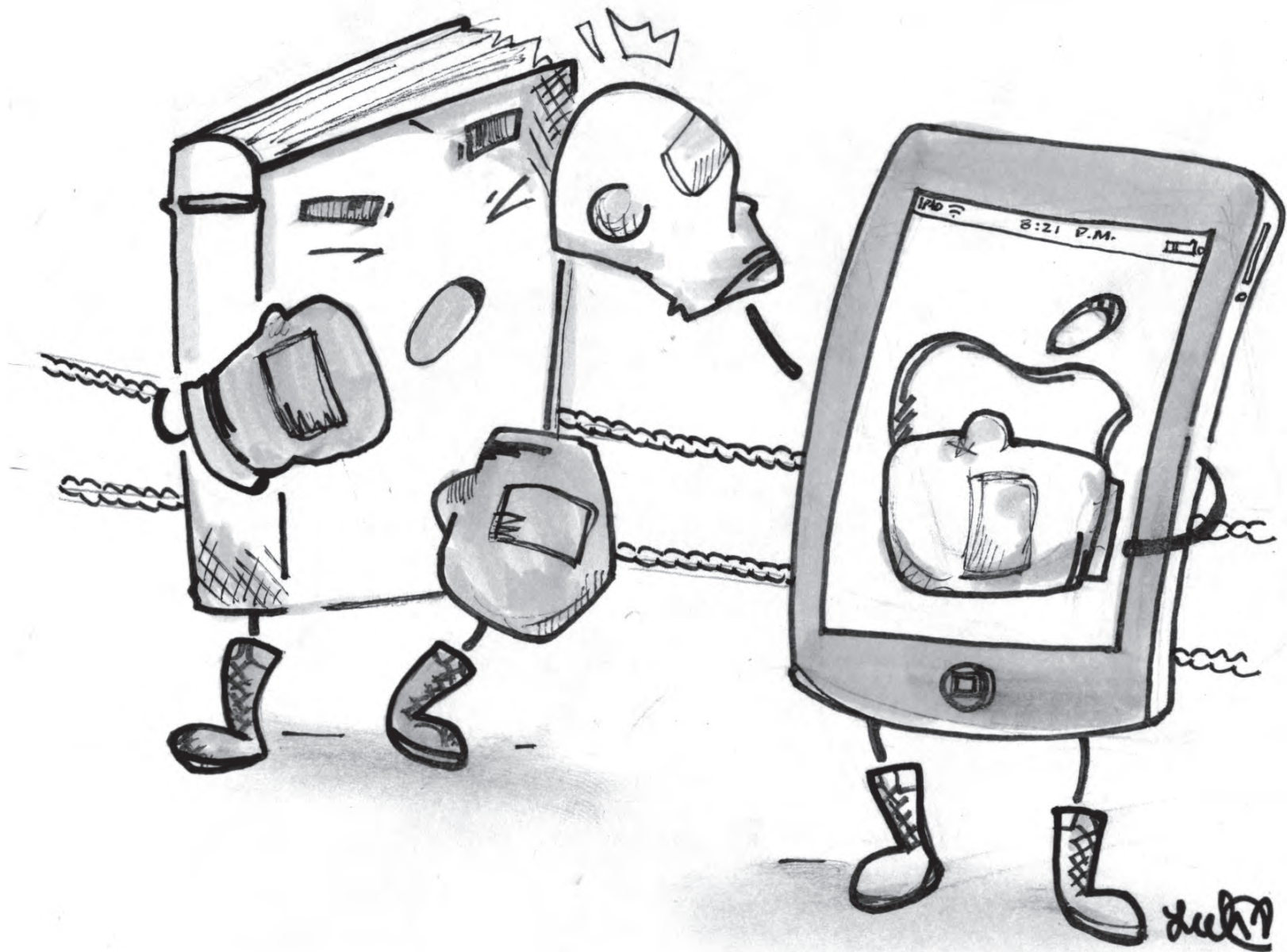
The case of the resignation of the Daily Free Press’ editor-in-chief provides a better model for handling offensive content in a newspaper. The editor-in-chief was pressured to step down by her paper’s board of directors; punishment was handled internally by those who understood both the nature of a joke issue as well as the necessity to act in the wake of the offensive content. But overall, the media has exploited her story in very much the same way as the Mizzou editors’.

What the two situations have in common is that the editors were

treated as scapegoats. When an independent newspaper publishes an April Fools’ or libel issue, content is not intended to be taken seriously. With an alias for each byline, it is frequently hard to determine exactly who originally wrote a particular joke or who approved its movement through the paper’s stages of production. Therefore, outcry against the paper’s most powerful editors may not get to the root of the problem. In such a case, when a joke that offends rape victims or LGBT community members finds its way into print, who should we take issue with? The person who first thought of the joke? The last person to lay eyes on it? The entire newspaper staff? Or, perhaps, the culture that allows this sort of offensive humor in the first place. Offensive humor about rape

and LGBT identities should not go entirely unnoticed or unpunished, but, before we target individual editors because of content in their newspapers, we should consider the circumstances of each. These editors forced to accept the full responsibility for jokes that may not have been their ideas in the first place will now have to deal with the fact that their future career opportunities may be jeopardized. When a university threatens to blame certain students for the work of a publication as a whole, they not only ascribe unfair blame but also threaten the independent status of the publication. We cannot ignore that the newspapers were imprudent in their words, but holding the individual editors-in-chief responsible isn’t the solution to the problem.

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E-book revolution: The danger of the lawsuit against Apple

BY ALEX BERNSTEIN

This month, the Department of Justice brought an antitrust lawsuit against Apple along with many book publishers, alleging price fixing in order to combat Amazon’s successful strategy of dramatically reducing e-book prices. While this may seem like a fantastic gain for consumers given Amazon’s history of lower prices, it is a very dangerous precedent to set as, other than Apple and Amazon, the only other effective competitor in the e-book market is Barnes & Noble. Although it is unlikely,

this lawsuit may force Apple out of the e-book market. In that case, the federal government may in fact be creating exactly what it seeks to prevent: a monopoly. Although Barnes & Noble’s Nook e-reader is seen as a contender to Amazon’s Kindle and Apple’s iPad, Barnes & Noble’s physical book business and retail stores realistically prevents it from competing as efficiently as its competitors. Put simply, should the federal government remove Apple from the e-book market, it may be handing Amazon a monopoly.

