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# **BEAR'S DEN INTERRUPTED**

Black students protest campus silence on issues of police brutality, share feelings of invisibility



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of

students proceeded

to march, in rows of five

people, towards the South

40 through the underpass.

On their way, they chanted

"You can't stop the revolu-

tion" and "Hands up, don't

shoot," grabbing the atten-

When the group arrived at

Bear's Den, protesters linked

arms and surrounded the

food stations, blocking oth-

ers students from ordering

food and bringing all dining

hall activities to a halt. More

chants such as "It is our duty

to fight this" and "These

killer cops have got to go"

tion of people walking by.

## **Proposed changes** to parking policy would institute new zones, hours

#### **ELLA CHOCHREK** NEWS EDITOR

Student will see dramatic changes to the University's parking policy should a proposed system be implemented for the 2017-2018 school year.

If implemented, parking permits would be given for specific zones—instead of the colored permits the University currently uses—and sophomores will no longer be allowed to have cars on campus. Students would also lose the ability to park on the Danforth Campus from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. in order to accommodate faculty and staff.

While the University has factored on-campus construction—specifically, the East End expansion, which will start after this year's Commencement-into the equation when discussing parking changes, these changes are intended to last beyond the construction projects.

while students who live on the South 40 may purchase brown passes. All of these passes come with the same \$699 price tag, but some faculty and staff opt for the \$1,680 red permit, which is valid in all parking zones during the school year except blue.

In the new proposed system, permit holders would have to choose to park only in one of five zones on campus: the East End Garage, the South Danforth Core (including the Danforth University Center Garage), the North Danforth Core (Snow Way and Millbrook Garages), the South 40 and remote parking (West and North Campuses). Once a zone fills up, however, no more permits for that zone will be issued. Students living in Residential Life housing will be allowed to purchase permits in the North Danforth Core, the South 40 and remove parking. However, the remote parking zone will be the only area that students who don't live in Residential Life housing will be able to purchase permits for, but Associate Vice Chancellor for Students Rob Wild said that this change is not to encourage students to live

Chanel Lynn, Victoria Taylor, Kaia Lyons, Casey Mason and Cole West link arms in Bear's Den during the dinner rush at Bear's Den on Friday, September 23. Lyons held a printed photo of Alesia Thomas, an LA woman killed by police in July of 2012.

#### **ALBERTO DE LA ROSA** STAFF REPORTER

In response to the latest nationwide string of instances of police brutality, a group of over 40 black Washington University students occupied and effectively shut down Bear's Den Friday evening. Protestors organized in an effort to vocalize concerns with the University's lack of response to such instances-as well as feelings of invisibility in the Washington University community.

The protest was designed to be a space for only black students to criticize the silence on campus regarding current police brutality issues around the country that target the black community at large. Non-black students were encouraged to

gathering in the dining hall area of the Danforth University Center. Wearing black clothing, each student was given a photo of a victim who have died under

"I'm sitting here crying as I talk to you because someone's sandwich is more important than hearing about the death of black lives and recognizing that it affects your fellow students."

#### --Corban Swain, senior

give support through attendance, but were asked not to participate in the actual protest. Students

began

the hands of police as well as signs that read phrases such as "White Silence" and "Black Lives Matter."

Once ready, the group SEE **PROTEST**, PAGE 5

## Student Union online campus climate survey elicits concerns, hope for reforms

by

#### ELLA CHOCHREK AND WESLEY JENKINS STUDENT LIFE EDITORS

Following a wave of student protests on social media, Student Union Senate has removed the demographic portion of a campus climate survey released Sunday night. The initial concerns arose from one question mislabeling gender identities as "female" and "male," and another question listing "transgender" as an option for sexual orientation.

Students originally posted feedback as Facebook comments on the post advertising

the survey, asking the senator that shared the post-sophomore Noah Silverman-if changes were going to be made. Despite initially replying that changes couldn't be made, Silverman later clarified to say that the demographic questions would be removed.

The survey, which is intended to help SU with an upcoming resolution on free speech, remains online in its modified form, but both students and members of SU have voiced concerns about how the governing body can improve in serving the student body moving forward on topics of identity and inclusion.

SU president and senior Kenneth Sng expressed remorse over the incident and hopes to move forward to make sure something similar wouldn't happen again.

"As far as talking to some of the students who were concerned about the campus climate survey, I think it's very important that we acknowledge the mistakes, own up to our mistakes and speak to parties involved to make sure this won't happen again," Sng said.

Junior and Leaders in Interpersonal Violence (LIVE) co-president Leah Starbuck, who also commented on

the original thread, said that she took issue more with the response to the mistake than to Student Union's failure to correctly demarcate gender identities.

"This wasn't sort of an aggression about the mistake; if it was an aggression, it was about the response, and no one was faulting SU necessarily-yes, we were faulting SU on the mistake, but we just wanted it fixed," Starbuck said.

Michael Collins, a junior and the other co-president of LIVE, echoed Starbuck's

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#### FROM COLORS TO ZONES

Currently, students, faculty and staff who purchase on-campus passes can choose between a number of colored options. Although permit holders can only park in certain colored spots, they can park in those spots located anywhere on campus, not one specific area.

Around 65 percent of spaces are yellow-colored, but students may also buy blue parking passes if they live in the Village, Millbrook apartments or in fraternity houses,

in ResLife housing. The goal of this proposed policy, Assistant Chancellor Vice of Operations Tara Bone said, is to make sure that the University provides enough parking resources to meet the demand.

"What we recognized, at

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MADDIE WILSON | STUDENT LIFE

The parking lot south of Simon Hall sits full in late afternoon on Sunday, Sept. 26. Under the proposed parking plan, the lot would become part of zone 2 (South Danforth Core).



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#### EVENT CALENDAR

#### **MON 26**

Lecture: "Colonized Spaces, Occupied Zones: Local Experiences of the First World War in Africa"

Compton Hall, Room 241, 11 a.m. Lecture by Nitin Padture of Brown University.

#### Between the World and You: Our Duty to Fight for Freedom

College Hall, 7 p.m.

The First Year Reading Program Assembly Series presents Brittany Packnett on "Between the World and You: Our Duty to Fight for Freedom."

#### Lecture on photomontage as a quintessential means of representation in modernity

#### Steinberg Hall Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Martino Stierli, the Philip Johnson Chief Curator of Architecture and Design at the Museum of Modern Art, will deliver a lecture addressing photomontage as a quintessential means of representation in modernity.

#### **TUES 27**

#### Dedication of the Douglas B. Dowd Modern Graphic History Library

Brown Hall and Steinberg Auditorium, 10 a.m.

The Dedication of the Douglas B. Dowd Modern Graphic History Library will include a morning open house in the collections at West Campus, an afternoon symposium on American illustration and consumer culture and an evening lecture by Dowd.

#### 2016 Election Insight with Ezra Klein

Graham Chapel, 7 p.m.

Student Union and Washington University Political Review present Ezra Klein, MSNBC political analyst and editor-in-chief of Vox.com.

#### **WED 28**

#### Assembly Series: "Organized Complexity: The Novel and the City"

Ridgley Hall, Holmes Lounge, 6 p.m.

New York Times bestseller and Washington University Garth Risk Hallberg will discuss his novel "City on Fire." Book signings are to follow.

#### Artist Talk: Wangechi Mutu

Steinberg Hall Auditorium, 6 p.m.

Artist Wangechi Mutu, whose work is concerned with questions of self-image, humanness, and representation, will speak as part of the Sam Fox School Public Lecture Series.

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#### sentiments.

"It's impossible for one person to know everything that's going on on this campus, and to understand everyone that's on this campus, but if there's any group on campus that should do that, it should be SU and it should especially be the Senate," Collins said. "I think senators should have a willingness to go through

questions to be put on the survey.

Speaker of the Senate Ben Hauser took the brunt of the blame for not knowing that the questions had not been removed following his request for such prior to the survey's release. However, Hauser also noted that the public reaction was not indicative of SU Senate as a whole, but rather involved that this was not an action that was representative of Senate or SU's views on anything, this was entirely the actions of an individual."

When asked about why he responded to the feedback the way he did, Silverman deferred to the Speaker of the Senate.

"I was in communication with other people in Senate,

#### NOA YADIDI EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

For over 25 years, no Washington University student has had the choice to major or minor in sociology. Starting this year, that's about to change.

The department, which returned to the Danforth Campus last year after being disbanded in 1991, has recently concluded the process of approving its major and minor and can begin enrolling students into the programs.

