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Phi Beta Sigma hosts open house for interested members

MATTHEW WALLACE
STAFF REPORTER

St. Louis community members of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity held an informational welcome event to meet Washington University students who might be interested in joining the Black Greek-lettered fraternity Feb. 11.

The event marked the 41st anniversary since the Iota Kappa Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. was chartered at the University. Ten current brothers from the St. Louis area were present, two of whom are members of the administration.

The member intake process for National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) organizations involves a high level of discretion. Unlike historically white fraternities and sororities, there is no public declaration of interest. Even at the event on Monday, maintaining the privacy of the present students was critical.

Current member and Assistant

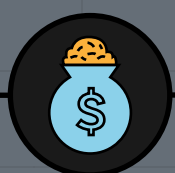
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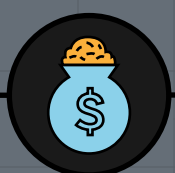
Feb. 5th

Approximately 10:30 PM - Student carjacked on 6100 block of Waterman Ave.



Feb. 6th

Approximately 7:00 AM - University employee robbed on the platform on the Big Bend Metro Link Station



Feb. 7th

Approximately 2:30 PM - Student robbed near the intersection on Kingsbury Blvd. and Trinity Ave.



Feb. 11th

Approximately 9:30 AM - Attempted break-in of apartment on 6100 block of Waterman Blvd. near Rosedale Ave.



Feb. 11th

Approximately 9:40 AM - Attempted break in of apartment on 6100 block of Waterman Blvd. near Skinker Blvd.

GRAPHIC BY BRANDON WILBURN

EMMA BAKER
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Two robberies were reported at the 6100 block of Waterman Boulevard Monday, Feb. 11.

According to an email from

the Washington University Police Department, the intruder entered the back door of the first apartment at the 6100 block of Waterman Blvd. near Rosedale Ave. at approximately 9:30 a.m. Monday morning. The subject fled after encountering

a person inside the apartment.

A subject broke into an apartment also at the 6100 block of Waterman Blvd. near Skinker Blvd. at 9:40 a.m. Monday morning. He immediately fled after he encountered a person inside the

apartment.

WUPD issued the statement Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 4:30 p.m. The St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department is investigating.

WUPD Chief Mark Glenn was not available for comment.

Environmental activist Vandana Shiva speaks on the importance of earth justice

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NEWS EDITOR

The Student Environmental Council and Ashoka hosted environmental activist Vandana Shiva to speak as part of Student Union's Trending Topics speaker series in Graham Chapel Feb. 13.

Shiva focuses her environmental activism on genetically modified organisms (GMOs), women's rights and conditions of agriculture workers in India and around the world. Forbes Magazine named Shiva one of the "Seven Most Powerful Women on the Globe" in 2010.

In her talk, "Earth Democracy," Shiva discussed biotechnology and the concept of anthropocentrism.

"Another illusion of superiority, that the human species is separate from and above other species, is called 'anthropocentrism.' And that is so much of the harm that we face. With anthropocentrism, species will disappear; with anthropocentrism, the planet as a living entity will not even be understood," Shiva said.

Throughout her talk, Shiva emphasized the dangers of genetic engineering and external factors in agriculture in contributing to a logic of "extermination that has brought us to the brink of extinction."

"There's no breakdown in life if we allow life to function on her own terms. The seed in an amazing way can become a tree, as so in my pocket," Shiva said. "An indigenous person gave me this acorn seed. This acorn seed is holding the potential of a giant oak. It's built into the intelligence of the seed to become an oak. It doesn't need policing by Monsanto to say: 'Don't become

a coconut.'"

As a precursor to the event, Student Environmental Council sponsored a tour of Bayer Research and Development Facility for students Feb. 9 where students learned about Bayer's use of and stance on GMO technology.

Sophomore Carmen Vescia attended both the Bayer tour and the talk by Shiva. In highlighting the differences between the two events, Vescia said Shiva gave a more nuanced view of GMOs while Bayer focused solely on the science and technology behind it.