As students, we generally consume far more books than the average individual

because textbooks are required for classes. In the long term, e-books will largely replace physical books because they are usable across multiple platforms, and are more portable. With Apple potentially vacating the e-book business, Amazon will be left as the largest e-book distributor by far. Should this happen, Amazon, which already controls nearly 60 percent of all e-book sales, would be given such a large market share that it would essentially be able to set prices as it chooses. Previously, Amazon had only lowered prices as a motivation for consumers to purchase e-books over printed books. Since Apple unveiled its

Books store, the e-book market has exploded. Over time, profit motives and straightforward economic principles will inevitably drive Amazon to raise prices as long as consumers will continue to purchase e-books.

I doubt it will ever get that far. Apple will likely not be forced out of the e-book market and will simply settle with the federal government. Should that happen, the government’s lawsuit will be a boon for consumers, once again allowing competition to force prices down. In that regard, this lawsuit will be key in determining the future of electronic print media. Generally, it is a move

in the right direction, against uncompetitive practices. While this lawsuit is completely necessary, I would also caution the prosecutors in this case about becoming overzealous; it may do far more harm than good in the long term. Either way, the transition from the printed page to electronic media will completely revolutionize how the written word is consumed. This lawsuit has the potential to define who will sell e-books for the foreseeable future and how much they will cost.

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# The need for self-defense on the Loop

BY MATTHEW CURTIS

I live north of the Loop in University Terrace. It's an area known for its elevated crime rate, and recently, worried about the safety of myself and those I care about, I purchased a 2,500 KV "defense flashlight." I believe it to be a great investment, and I think all students who live north of the Loop should similarly equip themselves.

When others learn of my acquisition, which is colloquially called a stun gun, many raise their eyebrows and direct questioning stares at me. One expressed an abhorrence of what he believes are tools of violence. I disagree. Sufficient means to defend oneself are an absolute necessity for those who live in my neighborhood. Consider this: in the past semester and a half, there have been five muggings or attempted muggings, two of them armed, a carjacking, a small riot and a double shooting within two blocks my home. With the exception of the riot and shooting, these crimes have all been perpetrated against students; the University does not tell residents when locals are victims of crime. These are also, notably, only the crimes that have been reported. The area is undeniably dangerous, and while other precautions can and should be taken, I do not always have the luxury of not venturing outside alone after nightfall.

I'm often asked why I opted for a stun gun as opposed to another form of defense. A stun gun is, quite simply, the best option. In all the reported muggings this year, only one student was equipped with a defensive object, in his case, a knife. Upon presenting it to his would-be mugger, the man fled. By all accounts, however, the student simply stood there, silent and immobile. The student should be applauded for standing his ground, but I question anyone's ability to use lethal force, and I wonder what the result would have been had his mugger been undeterred. A knife can become a liability.

A stun gun offers no such drawbacks. If it is taken from me, it becomes useless; a small key attached to my wrist must be

plugged into it for it to operate. Further, mine, at least, is just as intimidating as a knife. It is 14 ½ inches long, and when fired, makes a loud, crackling noise as well as emitting a threatening blue jolt of electricity. The entire spectacle is unnerving. It is also non-lethal, so the moral dilemma of murder is taken out of the equation. If I am attacked, I need not worry about killing anyone. A brief, sharp jab brings the assailant to his knees, immobilizing him for a good 5-10 minutes.

This is another advantage the stun gun has over other defensive products. If I must use it, its use ensures that my attacker is brought to justice. Several of the muggings that have occurred in and near my neighborhood were, by all accounts, perpetrated by the same people, and to my knowledge, no arrests have been made. Had one of their victims been equipped with a stun gun, they would at this point be residing in a dank, cramped cell, not roaming the streets free to prey upon other innocents. In such a situation, I believe it is my duty to see my assailant punished, and to prevent his repeating the act, if I can. Pepper spray and mace are perfectly suitable for self-defense, but they leave an attacker with the ability to escape. Knives, guns, and other lethal weapons are great, but only if they are used properly. I know I would have misgivings over taking a life unless I knew mine or someone else's to be immediately threatened.

Many of Washington University's students are not confronted with crime. Many of them haven't heard of those listed above. To them, purchasing a stun gun seems excessive. As one leaves campus in a couple directions, safety diminishes rapidly. North of the Loop is one such place; a professor who lives there told me he is averse to going outside at night at all. I hope I am never the victim of a crime, but if I am, it is my right and my responsibility, to myself and to others, to defend against an aggressor.

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# Feminism: the right to choose

BY NATALIE VILLALON

Last week, Hilary Rosen, a Democratic political strategist, set off a major debate when she publicly claimed that Ann Romney, who was a stay-at-home mother when her five children were young, "never worked a day in her life." The remark was pure mudslinging, and Rosen apologized. Implications about the state of political discourse aside, Rosen's remarks set off debate about the roles of women, both in and outside of the home. As a young woman living in a society shaped by the feminism of past decades and also the backlash against feminism, I am still in the process of sorting out my options about what kind of woman I want to be. Now that American women aren't hobbled by expectations of becoming baby factories, it's time to reexamine what we, as women, want for ourselves.

Rosen's remarks offended me on a personal level because, in many ways, my mom fits the model of woman Rosen, intentionally or not, attacked. My mom was not employed after she had my brother and me, but that is not to say she didn't work. And by the way, she graduated from Stanford. I've met other women who managed to work and raise children. Does it compromise my image of myself as an independent, intelligent woman if I want to have a family, altering the trajectory of my (hypothetical) career? Girl power doesn't really address these issues, unfortunately. I don't want to sell out, but damn it, I want the two kids, the golden retriever and the disgustingly saccharine Christmas cards.

That these comments came from a woman is especially telling; at least in my experience, there's an expectation among college women that we are going to have careers before we get married and have children, if that happens at all. It seems like there's an increasing stigma attached to the 1950s suburban ideal. If I were simply a stay-at-home mom, married right after graduation, I would feel as though I were wasting my degree and my intellect, not to mention betraying the work of feminists across the ages. They worked hard so I wouldn't have to sit at home knitting, covered in baby crap. How could I throw that away? I've never taken a women and gender studies class. But I know that, the Republican "war on women"

notwithstanding, I live in an age where women have unprecedented opportunities for personal and professional advancement and that this did not come without a struggle. I want to be successful and self-fulfilled. Figuring out what that means unfortunately still has gendered implications.

