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Graduate students look to unionize

Rally to be held Thursday outside Danforth University Center in support of efforts

EMMA BAKER
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

Following Washington University lecturers' failure to unionize, graduate students are now looking to form a union and will hold a rally in the Danforth University Center Thursday in protest of the University's anti-unionization position.

A key point of contention between Washington University and graduate students hoping to unionize is that under University policy, graduate students are not classified as employees, a position that the students dispute.

This effort to unionize intersects the change in University

policy to rename teaching assistants (TAs) as assistants to the instructor (AIs).

Amongst graduate students whose curricula detail an instructional undergraduate classroom component, this was a seemingly abrupt change. Parallel to this, a number of graduate students have concerns regarding the administration's understanding of the extent of their contributions on campus.

"Graduate students consider themselves to be workers at the University—and universities, like Wash. U., feel that grad students are just students," third-year Ph.D. candidate Meredith Kellings said. "Since we're not

considered [to be] employees, we feel ourselves not protected in the way that employees are under U.S. labor law...[We're in] an interesting position where we have no bargaining power, and we feel that unionization would primarily mean we're employees, but we'd also have a labor contract that would be enforced."

The University is aware of graduate students' effort to unionize. In response to these efforts, Washington University published a document of frequently asked questions regarding unionization. According to some graduate students, this document attempted to discourage them

from unionizing.

Provost Holden Thorp noted that he understands these concerns and sees how students perceived his response as they did, adding that changes were made in response to expressed objections.

"The thing [graduate students are] objecting to is a section that responds to questions we were getting from international graduate students, and the response that we had up there initially, [which], while factually accurate, was incomplete in a sense because it talked about what the rules were and what that could

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SU releases strategic plan, seeks further alignment

ELLA CHOCHREK
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In an effort to establish more unity between Student Union entities and hold members accountable, SU's executive board released a strategic plan Wednesday.

The strategic plan outlines responsibilities of all individual entities of SU—also delineating ways in which the entities support one another—and is the result of the organization's retreat in early September.

This strategic plan is a first for the organization, a measure created by Exec to keep SU entities responsible for completing stated goals for the semester. The plan also aligns with Exec 51's guiding goals, released last spring during officer transitions.

"We asked each of the entities about how their goals could align with the goal Exec set forth the last spring," senior Iliana Ragnone, SU vice president of finance, said. "It's a great step in the right direction toward unifying SU and having one overarching vision across all branches and all entities."

Another purpose of the strategic plan is to increase the visibility of SU entities, which include Constitutional Council, the Student Sustainability Board and the Diversity Affairs

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PAYING RESPECT TO LIVES LOST



JAMES BYARD | WUSTL PHOTOS

American flags were planted on Mudd field on Monday, with each flag representing a victim lost in the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks that took down the World Trade Center. The flags are planted as part of an annual tradition, which started four years ago and is coordinated by the College Republicans.

WU student-run Premier STL sells over 1,100 tickets to event, looks to expand social scene for college students

ZACHARY BERMAN
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Premier STL, a student business operated by both Washington University and Saint Louis University students, held its largest event yet on Aug. 31.

For the 18 and up event, held at Ballpark Village in downtown St. Louis, Premier STL sold over 1,100 tickets—a record for the student entrepreneurs in charge of the venture. Washington University sophomore Zach Moskow, founder of Premier STL, is stunned by the company's growth since its creation in January.

"We grew like crazy. The [Facebook] page started growing and growing and we started seeing ticket sales [for Thursday night's event] growing a lot," Moskow said. "The majority of the tickets came in the last five or six days. We couldn't have predicted how many people were coming."

Moskow founded Premier STL after noticing St. Louis area college students complaining about potentially dangerous nightlife scenes, mainly in fraternity house basements and at local clubs. With Premier STL, Moskow sought to create a safer

environment, where 18 and up college students did not have to worry about underage drinking, using fake IDs or high entrance fees, but could still enjoy the St. Louis nightlife scene.

"We're really big on bringing together different people from different backgrounds together—not just from one school or type of person who goes out. We are very open to who comes to our events and don't discriminate," Moskow said.

Premier STL's mission statement highlights the organization's emphasis on diversity and inclusion in the party scene.

"Our goal is to have a unified nightlife experience in order to enrich the traditional going out experience and to include a diverse group of people in our social spheres," the online statement reads. "Premier events serve as a place where students of all genders and backgrounds can come together for a night to have fun and take a break from school."

The Ballpark Village event marked a turning point for Premier STL, showing Moskow and other staff members just how high the demand is for these events. Moskow noted that about 1,100 18+ tickets were sold,



STEPHANIE SPERA | STUDENT LIFE

Busch Stadium is located in downtown St. Louis, in the Ballpark Village neighborhood. For a recent event held in Ballpark Village, student-run event company Premier STL sold over 1,100 18+ tickets to St. Louis-area college students.

while only 130 of the purchased tickets were for 21+.

"It's clear that the demand is for 18+ tickets and to not risk using a fake ID, which we strongly discourage," Moskow

said.

At Premier STL events, there is some drinking, which Moskow thinks is inevitable for a college social event. However, the company's main focus is not on

alcohol.

"[Premier events are a] really good way for people to mingle and go with friends to listen to

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Former Emerson CEO, business school benefactor Knight dies at age 81



EVENT CALENDAR

THURSDAY 14

Get Out (2017) Screening and Panel Discussion

Anheuser-Busch Hall, Bryan Cave Moot Courtroom, 6:00 p.m.

Panel discussion moderated by Kim Norwood, law. Sponsors include School of Law and Dept. of African and African-American Studies.

Visiting Hurst Professor Srikanth Reddy reads from his poetry

Hurst Lounge, 8:00 pm

Sponsored by the Dept. of English., Reddy will read from his own work in the Hurst Lounge of Duncker Hall.

Jazz at Holmes: Fall 2017 – Special Event: From Great Britain – Modern Jazz with Bassist & Composer Tony Grey with Jay Oliver, William Lenihan & Roger Guth

Ridgley Hall, Holmes Lounge, 8:00 p.m.

Throughout the fall semester, enjoy free live performances by noted local and regional jazz artists from 8 to 10 p.m. Thursday nights. Café will be open.

FRIDAY 15

Great Forest Park Balloon Glow

Forest Park, 6:00 p.m.

The Balloon Glow and race is celebrating its 43rd anniversary. Attendance is free to more than 150,000 spectators who come out to watch 70 world-class balloon pilots compete in a race that is almost as exciting from the ground as it is in the air.

International Relations Round Table – “North Korea and Nuclear Weapons: Special Meeting with Jonathan Pollack”

Danforth University Center, Room 248, 11:45 a.m.

A joint meeting with the Career Center Government Policy Work Group and Jonathan Pollack about international relations, specifically highlight North Korea and nuclear weapons.

SATURDAY 16

2017 Walk to End Alzheimer’s – St. Louis

Scottrade Center, 1401 Clark Ave., St. Louis 63103, 8:00 a.m.

Join the Knight Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center team. Walk begins at 10 a.m.

DANIELLE DRAKE-FLAM NEWS EDITOR

Charles F. Knight, a benefactor of the Olin Business School and a large part of the Olin community, died from Alzheimer’s disease at age 81 Tuesday.

In addition to serving as one of Washington University’s most prominent donors, Knight was best known for his career as CEO of technology and engineering company Emerson, at which he resided for nearly three decades. From 1977 to 1990, Knight was also part of the University’s board of trustees, chairing the Business School Task Force in 1980 and serving as the first chairman to Olin Business School’s National Council in 1995.