Director of Undergraduate Studies for the sociology department and professor David Cunningham announced the news in an email Friday to students who are currently enrolled in or have taken sociology courses in the past.

"It's a rare opportunity to actually begin something new like this rather than work from requirements that may have been established 20, 30, 40 years ago and then try to change those kinds of things," he said.

The major in sociology includes a six credit introductory requirement, a three credit theory requirement, a six credit methods requirement, 15 credits of upper-level electives and a three credit capstone.

The capstone is fulfilled in two parts—first, through an attendance of a minimum of five department-sponsored events. The second is a choice between an

internship or practicum, a one-unit research paper tied to an upper-level seminar course or an honors thesis.

The minor includes a three credit introductory requirement, a three credit theory requirement, a three credit methods requirement and six credits of upper-level electives.

"One major thing we kind of came to through our deliberations about the major was to really be something that provided a broad lens on sociology but also a problem-centered lens where we're interested in-rather than say have a standard 'Sociology 101' introductory course," Cunningham said.

The department worked in consultation with the curriculum University's committee, which ultimately formally approved the proposal at its first meeting of the year in early September before it moved on to the Arts & Sciences faculty meeting, where it was voted on as well.

Cunningham added that there was some talk about getting the major approved before the end of spring semester last year, but that there wouldn't have been much of a difference in terms of students' opportunities.

"Taking a year makes a lot of sense especially in the sense that things kind of renew on an annual basis on campuses anyway," he said. "We got to meet and work with a lot of students last year—we got input from

that—and they were aware that they'd be able to declare a major by now."

The department hired three new professors this year and are looking to add two more to the mix as it continues to grow after returning to the University. In its first semester in fall 2015, the department offered three classes; it is looking to continue its momentum and offer more than 10 classes next semester.

The sociology professors' close relationship with students who have taken their classes is a theme multiple students interested in majoring in sociology have pointed out.

"I think I've really gotten to know the professors and what their plans are for the sociology department, and it's been nice being able to work so closely with some of them," junior Luke Foreman, who will be pursuing a sociology major, said.

Last year, students were also invited to attend job talks for candidates that the department was interested in hiring.

Sophomore Jeanette Freiberg, who will also be pursuing a sociology major, said it was both scary and exciting to be among the first declaring a sociology major in so many years. She added that studying the discipline from St. Louis just added extra excitement.

"It's sort of a way for me to break out of the Wash. U. bubble within class almost," she said.

Hauser, however, gave a contradictory account. "I'll just go ahead and

say that all that is blatantly incorrect. We were not in communication with [Silverman] at the time, except to tell him to delete all the information, and none of the views that he espoused were views of Senate. They were views entirely of him, and just

"The intentions of SU regarding this resolution was to get a variety of input from as many students as possible. It's unfortunate that the survey contained this mistake; our intentions are to be inclusive of the entire student body," senator and sophomore Lydia Duran, who has been working on the resolution, said.

While there has not been

conversations.

"I think Noah's put his name out there a lot, with like, the mozzarella sticks resolution. And I think it's a really good opportunity for him to check himself, and think back on why he's in Senate," Fong added.

Collins brought up similar concerns, but extended his recommendations for inclu-

SafeZones training, or to go through what other organizations put on, because I think that would go a long way for people to start to feel heard."

There was some disagreement within SU as to who allowed the demographic

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least a year ago, was that we had a need to really take a look at our parking and transportation program and really develop a long-term strategy for it, because we have known that our resources have not been aligned, in terms of the capacity compared to the usage or the demand," Bone said.

Wild noted that the problem with the current system is not that there aren't enough parking spots on campus, but rather that the spots aren't always available at the right places and right times. He stressed that the new plan was not meant to prioritize faculty and staff, but to assign parking based on the needs of the population that needs it the most at that time.

Bone also noted that the goal of the strategy was to meet demand at any given time while also providing some leeway when manageable.

"That was one of the very first important steps that we took, was, who are our users, and how do they access and use our resources? What times of day? And how can we create a strategy that really supports where the largest demand is, but also gives our campus community

an individual response.

"I've already reached out to the affected parties to make sure that their voices are heard in whatever ways, in whatever means necessary," Hauser said. "I've also made very sure to clarify with everyone

so those reactions were not me personally, but me speaking on behalf of the other people I was talking to in Senate," Silverman said. "It was a Senate thing, and it wasn't me, and I think Ben is the best person to talk to."

him," Hauser said.

Senators involved in drafting the free speech resolution noted that Senate's intention is to seek input from a diverse group of students and said they regret Silverman's response to the original post.

disciplinary action taken by SU, Student Union executives noted that future conversations with Silverman will be held. Sng said he, Vice President of Public Relations Amelia Fong and Hauser would be involved in those

sion to Senate as a whole. "Nobody feels unsafe on campus because there's no mozz sticks in BD," Collins said. "But people are feeling unsafe on campus because their representative body doesn't know that they exist."

#### flexibility outside of those high demand times," Bone said.

Wild added that the University might add more Enterprise Rent-a-Car Car Share vehicles in order to increase the ease with which students who don't own cars can borrow them.

"Apparently, if you need to rent a car at Tuesday at 11, there's plenty of cars available. But if you want to go on a Friday night or a Saturday afternoon, that's where the demand for those exceeds supply. So one thing we may be able to do is add more car sharing options in student residential areas," Wild said.

The University has decided to implement this long-term parking policy change to also accommodate the challenges created by construction on the East End of campus. A new underground parking garage will replace the current above-ground parking, but before the garage is constructed, there will be a limited number of spaces available on that end of campus.

The garage, Wild said, will be more attractive than the current surface parking and will make the East End of campus more pedestrian-friendly.

"We're fairly landlocked and, if anything, we want more green space on the Danforth Campus and less asphalt. And so, having a large parking lot is challenging," Wild said.

#### **NO MORE CARS FOR** SOPHOMORES

The University does not currently allow freshmen to have cars on campus, but students of all other classes can purchase parking permits. Under the new parking plan, however, sophomores would no longer be able to park their cars on campus.

Under the current parking strategy, freshmen can request to have a car on campus through a program facilitated by Wild, but he said only 5-7 students a year submit requests, most of which are rejected. Wild said that with the change, freshmen and sophomores might have different likelihoods of obtaining permits.

"I think that's something we'll have to talk aboutis there more flexibility for sophomores to be able to purchase a West Campus permit," Wild said.

While the West Campus lot is further than the other options, it comes at a reduced price, as a permit

for West Campus is only \$15.

While West Campus parking is accessible by Metro, but the University is planning to run an additional shuttle to and from West Campus in order to make the zone more accessible and to facilitate the use of that parking option.

Bone said that parking prices will likely rise next year, but noted that the more affordable West Campus option will still be there.

Only 11 percent of second-year students bought parking permits last year, but students who do have cars on campus said their vehicles were more than just for convenience purposes.

Sophomore Juliana Berlin said that having a car on campus has allowed her to switch to a lower meal plan and save money on food.

"I love having a car on campus. I didn't think I would use it as much as I do, but now that I have it, it's very convenient to go out for meals, especially since I'm on the bronze plan. So, I can supplement my meals with off-campus food," Berlin said.

Sophomore Caroline Francis said that not allowing students to

have cars is counter to Washington University's push to get students to explore St. Louis outside of the areas immediately surrounding campus.

"The administration really pushes us to step outside of the Wash. U. bubble, and I think it's hard enough to do that if you have to use public transportation, but reducing the number of people who have cars will make that much harder. They can't have it both ways," Francis said.

Freshman

Lucas Florence, who was planning on bringing a car next year, said he thinks having cars would be helpful for students who work or live off campus.

"I think it's really disappointing. I feel like access to a car can be really crucial if you get an offcampus job or internship, or if you want to live off campus sophomore year," Florence said.

#### SEEKING STUDENT INPUT

While the parking policy has been in the works for over a year, before coming up with a final plan, Washington University administrators wanted to speak with the student body.

Bone has met with around 15 student groups to discuss the changes and ask students for their opinions, although she noted that the University had already thought hard about potential student concerns.

"It is fair to say there's some details of those concerns that we've learned a lot about over the last month and half," Bone said. "But from a high level standpoint, I don't know that there have been concerns that have come that aren't already on our list and we had already recognized that those items could be of concern."

Senior and Student Nicole Union senator Nemec said that students ultimately have little ability to change the University's parking policy after Bone presented to Senate last week.