A few years ago, St. Louis native and anti-feminist critic Phyllis Schlafly came to speak at Washington University and received an honorary degree. Many of the faculty and students present turned their backs on her in protest of her anti-feminist views. While I hardly identify with her as an intellectual role model, and most of her views are approximately as appealing to me as contracting lung cancer, she does have a point. It's perfectly okay for a woman to want to be a classic stay-at-home mom. Not that Phyllis Schlafly was a stay-at-home mom in the classic sense; she was a lawyer and activist as well, the epitome of a woman who got to have a career and have her family. One might even call her a hypocrite, but really, it doesn't matter. Romney went to college and then decided to have five kids. If she's happy, why does that matter? The legacy of feminism should be that women get to choose the trajectory that feels best for them, rather than being pigeonholed as either a simpering housewife or a career woman harpy. Easier said than done, and it's not just the "patriarchy" that perpetuates the problem.

Since the breakdown of the archetypal too-happy 1950s nuclear family, complications concerning gender roles have become increasingly complex, to the benefit of men and women alike. Women have so many options. Rosen's remarks show that the real women's issues we should be focused on are reproductive rights and equality in the working world, not attacking mature women for their life decisions. Romney, educated woman that she is, chose to be a stay-at-home mom. And frankly, that's nobody else's business. Women still encounter sexism and inequality, but we now have more than two options. We don't have to choose between Gloria Steinem and the Stepford Wives, Elana Dykewomon or Phyllis Schlafly.

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# Voices that don't deserve to be heard

BY SCOTT HABER

In this country, there is a widely accepted notion that everyone is entitled to his or her own opinion and has a right to share it. The first right guaranteed in the Bill of Rights is that of free speech. As such, discussions in this country, political or otherwise, allow for everyone to contribute his or her thoughts and insights. The wide range of opinions that consequently make up discourse is an extremely valuable thing for our country; every voice is heard and as such, everyone is bettered by the discussion of issues.

But this culture of equality of opinion also has its drawbacks; the fact that every opinion, no matter how outlandish or lacking in factual basis, must be listened to and acknowledged is also extremely damaging. Of course the idea of an opinion having a true factual basis is open to interpretation, but there is a clear, bright-line distinction between contributing to a discussion using reputable evidence and sound logic, and sharing an argument that really holds no water or that has not been truly thought out.

Take, for example, the "debate" over whether or not early childhood vaccination is linked to autism. Over the past

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several years, Jenny McCarthy, an actress, with literally no credentials or experience in anything even vaguely medically related, has led a massive media campaign to spread her belief that childhood vaccinations can cause autism. While you could argue that Ms. McCarthy has a right to share her beliefs, her entire campaign is based upon a single study from 1998 that has been proven fraudulent, and its authors have had their medical licenses revoked.

The fact that one woman with no medical credentials, is able to direct public opinion entirely away from a factual truth, is unacceptable. A 2011 study found that almost a quarter of Americans

considered an opinion like Ms. McCarthy's valid and that it would influence their decisions on childhood vaccinations. The very notion that we should not vaccinate our children against diseases that have been all but eradicated in the Western world because everyone's opinion must be held valid, regardless of the facts, is entirely intolerable and counterproductive.

Instances like these are not isolated, however. In nearly every corner of public discourse, the idea that we must not rule out an opinion, no matter how ridiculous, because every American has a right to be heard, hinders and prevents real progress from being made. If we must listen to everyone, and acknowledge the validity

of their opinions, then taking any sort of action that might disagree with them becomes impossible.

From debates about the validity of the science behind climate change, to 9/11 Truthers, to those who question whether or not President Obama was born in this country or is secretly a Socialist Muslim extremist from Kenya, those on the fringes of public debate are forcing their opinions to be validated. In doing so, they are polarizing the conversation and preventing any real progress or compromise from being made.

We, as a nation, need to alter our belief of what constitutes a valid opinion; you may be entitled to your own opinion and you have a right to

voice it, but you are not entitled to your own facts. If an opinion cannot be backed up by any sort of factual truth, it should not be considered in public discourse. Of course everyone is entitled to have his or her own thoughts and opinions, even irrational ones, but if we want to have real, meaningful discussions about important issues that move toward some sort of truth, we need to begin to ignore those who do not contribute to the discussion with facts and logical arguments.

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## RE: Put this in your pipe and smoke it

"Or, maybe since you were 20 feet from the smoking boundary, you should have walked just a teensy bit further before lighting up. The policy exists so students who know the idiocy of smoking and the dangers of second-hand smoke

don't have to walk through plumes of your exhaled, cancer-inducing smoke on their way to and from class.

"On a side note, it's Tamara King. And we all have to play by those same rules, so it might just be best to accept

that there's a smoking policy and stop complaining."  
- Anonymous

"The smoking policy exists so the school pays less for health care. I'm constantly amazed at how people seem to think that it was done for

the benefit of the students, or that occasional second-hand smoke in an outdoor setting will have negative health effects."  
- TbOne



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A Brief Guide to Celebrities on Twitter

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BY CADENZA STAFF

Everyone’s favorite octogenarian, Betty White (@bettywhite), recently joined Twitter, becoming the latest celebrity to jump on board with the popular social networking website. Here are our favorite celebrities to follow on Twitter, with one of each celebrity’s best tweets and 140 characters or less on why we love each one.

Aziz Ansari @azizansari

Uh... Yeah old man, laptops go in a separate bin. #DontFrontTheCasual-TravelerLineisOverThere

Aziz is one of the funniest comedians on TV and the inventor of some of Twitter’s best hashtags. Also gets @mentioned by Kanye.

Alec Baldwin @alecbaldwin

I like Twitter bc it’s direct, instant. But, maybe I should run it all by Whoopie...

Remember when he got kicked off an airplane? We wouldn’t have known it right away without the power of Twitter.

James Cameron @JimCameron

Just arrived at the ocean’s deepest pt. Hitting bottom never felt so good. Can’t wait to share what I’m seeing w/ you. @DeepChallenge

The way this box office titan casually tweets his deep-sea diving expeditions has to be seen to be believed (like Avatar).