"I thought [Shiva] gave a really amazing talk. She covered so much ground, and I think she does such an elegant job of explaining the history and context and all of the connections between the different issues she discussed, issues that people might assume are only environmental how those really impact people's lives in incredibly profound ways," Vescia said. "I think GMOs are a really complicated topic. Dr. Shiva discussed there are a lot of facets to it; and at Bayer, they were so focused on the science and how incredible the science was...I asked a question to a scientist about how they much they were thinking about policy [like] 'When you're creating things, are you thinking about what they'll actually mean for the world?' He kind of glossed over that."

Senior Ivan Ginsberg also attended both events and said it was easier for him to see the world from Shiva's point of view.

"She was one of the best speakers I've probably ever heard...She cared more about what she was talking about compared to the panelists at Bayer.



NATHALIE AUSTIN | STUDENT LIFE

Environmental activist Vandana Shiva speaks in Graham Chapel about biotechnology and the concept of anthropocentrism. Shiva, a SU Trending Topics speaker, was hosted by the Student Environmental Council and Ashoka.

Even though the messages were similar at least of 'save the earth, sustainable farming' with totally different methodologies, how she said it, how she conveyed her message and framed it felt a lot more authentic and that she really did care. She's talked to the people and done the work of identifying and backing up her values," Ginsberg said. "Her message was not about 'we're a business; we need to make profit' at all, it was just purely: 'How do we see the world sustainably?

How do we take care of the planet? How do we live in one cohesive system?' That was more or less how it felt."

Shiva addressed the fallibility of technocentric approaches to Earth's problems and the irresponsibility of politicians and corporations not focusing their efforts on environmentally sustainable actions.

"Elon Musk writes a lot about this with his SpaceX. A society [with] food on Mars, because there is no food on

Mars. The richness of life is on this planet. When you think of a living planet, there is not a planet B...Now you can imagine that those who are defining the future of humanity, abandoning this planet is their priority, not taking care of it," Shiva said. "Now, we can't trust the future of this Earth with that kind of a mindset. That's why I would much rather trust the Earth in the hands of the millions and billions and trillions of living beings who inhabit it."

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EVENT CALENDAR

THURSDAY 14

The Difference between Baryon and Lepton Number

Compton Hall, Rm. 241, 3 p.m.

The difference between baryon and lepton number, B-L, is a conserved quantum number in the Standard Model of particle physics. So far we have not observed any B-L violation, nor any new force coupled to this charge. Dr. Julian Heeck from the University of California, Irvine will review the different possibilities for this $U(1)_{(B-L)}$ symmetry (local vs. global, unbroken vs. broken) and highlight connections to neutrino physics and dark matter.

My Funny Valentine: Music of Miles Davis, Randy Holmes, Paul Demarinus, William Lenihan, Ken Kehner and Steve Davis

Holmes Lounge, 7:30 p.m.

Introductory lecture by noted Italian musicologist and author Enrico Merlin. Sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs, Office of the Provost, Student Union, Congress of the South 40, Department of Music, University College and the DUC & Event Management.

Evie Shockley lectures on the craft of poetry

Duncker Hall, Hurst Lounge, 8 p.m.

Evie Shockley is the author of three books of poetry—“semiautomatic” (Wesleyan University Press, 2017); “the new black” (Wesleyan University Press, 2011); and “a half-red sea” (Carolina Wren Press, 2006)—as well as a critical monograph, “Renegade Poetics: Black Aesthetics and Formal Innovation in African American Poetry” (University of Iowa Press, 2011). She specializes in 20th-century African American literature, contemporary poetry and poetics and black studies, and is a professor of English at Rutgers University—New Brunswick.

FRIDAY 15

Department of Music Lecture: Eighth Blackbird

Tietjens Hall, Room 4, 3 p.m.

The conversation will be moderated by Christopher Stark and LJ White.

Guangzhou Dream Factory film screening

Busch Hall, Rm. 100, 4 p.m.