"At the end of the day, we just sat through a presentation of the University telling us that they made a decision about something we care about and we have no choice in changing that," Nemec said. "You can say you want students to have input, but the University is the decision maker."

Additional Reporting by Desi Isaacson

# SPORTS

## Men's soccer's scoreless streak continues against Illinois Wesleyan

#### **DAVID KIM** CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

The Washington University men's soccer team continued its dominant defensive play with a 3-0 victory against Illinois Wesleyan University Friday night. With the shutout, the No. 12 Bears have held opponents scoreless in through their first five games of the season, marking their longest such streak since 2008.

That milestone was threatened in the 27th minute, when a header from the Titans was redirected at the last moment by senior midfielder Grant Baltes. That would be the scariest moment for the Bears all night, however, as the Red and Green would outshoot the Titans 19-4 with Illinois Wesleyan providing just the one shot on goal.

In the 33rd minute, head

coach Joe Clarke decided to substitute in senior forward Beau McGinley for Baltes.

"It seemed like a good game for Beau to come on because their backline was pretty high, and our wingers were getting isolated," Clarke said. "And he's very fast."

Fast indeed. McGinley's pace punished the Titans' defense, and the Bears never looked back. A bad tackle in the box on graduate student Jack West allowed fellow graduate student Ike Witte to take the penalty and score in the 42nd minute.

Just three minutes into the second half, the team forced an own goal to double their lead. The return of sophomore Ryan Sproule from a brief non-serious injury suffered in the first half pressed the defense back further, and the Titans only managed brief forays onto the Bears'

half of the field. In the 87th minute, sophomore midfielder-forward hybrid Eddie Wintergalen scored a loose ball in the box to complete the score to 3-0. The Bears defense that was so potent in the first half clamped down even further and prevented the Titans from mustering even a single shot.

Seniors Nick Tannenbaum and Daniel Geanon each took a half in goal.

"I think we have been okay," Clarke said of the Bears early season performance. "We are playing hard, and we are getting back when we need to get back—that is the real key. We haven't worked too hard on double teams, and there's times where our forward line has to pressure better in conjunction with the players behind them."

Despite the humble reply,



SKYLER KESSLER | STUDENT LIFE

Senior Corey Meehan fights a Luther College player for the ball in a game on Sept. 18, 2016. The Bears defeated Luther 4-0.

the Bears still have a lot going right as they move into the tougher part of their schedule. Conference play fast approaches and the

UAA currently features four teams in the top-25. That includes No. 10 University of Rochester whom the Bears will travel to face Saturday,

Oct. 1. But before that marquee matchup, the Red and Green have to head across the Mississippi to face Greenville College Monday night.



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## Women's soccer bounces back with convincing win over Rose-Hulman

#### ANNA SCHOENFELD CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

After a rare skid last week, the Washington University women's soccer team rebounded convincingly on Friday night with a 2-0 road victory over the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.

The Bears dominated possession in the early going, outshooting the Elephants 12-2 in the first half. A close opportunity ricocheted away in the 25th minute when freshman midfielder Jesse Rubin hit the post, but after 251 scoreless minutes, Wash. U. mustered a goal at the end of the first half.

Rubin was involved once again, taking one of her game-high five shots, which was blocked by a Rose-Hulman player. The rebound fell to sophomore midfielder Jessica Ridderhoff, who scored in the 42nd minute to give the Bears a 1-0 lead they would never relinquish. After being held scoreless last weekend, the goal was, in some ways, cathartic.

"Jess Ridderhoff, who's a backup forward, getting us on the board late in the first half after four scoreless consecutive halves in the last two games, was a big moment," head coach Jim Conlon said.

Following the halftime break, the Bears continued to control play, adding to their lead in the 59th minute. Junior Mariana Alisio crossed the ball from the left side of the field, and junior forward Rachel Mickelson was able to convert, doubling the Bears' advantage over the Elephants.

Wash. U. entered Friday's game looking to move on from last weekend's loss 1-0 to University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and 0-0 tie against Illinois University. Wesleyan Against Whitewater, the Bears gave up their first goal of the season, and against Illinois Wesleyan, they could not convert, despite outshooting the Warhawks 20-3.

Conlon said he was very pleased with how his team bounced back.

"The biggest thing that we really wanted to do was for everyone that went in to do their job and really work hard and give a total 90 minutes," he said. "I think we did a great job at putting together an entire team effort."

Another positive sign

from this game was the return of senior goalie Lizzy Crist, who had been sidelined since Whitewater after being kicked in the head. Crist looked sharp on Friday—although she wasn't tested often. The rest of the Bears' defense did most of the work, allowing just five shots, only one on goal. She finished with her 22nd career shutout, tied for fourth alltime in Wash. U. history.

Conlon was extremely confident about Crist's level of play as the team moves toward conference play.

"She seems to have really bounced back-we were really cautious for about a six-day span, got her medical treatments every day [and] kept doing multiple evaluations, but she clearly seems to be showing absolutely no signs," he said. "I wouldn't even say she's at 95 percent of progression-she's at full 100 percent. We were very cautious with making sure she got back no sooner than she was fully ready-Lizzy's back and good to go."

After Friday's game, the Bears sit at 6-1-1, while Rose-Hulman fell to 5-4. One of the team's



**GRACE BRUTON | STUDENT LIFE** 

Junior midfielder Gillian Myers handles the ball in the Bears' 8-0 shutout win against Greenville. Myers had two shots an an assist in the game as the Bears' defense allowed no shots on goal.

greatest strengths so far in the season has been its defense. After eight games, the Bears have only allowed a single goal and have held their opponents to a paltry 3.1 shots per game.

"I think our team defense has been pretty good, lately," Conlon said. "But generally in the game of soccer, sometimes you only need to give an opponent one opportunity. Things can change pretty quickly. So, I think our defense has been pretty good at minimizing opportunities, and I think our goalkeeping has been very good because it's hard to stay focused when you're not getting a lot of reps. They haven't had to make as many saves, but they've made a lot of great saves for us when we need them."

The Bears have their eyes on conference play, which is set to begin with a match against the University of Rochester on Oct. 1. But before they travel to upstate New York, they have to take care of business on Big Bend Boulevard with a game at Webster University on Wednesday.

"Webster's an inner-city rival, and they're always going to come play us really, really tough, and we're going to have to be ready and focused for that game," Conlon said. "I think the biggest thing with those is the mid-week games, where Wash. U. students are going to class and studying, so to go away for a night and still get a result-it's going to take a very focused effort from us."

Football gives complete effort in win over Birmingham-Southern

#### AARON BREZEL AND ISAAC JACOBSON SPORTS REPORTERS

The Washington University football team's rush defense had a harrowing challenge in its first two games of the season. In their opener, it was Carnegie Mellon University and their All-American tailback. Then, it was Centre College and their own elusive ball carrier. On Saturday, it was a similar story against Birmingham-Southern College, who sported another nationally recognized ground game, but this time the Bears got to write a different ending. The Red and Green limited the Panthers to 3.7 yard per carry on the ground and scored 29 unanswered points on their way to a 36-21 road victory.

Against Carnegie Mellon Jared Lake, the success

and Centre, the Bears surrendered 320 and 298 yards on the ground respectively. That number fell to 144 against Birmingham-Southern as the Red and Green's defense held, Kerrigan Pennington—the Panther's dual-threat quarterback and third leading rusher in Division III—to just 72 yards on 18 carries. According to Wash. U. junior defensive end Iared Lake the success was thanks to a change in defensive strategy.

"We were able to adjust, to spread out our defensive front, and be able to funnel the run towards the middle where the match ups were heavily in our favor," Lake said. "So just being able to adjust the game from a 4-3 look to a 3-4 look helped a whole lot."

But even with this defensive revival, the Bears still found themselves down

21-7 at the half. That's when onlookers saw the reemergence of another Bears' unit: the rushing attack.

After completing just 52 percent of his passes last week against Centre, quarterback J.J. Tomlin enjoyed an efficient day against the Panthers, connecting on 22 of 32 attempts with two touchdowns. The lone blemish on his day came on an interception at the end of the first quarter that lead to a Birmingham-Southern touchdown and a fumble right before halftime.

It was a complete game for the Bears, a performance that they'll need to replicate when they host Berry College next weekend. The Vikings will arrive in St. Louis 4-0 and fresh off a 41-3 deconstruction of Sewanee: the University of the South.