Knight’s lead capital gift of \$15 million in 2011 supported the Olin Business School and provided the capital foundation for the school’s undergraduate and graduate business programs. The impact of his support can be seen on the Danforth campus in Knight Hall and the Charles F. Knight Executive Education and Conference Center, as well as on the medical campus, where the Charles F. Knight Emergency and

Trauma Center serves as Washington University’s main medical center in the Barnes-Jewish Hospital complex.

In an email to the Olin Business School community, Dean Mark Taylor expressed his condolences, saying that while he did not have the chance to meet Knight in person, he—along with all of Olin Business School—has been impacted by Knight’s legacy.

“Many of you will have had the privilege of working with Mr. Knight and will therefore know firsthand his great vision and the effect this has had on our school,” Taylor said. “Others, like me, will not have had the great privilege of meeting him, but nevertheless [will] feel the impact of his legacy every day at the business school—a legacy which is both figuratively and literally built into the fabric of Olin [Business School].”

Chancellor Mark Wrighton had worked with Knight personally since he first joined the University in 1995. He reflected on his time with Knight, pointing out that Knight not only made waves in the business world for the Olin Business School but also pooled together resources for the Alvin J. Siteman Cancer

Center.

“He and Emerson did many things that brought benefit to Washington University and the St. Louis community during my tenure,” Wrighton wrote in an email to Student Life. “As I began my chancellorship, he worked closely with me and leaders of the John M. Olin School of Business to develop a plan to launch a large effort in executive education...But Chuck Knight did much more at Washington University: He was critical both in his work and his efforts to build financial support for the Alvin J. Siteman Cancer Center, which is today the third largest cancer center in the United States.”

Through both his personal touch and financial donations, Knight made an impact on the Washington University community—and on the Olin Business School in particular.

“When I walked through Knight Hall and the Knight Center after hearing the sad news, I thought of the words written in St. Paul’s Cathedral in London, commemorating its architect, and how well they apply to Mr. Knight’s legacy at the Olin Business School: ‘If you would seek his monument, look about you,’” Taylor wrote.

Green Action calls for WU Clean Coal Consortium name change

EMILY GETZOFF CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

Green Action, an environmental justice student group, has requested that Washington University’s Consortium for Clean Coal Utilization change its name. But despite Green Action and the University not agreeing on the name, both sides note the necessity for more environmentally friendly energy sources.

Last semester, Green Action reached out to a group of alumni to help voice their concerns over the name of the Consortium for Clean Coal Utilization (CCCU). The alumni released a petition pledging to withhold donations from the University unless it discontinues the CCCU and divests from fossil fuel companies, among other environmental and social justice requests. The petition claims that the Consortium for Clean Coal Utilization “legitimizes an impractical and short-sided solution to carbon emissions.”

However, Green Action president and junior Peter

Koulogeorge maintains that the group has no issue with the Consortium for Clean Coal Utilization itself and that the group’s concern is simply with respect to its name.

“We have no qualm with the research that’s being done, Koulogeorge said. “Our issue comes with the term ‘clean coal.’”

Director of the Consortium for Clean Coal, Utilization Professor Richard Axelbaum, claims that, aside from its name, the goals of the CCCU align with those of Green Action.

“The Consortium for Clean Coal Utilization shares a vision with Green Action of wanting to supply the world with reliable, affordable energy without negatively affecting the environment,” Axelbaum said.

Although Koulogeorge supports the research being done at the CCCU, particularly carbon capture and sequestration research, he feels that the name of the CCCU is misleading, citing the harmful impacts of coal on people, especially children.



COURTESY OF GREEN ACTION

40 Washington University students, community members and West Virginian Brandon Nida called on Arch Coal to cease mining operations at Blair Mountain on Friday, Feb. 17. Students continue to protest the University’s role with coal today.

“‘Clean coal’ is a term that was created by the coal industry in order to... create a false image about the technology research that they were doing,”

Koulogeorge said. “We don’t have an issue with carbon capture and sequestration, we just want it to be called [something else] so that...people don’t

support coal thinking that it’s ‘clean coal.’”

Koulogeorge is particularly concerned about the effect that coal has on people of low socioeconomic

status and worries that the name “clean coal” may be overlooking coal’s impact on low income

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mean for visa status international students,” Provost Holden Thorp said. “When I saw the objection that the students had raised about that, I agreed that it could be construed as saying that we were taking a position about how we would act in that situation...So we amended the FAQ and said that we wouldn’t share anybody’s immigration status or whether it had changed unless we were legally compelled to do so.”

The August 2016 ruling by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) declared that graduate

students were protected under the National Labor Relations Act, overturning the 2004 decision that graduate students were not full time employees of their universities. Due to these relatively recent changes, the policy regarding graduate students’ classifications is still, in many ways, unclear.

“It’s a confusing space, and we are deriving benefits, but we’re also performing labors. So, there’s this weird space on how to categorize it,” Kellings said. “It seems like this is all intended to define

our role more strictly to the zone of student, as opposed to moving back and forth between student and employee.”

The University, for its part, has a more straightforward view of graduate students’ status.

“We don’t believe that graduate students should be classified as workers,” Thorp said. “We believe graduate students are students.”

According to Kellings, the University communicated a clarification of the student-mentor relationship with the intention

of making assistantships more impactful—a measure meant to improve the quality of education both given and received at the graduate level.

“We’ve gotten some messaging from the University that this is going to be a meaningful change in terms of how our work at the level gets done in terms of assistantship,” Kellings said. “The language has been emphasizing the extent to which this is a learning experience for us, instead of work that we perform for the University.”

Graduate students, faculty and members of the community will unite to march from the Danforth University Center to Brookings Quadrangle on Thursday at 10:45 a.m. in protest of the University’s position. According to the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), approximately 600 graduate students, in partnership with SEIU, are expected file a formal request to schedule a union election on Friday with the NLRB.

“If people have a fear about unionization, they

fear that unionization will make us just workers and that will diminish the richness of the academic work that we are here to do or the spirit of academic collaboration,” Kellings said. “Having the peace of mind to know that I wouldn’t have to choose between academic success and my ability to lead a decently healthy personal life is only going to improve my ability to do the good, meaningful academic work I am here to do in the first place.”

Additional reporting by Chalaun Lomax.

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Council, junior and Vice President of Administration Tess Mandoli noted.

“An ongoing question that Student Union has to tackle is the question of ‘What is Student Union?’ A lot of students who aren’t involved in the Treasury process or budget allocation, they interact with Student Union in way where it’s like we’re a bank to them,” she said. “This is one of our first really clear steps to try to publicize our entities more so that people know what

our goals are—so that they know we’re more just a bank, and we’re more than just five executives.”

With respect to Treasury, the primary aim is to increase transparency throughout the appeal process. Before appeals, Treasury hopes to better inform student groups of policies. Following appeals, Treasury will provide more rationale to student groups that aren’t funded through the process by taking more comprehensive minutes.

Treasury has also created a survey to send to student groups immediately after they have gone through the appeals process. While Treasury has sent out occasional feedback forms in the past, this is the first time the body has created a regular document to track student group experiences with the entity.

“We made a post-appeal survey that will be sent out to student groups that’s kind of comprehensive in nature,” Speaker of the Treasury and

senior Keaton Schifer said. “I know we haven’t ever done one on this kind of consistent basis, so the feedback we’ve gotten has been pretty much nonexistent.”

Meanwhile, Senate hopes to determine specific focus points for the coming year through research and data gathering. The governing body plans to place particular attention on areas students are interested in, such as academics.