Ellen Degeneres @TheEllenShow

.@SofiaVergara and I are a great team for CoverGirl. I’m breezy. She’s easy.

This talk show host’s tweets are more beautiful than her partner, Portia.

Arian Foster @ArianFoster

This society is so watered down. Age continues to reveal its fabrication. But there are enough light bearers out there to keep me going.

The Houston Texans running back offers a nice mix of philosophical worldview and humor.

Jessica Hische @jessicahische

i haven’t had lunch yet. i want to stab everything.

For all of you designers out there, this lady is awesome. And she loves cats.

Mindy Kaling @mindykaling

I want to guest star on SVU but not as a victim, witness, or criminal but as Olivia Benson’s pal she keeps standing up for girls drinks

“The Office” star and writer is one of the most relatable celebrities to follow—and one of the most hilarious.

M.I.A. @MIAuniverse

MIA in the buildin , jus walked in same time as The Giants, they in suits and black briefcases, that s\*\*t crayyyyyyy

She’s essentially the female Kanye West on Twitter, meaning every tweet is either a humble brag or something crazy.

Conan O’Brien @ConanOBrien

Tax question: Is it technically considered cheating if you claim your 5.4 million Twitter followers as dependents?

We know he’s funny, so why not let him put a smile on your face? We could all use a brief distraction from studying anyway.

J.K. Rowling @jk\_rowling

This is the real me, but you won’t be hearing from me often I’m afraid, as pen and paper are my priority at the moment.”

First of all, she wrote Harry Potter. Second, she doesn’t spam you.

Hope Solo @hopesolo

Lets get this straight, my tweet, ‘I feel sick im in tears, heartbroken’ would never be about a man! Come on people! Dont you know me!

The star goalie of the U.S. Women’s National Team, Solo’s brash but justified confidence shines on the field and through her Tweets.

Katy Perry @katyperry

Is anyone still traumatized by the idea that you might get eaten by an escalator if you miss a step or have a lose thread on your sweater?

Live vicariously through the music star’s musings as she tours the globe. You love her music—it’s only logical to follow her on Twitter.

Eric Stonestreet @ericstonestreet

I gotta know. Do guys who wear pajama bottoms in public get sex done to them?

This Modern Family star is just as funny as his character in real life and slightly inappropriate at times.

Kanye West @kanyewest

Sketching Yeezi 3s... no I don't want herb chicken or the cheese tortellini ... I want to sketch

This is almost too obvious. We’re convinced that Twitter was invented to showcase his unique, insane and altogether amazing worldview.

Metta World Peace @MettaWorldPeace

From the wound to the tribe hunting lions to the fire burnt villages survivors slaved hung survive great grandchild Ron to Metta world peace

A self-proclaimed pacifist and reformed NBA enforcer who loves to Skype his followers, too. Who even knows what he is saying half the time?



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COURTESY OF ARMOUR. MAGAZINE

BY GINIKA AGBIM

It’s certainly not as thick as a Vogue or an Elle, but it doesn’t need to be. A very admirable endeavor, Armour, a new fashion magazine started by three Sam Fox School students, Jacob Lenard, Chantal Strasburger and Felicia Podberesky, launched last week in an effort to bring fashion and style to the Wash. U. community. Featuring bold glossy photographs and topics ranging from the origin of the bow tie to

vintage Wash. U. fashion, this magazine is a fun little read, surely to be accessible to students of all styles and tastes. There are a few critiques I noted while first reading the magazine. I was a little thrown off by the piece on the 1961 Wash. U. homecoming queen. The article details the criteria for earning the title, categories such as attire, athletics, teeth and poise. I wasn’t sure how much of this was fact or fiction. If the article was intended as a humor

piece, perhaps it should have been placed at the end of the magazine. Additionally, though the beauty piece focused mainly on technique, I wish it provided a few brands that students could use to implement the various steps outlined to achieve a metallic smoky eye, especially because it is so easy to get overwhelmed by the plethora of products and brands available in stores. Ultimately, I felt the spring issue of the magazine lacked a strong, overarching theme. Although the individual

sections alone were fun and easy to read, I didn’t get a sense of consistency in the topics covered throughout Armour. Overall, the magazine left me wanting more. However, there were many enticing aspects of the magazine as well. My favorite thing about Armour is its accessible tone. The articles sound like casual conversations with my friends rather than an imposing Anna Wintour looking down upon me for wearing jeans again. The Everyday Runway section was

a great touch, as it encouraged students to make runway styles their own. I also enjoyed the photography and the fact that student models were both featured and named. Even if you don’t care about fashion, you’ll definitely be entertained and educated by reading Armour. You may even learn something new about some of the students you pass by everyday. If you couldn’t get a copy of the magazine, check out the blog: [armourmag.blogspot.com](http://armourmag.blogspot.com). Stay Stylish!

Introducing: Professor Peter Benson

BY ALIEZA SCHVIMER

He wakes up in the morning in an old tenement house, gets up and joins the other workers. After taking it out of the curing barn, he packages the dark aromatic tobacco into bales. In the early afternoon, once the morning dew has dissipated, he harvests the green, freshly grown tobacco in the fields, and then moves it to the curing barn for the new batch to dry. For 16 months between 2004 and 2005, this was assistant professor in sociocultural anthropology Peter Benson’s daily routine, while doing tobacco research in Wilson, N.C. “I worked on a handful of tobacco farms,” Benson said. “I had a little red pickup truck that I bought really cheap before I went there, and I used that and went around the countryside and interviewed various tobacco growers.” Benson, who has been an assistant professor at Washington University since 2008, eventually incorporated his research in North Carolina into both a book and a class curriculum on tobacco capitalism. During his time in North Carolina, Benson interviewed tobacco workers as well as public health, anti-smoking and farm-labor-union advocates. “The project started because I was interested in understanding this unusual situation of there being a product that’s legal to grow, and indeed is found in every convenience store in the country,” Benson explained. “But at the same time [it] is the leading preventable cause of death in the U.S. and globally.” One aspect of Benson’s research focused on understanding the process by which tobacco farmers reconcile their dependence on this harmful product. Benson explained that tobacco is part of the culture of North Carolina—the Wilson baseball team is named the Tob’s, short for Tobacconists; locals have tobacco leaves on their bumper stickers and flags in front of their houses; people talk about how tobacco money is found in every house, school and hospital.