## UChicago stifles men's tennis at ITA regionals

#### JON LEWIS CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

In its first major action of the 2016-17 school the Washington vear. University men's tennis team posted a series of strong performances at the Intercollegiate Tennis Central Association Regional this weekend. Runs by junior Johnny Wu and senior John Carswell who made the quarterfinals in singles—and the pairing of junior Jason Haugen and sophomore Konrad Kozlowski-who reached the semifinals in the doubles tournament-highlighted the Bears' weekend.

The tournament, held at Kalamazoo College in Kalamazoo, Mich., featured some of the strongest competition in the Midwest, particularly from Wash. U's conference rival, the University of Chicago. The Maroons ended last season ranked No. 8 in the country to Wash. U.'s No. 6 billing, but in Kalamazoo, Chicago won the doubles title and advanced two athletes to the singles final. The Bears, however, did manage several positive results against Maroons, most notably Haugen and Kozlowski's 8-5 quarterfinal win against top-seeded David Liu and Nicolas Chua.

Tournament play started with singles matches on Friday, but competition was delayed significantly due to rain. Once the weather cleared, play resumed with a number of Bears winning their opening rounds and making it through to the second day of singles competition on Saturday.

Kozlowski, Carswell, Wu and freshman Bernardo Neves all advanced into the Round of 16 on Saturday. Junior Shaun Berman also advanced into the Round of 16 by first grinding out an upset win over the No. 17 seeded player from Kenyon College, 6-4, 0-6, 10-6 in the round of 128.

However, for all the Wash. U. players—but Wu and Carswell—the singles runs would end there.

No. 4 seeded Carswell had a comfortable run to the Round of 16, winning each of his first three matches in straight sets. He faced a much tougher match in the fourth round, as he earned a comeback victory against the No. 9 seeded player from Chicago. After narrowly dropping the first set 6-7(6), Carswell stormed back, comprehensively winning the second and third 6-1, 6-2.

Wu also had a relatively easy time of it in his first two rounds, winning 6-2, 6-0 and then 6-1, 6-0. He was in for a bit more of a battle in his third match as he took three sets to beat Sam Concannon of UAA rival Case Western Reserve University, 6-4, 5-7, 6-2. Wu also came up against a Chicago player in his round of 16 match, posting a 6-3, 6-1 victory over Ninan Kumar.

Both Carswell and Wu dropped their quarterfinal matches in straight sets against Chicago players. Carswell fell 6-3, 6-4 to eighth-seeded David Liu, who would then beat the tournament number one seed en-route to the final. Wu lost his quarterfinal matchup 6-3, 6-1 to two-time reigning regional singles champion Nicolas Chua.

Because of the rain on Friday, the majority of the double competition did not pick up until Saturday morning. Wash. U. also had several runs into the Round of 16. In the first round, the pairing of Neves and Wu scraped through with a narrow 9-8 upset victory over the number four seeded pairing from Rose-Hulman. They then coasted to a comfortable 8-2 victory over a team

from Wheaton before coming up on the wrong side of a 9-8 heartbreaker in the round of 16 to Erik Kerrigan and Ninan Kumar of Chicago.

Senior Jeremy Bush and freshman J.J. Kroot also had a successful run into the third round. The duo started off their run with an 8-3 victory against Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, and followed that up with an 8-5 defeat of the number 9-seeded pairing from Earlham College. In the round of sixteen, they squared off against the number 2 seed, a hometown pairing from Kalamazoo College, and lost 8-6.

The Red and Green's most successful pairing, however, was that of Haugen and Kozlowski. The duo entered the tournament seeded 9th, and made quick work of their first opponents, posting an 8-2 win over a team from Kenyon College. In the

next round they put up a comfortable 8-3 victory over a Trine University duo, before winning their Round of 16 match 8-5 against the fifth seed from Augustana College. They then advanced to the quarters where they dispatched Chua and Liu, the reigning regional doubles champions. Haugen and Kozlowski posted a 10-7 record together last season splitting time between first and second doubles. In the semis, they came up against the same Chicago team that had knocked off Wu and Neves. Haugen and Kozlowski met the same fate as their teammates, eventually falling 8-4.

The Intercollegiate Tennis Association Regionals were the Bears' final competitive event of the fall and they will resume play next semester. Their first matchup of the spring will be against Division II Drury University in February.



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directed attention to the protest.

"White people don't feel us," yelled one of the student protesters.

During the protest, a number of students spoke about experiences they've had, particularly on campus, as black students. One protester expressed her frustration over the lack of conversation.

"If you are silenced during times like this, you are automatically on the side of the oppressor. I cannot take the silence on this campus anymore," she said, during the demonstration. "I'm hurting, my people are hurting and if you are uncomfortable right now, you cannot understand how uncomfortable I ever am."

Throughout the peaceful demonstration, different students took turns to share their feelings and personal experiences about racial profiling and the frequent instances of police shootings. They criticized the University for neither addressing this national crisis nor providing a support system for black students.

This criticism arrives after Chancellor Mark Wrighton came under fire for misidentifying Alton Sterling, victim of a Louisiana police shooting in July, as Cameron Sterling. In the past, Wrighton has also been condemned for his inaction when it comes to social issues as was the case during the Ferguson events in 2014.

"The platitudes get very tiring when we get a fiveparagraph email," senior Corban Swain said. "I don't have a perfect recommendation, but it's willing to hear what you're saying. And hearing is more than sitting in a room and listening. It's recognizing that there is pain and recognizing that those things that happen out there, one-they happen in here in some form or another, and two-they're affecting us deeply."

In general, protesters explained that their demands were to be heard and seen by the University and to end invisibility on campus when it comes to racial issues. They also advocated for a better treatment of Washington University workers from the student body.

"The attitude towards the workers, you know what I mean, some of that stuff is very true," Michael McCartney, a table porter at Bear's Den, said agreeing with comments made during

with Latinx identity and

experiences have an edge

in recruiting and retaining

students from the growing

demographic of college-aged

lation is considered to be the

fastest growing student popu-

lation across the board. Each

year, there's some 800,000

Latino children who turn

18, which is a huge potential

college student population.

The U.S. Census projection

says that Latinos will con-

stitute around 25 percent of

the national population by

"The Latino student popu-

Latinx.

the protest that students are disrespectful towards Bear's Den workers. "[Students] come in here, they think they can leave trash on the tables, they feel like they don't have to sort anything, they don't have to say thank you, [they] knock stuff over."

In addition, the demonstrators explained to the rest of students how they can help them address this issue of invisibility and silence at the University.

"Don't be guilty, I don't want you to talk to anybody about how guilty you feel. I want you to do productive things," junior Mimi Borders said, addressing the standing crowd of students. "Because the way you grew up and the way I grew up—our experiences are different. The way people see you and the way people see me is different and that's the way it is."

Sophomore Clayton Covington recited a poem dedicated to all the victims who have died as a result of police brutality. His reading encapsulated the emotional response that many protesters and spectators outwardly expressed throughout the demonstration.

"I'm sitting here crying as I talk to you because someone's sandwich is



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Student protestors sit on the floor of Bear's Den during their protest on Friday. Many dining services staff members stood with protestors as they temporarily shut down food lines.

more important than hearing about the death of black lives and recognizing that it affects your fellow students," Swain said. "[It's about] recognizing that this culture on campus is not this immaculate paradise that they so try to design it to be especially for students of color."

In the crowd, students embraced and comforted each other while others clapped and snapped their fingers as signs of support. Washington University Police Department officers were also present at the scene. A sole moment of retaliatory conflict came after a protester made a negative comment about Donald Trump; A student interrupted by yelling, "Make America great again," a slogan popularized by the Republican presidential candidate and his supporters.

Cashier Tammy Mayo could not hold back her tears when she saw the group of black students protesting in front of her. She was consoled by a fellow coworker during the entirety of the demonstration. "It touches close to home because my children are the same age as these kids and I try to be strong for my children and I try to keep them out of harm's way but as a parent, I can't do too much about it," Mayo said.

The protest ended as the group of students exited the building as they continued chanting, "You can't stop the revolution," leaving behind a quiet Bear's Den which resumed its usual activities soon enough.

Additional reporting by Noa Yadidi.

## Latinx program proposal denied despite growing student population

#### KATIE MARCUS

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The most recent attempt to lay the groundwork for the establishment of a Latinx studies program was shot down by administrators earlier this month, leaving some of its proponents unsure as to why.