“A lot of the goals we

want to do focus on setting an agenda for the year, focusing on big, far-reaching issues on campus that students care about,” Speaker of the Senate and junior Varun Lahoti said. “The hope is that instead of focusing on the problems within Student Union, it would be issues that students care about a lot.”

Senate is also looking to shift away from its traditional committee structure: Instead of working within its three current

committees—resolutions, projects and outreach—the entire Senate will work together, a change made to facilitate the mixing of ideas and to increase the speed with which work gets done.

For now, Exec’s primary focus is on working behind the scenes as the year begins through recruiting new students, planning for the First-Year Class Council elections and working with newly elected club presidents and treasurers.

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communities.

“Coal emits a lot of... hazardous chemicals and heavy metals, and those chemicals directly impact community members: They have carcinogens in them, they create birth defects and, often, those emissions are centered around low income areas,” he said. “When we use the term ‘clean coal’ to signify carbon capture and sequestration, it is further marginalizing communities that are increasingly at

risk.”

Despite these concerns, Axelbaum does not see an issue with the term “clean coal” and firmly stands by the name of the CCCU. Furthermore, he suggests that Green Action should be focused on energy research itself, instead of the terms associated with it.

“The name of the consortium is descriptive of its mission, just as the name Green Action is descriptive of its mission,” he

said. “We need to put our collective energies into solving these challenges, and spend less time arguing over semantics.”

Still, Koulogeorge maintains that Green Action will continue to speak out on related issues and look forward to future projects.

“[The members of Green Action] are going to continue to voice their concerns with our university,” he said. “Green Action has got a lot of work to do this semester.”

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live DJs. We are not reinventing the wheel, just updating it and making it what people want. It’s just a different kind of culture that we create. It’s safer for the people there,” Moskow said.

Sophomore Tony Lee, who recently became involved with the business, said that there is still room for Premier STL to continue to grow but added that he is overall optimistic about the future of the business.

“The event took a lot of moving parts and a lot of collective effort from every team member at Wash. U. and [Saint Louis University]. We’re still learning and still growing,” Lee said. “There’s a lot of good things that happened and a lot of issues that the last event brought that we need to find ways to improve on, but overall, I am excited to see where this company goes.”

The Ballpark Village

event highlighted the need for a staff, according to both Moskow and Lee. Last semester, Premier STL hosted smaller events, but never one to this extent. Both sophomores are excited to grow their business and increase its visibility.

“It’s become a real community and a team effort,” Moskow said. “We are really building a brand and a strong team network. It’s about the people working alongside me.”

A WAVIN’ FLAG



JIYOON KANG | STUDENT LIFE

The flag, “Untitled” (Dividing Time), was hung outside of the Mildred Lane Kemper Art Museum Wednesday. The newly hung piece was completed on election day last year.

A FOCUS ON CLIMATE CHANGE

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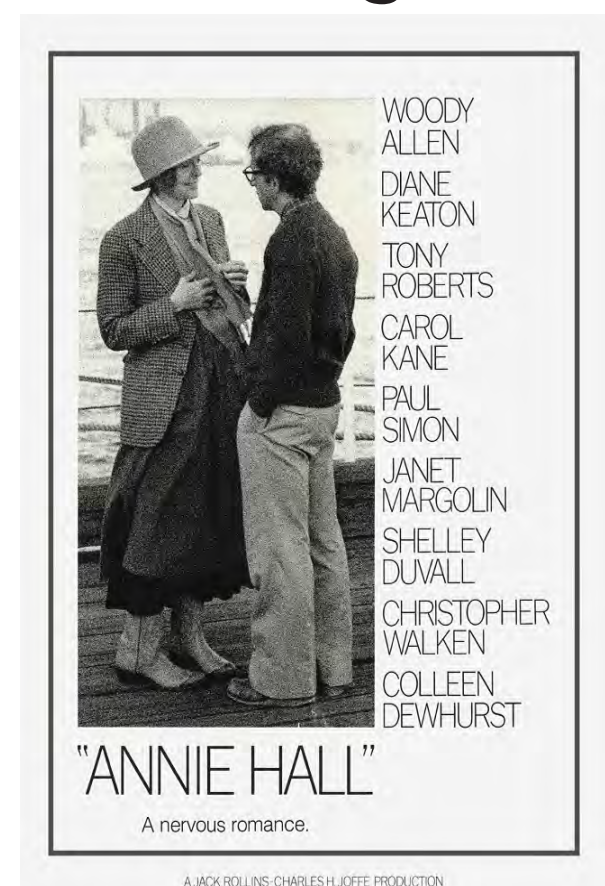
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CADENZA

Embracing the imperfect romantic comedy heroine



LILY HAMER CONTRIBUTING WRITER

In the classic Christmas romance “Love Actually,” Natalie, a new junior member of 10 Downing Street’s household staff, has no filter, and her awkwardness becomes a running joke. She curses in front of the Prime Minister on her first day—how embarrassing! In romantic comedies like this one, women are often imperfect, but only to a limit; when the secretary swears in front of her boss, it’s not the end of the world.

The problem is that when filmmakers skip on making a graceless character actually graceless, other aspects of her tend to also be sketched in, and she falls short of her potential to be real. For example, Natalie remains static throughout the rest of the movie. When I’m looking for a good love story, I like romantic comedies

with quirky female leads because it’s often a sign that time and thought have been put into sculpting whole characters, not just shadows of women.

A heroine from off the beaten path also provides a brighter and more entertaining alternative to the stereotypical rom-com narrative; this time, instead of being undesirable because of her flaws, the female protagonist’s charm embraces the quirks—that women can be desirable not in spite of their flaws but because of who they are. These narratives can bring confidence to viewers instead of a longing to be unattainably perfect. When a romantic comedy has an unconventional female lead, it gives a spark of life to the movie. By developing believable characters, the story is immeasurably more poignant, convincing and funny.

In the following movies, I find the female characters

to be joyfully real human beings. The films on this list have their issues, like most rom-coms, they only feature heterosexual couples, but all satisfy guilty pleasures and a hunger for good cinema. Because of their depth and compassion, they also appeal to viewers who wouldn’t normally watch rom-coms.

Without further ado, here are three great romantic comedies with beautifully awkward heroines:

“ANNIE HALL” (1977) WOODY ALLEN

In this classic Woody Allen movie, comedian Alvy Singer falls for Annie Hall, an aspiring singer, during a match of doubles tennis. Annie, played by Diane Keaton, is a fully fleshed-out character, very different

from a typical heroine. Her unique fashion sense and refreshing world perspective seem at first to be compatible with Alvy’s anxious animation. However, Singer’s neurosis and paranoia swivel quickly from charming Annie to gobbling up their relationship, until she finally leaves him for someone else. Singer then travels to California to see if he can win Annie back.

“CHUNGKING EXPRESS” (1994) WONG KAR-WAI

This movie’s two halves tell two almost separate stories—one of a young man who’s just broken up with his girlfriend and one of a fast food restaurant cashier who falls for a frequent customer who’s pining over a different woman. It’s this second

story that the movie invests more time in, and Faye Wong plays a woman whose affection for policeman number 223 knows no limits. She regularly breaks into his apartment to try and spruce up his lonely life.

“Chungking Express” is also a hearty visual meal and has inspired filmmakers like Barry Jenkins, creator of the recent Oscar-winning “Moonlight.” In addition to its love stories, the movie offers a snapshot of Hong Kong just a few years before its reunification with China, and director Wong Kar-Wai colors scenes of fast-paced nightlife with the nervous energy of a city unsure of its future.

