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## Trouble at the starting line:

*Football falls to Carnegie Mellon 28-7 in season opener*



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Sophomore defensive back Jeff Marek makes a tackle against a player from Carnegie Mellon University during the Washington University football team's home opener this weekend. Wash. U., which graduated most of its starting offense last year, struggled offensively in the game, losing 28-7.

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The Washington University football team struggled to impose themselves on both sides of the ball, opening their season with a 28-7 loss against Carnegie Mellon University Saturday.

The game started well for the Bears, and the offense pieced together a couple of first downs before eventually being forced to punt. However, that first drive was a sign of false comfort, as Wash. U. struggled to get good field position throughout the rest of the game.

"It was very much a field position game," head coach Larry Kindbom said. "We couldn't get [good field position] with our special teams or kickoff returns... and there were also one or two big plays that really hurt us."

With each drive starting deep in the Bears' own territory, the Wash. U. offense struggled to find a good rhythm. Carnegie Mellon's offense, meanwhile, put on a clinic in the first half. With Alex Cline—the Tartans' quarterback—heading a fast-paced, run-heavy offense,

Wash. U.'s defense struggled to keep up for most of the game.

"Our thought process is to always stop the run," Kindbom said. "But then, of course, we gave up a few passes early. That's always the thing with trying to stop the run: Teams will try and spring passes on you."

Carnegie Mellon opened the scoring with a four-yard touchdown run, capping an impressive nine-play, 90-yard drive.

Wash. U. would continue to go three-and-out for the majority of the half, completing only three of 19 third-down attempts on the day.

Carnegie Mellon's offense, however, continued to click on all cylinders. Cline and wide receiver John Prather established a lethal connection, as Cline was able to cut through the Red and Green secondary with deep passes to Prather time and time again. Prather finished the game with 146 receiving yards, one of the biggest reasons the Bears' defense was forced to stay on the field.

"He had a big game against us last year," senior cornerback Nate Lewis said. "We were prepared; we just didn't execute."

Carnegie Mellon's success with the run and passing games allowed their offensive coordinators to get creative with their play calling. The Tartans used some perfectly executed quarterback option schemes to set up a one-yard touchdown run from Cline, followed by a 12-yard touchdown pass to Prather that put them up 21-0 at halftime.

Desperate to find some momentum to begin the second half, Wash. U.'s defense locked down and began to make life a bit more difficult for the Carnegie Mellon offense. However, just when Carnegie Mellon's offense began to sputter, its defense came up with the big play, and a pick-six put the Tartans up 28-0.

Although the scoreline did not look favorable, Wash. U. continued to fight until the final whistle.

"During the second half, everybody stayed positive," Lewis said.

The Wash. U. offense was able to string together a 10-play, 65-yard drive in the fourth quarter, culminating in a six-yard touchdown run by senior running back David Nees.

The Red and Green now face the tall task of getting back on

track before facing the University of Chicago Saturday.

"Obviously, [the Tartans] outplayed us, and they were the better team today," Lewis said. "We just need to get back to practice and work harder."

Kindbom still sees a bright future for his team, despite nearly the entire starting offense graduating last year, including a record-setting starting quarterback, a star wide receiver and an all-conference tight end.

"I feel good about this team," Kindbom said. "We just need to get older fast."

Experience is often the best teacher, and for the younger Bears, this game will serve as a lesson and a swift introduction to football. Kindbom, for his part, has always believed in letting players learn through repetition and through their own growing process in games.

"I have always believed that you should hand the game over to your players," Kindbom said. "If they can do what you want them to do on the field, they will begin to see things that you can't see on the sideline."

## Wrighton responds to Trump rescinding of DACA

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President Donald Trump formally rescinded the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program Tuesday.

In an email to the Washington University community Tuesday, Chancellor Mark Wrighton emphasized his wish for Congress to pass legislation to continue the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program so that beneficiaries "can stay and continue to realize their full potential in this country."

DACA, established through an executive order issued by former President Barack Obama's administration in June 2012, allows certain undocumented immigrants who entered the country as minors to receive a renewable two-year period of deferred action from deportation and eligibility for a work permit.

While current beneficiaries will not be immediately impacted, Trump called on members of Congress to replace the policy with legislation prior to DACA's expiration date in six months, on March 5, 2018. Some current DACA recipients, also known as "Dreamers," will be able to renew their legal status for an additional two years until Oct. 5.

Prior to the revocation, Wrighton urged Trump to extend DACA in a Sept. 1 letter, while emphasizing that Washington University would continue to welcome individuals from international backgrounds.

"Dismantling DACA would hurt vulnerable young people who have great potential to contribute much to the United States of America. As chancellor of a leading research university that draws the best and brightest minds...I believe that

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## Federal Title IX investigations, explained

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Since the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights opened three active federal Title IX investigations on Washington University's campus in early July, further updates on the status of the cases have been non-existent. And that's not unusual.

Title IX's sexual harassment investigations, of both the federal and on-campus kind, can often be murky and long-lasting. Although the federal investigations Washington University is currently undergoing differ substantially from University-led on-campus investigations, understanding how the on-campus investigations are run is essential to understanding why Washington University is now in the midst of federal investigations.

While Title IX has been around since 1972, the guidelines for how its sexual harassment investigations

should be conducted were introduced in 2011 as part of the "Dear Colleague" letter from former President Barack Obama's administration. Described as a "significant guidance document" by the Department of Education, the letter includes provisions such as a 60-day recommended investigation limit, the ability for accusers to appeal a not-guilty plea and a lowering of the standard of proof to a preponderance of evidence, the lowest possible standard.

That said, universities have no obligation to follow those standards so long as a process exists on campus and a Title IX coordinator is appointed. Thus, each university's process is varied and different. A federal investigation occurs when a complaint is filed with the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) alleging discrimination "on the basis of sex"—i.e. a Title IX violation.

So in an effort to shed some light on what awaits Washington

University in the coming months, here are the answers to four common questions regarding the federal Title IX investigation:

**What qualifies as a Title IX violation in regards to sexual harassment?**

By the exact letter of the law, Title IX stipulates that:

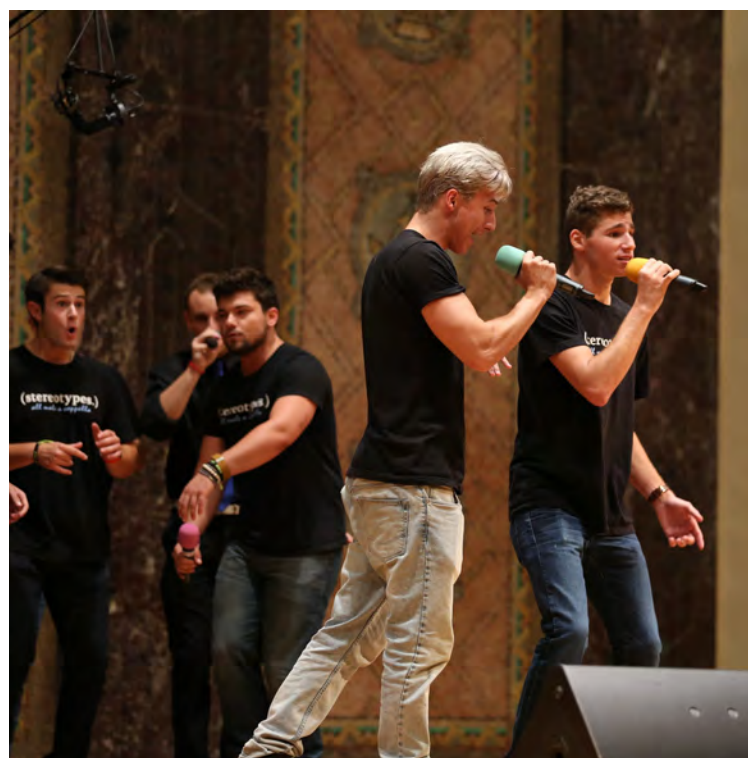
"No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."

That's it. The simple provision was originally added as part of the United States Education Amendments of 1972 in order to promote more equal hiring practices within higher education.