The Latinx program would differ from the already established Latin American studies program, which is housed in the College of Arts & Sciences, in that courses would focus specifically on the Latinx experience in the United States, through an peer institutions with estab- would be sustainable." lished programs dealing Acree does believe

Acree does believe that there is a committed group of administrators who do want to see such a program come to fruition.

Dean of the Faculty of Arts & Sciences Barbara Schaal, a member of the team that reviews proposals for majors and minors each year, said that she envisions Latinx as being a true interdisciplinary program. To ensure such sustained collaboration, she feels that enthusiastic participation of faculty and students with a variety of interests needs to be demonstrated. fields that are related, and I count myself among that group," Acree said.

Senior Itzel Lopez-Hinojosa, a Rodriguez Scholar and co-president of the Association of Latin American Students (ALAS), felt that the proposal's rejection was unclear.

"It's dead; they didn't say why. There was no communication. There were no comments, there was no feedback," Lopez-Hinojosa said.

Lopez-Hinojosa, a she said, is part of a big-Mexican-American student ger consideration regarding born to immigrants and the how the University should first of her family to attend approach race as an area of

identity in an academic context. She said her decision to major in African-American studies as an undergraduate student shaped her career, leading her, by her own admission, to do research on slavery and then became a law professor.

Davis, though not directly involved in the most recent proposal, has hope for the integration of the Latinx experience into University curriculum, but it's too soon to say just how. The decision, she said, is part of a bigger consideration regarding how the University should approach race as an area of questions they face is the scope of the institute. While an obvious home for it would be in Arts & Sciences, there would be value in extending it to encompass the entire University.

"You can make a compelling case that you can't really understand the Latinx experience without understanding the law, and public health, and social work, and health disparities, and business and marketing structures," Davis said.

soon-to-Though the be-proposed race institute holds a promising future for students looking to study the Latinx experience, it's worth noting that comparable identity and experience based programs focusing on African & African-American Studies and Asian-American Studies have already been established. Junior Laura Delgado believes the existence of these programs makes an obvious case for the development of a Latinx-focused one. "It's not like we feel like we should have a program just because these other groups do," Delgado said. "But because these groups of people have shaped American society, and as such are worth studying in the context of the U.S. as minorities."

identity-based curriculum rather than a primarily historical and political one.

The latest rejection comes at a time when the population of Hispanic students is rising both nationally and within Washington University. Amidst the University's recent emphasis on expanding diversity and its approval last spring of an Asian-American studies minor, many are questioning why the Latinx experience is still not adequately represented at Washington University.

According to William Acree, an associate professor of Spanish and a leader in the latest effort to kickstart the Latinx program, the year 2020," Acree said. "All that goes to reinforce the fact that the moment really is now."

The proposal Acree took part in creating was through his home Department of Romance Languages and Literature with help from a group of colleagues in the Spanish section of Latin American studies, Acree said. He added that their goal was to lay out the framework for growth and faculty commitment.

"This was not a definitive model for how it would look, but it would have jumpstarted it," Acree said. "I underscore that term because it's really crucial to figure out how to start something that

"We asked that [the proposal] be revised to broaden the array of topics to include multidisciplinary approaches," Schaal said. "It's an exciting area, and I'm looking forward to moving the revised proposal along."

But those involved in furthering the proposal feel that the rejection came with little to no insight as to what they could improve on and noted there was a strong backing from both students and faculty for the program going in.

"There's definitely a tremendous amount of commitment among students, there's a committed group of faculty who don't work directly in Latino studies on campus but who work in college in the United States, noted that academic representation for students like her is seriously lacking at Washington University.

"There's really no one that I see in class that looks like me, that has the same story as me," Lopez-Hinojosa said. "I think college is supposed to be this place where you experience yourself and figure out who you have been for the last 18 years, and who you want to be, and if there's nothing that can help me fortify my own identity then why am I even here in the first place?"

Vice Provost Adrienne Davis said she understands how important it can be for a student to fortify their serious academic inquiry.

Soon after the events in Ferguson, Chancellor Mark Wrighton commissioned Davis and others to think deeply on how to develop the framework for improving diversity and inclusivity on campus. The commission came up with 12 "action items," one being to explore the possibility of a University-wide race institute.

Davis believes the Latinx studies program is likely to find a home within the institute. Lopez-Hinojosa also serves on the committee working on the proposal for the institute, which will be submitted by late November. One of the biggest



# SCENE

## Tacos, margaritas and competition: A trip to Taco-Rita



The Taco-Rita Showdown took place last Thursday, Sept. 22. Cha Cha Chow's Walking Taco, right, is meant to faciliate a seamless eating-while-walking experience.

#### BROCK WORKMAN FOOD EDITOR

Last Thursday's Taco-Rita Showdown marked an unusual foray into the 21+ social scene in St. Louis for me. The competition, located in the Public Media Commons just east of the Central West End, was a joint collaboration between Sauce Magazine and St. Louis Public Radio. It provided a stage for eight local Mexican-inspired eateries to showcase their single best taco-and-margarita combination for the mix of locals who were able to attend the sold-out event.

The venue was essentially an empty lot between two

buildings, with the margarita bar on the left and the taco stands scattered throughout the right. Logically, I was given eight tickets each to buy the liquor and food, as well as two "voting cards" that permitted each entrant to throw their support behind their favorite choices at the end of the night. The featured restaurants represented a combination of familiar and new names for me. Washington University favorites Seoul Taco and Mission Taco were present, as well as Yo! Salsa, whose food truck provided me an occasional escape from my mediocre made-at-home lunches at work this past summer. The other five were entirely new

to my palate.

The contestants had several different strategies for wooing the crowd, with some taking the more traditional approach to making their tacos and drinks, while others deviated from the classic Mexican style. Amigos Cantina took the former approach, with a juicy carne asada taco lightly coated with spicy guacamole. Club Taco went for more of the latter, with a Greek-inspired chipotle lamb barbacoa with cucumber sauce that I swear tasted just like a gyro from the Danforth University Center. For my evaluation, I would choose my favorite taco and margarita, and also my favorite pairing, which

should have been an important aspect to the competition that the event did not facilitate very easily.

I promised myself that, no matter how the other tacos tasted, I would not pick Seoul Taco's taco as my favorite. I am as basic a Wash. U. student as any, but I wanted to remove the bias my constant thirst for Seoul would place on my judgment. In addition to Amigos Cantina's taco, I heavily enjoyed Cha Cha Chow's chicken tender taco due to its great combination of spice over its lightly fried chicken nugget. However, their gimmick of placing the taco in an ice cream cone-shaped holder to make a "walking

taco" would not sway my decision (Is every taco not a walking taco? Who has trouble eating a taco and walking at the same time?). In the end, my favorite selection was Yo! Salsa's shredded beef taco. While it fell apart in my hand from its juices, the combination of classic pico de gallo flavors with crumbled Cotija cheese gave it a composition that set it above the rest.

The margaritas saw just as much variation, with a couple restaurants cheating and making red concoctions that basically just tasted like sangria. Amigos' had a well-balanced traditional margarita, and Yo! Salsa's cucumber drink was a very refreshing break from all of the event's strong flavors. Club Taco, who had their own separate bar for their drinks, eventually took my vote. Their creation was sweet with fruity influences, but still sour, as a margarita should be, and I could have drank a few more if I had not used my last liquor ticket on them.

As for my favorite combination—despite their cheap tricks—I loved Cha Cha Chow's pairing the most. Coincidentally, their walking taco and photogenic margarita would win both of the popular votes with the other eventgoers. Who ever said that presentation doesn't matter?

Pupusas and patria: A visit to the Greater St. Louis Hispanic Festival



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Merchandise booths selling items representative of Latin American countries were among the most popular spots in the festival, left. Marisol, right, sells handmade Ecuadorian artisanal products from her hometown, Ibarra, at the Hispanic Festival every year.

#### HARRY HALL STAFF WRITER

Pupusas, from an unknowing perspective, look like a cross between pita bread, mini quesadillas and Smucker's Uncrustables sandwiches. They are-of course-none of these. Pupusas are thick, handmade corn tortillas often filled with meat and cheese, grilled and then topped with curtido, which is a kind of cabbage slaw. They are a traditional Salvadorian and Honduran food, common in Latin America but almost impossible to find here in St. Louis. The exception would be the family-run Honduran stall run by Manuel, Armando, Velezca and Maida at the Greater St. Louis Hispanic Festival, the annual festival celebrating Hispanic culture that took place this past weekend in Soulard Park. The family is from Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras, and has been

serving pupusas, arroz con pollo, tamales and more at the festival for over eight years.