“THE BROTHERS BLOOM” (2008) RIAN JOHNSON

Gravois Ave, St. Louis 63116

Featuring 10 bands and one visual artist, think of Synthesia as a mini LouFest—just with only one genre. The lineup is comprised of five local groups and five touring bands from exotic locales (think Michigan and Texas). To complete the experience, the event page asks attendees to wear black clothing and black lipstick. It’s not just a phase, mom.

LIVE MUSIC IN THE BEER GARDEN: AARON KAMM & THE ONE DROPS
8 p.m.
Budweiser Brew House St. Louis, 601 Clark Ave, St. Louis 63102

If you’re attending the St. Louis Cardinals baseball game on Saturday, hang around for a couple more hours for the first

Bloom and Stephen, played by Adrien Brody and Mark Ruffalo respectively, are con men who decide to pull one last heist. Things become complicated when Brody’s character falls in love with a reclusive heiress who’s been duped into helping them. Played by Rachel Weisz, Penelope is a woman who can rap, skateboard and make a camera out of a watermelon, and Bloom falls for her because of her clumsy candor. The movie also asks the viewer to consider the real meanings of the lies we tell ourselves and others, as Stephen’s cons grow more and more elaborate. “The Brothers Bloom” received mixed reviews upon its release, with many dismissing it as stale and pretentious. However, the film is sweet and interesting enough to deserve a second chance in spite of its flaws.

Musical events to help clear up your post-LouFest blues

AIDAN STRASSMAN MANAGING EDITOR

Now, all of the grass in the general vicinity of LouFest has been suitably trampled, students have successfully caught up on all the homework they put off and fabric wristbands everywhere, hanging by a thread, have finally fallen off—so you must be hankering for a new show to attend. You’ve just got to experience that feeling of being jostled around by sweaty people one more time. You’re dying to pay too much money for lukewarm food. Luckily for you, the St. Louis community hosts musical events every weekend—and not at LouFest prices.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 15:

BRENTWOOD DAYS 2017
Friday: 5 p.m.-10 p.m.

Saturday: 12 p.m.-9 p.m.
9100 Russell Ave., St. Louis 63144

In the background of every Instagram picture from the last weekend, you may have noticed the infamous LouFest Ferris wheel. If you missed out on taking a ride, Brentwood Days might be for you. The first day offers free carnival rides all evening and a three-hour performance by something called “Vote 4 Pedro,” which I can only assume is associated with “Napoleon Dynamite” in some way. If one day wasn’t enough, on Saturday the rides open at 1 p.m., with a performance by Boogie Chyld starting at 6 p.m. To make things even easier for all you lazy college kids, you can park at or Uber to the Brentwood Recreation Complex or Brentwood City Hall. From there, you can take a free shuttle to

the fairgrounds.

SCHOOL OF ROCK END OF SEASON BENEFIT CONCERT
7 p.m.

Delmar Hall, 6133 Delmar Blvd., St. Louis 63112

Fans of Jack Black, rejoice! Two kids’ Schools of Rock (yes, those exist) are coming together for an end-of-season concert. It also offers a genre of music not generally heard at more modern festivals like LouFest: classic rock. The music featured centers around Led Zeppelin albums “I-IV” and “Queen.” While it’s a bit unconventional to head to a concert where all the band members are under age 15, it’s for a good cause! A portion of the proceeds will go to the St. Louis Area Foodbank, a worthy cause.

GREAT FOREST PARK BALLOON GLOW
6 p.m.

Forest Park, 5595 Grand Dr., St. Louis 63110

For whatever reason, if your favorite part about LouFest is the overwhelmingly exciting experience of being in Forest Park (I’m assuming there’s maybe one of you. I don’t know your life), the Forest Park Balloon Glow offers that same experience...but with balloons! Vendors, concessions and food trucks line the driveway leading up to the Saint Louis Art Museum, and the balloons launch to begin their race (which happens on Saturday at noon) at the base of Art Hill.

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"YOU SEE, IT'S NOT ABOUT STUDYING HARD, BUT RATHER ABOUT STUDYING SMART."

ANUSREE NATRAJ
STAFF REPORTER

It's 9 a.m. and you're walking to your first class in the brisk fall breeze, clutching your cup of caffeine, which, as you've likely learned in the first two weeks of classes, is an inevitable part of the transition to college. Either you're in that stage of the learning curve or, perhaps,

you've actually managed to crack the code to a perfectly balanced schedule that allows you to, say, wake up before sunrise, maybe get in an early morning workout and also grab a hearty breakfast before you start your first class. Regardless of where you are in your transition to college, you're probably stressing about the first round of exams just as much as the next person

you meet. "Study, do your homework, review your notes, go to office hours/help sessions" seems to be the general mantra when it comes to feeling prepared for exams. But this might be too overwhelming to do for every subject you're studying every day of the week. So, how do you really study efficiently and create a balanced schedule so that you don't burn out?

SMART SCHEDULES

STUDY + REVIEW

Set clear time limits. Don't plan to spend an "indefinite" amount of time on any one piece of homework. Skim through the textbook readings, get a feel for what you think is important and revisit those parts later. With essays, plan out a general framework of ideas and then just 'free write' (write without stopping) so that you get most of your ideas out there. You can later edit for style and proofread. For all nonmandatory science problem sets, the goal is not to solve every problem but rather to be comfortable with

the thinking process. You can choose just a few problems, but solve them thoroughly! Try to go to TA office hours and help sessions if you can fit them in your schedule. Often, the comprehensive review in these sessions helps the concepts really stick and provide you with some nifty problem-solving skills. Regardless of whether you're a night person or a morning person, find the time of day that works best for you—and try to finish the most "stressful" chunk of homework or studying during that time.

BOOST O₂

Oxygen is abundant and yet you don't use it to its full potential! The problem: You're tired all the time and look to caffeine to solve your problem—but too much caffeine can throw your blood sugar levels spinning and cause jittery responses. The solution: EXERCISE! No, it doesn't have to be a 5K every day. You don't have to bench press heavy weights, either. Just a brisk 20-minute walk

increases oxygen levels, which improves your blood circulation and helps you think better. Another key thing to remember is to move every hour, even if it means walking a few steps to get a glass of water or a piece of fruit. This will ensure that your blood flow is equalized, and you're not sedentary. Plus, stretching those muscles every hour or so can prevent your metabolism from slowing down in the long run.

LOVE H₂O

Want to improve your productivity, mood and focus? DRINK WATER! No, seriously. Coffee seems like the easy way out, but it is very dehydrating, which affects your concentration and ability to think well. Drinking at least eight glasses of water a day helps your cells receive nutrients and oxygen, which in turn helps your brain utilize the energy from your food more efficiently, and this means QUALITY STUDYING! Swap out your coffee for a cup of cold water (add some lemon or orange wedges if you're not a fan of plain water) and sip on it as you're studying to feel refreshed and energized.

BRAIN FOOD!

Honestly, brain food should probably get its own article, given the amazingly vast wealth of information and research on different foods. But the general rule is to hit all the food groups to keep your brain happy and prevent those late-night cravings that can distract you from studying efficiently. Healthy fats such as

omega-3 fats (found in walnuts, salmon, tuna, etc.) help boost your memory—so reach out for those foods. Snacking isn't bad as long as it's not a lot of simple sugars taken in all at the same time. A handful of nuts or a small cup of fruit and yogurt can give you the essential vitamins and protein to keep you fueled at all times so that you don't feel a crash in energy.