Because of the provision's simplicity, its history has been fraught with

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## SINGING, SHOWCASED



SKYLER KESSLER | STUDENT LIFE

The Stereotypes perform at an a cappella showcase this weekend. The a cappella group is one of two all-male a cappella groups at the University.

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### THURSDAY 7

#### The Aftermath of Charlottesville: A Call to Conversation - West Campus

West Campus, Room 350, noon and 3:30 p.m.

The Human Resources Office of Diversity and Inclusion at the Washington University School of Medicine is hosting a special series of perspective sessions to provide members of our university community opportunities to reflect on recent events in Charlottesville, Va. We encourage staff and faculty to attend one of the sessions and bring a colleague with you. Sessions will be held on the Medical, Danforth and West Campuses.

#### School of Medicine Farmer's Market

Plaza of the BJC Institute of Health, 10 a.m.

Year round market

### FRIDAY 8

#### Talk by British Playwright, Nick Dear – “The Relevance of Theater in a Digital World”

Mallinckrodt Center, A.E. Hoitcher Studio Theatre, 4 p.m.

This discussion with the playwright promises to be wide-ranging and of interest to students and professionals working in theater, film and television. This discussion is open to the public and is sponsored by the Department of Performing Arts. Audience participation will be encouraged.

#### Kemper Art Museum – Fall 2017 Exhibitions Opening Reception

Kemper Art Museum, 7 p.m.

Member Preview from 6-7 p.m. will be followed by a Public Reception from 7-9 p.m. See website for parking information.

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abandoning DACA would not be in our national interests,” Wrighton wrote in the letter. “[Washington University] will continue to welcome the most talented individuals from all countries to teach, study and carry out research and scholarship.”

In his email, Wrighton addressed several campus resources, including the Office of International Students and Scholars and the Washington University Police Department, that

would support students if any changes to DACA were to affect them. He assured students that the University would work directly with anyone negatively impacted by the Trump administration's changes.

Wrighton ended on a positive note, saying that the University has a long history of drawing students from around the world to our community and that it is because of these differences that

Washington University is the strong academic institution that it is today.

“Our university draws strength through our differences,” Wrighton stated in the letter. “We have a long tradition of attracting talented people from all around the world to our community, and that will continue. It is on each of us to work to ensure that every member of our community feels welcome, included and empowered to succeed.”

# Olin Business School to offer new minor in Business of Social Impact

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As the culmination of over a year's worth of close collaboration between students and faculty, the Olin Business School will offer a new Business of Social Impact minor this fall.

The minor, formally approved by the Business School Curriculum Committee last Tuesday, aims to provide students with an understanding of how business skills and techniques can be applied to drive positive social impact rather than to simply maximize profit.

The development of a program in this area was first explored by the student organization Net Impact in 2015. While progress was initially slow, things began to truly move forward after a survey conducted to gauge student interest in fall 2016 returned over 200 affirmative responses. The curriculum committee officially began working with the students on the proposal at the end of 2016, a process that continued for much of the next year.

The effort was led by four undergraduate business school students: seniors Jackie Oestreicher, Sarah Greenberg and Assiatou Jallow and junior Michael Kaushansky. Significant early faculty support came from professor Stuart Bunderson, as well as professor Heather Cameron, who both will

teach core requirement courses in the minor.

“The students really were the drivers behind this,” said professor William Bottom, chair of the business school curriculum committee. “This is an initiative that began from student interest and student research—a group of students...really were quite enthusiastic about their business studies.”

The students were also pleased with the school's receptiveness.

“It's incredible that the school was so open to hearing from us [students],” Oestreicher said. “Often, the change comes from within the faculty, what the faculty are interested in.”

The content of the minor derives largely from student research of similar undergraduate programs at other major universities, including the University of Michigan, the University of Pennsylvania, the University of California, Berkeley and Emory University. Those other institutions did not view the emerging program at Washington University as further competition, Kaushansky, a finance major, said.

“[Those universities] would love for more schools to be embarking on integrating social impact into their business schools,” Kaushansky said.

The minor requirements include three credits be taken outside the business

school in classes called “Issue Electives,” from departments such as Environmental Studies and Urban Studies. These elective courses give students background on social issues in which business techniques may be applied.

Students pursuing the minor will also be required to take three credits of experiential electives offered by the Center for Experiential Learning.

“Business isn't really something you can do in a theoretical way; you have to actually do it,” Bottom said. “In the case of the experiential electives we've put in this social impact minor, they're all experiential learning that's focused on something other than just the profit motive.”

With the recent approval of the minor, some faculty and students are already very excited about it.

Professor Bill Lowry, who teaches a sustainability exchange elective that is part of the minor, noted his enthusiasm.

“There are growing opportunities for students to do interdisciplinary work at Wash. U.,” Lowry said. “I think it's fantastic that the business school is now going to be a part of it.”

Students may officially declare the Business of Social Impact minor, open to all undergraduates at Washington University, starting later this fall. Interested students may contact BSBA advisors for further information.

## Office of Sustainability introduces new thermostat set point policy

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Washington University's Office of Sustainability instituted a new thermostat set point policy designed to increase occupant comfort, energy savings and carbon reductions this summer.

Piloted in both Hillman and Brookings Halls last year, the policy calls for a set point of 73-76 degrees during the warmer months and 69-72 degrees in the cooler months. The Office of Sustainability worked closely with Heating, Venting and Air-Conditioning (HVAC) services to implement the change in 12 buildings around campus.

The set point was also introduced in common and shared spaces, private offices and Residential Life spaces, allowing the Office of Sustainability to address several issues regarding both the environment and the University.

The University will save between \$200,000 and \$300,000 a year in energy savings as a result of the thermostat changes. In terms of carbon reduction, this is the equivalent of taking 500-850 cars off the road and meets 5 to 8 percent of the University's

2020 carbon reduction goal.

“From the sustainability perspective, carbon reduction is a really key driver, and from an overall university perspective, cost savings is really important,” Associate Vice Chancellor of Sustainability Phil Valko said. “Anything that we can do to reduce the cost of our operations allows those resources to be reallocated to a range of different things.”

Junior Peter Koulogeorge—who serves as president of Green Action, a Washington University environmental organization—said he is impressed by the University's efforts to increase sustainability.

“I think it's really great for the administration to tackle issues of climate through any mechanisms that they can,” Koulogeorge said.

Occupant comfort was an additional factor in introducing the new set point policy. Previously, using data from extensive studies performed by the American Society for Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers, Office of Sustainability and HVAC found that 45 percent of spaces were uncomfortably cool.

The Office of Sustainability

has received positive feedback for its new system but also welcomes vocalization of any discomfort as the office looks to expand the policy.

“[People] say they're more comfortable, particularly in the summertime,” Valko said. “As we're rolling out this next phase of the policy, that feedback from the Washington University community is really critical. Experience of discomfort is really key feedback so that we can fine tune the system.”

In addition to the thermostat policy implementation, the Office of Sustainability changed to 1.75 gallons per minute showerheads in all ResLife areas over the summer in order to compensate for older buildings with lower water pressure, according to Valko. The showerhead project has been a success for the Office of Sustainability and is estimated to eliminate about 15 percent of total water usage on the South 40.

“This showerhead project saved the potable water cost, sewage cost and the natural gas for heating. Our estimate was that it would pay for itself within 4 and 6 months—so a really short pay back,” Valko said.

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# Cornerstone expands services, offers help for new courses

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This fall, Cornerstone offerings will extend beyond introductory math and science courses with the addition of help desks for new courses.

Cornerstone, long the center for academic resources for students, especially those struggling in introductory math and science courses, will now offer help for higher-level math and science courses as well as courses in psychology, art history, Spanish and business.

Veteran programs, such as Peer Led Team Learning (PLTL) and Residential Peer Mentors (RPM), provide students with trained tutors in subjects such as chemistry, calculus and physics. However, outside of these areas, the only academic resource Cornerstone could offer students was appointment-based one-on-one tutoring. This entailed students making an appointment and waiting for Cornerstone to find

someone both qualified and willing to tutor them.