The goal of the St. Louis Greater Hispanic Festival was largely focused on community building and celebration, and the funds raised during the festival will go to scholarships for college-bound students and underserved children.

"We have a vibrant and growing Hispanic population," Mayor Francis Slay said in a short speech at the welcome ceremony. "We're proud to be a city that is very welcoming to all."

Although there were a variety of activities at the event, one of its major focuses was on the food.

Here's a surprise for your stereotypical unenlightened writer: "Hispanic" food is about as broad a genre as "European" or "Asian." Even at the bottom of the bottleneck that condenses national cuisine into four or five festival kiosk offerings, there's a great deal of diversity to be found. One Mexican stall at the festival had quesadillas, tostadas and flautas; another served only burritos. An Argentinian stall had meat, spinach, cheese and corn empanadas-which are stuffed breads that kind of look like mini calzones. A Peruvian stand had—among other offerings-ceviche, which is a fish and shrimp dish with a lime cocktail and sweet potatoes and corn. There are also stalls for Belizean meals, Dominican delicacies and more.

For many of these families and groups running the stands, this festival is one of the biggest moments in the year to showcase homemade cooking to a public audience. Frank and Lida at the Dominican stall have been coming for 11 years. Another restaurant, Delicias Mexicanas, drives down from Chicago every year just for this three-day festival. They

used to do four festivals in St. Louis: this one, the Fiesta in Florissant festival in June, the Festival of Nations in Tower Grove in August and the city's Cinco de Mayo celebration on Cherokee Street. Now, they only do the Hispanic Festival and the Fiesta in Florissant festival, but want to get into more again. Marco, Laura and Eric work the Peruvian stall and would like to open a food truck or small restaurant, but the opportunity hasn't yet arisen. Marisol runs a clothing booth that features handmade pants, bags and ponchos brought all the way from Ecuador.

The festival is kind of a constant for a lot of the groups here, and so, as expected, politicians were in attendance. During the welcome ceremony on Saturday, Democrat Robin Smith, former news anchor and reporter for St. Louis' CBS affiliate, took the stage to campaign, as she's running for Missouri secretary of state.

She stated that Jay Ashcroft, the Republican candidate, "wants to get rid of voters that look like you and me." Ashcroft supports voter ID measures, according to his campaign website.

Even though there was a lonely Republican stand with Donald Trump-Mike Pence signs, among others, Smith's comments were about as partisan as things got-which was a bit of a preemptive relief leading up to the second presidential debate Washington University will host on Oct. 9. Two of the attendants at the Republican tent, Robert J. Crump for state representative and John N. Castellano III for St. Louis sheriff, expressed reservations about the debate but only relating to increased deputy duties that weekend. Someone at the Laborers' International Union of North America said, "Don't know what they'd say here.

Build a wall?" But he did so in a lighthearted way, making fun, rather than fire, out of the situation.

Overall, the Hispanic Festival was a chance to celebrate outside of the gloomy shadow of politics. The mechanical bull ran daily and slowly for the youngest children, and the petting zoo offered piglets and goats, a camel and an inexplicable turtle. It was so hot that no one felt bad about spending a couple bucks on cups of 50-cent lemonade. There was salsa lessons and dancing from 10 in the morning to 10 at night. A low-rider car cruise on Sunday bookmarked the festival, along with the Carnival party on Friday in honor of the Olympics and Brazilian heritage.

Though it's hard to find pupusas in the city, the Greater St. Louis Hispanic Festival offered a chance to celebrate a shared, but also diverse, heritage.

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#### STAFF EDITORIAL

## With parking problems ahead, don't shut out students' input

he Washington University administration will drastically alter its parking policies in anticipation of East End expansion construction, and the potential consequences of this decision, while expected, need to be considered. While the decrease in student access to on-campus parking was inevitable, given all of the spaces we will lose for the next two years, we believe that Wash. U. needs to critically examine its parking solutions for students and take a more realistic stance on what options students will use in the coming years.

In sum, Wash. U's shortterm plan for parking is to restrict students to outer zone permits—juniors and seniors

will be allowed to purchase parking passes for the South 40 as well as North and West Campus, where there will be direct shuttles to Danforth Campus. Sophomores will now be asked to submit special requests for parking passes and will see their access to parking severely diminished. There will be options for students to park on campus during off-peak hours and the shuttles from other campuses will hopefully make those parking spots a more feasible option than they currently are.

While we understand that these decisions are driven largely by necessity, the North and West Campus solution will not be used significantly in the next two years. In addition, it seems unlikely that juniors and seniors living off campus will want to park on the South 40 and will opt instead to walk.

This does fit within Wash. U.'s long-term plan to reduce our environmental footprint, but there are students who use cars to avoid the cost of flying to and from campus for summer and winter breaks and who need cars to commute to part-time jobs and other places around campus. We recommend that Wash. U. instate an appeals process for upperclassmen that allows them to use on-campus parking if they demonstrate exceptional circumstances.

The current parking accommodation changes will also perpetuate the existence of a Wash. U. bubble for freshmen and sophomores. While the school believes that the Metro and Enterprise CarShare are legitimate options for students to explore the city, we as

students know that personal cars are the most accessible way for students to experience St. Louis. Likewise, juniors and seniors unable to park on campus may decide to spend more time off campus, which could lead to the creation of an off-campus bubble that deemphasizes the centrality of the Danforth Campus.

There is also a major issue of transparency. While the administration has interviewed a number of student groups and demonstrated the statistical reason for eliminating sophomore parking, these developments have effectively taken hold behind closed doors. The parking changes will come as a surprise to the majority of the students and we have had little opportunity to offer input on alternatives to the current proposed strategy.

Wash. U. continues to increase the cost of parking permits and will continue to do so in the coming years. While we understand that there is an abundance of demand for on-campus parking, we believe that students should have access to affordable, cost-controlled parking, especially if they're already being pushed to far away places like North and West Campus. We hope that in the coming years, Wash. U. will involve students more in its long-term plan for on-campus parking and make efforts to control parking costs for

students, especially those with financial issues.

The impending impact of East End construction on Wash. U.'s campus is going to change student life, that is an inevitable reality of limited parking capacity and the need to supply professors and faculty members with on-campus parking. However, we feel that the administration's solution to this problem is unfinished, messy and will quickly become unsatisfactory to the general student body. We hope that the school can make off-peak parking hours useful to students, help students with extraordinary circumstances find on-campus parking and expand the dialogue on the University's long-term vision for student parking.

## Recognize the gesture, focus on the cause

#### SWETHA NAKSHATRI CONTRIBUTING WRITER

s football fans across America can attest, the tone of the 2016 season has changed the precedent for social commentary in relation to the sport. Clips of heroic plays and game predictions have long served as the focus for football news, but have been accompanied by the talks of a phenomenon much more serious. Kneeling. Linking arms. Raising fists.

Colin Kaepernick, the once superstar quarterback for the San Francisco 49ers, has been benched this season—but not silenced—as he continues to make headlines for his actions on the sidelines. During a preseason game on Aug. and kneel in later games, expressing to the media that in light of recent episodes of police brutality and violence, he no longer feels responsible "to show pride in a flag for a country that oppresses black people and people of color." The action was visible and polarizing, precipitating countless displays of support and solidarity among fellow athletes in addition to scathing criticism, even death threats.

The focus of this debate is severely misguided, with most of the attention on Kaepernick's physicality. While other gestures of respect have been contested, standing for the national anthem has been ingrained in our minds since childhood. During the 2016 Rio Olympics, U.S. gymnast Gabby Douglas was blasted

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on social media for failing to put her hand over her heart. She didn't have any political agenda. That's why the discussion (although unwarranted) was focused on physical choice. However, unlike Douglas' action, Kaepernick's is meant to send a message. People should talk about it. But by focusing more on his stance than why he chose to kneel, we are being reductive of the issues and hindering the progress that Kaepernick means to promote.