Fraternizing with fraternities: New party themes to try

KATY HUTSON
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

So, you're getting ready to go out. It's a Friday night, or a Saturday, or—if you're really committed to your nightlife—it's a Wednesday or a Thursday. You've curled your hair, beat your face and spent 10 minutes trying to decide if those heels are worth the tear-jerking foot cramps. If you're a guy, I don't really know what you've done. I always imagine deodorant being shrugged at noncommittedly (screw commitment, am I right?). Then, you ran your hands through your hair after you pulled on those khaki shorts that you've already worn out of your laundry for the past three days. I've always been pretty OK with this obvious disparity in effort, because I understand that I care about the party's theme

a little more than the average bear. If I spend a little extra time on my appearance, I get to shed everything about myself and take on a new persona, a new life. Maybe I'm just more inclined to escapism than others, but themes are something I get genuinely excited for. You know what's not exciting? Dressing up for a "Spring Break" theme upwards of five times in a year. Look, fraternities, we get it: Boys like bikinis, and it's spring. HAVE AN IMAGINATION FOR GOD'S SAKE. Or just use any of the themes I'm about to list, because I refuse to call cutoff jean shorts, a Hawaiian shirt and a lei a "persona" ever again.

GHOSTS AND SIDE CHICKS

Ghosts: I personally would go for a bedsheet

with two holes in it for this one. If you want to be on the more inconspicuous side of things, you could simply strike up a tantalizing conversation with any person, then mysteriously disappear. To be more of an insensitive jerk, simply refuse to acknowledge said person's existence once they suggest y'all go somewhere else. You might not make any friends, but I think you'd learn some good lessons about being a decent human being. Side Chicks: The actions are more important than the outfit on this one. See anyone hitting it off? Get in there.

SNAPCHAT FILTERS AND EMOJIS

Snapchat Filters: Throwing-up-rainbow paint, flower crowns, beards and Ray-Bans, dog

ears, cat ears...the possibilities are endless. Emojis: Dancing twins, surfer dude, just a paper mask and all black clothes, salsa girl, punk rocker chick...update your phone to see the full range of options.

KINGS AND QUEENS

Everyone can just wear a crown and feel powerful for this one. Queens: princesses are overrated; I want you to RULE. Kings, try not to do all the horrible things your predecessors have done. Just try. You Don't Know Me, You Don't Know My Life A party to commemorate teenage angst—and maybe some current angst too. I would be in all black, eyeliner to my eyebrows, purple lipstick and pink hair. To finish the look, I'd wear big

Skullcandy headphones and play "Teenagers" by My Chemical Romance on loop at full volume. Get in touch with your emo side. Carry around a cigarette with "metaphor" written on it. If you care, you're doing it wrong.

JACKSON POLLOCK

Wear all white and get freaky with some paint.

ARCADE GAMES

Pac-Man, Mrs. Pac-Man, a Pac-Man ghost, Mario, Luigi, Princess Peach, Donkey Kong... y'all can fill in the blanks. Birds and Bees One of my favorite parties I've ever not been invited to, but tried to get into, was bee-themed. I dressed up as a bee, memorized the first

paragraph of the Bee Movie script, and wrote "the bees are dying at an alarming rate" all over my body. Needless to say, I got buzzed in. You can be like me and go as a bee fanatic or as a cute bird. Maybe wear all nude-colored clothes, or make a bedsheet into a dress? Your birthday suit isn't necessarily acceptable, but you could always go as a '90s parent attempting to explain "the birds and the bees" to various couples. This would be a great forum for the sex education that the public-school system and the parents of the people making out in the corner may not have given.

BODY BUILDERS AND YOGA MASTERS

Leggings, a sports bra and a messy bun. Count me in.

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Hidden gems: My favorite spots for studying alone on campus

ELLA CHOCHREK
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Are you one of those people who likes to stake out a table on the side of Tisch Commons or in the middle of Bauer Hall—right next to Starbucks—when you're looking to study? I'm not. I get distracted when there are a bunch of people I know walking by every five seconds, and I get even more distracted when I'm sitting at a table with a few of my friends. "So," you ask, "Where do you go to study on campus and not see anyone else, Ella?" Great question! Here are a few of my most-loved study spots around the Danforth Campus:

Simon Hall basement:

I know, I know. Simon has an Einstein's Bros. Bagels. And a lot of classrooms. And a library. And the BSBA lounge. It's always super crowded on the first floor of Simon (and there are a bunch of big lectures that meet in

the May Auditorium in the basement), but there are also a few tables next to May—and in close proximity to the vending machines!—where I love to study. I've had quite a few classes in Simon basement, and I accomplished more work pre-class than I'd previously thought possible. Not only is Simon convenient to food and classes, but the basement was recently upgraded with some snazzy artwork, making it a visually appealing spot for your midday study break. What's more to say? Simon studying is great.

Cupples II basement:

Alright...so, I like studying in basements. I had two classes in Lopata Hall last semester, which is connected to Cupples II, and I took to cutting through Cupples II as I sprinted from Seigle Hall to Lopata. Cupples II actually has a pretty neat study area in the basement that doesn't get much traction. Like

Simon, it offers vending machines (can confirm I eat all of my meals out of the vending machines—just check my Bear Bucks account), and there are a few tables where you can sit down and just get to work. Plus, someone wrote about "My Little Pony" on one of the walls, which always provides a welcome distraction for me when I'm in the middle of writing a paper.

Rudolph Hall:

As an Arts & Sciences student, I usually don't venture down by the engineering school, especially now that Brookings Hall no longer looks out onto a beautiful tree-lined walkway and instead offers a view of a massive pit. But I've discovered that there are some nice tables located right outside Rudolph (where I've had two classes somehow?). When it's not as nice out, there's a library inside Rudolph, but there are also a ton of random chairs situated

on each floor where you can sit and work. My personal favorite is this little enclave on the first floor—there are some comfy tan chairs, and the only people who ever seem to walk by are professors!

Hillman Hall rooftop:

I have this weird obsession with sitting on roofs when it's nice out—I think it's because I'm only 5 foot 2, and I relish any opportunity to look down on people. Well, Hillman provides the perfect spot for people watching, and there's hardly ever anyone else sitting up top. What's more, there's a really underrated cafe downstairs where you can get some delicious food and avoid the crazy Danforth University Center lunch rush.

Third floor Olin Library:

OK, so I know this one might be obvious. But the

third floor of Olin Library is super quiet, and even if you do run into someone you know, it's perfectly acceptable to do a quick wave and go find your own private study area. Yes, there's that pesky Whispers Cafe construction going on, and you can't quickly go get a chai latte when your homework gets too boring, but it's a library. It's literally made for studying.

Brookings Quadrangle:

Before temperatures begin to drop, Brookings Quad is a really nice study spot. There's beautiful natural light that streams in through the trees. The birds are chirping, the air is crisp, and there are even outlets located conveniently on the Brookings stage for when your MacBook Pro's charge unceremoniously drops down to 5 percent. Another benefit to studying outside? All kinds of studies have shown that students who spend more time outside face less risk of developing depression.

And even with the cranes hovering overhead, the Quad is the place to be on a sunny day.

Student Life offices:

Yes, this a place where you'll probably never go, unless you're one of us Student Lifers or you've managed to land an interview with us. But the Student Life offices are pretty comfortable—and we have a fairly large TV, if you're actually planning to procrastinate instead of doing work. Another benefit to my home away from home: I have my own personal office with a door that locks, which means if were a napping kind of person (I'm not) I would be able to sneak off in the middle of the day to get some rest in my office. Since I'm not big on napping, I like to sit in my office with the door locked and cheat on the crossword puzzles printed in Student Life. Pro tip: All of the answers are available online because we reprint puzzles from the Los Angeles Times.