Cornerstone threw out the appointment-based tutoring system last year, deciding instead to focus on providing students with more open help desks. Professor and Director of Cornerstone Janet Duchek noted that the one-on-one mentoring program simply wasn't being utilized, adding that this switch allows Cornerstone to reach a wider population of students.

"This platform allows us to focus on the large, introductory courses," Duchek said. "Our focus is to help students transition into the University because these courses require a different type of learning than high school. By teaching students study skills in these introductory courses, they can later apply those techniques to their higher-level courses."

This year, Cornerstone is continuing to offer academic programs for all calculus levels (Math 131, 132 and 233) and General Chemistry (Chem 111 and

112), as well as help desks for Introduction to Physics (Physics 197 and 198) and Introduction to Statistics (Math 2200).

The new help desks will provide students assistance with Introduction to Psychological Statistics (Psych 300), Introduction to Asian Art (Art-Arch 111), Introduction to Western Art (Art-Arch 113), all Spanish courses up to the 300-level, Managerial Statistics I and II (QBA 120 and 121), Principles of Financial Accounting (ACCT 2610) and Microeconomics (MEC 290).

New higher-level math and science help desks will be offered for Matrix Algebra (Math 309), Differential Equations (Math 217) and Organic Chemistry (Chem 251 and 252).

Jay Sriram, assistant director for academic programs, stated that these courses were chosen as a product of multiple student focus groups and conversations with department heads across

campus.

"We had student focus groups where we asked them where they would like Cornerstone to focus on moving forward," Sriram said. "We also met with the deans and instructors of multiple courses and asked what courses are the most challenging. Our idea is that the mentors are more knowledgeable about what challenges the students are going to face."

These help desks will provide students with open office hours where they can not only review class material and specific questions but also learn study skills necessary to succeed.

All help desks will be staffed with undergraduate tutors who have previously taken the courses and obtained an A- or higher. Both Cornerstone and course instructors review students who apply for positions, and new tutors are also required to attend a seminar class in which they learn different theories in student

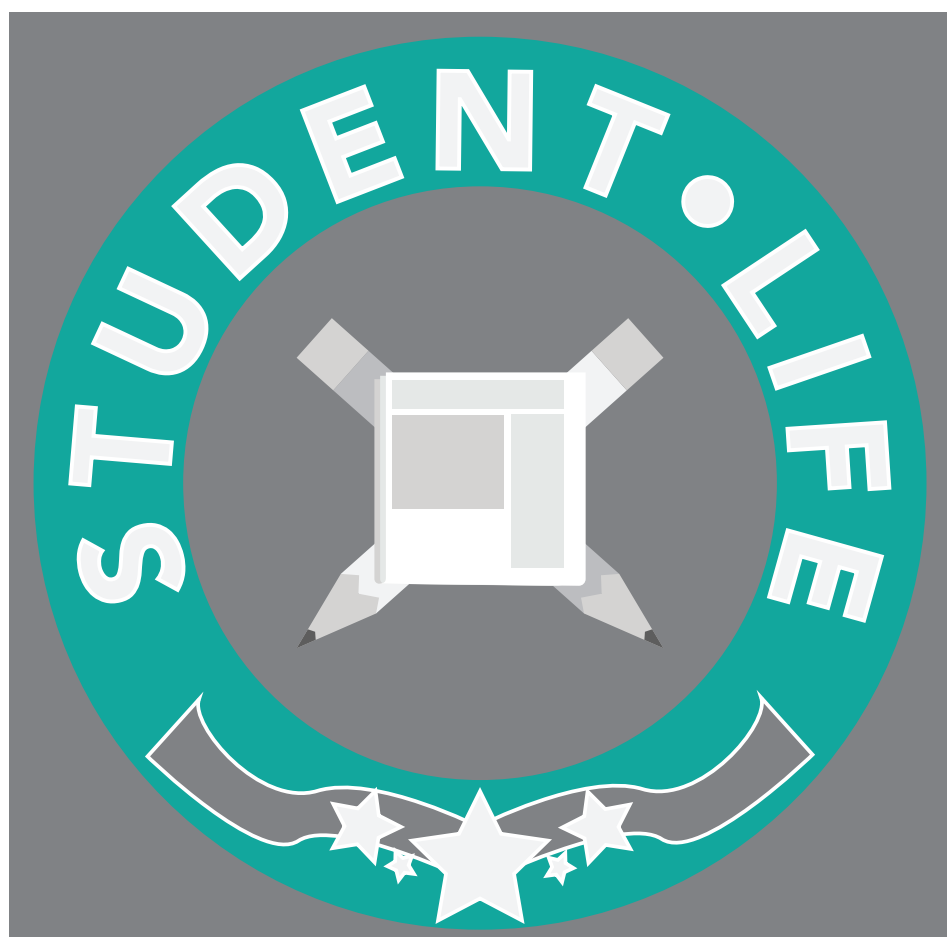


development.

Cornerstone's new help desks are still in their experimental phase. What

is offered this fall could be swapped out or eliminated

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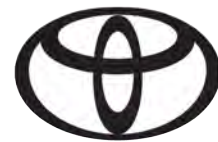
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# SCENE

## Farm-to-table dining at St. Louis restaurant Vicia

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In his “Republic,” Plato argues that for every individual thing, there is the most perfect “form” of that thing, floating somewhere in the ether. For every apple, for example, there is the idea of the perfect apple—crisp, juicy, a glorious deep green and straight from the tree. This is the perfect apple, the apple that farmers hope all of their apples turn out to be. Whether or not the apple actually exists in real life is immaterial—it’s the idea of the apple that allows all other apples to be judged as relatively good or bad against it.

The reason I bring up and oversimplify one of philosophy’s most famous theories isn’t to explore some grand truth about the world, nor to show off how deep and wise I am (I took one intro philosophy class—you should probably check with an actual philosopher before taking anything I say on the subject seriously), but rather for two reasons. Firstly, the idea of the perfect form in relation to food is fascinating. I’ve described above what I think the perfect apple is, but perhaps you have a different idea. Perhaps you like your apple cut up into bite-sized pieces, perhaps you like it red. What accounts for these differences? How would such a flawless apple be farmed?

Who should consume the immaculate apple? Should the apple be used in other dishes or eaten on its own? How can we ensure that the apple has been ethically sourced? This may all sound a bit silly—it’s just a damn apple, after all—but these are serious questions that the farm to table movement—a relatively new group in the world of high cuisine that broadly advocates for restaurants to use locally sourced, ethical ingredients—seeks to explore. The second reason I mention the theory of forms is that over the past few years, the Blue Hill at Stone Barns restaurant—where now co-owner and executive chef of Vicia, Michael Gallina, worked as the chef de cuisine from 2011 to 2015—has increasingly come to be seen as the perfect form, or as close as mere mortals can get to it, of a restaurant by followers of this movement.



Vicia is not Blue Hill at Stone Barns, and it is perhaps unfair to compare the two. The latter restaurant, located in Pocantico Hills, N.Y., has a Michelin star, and was named number 11 on the influential World’s 50 Best Restaurants List this past year. It also costs \$258 per person, and that’s before tax, beverages and tip. Vicia, perhaps to its credit, is not a set fifteen-course edible art display for big-city millionaires. It can be found just past the Medical Center on the other side of Forest Park, far away from the established culinary metropolis of New York City. It does cost what almost any college student would consider a pretty penny—two family style entrees are recommended per diner, each one costing between 10 and 18 dollars, and for the especially decadent there is an \$85 dollar tasting menu—but a nice date night here isn’t entirely out of reach for those yet to make their fortune. I went on a normal Tuesday night, and there were multiple other 20- or 30-somethings enjoying their meal along with the expected array of middle-aged businessmen and their associates.