“It’s become a public symbol, kind of like cheese in Wisconsin,” Benson said. “But in this case, we’re talking about something where there’s really sustained public criticism, very serious kinds of regulation, and there are lots of different degrees of harm related to using tobacco. Yet, at the same time, thousands of people in North Carolina and suburb states rely on tobacco money.” It is clear from the “Thank You For Smoking” movie poster that rests casually against the fireplace and the “Keep Tobacco Clean” signs that hang around his office that Benson’s interest in tobacco and public health has remained prominent even after completing his research in North Carolina. “It is the only legal product, that when used as intended, is harmful,” Benson said. Benson posits that if he polled undergraduates on the biggest threat to global health, most students would say HIV, maternal mortality, or nuclear or environmental catastrophe. However, in reality, he said, tobacco is the leading cause of disease and death around the world—and he believes it is only going to get worse as tobacco use continues. “Unfortunately, we live at a time where tobacco use is actually being expanded and globalized around the world,” Benson said. “In the U.S., tobacco use has been kind of on the wane and it hovers around 20 percent of the population, but around the world it’s really exploding, and we’re going to see a lot more of tobacco mortality in the current century than in the last one.” In the future, Benson would like to see increased awareness of the tobacco industry’s role in creating what he calls “the leading health epidemic of our time.” Benson grew up north of where he did his tobacco research, in southwest Connecticut. He was the oldest of three children. Before he ever pursued anthropology, Benson was an avid sports fan. He played golf in high school and wrote sports articles about his high school’s

teams for a local newspaper in his hometown. Prior to attending Vanderbilt as an undergraduate, Benson thought he wanted to be a journalist, specifically a sports writer. However, soon after entering the university, he realized his love of history and became increasingly interested in the anthropology courses that Vanderbilt had to offer. “That breadth of anthropology really drew me in because it was capable of encompassing a whole set of interests I had related to history, diversity and globalization.” In fact, Benson wrote his senior thesis about a minor league baseball team in southwest Connecticut that initially formed as part of an urban revitalization project in neighborhoods of lower socioeconomic status. The thesis linked Benson’s interests in sports and anthropology, and served as a jumping off point for his later research in Guatemala and North Carolina. The summer after graduating from Vanderbilt, Benson started delving deeper into his anthropological research, traveling to Guatemala as a research assistant to Vanderbilt anthropology Professor Edward Fischer. The research Benson worked on in Tecpan, Guatemala, between 2001 and 2003 differed greatly from the research he would do a few years later in North Carolina. Although the structure was similar—he conducted multiple interviews in order to compile ethnographic research—the focus was less on public health issues and more on the changing agricultural practices in the area, and how those changes affected the indigenous Mayans who live there. Benson visits Guatemala regularly and has recently begun investigating public health issues in the region, similar to his tobacco research in North Carolina. He has teamed up with researchers at the Siteman Cancer Center to look into public health problems related to cancer and tobacco in Guatemala. Wash. U. has been a great

BENSON: AT A GLANCE

Assistant Professor in Sociocultural Anthropology



EDUCATION

B.A. Vanderbilt University  
Ph.D. Harvard University



MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

Tobacco Capitalism: Growers, Migrant Workers, and the Changing Face of a Global Industry



RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Agricultural living in Tecpan, Guatemala  
Tobacco farm communities in North Carolina



POPULAR CLASSES

Intro to Public Health, Tobacco: History, Anthropology, and Politics of a Global Epidemic, Anthropology and Existentialism, Capitalism and Culture

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place for Benson beyond expanding his research. Despite his brief time at the University, Benson has made a lasting impact on his students. “Professor Benson’s lectures really tie in a lot of themes together that we see in today’s society,” junior anthropology major Shanet Stefanos said. After taking two of Professor Benson’s courses, she said she has reevaluated her views and opinions on various topics. “His courses tackle big concepts, but he breaks it down into simple terms, which

makes it easy to learn something new with no previous knowledge,” she added. Benson enjoys working with students at Wash. U., whom he considers to be of exceptional caliber. “I’m inspired by what the students do, their passion, their projects,” Benson said. “And for many students, this keen interest in learning beyond the classroom is a transformative kind of learning where the classroom is just one context for becoming a part of a dynamic global community.”



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Women’s tennis nets two big weekend wins



Sophomore Theresa Petraskova and the Wash. U. women’s tennis team defeated Case Western Reserve University on Saturday but fall to the University of Chicago for the second time this season. BEN GOTTESDIENER | STUDENT LIFE

BY ALEX LEICHENGER

The No. 11 Washington University women’s tennis team’s three-match winning streak screeched to a halt Sunday with an 8-1 road loss to No. 6 University of Chicago.

After attaining their highest national rank in head coach Kelly Stahlhuth’s seven-year tenure, the Bears defeated Case Western University 5-2 in Chicago on Friday. But the rival Maroons dropped the Red and Green’s record to 12-5 in windy outdoor conditions.

Chicago swept the three doubles matches and won five of six in singles. Sophomore Corinne Rauck saved the Bears from a shutout with

a 6-4, 6-3 win at No. 6 singles, the final match of the day.

After losing her first set 3-6 at No. 4 singles, junior Paige Madara pushed her opponent to the brink with a 6-4 second set victory. But Madara fell short, 1-0 (10-5), in the only three-set match between the teams.

Senior Natalie Tingir had her seven-match winning streak at No. 1 singles snapped with a 6-2, 6-2 defeat.

All five of the Bears’ losses have come against top-12 opponents, which Stahlhuth takes as a positive sign.

“It’s more encouragement to me because they’re really working hard through a couple of

injuries—they’re all stepping up, and we’re beating who on paper we’re supposed to,” she said. “And we’re doing the best we can with the teams that are ranked in that top ten.”

Losses to Chicago bookended the Bears’ three-match team winning streak. After a 5-0 indoor loss to the Maroons, Wash. U. upset No. 10 DePauw University 5-4 and routed McKendree University 9-0. Then the Red and Green won two of three doubles matches and five of six in singles to cruise past Case Western.