How many of us have taken the time to understand Kaepernick's motivations? What is the state of our nation and why is it alienating for so many of our citizens? It's bigger than football. It's bigger than Kaepernick. And

He's been called an attention-hog. A former star on the downward spiral, desperate for attention. According to Newsday, at a CBS event, commentator Boomer Esiason, who formerly praised Kaepernick for his dynamic playing, called his actions an "embarrassment." What he hasn't been called is a champion for justice. Instead, he's a social pariah for standing up (or in his case, kneeling) for what he believes in. This isn't a new occurrence. But when it happens in the public eye, the potential for change is so much greater. It would be a lost opportunity if we didn't use Kaepernick's protest as a vehicle to discuss the reform regarding race needed in this country, instead symbol, we forget the action it represents. While we were focusing on kneeling, Terence Crutcher and Keith Lamont Scott were shot and killed within days of each other, more black lives marginalized by our law enforcement. In fact, according to the Guardian's database, since Kaepernick's protests began on Aug. 26, police have killed at least 15 black people. These incidents have served to silence some of Kaepernick's critics, but more importantly have proved to us the gravity of his gesture and why it was even necessary to start a conversation. The more we focus on him, the more we lose the message he's championing.

Even if it was about Kaepernick, facts have gotten lost in our sensationalist response. He isn't attempting to disrespect our military. In response to an open letter from former Green Beret and free agent Nate Boyer in Army Times and a later conversation, Kaepernick began kneeling as opposed to sitting. Beyond protest, he's facilitating change. USA Today sports columnist Christine Brennan reported that Kaepernick has pledged to donate \$1 million to advocacy groups contesting social inequality in the Bay Area, a pledge to be matched by his team. His choice has led to real impact. Should our discussion really be about whether he's standing or not?

Kaepernick isn't saying "focus on me" or "America sucks." He, as any citizen should, is expressing his worry about the state of our nation. Maybe it took a kneel

26, Kaepernick chose to sit during the national anthem

it's certainly bigger than taking a knee on the field. of discussing whether his choice is respectful or not. By getting caught up in the

during the national anthem for people to recognize it.

#### **OP-ED SUBMISSION**

## Dealing with debt—federal government edition

#### WASH. U. COLLEGE DEMOCRATS

national debt, if not excessive, will be to us a national blessing" – Alexander Hamilton, 1781

If you've been following this election cycle (or American politics ever), chances are that you've heard someone mention the national debt. It may have been in the context of a balanced budget amendment-the idea wherein Congress would not be allowed to pass a budget which contributed to the national debt-or it could have been used as an arbitrary measure of how well a president grew the economy.

There are many misconceptions over the role which the national debt plays in our economy, so I will attempt to lay out the groundwork. When Congress

includes expenditures for every branch, department and initiative of the federal government as well as revenues from all sources of taxation. When the total expenditures are greater than the total revenues, the government must borrow money, taking out loans which it must then pay interest on. Because of this, the larger the debt, the more of our budget expenditures are eaten up by debt payments. Last year this accounted for 6 percent of expenditures, or \$223 billion. The more we have to spend on debt payment, the less of our tax revenue can be used on programs here at home such as Social Security, defense, health care and education, and this is the main reason why high levels of debt are problematic. If a policy increases the debt without growing the economy (and the tax revenue base), then that policy is increasing the

debt burden and the levels of debt payments on future generations. However, if that same policy contributes to economic growth at a higher rate than it adds to the debt, the increased debt service will be more than canceled out by the increase in revenues.

The problem comes in when people assume that any amount of debt is a problem. Historically, there are two major causes of debt spikes. These have come in the form of wars—when spending is needed for the war effort (World War II was the highest levels of debt as a percentage of gross domestic product our country has seen)-and recessions when spending is required to put life back into the national economy. If Congress was shackled by a balanced budget amendment during WWI or WWII, we never would have been able to join the war effort. The Civilian Conservation Corps

and the Works Progress Administration would have been unable to function at a large enough level to help recover from the Great Depression. In current times, we wouldn't have been able to fund recovery efforts after the 2008 recession and would still be suffering from a depressed economy. Deficit spending is one of the most powerful tools that the federal government has at its disposal to combat crises both at home and abroad. Limiting that for the sake of declaring the budget balanced is nothing more than shortsighted. That being said, the growing deficit is a cause for concern.

The \$223 billion dollars spent on debt payments last year could have been the first step in upgrading our nation's infrastructure, highways, utilities, schools and public transit to modern standards (a \$200 billion yearly price tag over five years), something which could have directly helped Americans here at home. We must be willing to make the same hard choices that were made after WWII and insist that everyone pay their fair share of taxes. We must close loopholes such as the ones exhibited in the recent Panama Papers scandal, which allowed U.S. citizens and businesses to hide assets and avoid paying \$124 billion in taxes this last year, over a quarter of the total 2015 deficit. We must reverse some of the Bush era tax cuts which only served as giveaways to the rich, as they directly increased the deficit by decreasing revenues with no change to expenditures. Finally, we must recog-

rinally, we findst feeognize that it is time to reform Social Security, a program which is responsible for 24 percent of our nation's expenditures. With an aging population, we no longer have three workers to every Social Security recipient like

we used to, and rather than come up with real sustainable reforms, we've taken money from other sources, adding to our growing debt. This reform must be done in two ways. We have to remove the payroll cap on Social Security taxes. As income disparities have increased, the amount of income protected by these limits has also increased, decreasing the amount paid into Social Security. We also must recognize that people are living longer than they did when Social Security was formed, and raise the starting age for Social Security accordingly. By enacting both of these changes, we can make the Social Security program self-sustaining and no longer an additional burden on federal deficits.

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# CADENZA

## 'SNL' comes to Wash. U. again and for once that's not the bad part

#### LINDSAY TRACY SENIOR CADENZA EDITOR

In the echoed opening of Graham Chapel, around 400 people sat in pews Thursday night listening to early 2000s jams as we waited for the fall comedy show to begin. The event hadn't started, and I'd already spoken to still-enthusiastic students who had been waiting in line for five hours and also witnessed a B&D guard nearly make a student cry with threats to kick her out of the line. And while the night was fantastic overall, it would get worse before it got better.

Mike Recine, a New Yorkbased but New Jersey-bred comedian known best for his stand-up, opened for famed "Saturday Night Live" writer and current co-anchor of the "Weekend Update" Colin Jost. Based on Recine's credentials as a past (and soon to be repeated) performer on "Conan," I figured him to be the appeasement for comedy purists irritated with representation of "SNL" over stand-up names.

His comedy style, most represented by cynicism and dark humor, had me sometimes laughing despite myself, sometimes nervously smiling and sometimes just surprised at how close he was to the line. Over the course of his time slot, he weaved an analogy comparing black women to robots, made potentially offensive remarks about LGBTQIA\* people (with the disclaimer that he doesn't consider himself a homophobe), joked at the expense of overweight individuals, commended Adolf Hitler for his confidence and quipped about eventually having to drown his autistic

comfort zone."

Though Recine had a respectable amount of Washington Universityspecific jokes— "Give a hand for mozzarella sticks!" he said at the beginning of his performance—it's hard to imagine that these jokes wouldn't land in the wrong place for many students, given how socially progressive the students at Wash. U. generally are.

Adding to my disappointment was the fact that at least two of his bits—almost word for word—were ones he did during his performance on

"Conan" in May 2014. I know that comedians often have to recycle their bits, but it was disheartening that so much of his routine was just that—routine.

On the other end of the spectrum, Jost's performance was stellar. His set was catered to Wash. U., and he joked for around 10 minutes about a Wash. U. facts sheet that SPB gave him, with notes about long stir-fry lines, the baby bear on campus, the rivalry with Fontbonne University and Tempur-Pedic beds.

He rarely resorted to offensive or needlessly vulgar humor. In fact, much of the opening of his act was about taking Wash. U. privilege to task. "You guys are going to die in the real world," he said, after reading that Wash. U. has a fund set aside just for tulips to beautify campus.

Throughout the night, his self-targeted laughs and use of the entire expansive stage brought a genuineness to his act, and frequent back and forth dialogue with the audience really brought home his quickness of wit. His topics were timely, and he often going to make comedy great again. I don't know about America, but...") and nearly verbatim reenactments of some of Trump's biggest faux paus was a serious message about taking the national outrage going on and turning it into a useful impetus. He spoke of how people get riled up about the vote and then don't show up on election day.

In the midst of his political humor, Jost took a minute to be serious with students about alienating others during the pre-election season.

"I think there are actually a lot of Trump supporters who are not racist, who are very reasonable, even intelligent people who have worries, legitimate worries, and when you call them dumb and racist, then they say, 'We're not going to vote for Hillary. She's alienating us.' So just be careful," he said. "Listen to people—hear people out. I wish there was a joke there."