Nonetheless, it’s undeniable that the farm-to-table values and ideas that Blue Hill epitomizes are found at Vicia, transplanted to the Midwest and used to create the same “as it should be” food that put Gallina on the map. Vicia stays true to the Midwest and to Gallina’s birthplace in St. Louis, while also thinking forward

on what fine dining should be. This connection between innovation and the community is manifested physically in the restaurant, as a large segment of the dining area is semi-exposed to the elements, with the rest surrounded by glass paneling. Walking into Vicia feels like attending a bonfire—with cheerful conversation and a crackling open fire on one of the only solid walls that welcomes diners—right up until the point where one sits down to find a tablecloth and silverware and suddenly remembers where they are.

The wait staff are knowledgeable and attentive, explaining the menu’s concept and taking special care to enquire if any in the party are vegetarians, which is an appreciated touch. Vicia is not a vegetarian restaurant, and a few dishes are meat-based, but it does describe itself as celebrating “vegetable-forward cuisine” on its website, and clearly cares deeply about customers eating an ethical and healthy meal, however they may define that.

Starters are served for the whole table to share, and my party ordered the Maine Peekytoe Crab Salad with charred garlic aioli squash blossoms. Our first taste of the restaurant made it clear how the meal would go—the salad was slightly acidic, light, refreshing and delicious. One of my companions would later comment as we left that it was the first meal they could say they were totally satisfied with, and yet did not walk away from entirely stuffed. I couldn’t agree more.

Entrees at Vicia are also served family-style, each one coming out as

it is ready, and the wait staff actively recommends approximately two dishes per person. The first entree to arrive were the grilled king trumpet mushrooms with a squash blossom pesto. The mushrooms were prepared as well as would be expected for an establishment with Vicia’s hype (and price), but it was the pesto that shined through, complementing the mushrooms’ savory delight.

The grilled zucchini steak was probably the most disappointing dish we tried. The zucchini itself was only lightly seasoned, placing emphasis on the curried almonds and romesco sauce that came with it. While both of these elements were fine on their own, their interaction with the zucchini and each other, although not quite unpleasant, left something to be desired. The slight letdown of the zucchini, however, was entirely made up for by our next dish—Missouri Wheat Berries with a medley of vegetables.

Returning to Plato’s theory, this dish was easily closest to the perfect form of a Vicia dish of any we tried. It was simple—basically just a bunch of grains and vegetables in a bowl with a light sauce—but the sheer purity and sourcing of the ingredients, combined with expert

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We left Vicia, as my companion said, fully satisfied without feeling overly full. It was not the best meal I have ever eaten. Instead, what was quite clear was that this is a restaurant run by a chef who cares not only about making food delicious but about making it responsible and authentic too. It was interesting and honest in a way that few meals are, and I will certainly be returning in future. Even if Vicia isn’t the perfect form of a farm to table restaurant, it can certainly be judged as excellent against that elusive idea—and having such a restaurant in St. Louis gives diners here an exciting and different option.

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is ready, and the wait staff actively recommends approximately two dishes per person. The first entree to arrive were the grilled king trumpet mushrooms with a squash blossom pesto. The mushrooms were prepared as well as would be expected for an establishment with Vicia’s hype (and price), but it was the pesto that shined through, complementing the mushrooms’ savory delight.

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actual philosopher before taking anything I say on the subject seriously), but rather for two reasons. Firstly, the idea of the perfect form in relation to food is fascinating. I’ve described above what I think the perfect apple is, but perhaps you have a different idea. Perhaps you like your apple cut up into bite-sized pieces, perhaps you like it red. What accounts for these differences? How would such a flawless apple be farmed?

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## Hot styles for hot days: Trends on the Danforth campus

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The quad is once again littered with a backpack-carrying juggernaut, students have gapsed at sightings of Chancellor Mark Wrighton in the Danforth University Center and it now takes four times longer to get pizza Postmated than it did during the summer. Ah, the beginning of the school year. With all the kinks of moving in and discovering that syllabus week lasts less than 10 minutes, I still managed to continue with my creepy habit of staring. As I tripped over stairs and squinted into oblivion

while the sun burned my flesh this past week, I discovered a few style trends on campus. To jump onto the bandwagon of fashion trends at Wash. U. (or to avoid wearing the same outfit as your suitemate), keep on reading.

It’s no surprise that the most sighted trend on campus for girls is miniskirts. Jean skirts were by far the most popular during the day; after the sun set, however, an onslaught of black leather could not be ignored. Solid colored crop tops and lace-up shirts were the typical icing on the cake, paired alongside classic black Vans or white Adidas Superstars. If you decide to head out this

week in your favorite skirt, try something new. Pair a baggy tie-dye shirt, tucked into your skirt, and tie a flannel at the waist. A cute pair of Keds will round out the look, while still providing comfort.

Another fashion favorite for females is none other than the basic sundress, and the option makes sense. These billowy drapes of fabric are easy to pull on, provide mobility and make you look like you spent time getting dressed when the reality is that you still haven’t showered. But the commonplace, solid-colored Old Navy sundress is becoming, well...too common. Try mixing it up with a denim jacket and some Sperrys. Finish the look with a high ponytail and a knotted bandana headband.

Birkenstocks have become the Uggs of the fall season; for some reason, girls are drawn to the beauty in more subdued shoes. These shoes go well with just about everything: dresses, jeans, shorts and even potato sacks. While I admit that these beauties should be a staple in every wardrobe, be a little more adventurous when styling them. Why not slip on your Birkenstocks with some crew socks and short-alls?

The possibilities are endless. If you’re feeling even more adventurous, try the ever-so-feared combination of Chacos and crew socks. It’s the perfect time to venture outside of your comfort zone and start a new trend on campus!

The first day of class brought out polos in every color of the rainbow in the male realm. After the first few days, however, the polos were tucked away and Wash. U.-shirts replaced the collars and buttons. The guys on campus seem to have an affinity for functionality, a style choice I quite respect. These humble bookstore shirts can create a more unique outfit when paired with atypical accessories. For example, tuck one of these simple tops into a pair of relaxed-fit jeans rolled at the ankle. Slip on your favorite pair of Sperrys and prepare to be welcomed by compliments as you walk into class. OK...so maybe you won’t get many compliments with a look like that, but you never know, right?

I must say that the male population on campus shares refined taste in footwear (well, as refined as a college kid can get). My personal favorite male shoe trend this past week was Sperrys dressed up with crew socks. The



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simple, yet defining, addition of the socks adds dimension to any outfit, taking one’s shoe game up from a solid four to an eight or nine. Vans, a favorite on the West Coast, have been spotted innumerable times on campus this past week. In fact, both Wash. U. guys and girls share a love of these fabric sneakers. With a chill beginning to set into the nighttime St. Louis air, I predict even more students trading in their Birkenstocks and Chacos for Vans.

Well, there you have it: the most revered trends

on campus this past week. Fall will introduce new clothing staples, pumpkin spice lattes and freshmen crying over their derailing GPAs. When all is said and done, however, feel free to wear whatever you like (including potato sacks, togas and bubble suits). Years from today, your wardrobe will be replaced by suits and white coats and—so that Wash. U. shirt you were mailed with your admissions letter, and whether you wore skirts or sweatpants to class, will be irrelevant.