In No. 1 doubles, junior Kate Klein and sophomore Corinne Rauck put the Bears in front with an 8-6 upset of Case Western’s

Erika and Alexandra Lim, the Central Region’s No. 5 doubles team.

“We threw [Klein and Rauck] together last weekend as a doubles team, and you could tell they were going to do well with more matches,” Stahlhuth said. “And that had a really nice win yesterday against a ranked team.”

Case Western’s No. 2 doubles pair fought back with an 8-4 win over sophomore Theresa Petraskova and Tingir, but the Spartans dropped the next four matches to seal their fate. First, sophomore Betsy Edershile and Madara notched an 8-4 victory in their final doubles match. Tingir then rebounded from her doubles

loss to win her seventh No. 1 singles match, beating Erika Lim 6-3, 6-2.

Klein (6-2, 6-4) and Petraskova (6-1, 6-2) picked up the Bears’ fourth and fifth victories, respectively, to clinch the win.

Edershile was upbeat about the team’s improvement over the course of the year.

“I think we’ve definitely come a long way,” Edershile said. “I think our doubles teams, which maybe started out a little weaker at the beginning of the season, are getting a lot stronger as the season progresses.”

The Bears will find out if Edershile’s statement holds true Tuesday at 4 p.m., when they host Webster University.

At SLU invitational, track teams see encouraging results

BY KURT ROHRBECK

Traveling across the city, the Washington University track and field teams competed against several local universities at the Saint Louis University Invitational on Friday and Saturday.

The meet was unscored, but it featured several winning performances on both the men’s and women’s teams in the second-to-last meet before the University Athletic Association Championships (UAAs) on April 28-29.

Senior Erica Jackey had one of the highlights of the weekend for the women’s side, as her time of 4:27.73 in the 1,500-meter run set a school record in the event. She finished just ahead of senior Liz Phillips (4:31.72) and sophomore Sarah Fisher (4:42.14).

“It was my first outdoor meet of the season, and I was really happy with how I ran,” Jackey said. “I was hoping to set a time that was good enough to get me into Nationals, but I had no idea what [time] I could actually run...I didn’t really intend to break the school record. It just kind of happened, and I didn’t even know until later on.”

On top of Jackey’s record, there were two event winners on the women’s team. Senior Molly Wawrzyniak took the 3,000-meter steeplechase in 11:15.20, almost two minutes ahead of her only competitor in the event.

In the pole vault, sophomore Anna Etherington’s height of 3.80 meters easily won the event, and second and third place also went to the Bears thanks to freshman Claire Simons (3.20 meters) and sophomore Moira

Killoran (3.05 meters).

Other quality finishes for the women’s team included sophomore Jasmine Williams’ personal-best high jump height of 1.67 meters, sophomore Shannon Howell’s 1:03.85 in the 400-meter hurdles, and junior Anne Diaz-Arrastia’s 5.18 meters in the long jump.

On the men’s side, the Bears won two more events. Senior Michael Burnstein was the winner in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 14:45.58 and sophomore Kevin Sparks was right behind him at 14:49.91. Wash. U. also took the fifth through seventh spots in the event with senior Tucker Hartley (15:10.68), freshman Garrett Patrick (15:14.56) and sophomore Justin Rodriguez (15:52.19).

“I think the 5K is one of our best events,” Burnstein said. “Distance is definitely our strength. I expect us to do pretty well in the 5K at UAAs. Overall we did pretty well at SLU, but I think there’s still some room to improve.”

The men’s team also found success in the pole vault, with freshmen Nick Alaniva, Tim Elliott, and Kyle Engelken each registering a final height of 4.20 meters to take the top three spots in the event.

Also mentionable was senior Tyler Jackson’s mark of 14.39 in the 110-meter hurdles, which only earned him third place in the event but was the second-best time in all of Division III this season. The Bears also took second in three field events—the shot put (junior Tom Arnold, 13.88 meters), the javelin (senior Ben Cutting, 52.29 meters) and

the high jump (senior Justin Pieper, 1.95 meters).

The teams were racing at a brand new track at SLU, which led to several records for the new facility.

“Anyone who won an event set a stadium record, so that was pretty cool,” Erica Jackey said. “I think the meet went really well.”

Two weeks stand between the Bears and UAA championships, the biggest meet of the spring before Nationals in late May. Meets like this and next Friday’s at Rose Hulman Institute of Technology often serve as tune-ups for that meet.

“You’re trying to get yourself ready on an individual level, and from a coach’s perspective, trying to find who the athletes are that are ready to compete at the highest level,” Burnstein said.

With wins at UAAs, the men’s and women’s team would achieve a goal that would be historic on a conference level.

“We’re hoping to win both the girls and the guys’ team titles, because if we do it’ll be the first time that a school has won all six UAA titles,” Jackey said, referring to men’s and women’s cross country and indoor and outdoor track. “That’s something the coaches have been talking about the entire year. That’s kind of the overarching team goal, and everyone is doing their own individual thing to be at their best for that.”

The meet on Friday will begin at 5 p.m. EST.

Softball sweeps Webster

BY SAHIL PATEL

Washington University’s softball team overcame the elements to shut out Webster University twice on Sunday afternoon.

On a stormy weekend that resulted in a pair of cancelled games on Saturday, the Bears got timely hitting throughout the order and some lights-out pitching on the mound.

“I am happy with how we are playing. I think we have room for improvement, as does any team, but we are starting to find our routine as a team,” senior Corissa Santos said. “Our last few outings have been progressively getting better, and that is all you can ask for.”

In the first game, freshman Alyssa Wilson went two-for-three with three runs batted in to lead Wash. U. past Webster 4-0. Senior Olivia Cook pitched a complete-game, three-hitter to pick up her 11th win of the season.

The Red and Green got going in the first inning with a run off a sacrifice fly from sophomore Maggie Mullen. Cook did not allow a hit until the third inning as the Bears clung to a 1-0 lead.

Wilson came through in the top of the fourth inning with a two-run single to give Cook some more cushion. Wilson singled up the middle again in the sixth inning to plate senior Alyssa Abramowski for the Bears’ fourth and final run.

“The first game I was really seeing the ball all the way in and worried about making solid contact,” Wilson said. “It was working.”