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- Run into, maybe
- Online gaming tyro
- Salem residents
- Rudely confront espionage supervisors?
- OPEC member
- Guzzler
- Holy verse
- Letters by the shore
- __ wave
- Agreement on the ratio of innies to outies?
- Quote from a goat
- Absent
- "O Sole __"
- Ones meekly entering debts and credits?
- Embezzles
- Trike rider
- Big name in electric cars
- Somerhalder of "The Vampire Diaries"
- Org. that helps you find a way
- High praise at a carousel?
- Pinpoints
- Apple talker
- Seeks
- With no other
- Noodle variety
- Upscale
- Cut with a beam
- Await a decision

DOWN

- Ultimate Fighting Championship president White
- Biennial games org.
- Fair-hiring agcy.
- Mediterranean salad
- Hit hard
- Prix de __ de Triomphe: annual horse race
- Of-twisted cookie
- Leo, for one
- Hilarious sorts
- More than silly
- Down-to-earth
- Coulter and Curry
- Liq. measures
- Campus org. for future ensigns
- Cousin of Dan'l?
- Adidas alternatives
- More than a peck
- Old counters
- Great guy?
- Chaise place
- Fire starter
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- "Wow!"
- Grammarian's concern
- Legato's opposite, in mus.
- Closes, as a wound
- Like some cold symptoms
- Pimplly
- Indicación de afecto
- Sacred chests
- Arizona river
- "The Dukes of Hazzard" deputy
- Top-shelf
- Support staff member
- Monopoly token replaced by a cat in 2013
- Object to
- Nuke

FORUM

STAFF EDITORIAL

The Wash. U. student dictionary

Three short weeks ago, as thousands of students descended upon the Washington University campus, those of us in Arts & Sciences classes noticed a subtle change on syllabi all across Blackboard. Teaching Assistants are now called “Assistants to the Instructors,” and the journey that helpers go on as they relish in grading exams and quizzes, answering questions on Piazza and sitting in the backs of classes is called the “Mentor Teaching Experience.” In the same spirit, the Student Life editorial board has come up with our own names for a few of our favorite things on Danforth campus.

The Bear’s Den: Nope, this isn’t an abbreviation. But why do we abbreviate BD when it’s so short to begin with? I’ll let that one sink in for a while. —*Ella Chochrek, Editor-in-Chief*

Sustenance Utilizing Center: Last year, they took our mozzarella sticks. Today, they took our guacamole. Tomorrow, we’ll be eating Soylent stir fry with a side of multivitamins. Our freedom to choose is at risk—so, I say to Dining Services, “Why

the charade?” If you are going to remove all things beautiful from our menu, at least give the dining halls a more fitting name. The Danforth University Center should hereby be called the “Sustenance Utilization Center”—SUC for short. Wash. U. does love its acronyms. —*Aaron Brezel, Managing Editor*

The Shadowland: Picture this: Chancellor Mark Wrighton, standing on the steps of Brookings Quadrangle, his hand resting on the shoulder of Provost Holden Thorp, gazing out across Danforth campus. “Everything the light touches is yours. Except the Shadowland—we don’t go there anymore.” In the classic Disney movie “The Lion King,” the Shadowland is the barren wasteland where all exiled lions (Think: evil uncle Scar) and hyenas live. When I rush past the borders of the East End construction site every day, that’s the only thing that I can possibly imagine lives at the bottom of the cavernous pit that has swallowed the East End of campus. But seriously, don’t go there. You’ll get expelled. —*Aidan Strassmann, Managing Editor*

AYWILTSMM: “Assuming you walk in, listen to some mediocre music” is the new WILD. Not only does it roll off the tongue nicely, but people will actually know what it stands for (does the “L” stand for “lie”? “Lay?”). As for mediocre, talk to me when we get Sam Hunt or Ke\$ha, because, sure, Jason Derulo was fun, but I’m still trying to unstick my eyes from rolling them all throughout Mac Miller. And, like, have you ever seen anyone at “WILD” (voluntarily) walk in and lie (lay?) down? I didn’t think so. —*Noa Yadidi, Managing Editor*

The Uber Pickup Point: First off, I think we can all agree that the Clocktower on the South 40 is not much of a tower. While it is a natural meeting point on campus—and a great way to gauge whether you’re going to be late for your first class of the day as you walk from your dorm—it is not the gigantic landmark I imagined when I first visited Wash. U. Aside from daily Running Club practices, the Clocktower seems to be the busiest on Friday and Saturday nights, as underclassmen wait around impatiently, trying to find their proper ride

amidst the heavy traffic of Uber drivers on Shepley Drive. Wait for your Uber XL with friends under the clock, or if it’s stormy, pull straws and let the rest of your group venture inside Urso’s while you brave the weather. You’ll find the car, eventually. —*Elizabeth Grossman, Copy Chief*

The Goose: Ever played duck, duck, goose? That’s what it’s like trying to find a seat in the Danforth University Center during peak hours, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on weekdays. You go ‘round and ‘round the DUC sitters, hoping one will vacate a spot and you’ll find yourself in the right place at the right time. Most days you’re a duck; some days, you’re the goose. It feels good to be the goose. —*Rohan Gupta, Senior Sports Editor*

Subway: OK, there technically already is an area on campus named Subway—it’s the Subway, located in the corner of the Mallinckrodt Center. But it is unfair to Subway, and the amount of metaphysical space which it occupies within the building, that only that one corner of the Mallinckrodt Center is called Subway. If you enter

any door in the building, you will be hit by the unmistakable smell of campus’ most popular (and only) sandwich chain. Yes, the downstairs area is technically called the Gargoyle, but I have never been down there without seeing someone holding the signature green, white and yellow plastic bags. The whole place is ruled by Subway—and it’s high time that we recognize that. Rename the whole place Subway. It’s only right. —*Jon Lewis, Senior Sports Editor*

The Clone Zone: In the upper levels of the Life Sciences building on campus exist the plant growth chambers, part of the Jeanette Goldfarb Plant Growth Facility. They are in an area where few undergraduates ever venture, but if you ever make the trip, the growth chambers are seriously creepy. Yes, they are the site of some cool and interesting science, but those rows and rows of big, warm, metal boxes hum ominously like the setting of a science-fiction movie. While they’re really just controlling the length and amount of light illuminating the plants inside, I would not be surprised if a fully formed clone (human or

otherwise) just popped out of there one day. With Monsanto Hall nearby, there’s some serious “mad scientist” activity on campus already—who knows what might come next? —*Hanusia Higgins, Senior Scene Editor*

The Walk of Shame: I propose rebranding the outdated, sex-negative term “The Walk of Shame,”—the return journey home after a night out—to refer to the equally adrenaline-pumping and much more common experience of being late to class. Step one of Walk 2.0 is easy, so easy in fact that you don’t even realize when you are doing it—spending too long chatting with friends over lunch, forgetting to set your alarm, etc. Steps one to approximately 400 involve the awkward half-jogging steps you take to make it to class. (Optional steps 400 to 600 are taken if an impromptu shortcut you improvise out of desperation takes you in the wrong direction.) The final step isn’t actually entering class sweaty and out of breath but rather stepping around rightfully peeved classmates’ knees as you find your seat in lecture. —*Jeremy Goldstein, Copy Chief*

OP-ED SUBMISSION

Holding Wash. U. accountable

LUCKY SANTINO AND YIFAN DIAO
PH.D CANDIDATES

On Aug. 31, as students were returning to campus for the fall semester, Provost Holden Thorp and Graduate School Dean William Tate emailed a large group of graduate workers on the subject of unionization. In this email, they claim that if graduate student workers voted democratically to go on

strike, international students “might” have their visas revoked, “could” be considered “out of status” and would have to be reported to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), effectively threatening them with deportation.