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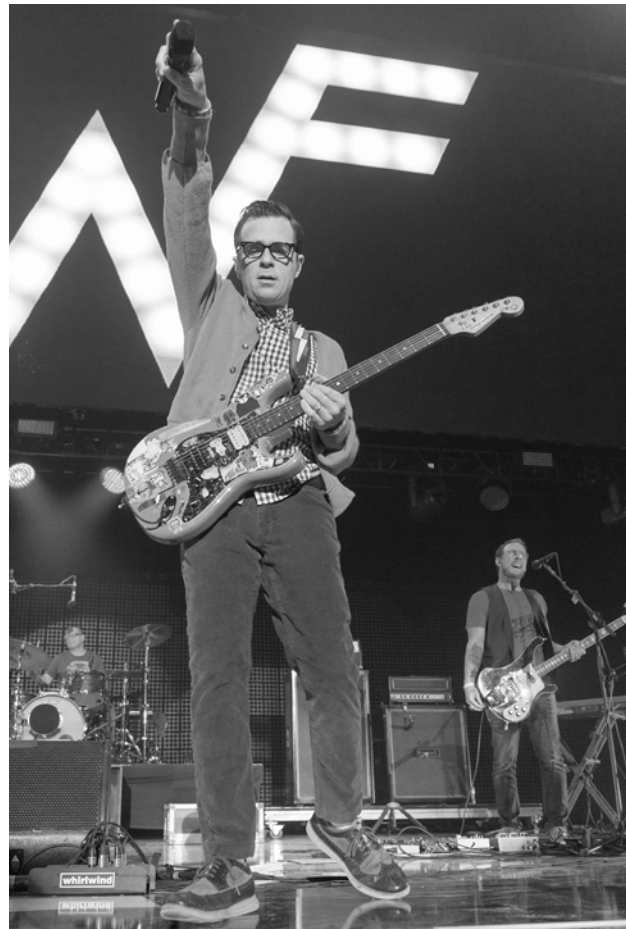
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# CADENZA

## Battle of the Headliners: Weezer or Snoop?

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It's that time of the year again: LouFest is taking over Forest Park this weekend for the city's biggest music



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Weezer's lead singer, Rivers Cuomo, performs at Coachella. The band is headlining the second day of this year's LouFest.

festival.

For 2017, LouFest has moved onto the Muny Fields and is boasting more events (look out for the hot air balloon rides), more local food vendors and a formidable

lineup of artists.

One thing that hasn't changed, however, is the ticket prices. If you can only afford one day of LouFest, here is the Cadenza guide to choosing the perfect lineup:

### Saturday — Dog and Kittens

The first day always starts off great—the field hasn't been destroyed yet, no one is thinking about Monday and the Coachella lookalikes are out in full force. Lots of local bands fill out the lineup today, with a visits from Hippo Campus and ZZ Ward wrapped into the afternoon. Spoon takes the stage around 6 p.m., and for fans of the mellow rockers, they will be debuting their new album "Hot Thoughts" ahead of the start of their official tour. Cage the Elephant takes a solo spot at 7 p.m.—they have a new album to plug as well, but listen for a lot of their old hits. 8 p.m. is an odd slot, with the BMI-Tunespeak Stage playing headliner warm-ups Rainbow Kitten Surprise (think of a mixture between Modest Mouse and Kings of Leon with an amazing name) while

across the field, the Bud Light Stage debuts its tribute to Chuck Berry. And of course, the night will end with Snoop Dog closing out the first day of LouFest. We're hoping for a surprise guest spot by his BFF, Martha Stewart.

### Sunday — Run, W(h)eeze, Sweat

By Sunday if you are looking for any excuse not to do your homework, head on over to the field early to catch a plethora of up-and-coming bands playing the small stages. By 4:30 p.m., Houndmouth will be pumping up the crowd with some classic indie-rock sound before Lecrae takes the stage for a switch to hip-hop. At 6:30 p.m., be in the front row of the Bud Life Stage for one of my favorites this year: Nathaniel Rateliff & the Night Sweats. A little folk, a lot of soul and some hints of old-school Creedence Clearwater Revival make up this amazing new band. Go check out their single "S.O.B." if you need convincing. Run the Jewels hits center field at 7:45 p.m., and if you were looking to dance at LouFest,



LUIS SINCO | LOS ANGELES TIMES/MCT

Snoop Dogg performs at a concert in 2012. The artist will be one of the headliners at LouFest this year, performing on Saturday to close out the first day of the annually held festival.

there will be no better place. This is the rap portion of Day Two, so make sure to see RTJ if you miss Snoop. The big headliners this year will bring back the middle school nostalgia with "Say it Ain't So" and, if we're very lucky, "Buddy Holly." Weezer will grace the Bud Light Stage to close out

this year's festival, and if their past setlists are any indication, it will be a show fans will not want to miss.

Whichever day you make it over to the Muny Fields will be amazing. LouFest has a talented and varied lineup this year—you're bound to see something you like.

## Netflix's new horror-comedy series 'Little Evil' is unfocused, campy

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When I saw that Netflix was releasing an original movie with a cast including Adam Scott ("Parks & Rec"), Evangeline Lilly ("Lost"), Sally Field ("Mrs. Doubtfire"), Donald Faison ("Scrubs") and Chris D'Elia

("Undateable"), I had high hopes. But what was sold as a horror-comedy with a cast of famous comedians was really a campy horror movie. Though some jokes were funny and the satire of the horror genre was well-played, the plot of "Little Evil" was meandering and unfocused.

While it's natural in horror-based content to have doubt about whether something nefarious is actually happening, the stepfather-child dynamic in the movie made this, frankly, uncomfortable. Early into the movie, when demon interference is still a speculation, Gary (Adam Scott) starts

thinking about murdering his five-year-old stepson. This plan is brought up in a casual way—but not as the ridiculous and far-fetched punchline to a joke. For such a big-budget movie, the script is clearly lacking. The concept works much better as a campy, "it's so bad that it's good" horror

movie, but with its high budget and lack of side-splitting humor, "Little Evil" just doesn't cohere in the way I had hoped it would. If you're looking for content to half pay attention to while you do work, "Little Evil" may be a good choice; otherwise, this one's a skip.

### Showtime

'Little Evil' is available to stream on Netflix

## New LouFestU initiative presents fun possibilities for WU students

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In a new initiative geared toward showing St. Louis college students what all the city has to offer them, LouFest will be launching LouFest U this Friday from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m., the night before the festival's official start. In the spirit of catering to college students, the event will be completely free, with five musical artists performing and dozens of St. Louis businesses present to meet and network with students.

The five acts—Arshad Goods, Smino, Vespeerteen, Tidal Volume and Whethan—make up for their lack of name recognition with the non-existent cost of admission. Rappers Goods and Smino are both St. Louis-born but left the city only to return as their musical careers took off.

That's the message of the entire afternoon—St. Louis has so much to offer. By bringing in not only St. Louis businesses to give their pitches, but also food vendors and various local activities, the event is trying to give students both a reason to stay and a reason to enjoy staying at the same time.

While the afternoon explicitly caters to all regional college students, the assumption can be made that this is St. Louis's sell day for Washington University students. As there's a top-20 university right across the street from where the event is happening, LouFest U is hoping to bring in as many highly qualified, coastal-born

Wash. U. kids as possible to snare them for the foreseeable future.

It's not a bad gambit either. With so many Wash. U. students hard-set on moving to Silicon Valley or New York City or the Hill after graduation, anything and everything that can be done to keep them in the Midwest should be done. St. Louis has started to grow just fine on its own, but why let the easiest pipeline for further growth redirect elsewhere?

Making the event free is probably the master stroke of the whole play. College students are notorious for being

spendthrifts (normally with good reason), so even as dozens bail and sell their weekend tickets, LouFest can still hope to bring them around on Friday afternoon.

What doesn't make sense is the wholesale lack of marketing for the event. Why, if my assumption is true, would LouFest not actively promote the LouFest U event on Wash. U.'s campus in the lead-up? Why has there been almost no mention of the event outside of the website and social media?

Maybe it's because it's a new thing and organizers don't want to oversell it, or

maybe it's because organizers know that they don't have something they can oversell. The event page lists some of the food vendors coming around—and they did manage to book the best, with Vicia, Sugarfire and Evangeline's all making an appearance—but nowhere does it name the promoted St. Louis businesses, speakers or activities. (OK, one concession: It does say Express Scripts's Mick Ebeling will be speaking.)

Which brings us back to the free aspect: What do college students have to lose by going to LouFest U? At worst, it's

a networking event with not enough businesses to network with, artists you've never heard of, and some decent grub. At best, it showcases all of the best parts of St. Louis while also painting the city as a hub for exponential growth that you can be a part of.

At worst, you go at 4 p.m. and head out by 6 p.m., with still enough time to do

whatever you usually do on a Friday night. At best, you go at 4 p.m., get a job offer, dinner and a free concert, leaving at 7 p.m. or 8 p.m. to still do whatever you usually do on a Friday.

LouFest U may not seem like the biggest deal at the moment, but it's a win-win for St. Louis and Wash. U. students.