The Red and Green bats came alive immediately in the second game as Wash. U. scored four runs and batted around the order in the first inning.

Santos doubled to right center, scoring junior Ashley Janssen to get things going, and after a single from junior Sondra Polonsky, Abramowski

walked to load the bases. A two-out error by Webster shortstop Kristie Konersmann scored Santos and Polonsky, and a double by freshman Adrienne White plated Abramowski.

“The first inning typically sets the tone for the whole game, so coming out and scoring four runs right off the bat is a major momentum killer for the other team,” Santos said. “It also sets an expectation for what we can achieve as a team throughout the rest of the game, so it is really important.”

The scoring didn’t stop as Santos homered to center field to push the lead to 5-0 in the top of the second. White singled in freshman pinch-runner Paige Biles in the top of the fifth inning.

“I don’t really change how I approach each at bat, so I can’t say one thing was working better today than other days,” said Santos, who was four-for-seven on the weekend overall. “I think I was seeing the ball well and was making solid contact.”

Sophomore Kelsey Neal pitched a complete-game, three-hitter for her eighth win of the season. The pair of wins improved the Bears’ record to 22-10.

After the double-header, the team has now been error-free for three straight games.

“I feel like the team’s fielding has been solid lately,” Wilson said. “We all trust each other, which gives us confidence on the field as a team.”

Saturday’s doubleheader against Illinois Wesleyan University was cancelled due to rain. There is no word yet on when, or if, these games will be rescheduled.

Wash. U. hosts Millikin University on Thursday evening for a double-header. First pitch is at 4 p.m. at the Washington University Softball Field.

“We have been playing well lately. As long as we keep the intensity up, I feel confident about heading into the end of the season,” Wilson said.



# Renewable Energy Taskforce seeks alternative power source for Wash. U.

BY WEI-YIN KO

A newly launched Washington University's group is bringing students and faculty together to find novel renewable energy solutions to power the University away from unsustainable sources.

Chartered by Executive Vice Chancellor for Administration Henry Webber, the taskforce will explore potential opportunities for using renewable sources of energy for the University. Director of sustainability Phil Valko will co-chair the task force.

The Renewable Energy Taskforce is the first student-faculty cooperative project to overhaul the consumption of energy on campus.

"The students will play a role in doing a bunch of the research in the final report we produce. The way we structured the committee [is that] there are administrators, faculty and students. We know that some students already have expertise on renewable [energy while] others do not but are still very interested in it," Valko said. "Coming from both directions...both can play a very substantial role in the committee."

Valko said that the taskforce is currently looking for students who are interested in renewable energy, and can bring a diverse array of perspectives, to join their team.

"I really think that students across the board would be good contributors to the effort," he said.

Still, some students are skeptical of the effect the taskforce will have.

Junior Ken Kumanomido, co-president of Green Action, expressed some reservations.

"It's really encouraging to see the University is making an issue of looking into renewable energy so seriously," Kumanomido said. "I would be interested in being a part of the process, but I am somewhat hesitant as to the concrete impact

their recommendations will have on the University's energy use."

Kumanomido is skeptical about the impact the group's final report will actually have.

"I would be more confident if I was assured that their recommendations would be implemented," he said. "I don't want this to just be an excuse for the University to say that they are working on renewables."

The taskforce is seeking three undergraduate and three graduate students with faculty and staff to join its team. The student selection will occur through an online nomination form. The submission deadline is Thursday, April 19.

The three objectives of the taskforce include developing a renewable energy report with recommendations for the University; using renewable energy projects to supplement sustainability teaching, research, and operations; and identifying the feasibility of using renewable energy sources for University off-campus housing. The report will uncover opportunities for private, non-profit and governmental partnerships.

Additionally, the taskforce seeks to incorporate its plan with that of the University's international partners through the McDonnell Academy Global Energy and Environment Partnership (MAGEEP) and the upcoming 2012 Mumbai Symposium on Energy & Environment.

While the charter of the taskforce was not met with any resistance from other faculty and staff, one of the biggest challenges for the taskforce will be the current lack of a budget.

"There isn't a budget currently. We have those three objectives...I think we can accomplish a lot of [the objectives] without a budget, because a lot of the exploration and research can be done without a budget,"

Valko said. "My sense is that if we identify a need to get something in particular, we could appeal and get funding for it."

Valko also acknowledged that the implementation of the report may take many years.

"[The report] will help the University identify which renewable recommendations make the most sense immediately and which seem promising but maybe we need to wait a couple of years for any number of reasons," he said. "I think the report itself will help with the vision of how, when and what renewables we should add to our [campus]."

The taskforce plans to meet monthly with the possibility of sub-committee meetings in between full body meetings. There will also be participatory opportunities for students who will be in St. Louis or available via conference calls.

"We're looking for students with at least a baseline of knowledge, but, most importantly, an interest," Valko said.

Sophomore Rachel Goldstein is interested in the idea of the taskforce and has hope for more student involvement in sustainability initiatives.

"I want it to be really connected to the student body, because I think a lot of our decisions on where our energy is coming from are made without student input, and sometimes students don't think about it."

Goldstein is currently an intern at the University's Office of Sustainability.

"I really hope that the Renewable Energy Taskforce is not only working really hard toward getting renewable energy, but also letting the students have a really active role," she said. "It is something that shouldn't just be up to [the administration] to deal with; it should be something that the whole Wash. U. community is dealing with."

# BUDGET

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the budget."

**Allocation Boards**

Karimjee designated \$872,000 to Treasury to allocate to student groups this year. This sum can be divided into two categories: student group allocations and appeals. Allocations go toward student group budgets that get approved by SU each semester. Appeals can be brought before Treasury at any time and are usually used to fund impromptu programming and speakers.

The proposed budget decreases the appeals account from \$345,000 to \$327,000. Karimjee says that this is to reflect the change in allocations, which has increased from \$465,000 to \$515,000, which Karimjee said is based on an increase in allocations over the past year.

Karimjee and the Unity slate decided not to include a separate "big speakers" account that was in last year's budget. Designed to encourage Treasury to approve a major speaker (which they did—Al Gore, who didn't end up coming to Wash. U.), the big speakers account is cut from this year's budget. Karimjee says his slate hopes that Treasury will choose to fund four medium-cost speakers. The proposed speakers account will have \$140,000 (for some context, SU paid a total of \$55,000 for John Legend to come to campus).