They made these claims despite the fact that federal labor laws protect the rights of international workers to the same extent as those of working citizens of the U.S. and without citing a single case of an international student being

deported as a result of a strike in the U.S.

Curiously enough, our administration can’t seem to keep its rhetoric on international students consistent. After President Trump’s decision on Sept. 5 to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, Chancellor Mark Wrighton emailed the entire Washington University community. He refers to the mission of protecting DACA as a “moral imperative,” saying of Wash. U.’s

international students: “They are a part of our community... We should be embracing them, not abandoning them.” As part of the University’s efforts to protect these students, Wrighton promises to “zealously protect privacy of confidential student information. We will not release information about a student’s immigration or citizenship status to third parties unless required to do so by law or directive from a court.”

We believe in the spirit of

Wrighton’s words regarding DACA on Sept. 5: “It is on each of us to work to ensure that every member of our community feels welcome, included and empowered to succeed.” However, with their anti-union messaging, the administration stokes already-existing fears to exclude those community members from holding decision-making power over their own lives.

We, the graduate workers’ union organizing committee, commit to hold the Wash. U. administration accountable

for its hypocrisy. We call upon members of the University and St. Louis communities to join us as allies with our international graduate student workers against the tactics of our administrative body. Join us in front of the Danforth University Center at 10:45 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 14 to show your support for graduate students.

For more information, check out the WashU Graduate Workers Forward social media pages on Facebook, WordPress and Twitter.

OP-ED SUBMISSION

SU Senators urge President Trump and Attorney General Sessions to protect DACA

STUDENT UNION SENATORS

Age. Anguish. Shame. These are just a few of the emotions we felt upon learning of President Donald Trump’s decision to roll back the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. We are angered by the callous lack of empathy felt for the children—some now grown—who were brought into this country at such a young age. We despair for the

multitude of families that are now uncertain about their futures: Whether they can keep their families together, their jobs secure, their lives intact. And we feel ashamed by this perversion of our values of equality, liberty and diversity.

To those on this campus who are threatened by the president’s actions, we stand with you. To those who fear for your loved ones, who fear that friends and family may be unjustly deported from this land they call home, we stand with you. As your

representatives in Student Union, we pledge to use what resources we have and to work with Washington University’s administration to ensure that this campus remains inclusive, diverse and safe.

Earlier this week, we sent this letter to the White House urging Trump to leave DACA in place:

President Trump and Attorney General Sessions, We strongly urge you to reverse your decision to end the Deferred Action for

Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. As Student Union Senators, we are 10 of the 23 elected student government officials who represent over 7,000 undergraduate students of Washington University in St. Louis. At our institution, we value every student by name and story. We strive to provide equal access to educational and extracurricular opportunities without question of one’s citizenship status or fear of deportation. Dreamers contribute to our classrooms, our labs, our research, our friendships, and

enrich our community as a whole.

As the advocacy branch of our student government, we are empowered by the voices within our student body and serve to amplify their concerns. Numerous members of our community feel threatened by this initiative. Many more, including ourselves, have expressed outrage and invoked our duty as their elected representatives to take action.

Terminating DACA would hinder many students’ ability to achieve their academic,

career and interpersonal goals and present obstacles to our community, a place many students impacted by DACA call home.

We strongly urge you again to not end DACA.

Sincerely,
Joey Vettiankal, Brian Adler, Olivia Williams, Juan Williams, Zak Kadish, Danny Weiner, Sofia Miranda-Fred, Javier Zarazua, Josh Levinson and Lizzie Franclemont

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SPORTS

Weekend sports primer: Marquee matchups for the weekend ahead

JON LEWIS
SENIOR SPORTS EDITOR

Because Washington University has historically had one of the most successful athletic programs in Division III, it is generally not difficult for the Bears to schedule top opposition. It is not often, however, that three separate Wash. U. teams face highly ranked competitors on the same weekend this early in season. However, that is exactly what is happening this weekend, with football versing a six-time national champion and women's soccer and volleyball both traveling for heavyweight bouts against fellow top-10 ranked teams. Here's what to look out for when the Bears are in action in the coming days.

Football

Who are they playing?

When the football team's schedule was released, eyes immediately fell on the Bears' week three matchup: at home against No. 3 University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. Since then, Whitewater has dropped off the national rankings after losing its first two games, but the Warhawks remain a prestigious program, boasting six national titles and 11 conference crowns in the highly competitive Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference since 2005. To put how consistently good Whitewater has been in context, its current 0-2 start is the program's first in 18 years. Despite a rough start, the Warhawks are still getting votes in the national Top-25 poll and will be looking to get



GRACE BRUTON | STUDENT LIFE

Sophomore Johnny Davidson runs the ball during a Bears' game against Chicago last weekend. This weekend, the Bears will face UW-Whitewater, once ranked No. 3 in the country.

their season back on track at Francis Field this Saturday.

Players to watch

The key position for the Bears this Saturday will be quarterback, where head coach Larry Kindbom's go-to option remains unclear. Junior Ryan Arthur started last week's game against the University of Chicago, throwing for 99 yards and a touchdown but was pulled from the game after he threw his third interception. Arthur's replacement, sophomore Johnny Davidson, threw for a score and ran the ball into the end zone twice himself but also threw two picks of his own. The key storyline for Wash. U. on offense will be which quarterback Kindbom decides will be able to break down Whitewater's defense and whether or not that player stays in the whole game.

Volleyball

Who are they playing?

After last week's 3-1 showing in Oshkosh, Wis., the volleyball team continues its routine of road games this week, traveling to Springfield, Ohio to take part in the Wittenberg Fall Classic. The first day the Bears will face off against Ohio Northern and Heidelberg. Ohio Northern has started its season off well, and a 6-2 record has them flirting with the national Top-25. However, the real test for Wash. U. will come on the second day against the hosts, Wittenberg University. Since the season's start, the Tigers have soared up the rankings and currently occupy



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Junior Ifeoma Ufonda goes up for the spike in the Bears' 3-0 win against Hope College last weekend. The Bears will attend the Wittenberg Fall Classic this week, where they will face three teams, including No. 3 Wittenberg Saturday afternoon.

the number three spot which belonged to the Bears in the preseason polls. Wash. U. has only played one ranked team this season—No. 15 Hope College, who they shut out—and Wittenberg will represent the biggest early season challenge for a team with national championship ambitions.

Players to watch

Wash. U.'s front three, composed of juniors Ifeoma Ufonda, Julianne Malek and Lauren Martin, has been key to the team's success this season. The Bears have been running away with matches when the offense is in system and attacking with a high kill percentage, boasting percentages above .400 in two out of their three wins last weekend. When the Bears commit errors—like the 34 they committed in an upset loss to Illinois Wesleyan last week—they tend to struggle. Also, key to the Bears' chances against Wittenberg will be the setting of sophomores Chloe Stile and Zoe Baxter. Baxter, along with Malek, has been selected to the all-tournament team in both of Wash. U.'s competitions this year, while Stile is a key cog to the offense and tallied all 40 of her team's assists in her last match, a 3-1 win over St. Norbert University.