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## A NEW YEAR FOR NEW ACTIVITIES

Students descend upon Mudd Field for annual Fall Activities Fair



1: The Yoyo Club gave students the opportunity to try out yoyos as part of promoting the club.

2: Many dance-oriented groups like WUHHU, the hip-hop dance group, performed throughout the activities fair to show off talents.

3: Members of Crash, a drumming group, show off their alternative style of drumming—on household items.

4: The Brazilian Jiu Jitsu club set up a mat on Mudd Field, demonstrating an example of a match.

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legal battles over its interpretations and implementations.

One such important legal battle for the Washington University context was "Grove City College v. Bell." This Supreme Court case ruled against Title IX, applying to all colleges that received direct or indirect (think federally funded scholarships for individual students) federal aid. While initially a victory for those opposed to Title IX, the ruling was smothered four years later by the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1988, which explicitly included direct and indirect federal aid in Title IX.

Another important clarification of Title IX was the 2011 Dear Colleague letter. Intended to give institutions of higher education guidance on how to handle cases of sexual harassment, the Dear Colleague letter mandated each campus have a Title IX coordinator and set the standard for guilt at a "preponderance of evidence."

The University instituted its own Title IX Office following the 2011 letter, appointing Jessica Kennedy as its coordinator. The Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention Center was created in 2015 in order to provide confidential resources to sexual assault survivors, with Kim Webb as its

director.

So, to answer the above question, a Title IX violation in regards to sexual harassment is any act committed by a perpetrator that excludes, denies or discriminates against another person on the basis of sex, as long as a preponderance of evidence that the act occurred can be provided.

### But how do you get from complaint to a proven violation?

Each university approaches this question differently. Some have their Title IX coordinator handle everything, whereas others, such as Washington University, use a panel in addition to the Title IX coordinator to determine guilt.

But that's jumping ahead too much. Within the University process, when a complaint is filed with the Title IX office, Kennedy reviews that complaint and meets with the relevant parties. Following those meetings, Kennedy determines whether the complaint either does or does not qualify as a violation. If it does not qualify, Kennedy will then meet with the complainant to discuss resources and other avenues to pursue.

If Kennedy determines that it might qualify, then the process depends on whether

the complaint involves sexual assault or not.

In the University community, sexual assault is defined as "sexual contact with any member of the university community or visitor to the university without that person's consent, including, but not limited to, rape and other forms of sexual assault," according to the University Sexual Assault Investigative Board (USAIB).

If the complaint does not meet that standard but still qualifies as sexual harassment under Title IX, be it in the form of dating/domestic violence, stalking, etc., then the Title IX office will decide whether the case should continue in the USAIB process or go through the University Sexual Conduct Board's process. Any and all complaints involving sexual assault that Kennedy determines might qualify as a violation goes through the USAIB process.

At Washington University, the USAIB process begins by naming an investigator from outside the University to gather information pertinent to the case and interview any relevant witnesses. When the investigator completes that report, the Title IX Office selects a panel consisting of three USAIB members, each

of which have undergone sensitivity training. Ideally, this panel will consist of one faculty member, one staff member and one student, though it sometimes consists of two of one category and one of another. The University attempts to the best of its ability to pick panel members that share identities with the complainant, reflecting the nuance of a particular situation.

The three-person panel will review the investigator's report and potentially request that the investigator gather more information. The investigator, having gathered additional information, will issue the final report to the panel, who then can interview the parties at hand and any relevant witnesses.

After this, the panel makes a decision using a standard of "more likely than not" to determine guilt. Lori White, the vice chancellor for student affairs, determines the appropriate sanctions if the respondent is found guilty. Regardless of the panel's decision, both parties—the complainant and respondent—can appeal the decision to Provost Holden Thorp, whose decision is final.

When accounting for scheduling difficulties among all of the involved parties (complainant, respondent, witnesses),

this process rarely takes less than the 60 days recommended by the Dear Colleague letter.

### Washington University is under federal investigation though, why?

A federal investigation arises wholly independent from any on-campus procedure. Anyone—complainant, respondent or just an interested third party—can appeal to the OCR to have the department investigate a university-at-hand's response to a complaint.

In the case of the two federal investigations pertaining to sexual assault cases on Washington University's campus, each alleges that "the University failed to promptly and equitably respond to her reports of sexual assault by another student," according to letters mailed to Chancellor Mark Wrighton and the complainant from the OCR.

No documents have yet been released pertaining to the third federal Title IX investigation against the University, which Student Life reported in July was related to sexual harassment.

The timeline of the OCR investigation is as of now unclear, as these investigations haven't taken anywhere from two weeks to five years

previously, according to a University administrator.

### OK, so what are the penalties if the federal investigation finds Washington University in violation?

The most severe penalty that Washington University stands to face is a complete loss of federal funding, though that move would be unprecedented.

Instead, it's more likely that the OCR would settle with the University, as long as it agreed to modify its Title IX processes to better serve students in the future. The federal investigation will make no determination on the guilt of any parties in the specified cases, instead just deciding whether the University adequately served its role in the process.

The University is already taking steps to improve its Title IX process, and two new staffers were hired this summer to assist Kennedy with the caseload. The University also is hosting multiple listening sessions this month to hear about student experiences with Title IX, how the process can be improved and anything else students might want to say.

Starting with two op-eds published in Student Life last spring on the University's Title IX process' failing, it seems students have a lot to say.

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as early as this spring, depending on participation and performance.

"During the semester, we are going to look at the usage data and make adjustments as we need them to

the help desks. At the end of the semester and again at the end of the school year, we'll look back at the usage data and determine whether to keep offering a help desk based on its utilization and

performance," Duchek said.

Junior Andrew Wang, an economics and art history major, is skeptical about the ways Cornerstone can help in less math- and science-heavy courses such as art

history.


"I feel like it will be difficult to sustain smaller, niche classes in the future. For art history, I don't really know how these help desks will be different than [teaching

assistants], especially if they are only offering study help. I guess it's mostly helpful if you live on the [South] 40," said Wang.

According to Duchek, it is ultimately up to the students

to guide Cornerstone in what resources are going to be most effective for them.

"You know best what you need, and we are open to feedback from students," Duchek said.



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# FORUM

## STAFF EDITORIAL

### Students should protect DACA ideals

This past Tuesday, President Donald Trump called for a rollback of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, an Obama-era program preventing the deportation of undocumented immigrants. The same morning, Chancellor Mark Wrighton filled students' inboxes with a familiar greeting: "To the Washington University community,"

The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program (DACA) uniquely affects the Wash. U. campus, as the young adults it shields are the same age to we who attend this school. Around 800,000 people currently qualify to be protected, while an estimated 1.7 million could be eligible. Wrighton's email began with a bold statement, outlining his belief that DACA "should be continued and even expanded." He expressed strong feelings about the

program, emphasizing that members of the University community will remain protected whether DACA is repealed or not. The Student Life editorial board applauds Wrighton—and the Wash. U. community at large—for his punctual and emphatic response to this substantial threat to our community. Additionally, he pointed students to resources on campus, allowing departments to fulfill their purpose

and directly help students. Wrighton is not only sending a powerful message to alumni, faculty, staff and students—he made a promise to help students with "challenges that may make it difficult to continue their studies." This creates a community in which asking for help is encouraged, a big deal to those who may be too afraid to speak up. In addition, similar to Student Union's letter to Trump last year, Wrighton sent

a letter to Trump directly on Sept. 1, asking for an extension of DACA. Last year, we asked "If DACA is repealed, what will happen to Wash. U. students protected under the policy?" Well, now we know. Students' information will remain confidential, the Washington University Police Department will not inquire about immigration status and the Office of International Students and Scholars will offer legal advice, in addition

to helping those who may be displaced find housing. As Wash. U. continues to strive toward creating a more diverse campus, taking a stand on issues like immigration sets a precedent for Wash. U. to be welcoming to all. If you want to help fellow community members, a call-in will be hosted this Thursday and Friday in Tisch Commons. To voice your opinion to a local representative, visit [commoncause.org](http://commoncause.org).