Individual appeals, though not specified as a category as was the case last year, may be done through the regular appeals account, he said.

**Gephardt Institute Election Planning**

With the upcoming election, the budget designates \$7,500 to the Gephardt Institute for election programming. The Gephardt Institute for Public Service is an on-campus institution that promotes civic engagement.

Karimjee hopes that the money

will help SU groups co-program with the Gephardt Institute and also avoid over-programming as the election approaches. He also thinks giving money to the Gephardt Institute will streamline the events-planning process for politically minded groups who want to base programs on an unforeseen events that appear along the campaign trail.

Four years ago, \$55,000 was given to the Gephardt Institute for programming, Karimjee said. The money went to speakers and bus-ing people to polling places. But this year, since the University isn't hosting a debate, the Gephardt Institute asked SU to match or exceed its \$5,000 contribution to elections programming.

**Social Programming Board**

The Social Programming Board (SPB) consists of Team 31, the Gargoyle and Campus Programming Council (CPC). This year, several changes are being made to make the SPB more cohesive, so that the three entities are more collaborative.

This year's prospective budget gives Team 31 a slight increase in funding (\$157,000 to \$170,650), which is now listed as "W.I.L.D. operating" money. CPC's funds will be divided into two groupings, one for comedy operating and one for special events (like Happy Hour).

Any of the groups in the SPB will be able to share funds from any other group in the new system.

**Not designated in budget**

SU plans to continue funding student access to the cardio room in the AC, making it free to students. The \$25,000 will come out of SU's carry-forward money.

Karimjee says that SU is also working with Residential Life to decide if SU will fund access to rooms in residential spaces—an area of significant contention over the past year.



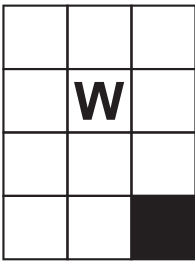
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4/12 SOLUTION

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## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

**ACROSS**

1 TV/A rival

6 Med. care providers

10 Frequent ESPN subject

14 Amtrak express

15 Four-star

16 Bee, for one

17 Pricewaterhouse-Coopers, e.g.?

20 Fitting

21 Hops heater

22 Tweaks, say

23 Aqua Velva alternative

24 German GM subsidiary

25 Original Roanoke settlement?

31 Football Hall of Fame locale

32 Title acquired at church, perhaps

33 Losing line

34 Reacted to a dealer's request

35 Used to be

36 "It Wasn't All Velvet" autobiographer

38 Caustic stuff

39 Goal

40 Blew up

41 Actress failing to live up to expectations?

45 Gives support to

46 Toon wisecracker

47 \_\_\_ center

50 Get useful material from

51 Lyric poem

54 Bit of style in one's blood?

57 Venetian arch shape

58 City SSW of Moscow

59 Toss out

60 Goes after

61 Unlikely track winners

62 Hamburger helper's reward?

**DOWN**

1 Out-of-favor sunscreen ingredient

2 Lingerie size

3 Robin's digs

4 Ring icon

5 Graham, for one

6 \_\_\_ II; 1961-'99 Moroccan king

7 Almost all

8 Mich. neighbor

9 Celestial creatures

10 Incendiary gel

11 "I Spy" co-star

12 "Joy is \_\_\_ of love by which you can catch souls": Mother Teresa

13 Many "Suits" characters: Abbr.

18 Avoid restaurant crowds, perhaps

19 It may be half-baked

23 Prado pictures

24 Lock inserts

25 Sonya's uncle, in an 1899 Moscow premiere

26 Maker of some drivers

27 Muslim leaders

28 "Casablanca" actor

29 Strawberry, e.g.

30 Pigeon tail?

31 Range rover

35 English court attire

**4/12/12 Puzzle Solved**

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36 Singled out

37 Big-eyed birds

39 Words that replace details

40 Place to relax

42 Coquette's asset

43 Rare clock number

44 Govt. notes

47 Fiscal execs

48 Milan meat sauce

49 "So that's how it is"

50 Video CD file format

51 Big name in chemicals

52 House addition

53 Room addition

55 Gp. with many arms

56 "On the Waterfront" Oscar winner — Marie Saint

# SUDOKU

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SOLUTION TO 4/12 PUZZLE

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My goal... balancing my interests in fashion and medicine.



IAmTheEarth



Each design serves to promote an issue, such as, "1,000,000,000 people worldwide lack access to safe drinking water."

**Priyanka Patel**, a junior majoring in Anthropology with a pre-medicine focus, launched an eco-friendly clothing line this past summer.

The eco-friendly clothing line I started with a friend last summer.

Juniors: Register for Junior Jumpstart before April 30.



Performing at ASHOKA's Diwali show

Getting to know myself...

When I started at Wash. U., I knew I wanted to be pre-med and wanted to immediately plan out my next four years. The way I figured out I liked anthropology was exploring and taking different courses.

Bringing my story to life...

Freshman year, I also considered majoring in fashion. This past summer, I acted on

that passion and launched an eco-friendly clothing line, IAmTheEarth, with a friend. I love clothing and wanted to help promote awareness about humanitarian and environmental issues, so I thought, 'Why not combine the two?'

Up next... I'm planning on applying to medical schools this summer. As for the company, we're working on creating a new website and are hoping to design other products.

FROM PASSION SPRINGS PURPOSE

"Take a lot of classes, chances, and opportunities to figure out what you're passionate about."

Priyanka's Career Tip

4 Industries offering the most internship opportunities in CAREERlink last year: Nonprofits, Cultural Institutions, Academia, and Government

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

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|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Time Warner                          | Art of Motion          |
| Garmin International                 | Stryker                |
| Riot Games                           | Nickelodeon            |
| Sigma Aldrich                        | Adobe Systems          |
| General Electric (GE) Transportation | Missile Defense Agency |
| Studio 8                             | TWIST                  |

EVENTS

- April 19**  
Peace Corps Info Session
- April 20**  
Lunch with a Pro: Marsh Entertainment
- Roundtable with Richard Mattione, PhD
- Last day to **Report Your Plans** to have it featured in *Student Life*
- April 30**  
Junior Jumpstart Registration Deadline