The only disappointing thing about Jost's performance is that more students weren't there to watch it. Despite the logistically motivated change from a Wednesday to a Thursday night, Graham Chapel was far from full, especially compared to other artists.

"We've had higher attendances in the past. We've also had lower attendances in the past," Bhimani said. "Especially early in the semester, people have a lot going on."

Even to the performers, the empty rows in the first floor of the Chapel were noticeable.

"It's like ghosts of all the people I've failed," Recine said, then commenting about how the small scatters of stu-



HOLLY RAVAZZOLO | STUDENT LIFE

"Saturday Night Live" writer Colin Jost performs at Social Programming Board's semesterly comedy show in Graham Chapel. The first floor of the chapel was about 2/3 full.



HOLLY RAVAZZOLO | STUDENT LIFE

Students wait for Social Programming Board's comedy show to begin. The line to enter Graham Chapel reached back all the way to the Danforth University Center.

that he was coming, I was very excited to know about his stand-up," sophomore and audience member Jessica Trevisan said. "It'd be really awesome to watch 'SNL' feel more personable.

"I was extremely happy with the fact that they made it personal to Wash. U.," SPB Comedy Director and sophomore Rachel Thornton said. a rendition of the town hall debate enacted on Saturday Night Live this season.

Despite the less-than-sensitive performance by Recine and surprisingly not-full

brother.

"Some students kind of take it in the name of comedy and think it's funny. Obviously, I don't endorse a lot of the things—a lot of the views he said seriously," Social Programming Board president and senior Rahool Bhimani said. "But, you know, some people—I think it was a little past their hit on the importance of the presidential election—and the presidential debate coming to campus early next month.

"I hope you appreciate it, and not take it for granted, like your Tempur-Pedic mattresses," Jost said.

Among his fairly realistic imitations of Donald Trump ("Donald Trump is definitely dents in the back made him think someone was going to assassinate him.

Though Graham Chapel was not at capacity, the students who were there really seemed to enjoy the show, and a significant amount of people knew Jost's work.

"I've definitely watched 'SNL' a lot, and I knew him from that, so when I heard now and be like 'Oh, I have this personal experience seeing him!'"

The two comedians' focus on Wash. U. was noticeably different than other SPB comedians in the past, and many audience members commented on how the interactivity and specialization of jokes to Wash. U. stereotypes and contexts made the show "I thought they catered a lot of their jokes to that."

Both performers are extremely relevant right now, as Recine goes back on "Conan" this Tuesday, and Jost will take off from stand-up and sit behind the "Weekend Update" desk once again. Jost even commented that there's a chance Wash. U. students will see attendance, the night was one to go in the books, as Jost provided a great combination of stand-up, improv and writing-based material. Or as senior Matthew Herman, last spring's comedy show student opener said, "It was a rampant ride of emotion. It was pretty good; I enjoyed it. Thumbs up. I laughed, I cried, I lost 10 pounds."

## A convergence of well...everything: Murmuration Festival 2016

#### JOSH ZUCKER STAFF WRITER

"In nature, a murmuration is a flock of starlings that produces intricate patterns during flight." The Murmuration Festival is, in its own words, "the convergence of art, music, science and tech." If you were able to go to Murmuration Fest, you would see that this description is apt. There were booths for different creators set up all around, talks and lectures about science and issues in the world, art installations around the festival and music-a convergence of music.

The musicians at Murmuration Fest encompass all sorts of genres. Sky-Pony, which was energetic indiepop, was then followed by Suuns, which is best described as the space between psychedelic and metal.

There was also a convergence of people at the festival. Throughout the day, the demographics of the festival shifted dramatically. Beginning with a performance by Yowie, a progressive rock band, there were mostly older people in the audience, then, by the time Flying Lotus, a producer who, among other things helped to produce Kendrick Lamar's "To Pimp a Butterfly", performed, millennials had taken over the space. There was still the older generation in the back, but the energy of the performance was much younger.

The highlights of day one of the festival were Sky-Pony, YACHT and Flying Lotus.

Sky-Pony, although it performed earlier in the day to a smaller crowd, still owned its performance. The group's three singers dressed up as starlings in the spirit of the festival and had choreographed moves to go along with their upbeat but grungy songs, such as "Everyone Will Die" and "Beautiful Monster." Their performance was fun and energetic, even in the hot sun.

YACHT performed slightly later in the day. They had an extremely energetic and even slightly crazy performance. There were powerful visuals being shown behind them the whole time. Strong motifs of red and white ran through the whole performance, along with the band's logo, an upside-down smiley face. The music is best described as a mixture of alternative-pop and electronic dance music. They played songs such as "I Thought the Future Would Be Cooler" and "I Wanna F--- You Till I'm Dead." YACHT employs a range of things, such as synth, a prop telephone and the screen behind them, to create a oneof-a-kind show.

Flying Lotus was the headliner on Saturday. He is a music producer who uses visuals in his concert, as much as in his music, to create a unique experience. He performed behind a translucent screen, on which he projected visuals by a number of artists. Steven Ellison of Flying Lotus went to film school, and uses his skills to enhance the music and to create a world filled with his own creations. He played songs featuring Snoop Dogg and Kendrick Lamar, among others. The whole experience was a smorgasbord of adventure.

For Sunday, the highlights would have to be Prince Rama and Dan Deacon.

Prince Rama is a threepiece band that called themselves "children of the KORN." They came out dressed in neon mesh, and their music was as strange as their outfits. However, that did not detract from the quality of the experience. The band repeatedly conversed with the audience to pump them up. The music, though weird, was definitely interesting, and all of the members of Prince Rama were extremely energetic, dancing around the stage and enjoying themselves. They were definitely the strangest group that performed, but that strangeness also made them one of the best.

Dan Deacon involved the audience like no other performer did. He got the audience dancing and would shout directions, usually including a mention of an orange traffic cone in the distance. He got the audience to form and run through a tunnel with their hands and divided the audience in half for a dance off. His music is solidly EDM, and Deacon performed with energy and enthusiasm.

Murmuration Festival began its inaugural year with a bang. All of the musical acts were solid in song quality and performance, and no matter what kind of music you like or don't like,



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YACHT's Claire L. Evans performs as part of Saturday evening's Murmuration Festival lineup. The electric/pop duo brought high energy to the festival, which was punctuated by sparse attendance overall.

there was a musical act there representing it. On top of the music were lectures, talks and tables that complemented the busy atmosphere. With such a successful first year, Murmuration Festival should be even better in the future.



"I served as a research intern at Zhicheng Public Interest Lawyers, a legal NGD in Beijing, China, that provides pro bono services to populations in need."



**Exploring China** 

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"My summer internship at Zhicheng was unexpected, but turned out to be a highly rewarding experience. Pursue new opportunities and challenge yourself professionally."

#### Getting started...

I've really benefitted from pursuing an interdisciplinary major (IAS) at WashU. Taking courses in many departments has helped me narrow down my interests over time. I also have to thank the Career Center's DC Bound & Beyond program for encouraging me to seriously consider career paths in policy and non-profits. Last spring, I informed one of my professors that I was (frantically) searching for a summer opportunity in China, ideally one where I could also conduct research for my senior thesis. Fortunately, my professor had visited Zhicheng before and referred me by email to the organization's internship coordinator. This professional

connection allowed me to submit an application, secure an interview a few weeks later, and ultimately land the internship.

#### Bringing my story to life...

I certainly learned a lot about Chinese law and society through the research projects that I completed at Zhicheng. The topics I studied ranged from antidiscrimination law in China to urban air pollution in India. Working in an office with native speakers also allowed me to practice my Chinese on a daily basis, and even conduct independent research. I interviewed nearly a dozen Chinese attorneys about legal and social issues surrounding migrant workers in Beijing.

#### My internship take-away...

It turns out that Zhicheng recruits interns from colleges and law schools all over the world! Spending time with fellow interns from countries such as Australia, France, and India (as well as China and the US) was amazingly fun and offered insights into foreign cultures.

If you're interested in China or want to experience life in one of the world's largest cities, then I would highly recommend interning at Zhicheng. The experience is also valuable if you're considering law school. Adopting a comparative understanding of law in China might change your own perspective on law in the U.S.

Carl's advice:" Reach out to your professors and mentors - they can be amazing resources with connections you wouldn't know about otherwise."

## **FROM PASSION SPRINGS PURPOSE**

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