## POINT-COUNTERPOINT

### Twitter can be a place for engagement, when used properly

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Twitter, like almost all forms of social media, initially draws you in with its irresistible constant production of tweets, but also lays a trap in which you inadvertently become sucked into a word of politics, clickbait videos and endless arguing.

Besides people from high school I'm too lazy to unfollow, the accounts that I most regularly read are those of news organizations. Like most people my age and political leaning, I follow CNN, in addition to the BBC (and also some other small-ish organizations) so that I can say I have a "well-rounded view."

Of course, by the nature of self-selection, it's easy to create a self-perpetuating echo chamber. The accounts that I choose to follow—whether news groups or friends—all sort of say the same thing. They're not pro-Trump, they speak out on major issues and, in general, they're all anti-racism/sexism/transphobia/etc. It's easy to slip into a dream world where it seems like everyone is on the same page.

Sometimes, this self-selection goes a step further and extends to the audience. In

response to the 2016 election, many people—even those with thousands of followers—would post, "If you voted for Trump please unfollow/unfriend me immediately." If you keep people with differing views from viewing your tweets in the first place, whose minds are you hoping to change by posting at all?

There's this informal coalition of unofficial journalists—occasional freelance writers, bloggers or even just mass-tweeters—who will post threads (long series of sequential tweets) informing their followers of incidents of injustice. Many of these are valid, horrifying events that they think should be on the news, so they create a mini news network of their own. If you look at the replies, the majority of people are equally as horrified, further compounding the Twitter Bubble.

But the fact of the matter is that it's not mainstream media, and it doesn't represent mainstream beliefs. If people—Twitter users specifically—want their activism to spread beyond the screen of their laptops or smartphones, they need to log off. Yes, Twitter is an excellent disseminator of information, but it is also a facilitator of delusion. Sometimes, this activism

stems from Twitter itself. In response to the Charlottesville alt-right, white nationalist protests, Twitter user Shaun King (@ShaunKing) crowdsourced his 773,000 followers and identified a group of six violent men that brutally attacked DeAndre Harris, leading to the arrests of two. Social media doesn't have to be purely social—it can also enact real change; it just has to be used properly.

Once someone's carefully curated following/followers list reaches a certain point, it helps spur this kind of screen-based confidence. Here, the ultimate roast is to reply to an alternative viewpoint just to prove its ridiculousness. It's easy enough to shame someone into submission in the internet's public arena, but actually changing someone's mind takes nuanced, informed debate—and it certainly more than a meme.

Switching from one social media site to another and taking a look at the Facebook pages of local representatives can open doors into ways to help in local neighborhoods, which, at the end of the day, feels a whole lot better than reading yet another argument between two people deeply entrenched in their own viewpoints.

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When I joined Twitter in 2011, the first tweet I saw was a retweet by my friend Colin: A "Jersey Shore" cast member simply posted, "Just pooped." This occurred during the period when Twitter was lauded by many as a democratizing force, a platform through which anyone from anywhere could be heard around the world. I thought, "Sounds right so far."

Of course, many more poop jokes and an angry tweeter-in-chief later, the website tends not to garner the same praise it once did. Just this semester, I've had more than one professor complain about the Twitter-fication of our language. Our generation, they say, is worse than any before at forming thoughtful, nuanced ideas—and it's all thanks to Twitter, with its anarchical grammar and its character limit from hell. Due to the site's informality and restriction on verbosity, many of these traditionalistic observers infer that its

users degrade the level of discourse in our society.

This of course ignores the fact that, instead of just complaining about politics or defending the Boston Red Sox's (barely objectionable) actions to whoever's in the room with us, we can disseminate these opinions to hundreds of followers. So, we spread our ideas more easily to more of our community, and this breeds a greater volume of ideas that coalesce as "the public discourse." And while quantity is not quality, the average tweeters of the world have been exposed to more ideas than any of their historical counterparts could ever imagine. All but the staunchest pessimist should agree that this expands people's worldviews and, by extension, enhances the discourse in which they can now more readily engage.

In this sense, what has often turned out to be a forum for incoherent ranting and bathroom humor is still a somewhat democratic force; it expands the reach of everyone's ideas.

As good as this sounds in the abstract, it's even better when you consider the very tangible benefits from the

exponential connections that Twitter allows. In the wake of Hurricane Harvey, for instance, tweets alerted the world to everything from individuals stranded in homes to organizations' relief efforts.

As a source of information more generally, Twitter's breadth also makes it conducive to aggregating news. We know that today's social media are as much news outlet as discussion forum. Even if you've gone on Twitter hoping for a good laugh or a hot take on the New England Patriots' chances this season (spoiler alert: they're good), you could very well find yourself refreshing your timeline to see breaking news, just seconds after it happens. And the prevalence of the retweet means that comments follow posts much more easily than on Facebook, which keeps the person posting honest and helps centralize discussion.

Don't let your puritanical English language upbringing or the fact that the site helped give the presidency to an egomaniacal, white nationalist demagogue sour your view: Seriously, Twitter is great.

### Houston strong: A response to Hurricane Harvey from a native

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Two weeks ago, as I boarded a plane to St. Louis from Houston, Tropical Storm Harvey was one of the furthest things from my mind. Now, for the time being, it has reshaped my reality. Growing up on the Gulf Coast, hurricane coverage is something that, most years, fades quickly into background noise by midsummer. Every year, you make your hurricane box and distantly watch the pixelated green and yellow blobs spiral off toward Mexico or into the Atlantic Ocean. By July, each projected "storm of the summer" is hardly a recognized household name. But then, Harvey hits. Andrew, Allison, Katrina, Ike, Sandy—their names are officially retired,

but they linger as indelible marks on our collective consciousness and physical scars on our landscape.

My first week of school was different this year. Instead of buying books, focusing on classes or catching up with friends, I sat in bed hunched over my laptop, calling family friends, glued to local news and poring over elevation maps, trying to figure out what disaster would happen next. I sat waiting, making technical bargains with the universe that couldn't be fulfilled and just trying to understand. Water is a peculiar form of home invader. You can't fight it off or push it back. It cannot be reasoned with, and there's no way to win. It is an inexorable force that creeps slowly up your porch and consumes all it touches. And all you can do

is watch, search for higher ground and pray for the rain to stop. The floods do not discriminate, but they always manage to hit the most vulnerable the hardest anyway.

As glad as I should have been to be out of Houston when Harvey hit, my only wish was to be there. I felt like if I had been on the ground, there would've been something that I could do to help, some comfort to give. Instead I sat in my room, thousands of miles away, and watched the water creep up from afar. Every time my phone buzzed my stomach dropped because I knew it could be someone else I knew telling me they were now homeless or telling me their business was underwater. "It's just stuff," they'd say. "But we've pretty much lost everything."

Trying to work my way

back into my normal school mindset was difficult. The wet grip that Harvey had over my city had settled into my chest, and it seemed wrong to look for a distraction just because I wasn't at home dealing with this mess like everyone else. The most common refrain that I would hear from classmates was, "Wow, I can't even imagine." And I laugh because a week ago, I couldn't, either. Now, I know the aerial view of my neighborhood better full of water than without because of how many times I've seen it this week on the national news. I have watched flood waters take over highways, favorite bakeries and places from my childhood memories, their familiarity making them look paradoxically even more alien splashed across my screen.

However, with everything

that has happened, I have felt helpless but not hopeless. Anyone who knows me knows how viciously proud and protective I am of my city. I'm always jumping to extol our diversity, sense of community and accomplishments, from excellent food, to the largest medical center in the world. I have never been more proud of our city than these past few weeks. As a child, I watched the destruction of Hurricane Katrina from afar. And from the survivors, I know that my shell-shocked response to this disaster is a privileged one. Even before the rain stopped, caravans full of strangers were on the way into the city, stretching for miles down now impassable roads. So many people have opened their hearts and their homes to our community. I feel so proud

to know so many people I would now consider heroes and others who have been so strong in the face of absolute adversity.