Women's Soccer

Who are they playing?

The reigning national champions are looking the part this season. In four games so far this year, the Bears have

scored 14 goals and conceded just two, posting a perfect record. This weekend, Wash. U. will travel to Whitewater, Wis., to compete in an invitational tournament that will likely culminate in a matchup with the hosts, the No. 8 University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. Assuming both the Bears and Warhawks win their first round matchups, against Illinois Wesleyan and Wittenberg University, respectively, Wash. U. will be facing its highest-ranked opposition of the season. Whitewater is also yet to lose this year, with its one draw coming in a 2-2 stalemate away at Loras College. The Warhawks, like the visiting champs, boast a stingy defense; the two goals they conceded against Loras were the only goals they have allowed this year.

Players to watch

After a breakout debut season as a freshman last year, Taylor Cohen has been the focal point of the Bears' offense so far this season. After a brace in Wash. U.'s 5-0 drubbing of Milliken last Sunday, Cohen sits at six goals for the season, the most in the UAA. After her selection as a pre-season All-American junior, Maggie Crist has been a key cog in the midfield for the Bears, getting forward from her traditional role as a shield for the back four to bag two goals so far. Junior Darcy Cunningham has played the role of provider so far, with four assists on the season. At the back, head coach Jim Conlon has gone with goalkeeper by committee, with freshman Emma Greenfield



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The women's soccer team celebrates scoring a goal during their 5-0 rout of Millikin last weekend. The Bears, who are reigning NCAA Division III champions, will look for victory in an invitational tournament this weekend at UW-Whitewater.

and sophomores Katy Hutson and Olivia Emanuel splitting time in net. With the Bears firing on all cylinders so far, the promise of a top-10 clash with another undefeated team will likely be the biggest early challenge in their quest for a second national title.

Men's Soccer

Who are they playing?

Unlike its female counterparts, the men's soccer team will not be playing against any top-ranked opposition this weekend. Instead, the Bears will be playing the last match of their three game home stand, hosting Illinois Wesleyan on Sunday afternoon. The Titans have gotten their season off to a slow start, losing twice and drawing once in their first three games. Illinois Wesleyan picked up its first win of the season with a 3-1 win over the University of Dubuque last weekend, with those three goals making up



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Junior Ryan Sproule fights for the ball against a Brandeis defender in a game last year. This weekend, men's soccer will continue a three-game homestand, playing Illinois Wesleyan.

the bulk of its five tallies this season. As an interesting side note, the Titans' next match after they play Wash. U. will be at the home of the Bears' closest neighbor Fontbonne University on Wednesday evening.

Players to watch

Much of the Bears' offense so far has run through junior Ryan Sproule. The big center forward has bagged four goals so far this season, getting on the end of crosses and generally pestering opposing defenses. The most consistent pieces in midfield for Wash. U. have been sophomore Makio Yamamoto and junior Kyle Perez, both of whom have started every game in the middle of the park. On the back line, the Bears have leaned on seniors, with Andrew Zingone and Chris Rieger starting every match in the defensive unit and Colin McCune in net. The rear guard has largely held firm in the early season, only allowing one goal through its first three contests.

Colin McCune: Seizing his shot and saving shots

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Just two weeks ago, senior goalkeeper Colin McCune had played a total of seven minutes, 45 seconds in three years with the Washington University men's soccer team.

Since then, McCune has taken the reigns for a squad with playoff aspirations, solidifying a role as starting goalie with three consecutive shutouts, including one at No. 23 Luther College. He now has a miniscule 0.24 goals against average in 373 minutes.

McCune's path as a student-athlete has been far from conventional. He mostly played on the junior varsity team his first two years at Wash. U., making just one varsity appearance in the latter stages of a blowout.

McCune was primed to get on the field as an upper-classman, but just as he was about to get his chance, he was derailed by a fluke injury.

"I was obviously hoping

to get some minutes going into my junior season after coming off very few during my sophomore year, none my freshman year," McCune said. "There was a game where I was actually expecting to be playing; and we were training the evening before, and there was one play where it was a cross coming in; and I come out, and I make a punch to clear the ball, and I land on my shoulder...It ended up being an injury to my bursa where I could barely move for the next two, three months."

It was a setback for a player who had spent time learning from his fellow goalkeepers and was ready to contribute to the team in any way it needed.

"I was very lucky where I got to play under two great guys for the past three years, Daniel Geanon and Nick Tannenbaum," McCune said. "It was always learning from them in practice, paying attention to what they're doing in games and just keeping myself ready so that when it came time to have a season like this, I was

able to come and deliver for the team and just be ready to plug and play."

Believe it or not, the injury may have worked out for the best. After a lot of physical therapy, McCune entered spring motivated and with a new objective: Win the goalkeeper job.

"The position was obviously one that I'd saw, especially coming off an injury, I'd have to compete for," McCune said. "In retrospect, I think it was probably good for me that I didn't come in with a mindset that this was something that was owed to me. I came off not playing for three months and this was something I really had to work for if I wanted to come in and play my senior year because getting no experience my junior year really left the gate wide open. I think it kept me hungry if anything."

Given all the behind-the-scenes work, McCune has no regrets about his particular avenue to improvement.

"That's been fantastic for my development; and,

so, I don't view not playing in varsity matches as being a serious impediment to becoming a better player," McCune said.

For his part, McCune put in the work to get caught up to speed despite the lack of game action. With the help of keeper coach Frank Carotenuto, McCune took advantage of his time to shine in the offseason.

"It was just putting as much of myself as I could into sessions and trying to maximize my time with Franco," McCune said. "I was very fortunate where it was all eyes on me. Dan and Nick were both done with their careers; and, so, they'd come to sessions and play, but the focus was strictly on helping me be in a position where I could help the team play well in the fall. And so, I was fortunate where I got a lot of individualized attention, and it was a single-minded focus for me in the spring and over the summer."

Even with the persistence, McCune wasn't promised anything in terms of playing

time. In fact, he only found out he was the opening day starter when it was nearly time to kick-off. According to McCune, that was by design, a head coach Joe Clarke special.

"I think one of the great things was he didn't tell me until the day of the first match," McCune said. "I could have come in fully expecting that I was splitting minutes, maybe not getting time...He never came in and said, 'This is yours; you have it.' It's very much something where I happened to be playing very well at the time, and things have worked out since then."

With two other capable goalies, freshman Bryant Hales and junior Thomas Orgielewicz, in the mix, McCune will have to stay on his toes all season as he carves out his place.

"I think that [Clarke] does a really good job of keeping people earnest," McCune said. "Everyone's position is up for grabs. It is about playing the guys who are playing the best, instead of just playing guys who he thinks have

some type of seniority and, therefore, they deserve it. That's not what the team is about...It's a position that I'll have to continually earn for the rest of this season, and I'm very fortunate where I'm playing with two other great keepers this season—they're making me work a lot for it."

Given his tumultuous Red and Green career to this point, it's easy to see why McCune has one goal this season: consistency.

"The best keepers are the ones you never think about," McCune said. "You don't want to be making mistakes where everyone remembers, and you don't want to have to be making big saves that everyone remembers. So, I just want to be as consistent as possible for my team and continue to deliver."

After graduating, McCune will be taking his competitive nature with him off the field. A mathematics and economics major, he'll be starting as an investment banking analyst at Guggenheim Securities in New York in July.

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12–1:30 pm

DUC 276

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8–9:30 pm

DUC 248

Senior administrators will attend to listen to feedback and answer questions.

September 26

6–7:30 pm

DUC 248

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