The road ahead of us will be long and difficult (and probably still flooded for about the next six weeks). It's hard to accept that we will have to find a new normal from now on, and that the city I left will not be the same when I return. But resilience and new beginnings are a key part of Houston's story. As I mourn for my community and everyone touched by Harvey, and now Irma, I know that we will persevere. Although the rain has stopped, the end is not in sight. All of Texas still needs help as it recovers, as our hands finally stop shaking, as the water recedes and as we finally start to rebuild.

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# SPORTS

## Men's soccer opens season with upset victory over No. 23 Luther

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On a quiet Sunday afternoon, the Washington University men's soccer team overcame the odds and battled for a narrow 1-0 win against the No. 23 Luther College. With the upset, the Bears notched their first victory of the season, after opening their 2017 campaign with a 1-1 draw against Wartburg College.

The Bears started out fielding a mix between youth and experience, as Andrew Bernetti, one of the many freshmen on the team, earned his first start today for the Red and Green. Colin McCune, a senior goalkeeper, appears to have cracked the Bears'

starting lineup, opening the first two games of the season in net.

However, the team is not bereft of returning talent with game experience. Juniors Ryan Sproule, Kyle Perez and sophomore Jonathan Garske were all key figures in last year's campaign and seek to build on that experience this year with the intake of new talent.

Veteran coach Joe Clarke appears to be mixing things up, and the high degree of youth in the squad has allowed him to filter players into new positions while attempting to form the team into a cohesive unit.

"Players may have played one position, or two, most of their lives, and perhaps, they are more suited at a

different position," Clarke said. "Practice tells you a lot, but you learn a whole lot more when [you're] playing games. The team is supposed to think the exact same way, and when you have more new players than returning players, that can be a challenge."

Sunday's game started out rocky. In the first half, Luther's side attempted nine shots to Wash. U.'s two, and McCune was forced to make a save early.

"We were fortunate to come out of the first half level. We blocked a lot of shots, and we came out with a tie. They played a high backline with a lot of pressure," Clarke said.

The Bears' defense held out well, however, and absorbed the pressure to ensure that the first half remained scoreless.

Wash. U. had a much better second half, registering six shots and forcing two saves from Lincoln Saxton, Luther's freshman goalkeeper. The Bears finally broke through in the 78th minute, when sophomore midfielder Makio Yamamoto capped off a beautiful move by the team. A strong effort by Sean Connors, who dispossessed Luther forward Benjamin Keller and played the ball upfield, giving Yamamoto the opportunity to beat the keeper with a dipping long-shot. The ball bounced into the net and gave the Bears the lead.

Part of this breakthrough was due to a tactical shift by



SKYLER KESSLER | STUDENT LIFE

Junior Kyle Perez battles for the ball in a game against Luther last year. In a match against the same team this weekend, the Bears notched their first win of the season, winning by one goal.

Clarke.

"Luther played a high backline with a lot of pressure, and we tried to get the wingers in behind. In a few cases, we broke through and got quite deep," Clarke said.

Halftime certainly had an effect on the young team, as the midfield started to connect more passes and looked deadly on multiple occasions, with Yamamoto's goal as the culmination of the Bears' effort.

Friday's game against Wartburg did not carry the weight of a matchup with a nationally ranked team, but it was equally exciting, ending in a 1-1 draw after double overtime. The first half was a battle between the Bears and the Knights,

with each registering six shots in that half alone. Wash. U. conceded late in the 16th minute, disrupting the rhythm the Bears had been building early in the game.

The Red and Green bounced back brilliantly in the second half, taking nine shots to Wartburg's seven. This forward activity culminated in a brilliant team goal scored by Sproule, which leveled the game. However, both sides were unable to break through in extra time, and the end score was 1-1.

McCune staked his claim to the starting goalkeeper job against Wartburg, making eight total saves, three of which came in extra time, in

his first start. McCune's performance helped secure the draw and will no doubt be a crucial part to the Bears' upcoming campaign.

Wash. U.'s team seems ready to go for the new season and has made an excellent start by nabbing a win and a draw this past weekend.

"We played two good teams, and both games could have gone either way. I am very pleased we were able to get a win and a tie," Clarke said. "We improved quite a bit, and we learned a lot."

The Red and Green will put these lessons to the test in their first home match this Friday, against the DePauw Tigers.



SKYLER KESSLER | STUDENT LIFE

Junior Ryan Sproule kicks the ball in a game against Luther College last year. The Bears visited Luther this weekend, where the Red and Green took home their first win of 2017.

## Women's soccer opens season with resounding victory

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Entering the season with high expectations, the defending national champion Washington University women's soccer team did not disappoint. Securing a resounding 4-1 win against DePauw University Friday night, this year's Bears looked as dominant as the championship team of 2016.

Sophomore forward Taylor Cohen turned in an impressive performance, putting two in the back of the net and setting up her teammates for an assist in a decisive victory. For her efforts, Cohen won UAA Offensive Soccer Player of the Week.

The team's attack started early and was potent.

Many of the early minutes were played in DePauw's defensive third of the pitch. Wash. U.'s experienced players were in sync to start the game. Senior Mariana Alisio seemed to always be in the right place at the right time, corralling contested balls in attacking positions and creating early opportunities for shots.

Less than 10 minutes in, junior Maggie Crist found herself behind the defense with the ball in the penalty box for an early scoring chance. A good recovery by the DePauw defense snuffed out the attack, but the barrage continued throughout the half.

In the 33rd minute, Cohen gained possession within feet of the goal and set up senior Allison Cerny for a point-blank shot. An

excellent save by DePauw goalie Natalie Sheeks prevented what looked to be a guaranteed goal.

Wash. U. finally broke through a few minutes later, when Cohen headed home a beautifully placed cross from sophomore Darcy Cunningham to make the score 1-0. The onslaught continued.

Sophomore Jesse Rubin flicked in a shot in the 37th minute off assists from Cohen and Cerny. Crist rifled in an unassisted goal from outside the box in the 43rd to push the lead to 3-0 to close out the first half. If the scoreboard did not reflect the Wash. U.'s dominance, the shot count did: The Bears outshot DePauw 16-3 in the first half.

Cerny was instrumental to the victory. She

was a force on Wash. U.'s defense, winning key tackles in the midfield to start off the team's potent attack. Offensively, she distributed the ball to her teammates well and helped maintain a pace with which the Tigers simply couldn't keep up.

DePauw opened up the second by converting a corner kick in the first minute to trim the lead to 3-1. That was one of two shots taken by DePauw in the second half.

The defense and midfield excelled at denying DePauw opportunities to score. The defense played very well, considering this was their first time playing in a game together. The unit looked poised and experienced. They seemed to capitalize off of

almost any miscue by their opponent.

Junior transfer Hannah Menard was a key contributor, making numerous tackles and starting the attack from the backline. Junior Jessica Kovach also played a critical role on both sides of the pitch. Her defensive presence in the midfield was as valuable as her accurate passing and handling on offense.

The scoring ended early in the second, when Cohen finished off a high arching cross from sophomore Gillian Myers with a header in the 60th, pushing the score to 4-1. Afterwards, Wash. U. looked as dominant as they had from the outset despite no more scoring.

Questions in goal still remain for the Bears.

Goalkeeping responsibilities were handled by sophomore Katy Hutson, who recorded a shut-out in the first half, and freshman Emma Greenfield. Neither keeper was tested much during the game as the defense kept much of the pressure off of them. Neither player was forced to make a save in the game. Going forward, the question of who head coach Jim Conlon relies on in net will be a key storyline for the Bears this season.

The team will play Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology Thursday before hosting No. 10 Pomona-Pitzer in a heavy-weight matchup Saturday. If this game was any indicator, this weekend's contests are sure to be exciting ones.



GRACE BRUTON | STUDENT LIFE

Sophomore Gillian Myers receives a pass during the Bears' game against Greenville last year. In the Bears' match against DePauw Friday, Meyers scored to make the game a 4-1 blowout.



GRACE BRUTON | STUDENT LIFE

Junior Jessica Kovach strikes the ball during the Red and Green's match last year against Greenville. On Friday, the Bears secured a resounding 4-1 victory, playing away at DePauw.

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