Featuring a dynamic cast of men and women from Cameroon, Kenya, Nigeria and Uganda, “Guangzhou Dream Factory” weaves the stories of Africans chasing alluring yet elusive “Made in China” dreams into a compelling critique of 21st-century global capitalism. Following a filmmaker’s journey from Ghana to China and back to Africa, “Guangzhou Dream Factory” provides a rare glimpse of African aspirations in an age of endless outsourcing.

The screening will be followed by a Q&A with producer Erica Marcus.

Eighth Blackbird

560 Music Center, E. Desmond Lee Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.

“Stage animals as well as outstanding chamber players, Eighth Blackbird perform with a freedom almost unheard of in their technically demanding repertoire.” —The Sunday Telegraph. Tickets \$5-\$20. Sponsored by Department of Music.

‘[Blank] Monologues’

Holmes Lounge, 7:30 p.m.

Additional performance Feb. 16. “[Blank] Monologues” is a performance featuring a combination of Eve Ensler’s original work “The Vagina Monologues” and original pieces written by Washington University students. The show aims to engage with the audience about experiences of femininity and womanhood.

SATURDAY 16

Talk—‘Physics in Diagnostic Medicine’

Crow Hall, Rm. 201, 10 a.m.

Dr. James Miller will be presenting this talk. No knowledge of Physics or Medicine is required. This lecture is funded in part by the WSWU and the Vice-Provost’s Office. Sponsored by the physics department.

MLA lecture series: ‘Historical Trauma and Memory: The Impact of Native American Boarding Schools’

McMillan Hall, G052, 11 a.m.

David Patterson Silver Wolf, an associate professor in the Brown School, will deliver the third lecture in the MLA series.

Palentine’s Dinner

Ursa’s Nite Life, 8 p.m.

Ursa’s is hosting a spectacular Palentines Day Dinner. They will be catering Rigazzi’s pasta, garlic bread and chocolate cake! We will serve you all at the tables restaurant style. At 8 p.m. they will take 50 people and 9 p.m. will take another 50. There will also be fun crafts, including friendship bracelet making.

SUNDAY 17

Chinese New Year Celebration

Graham Chapel, 6:30 p.m.

Chinese Students and Scholars Association (CSSA) will hold Chinese New Year Celebration to celebrate Spring Festival of China through a singing competition. They will find new singing talent (solo or duets) contested by aspiring singers drawn from public auditions and the winner is determined by votes cast by professional judges and a live audience.

Sustainability groups, Dining Services launch new Greenware Program

MERRY MAY MA CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

The Office of Sustainability is introducing a new dishware loan initiative for on-campus events to reduce disposable plastic waste.

In order to use the program, event organizers have to fill out an online order form that details how many of each item their event will require, and the event’s date and time. The program currently has an inventory of 100 plates, bowls, cups and utensil sets.

The Office of Sustainability will contact the person who requested the dish-ware and assign a location for the person to pick up the materials. As soon as their event is finished, the person places all the used service ware in an assigned bag and returns it to the designated drop-off location.

Junior transfer student Jenny Fang proposed the program after having it at her previous university.

“For me, I am interested in environmental sustainability, and seeing so much plastic

wasted really bothered me. You just eat on a plate for five to ten minutes and throw [it] away without thinking about it,” Fang said. “So, I wanted to tackle it. I reached out and copied what they did and changed a few things.”

Fang first contacted the Student Sustainability Board (SSB) in October through its online request form and after some consultation, SSB agreed to fund her idea.

“Sometimes a student can

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Director of the John B. Ervin Scholars Program Jonathan Solomon led the meeting. He said that the chapter would be valuable in creating an inclusive space on campus.

“As a member of Phi Beta Sigma, I have always been interested in expanding the opportunity for young men to pursue membership,” Solomon wrote in a statement to Student Life. “In my short time here at Wash. U., I have recognized the benefit of a campus-based chapter that is a part of a large international fraternity.”

The meeting opened with introductions from current brothers and was followed by a history and mission of the fraternity. From its founding in 1914 at Howard University, a historically Black college in Washington D.C., to today with its varied programs focused on economic empowerment for their communities, education and social action, the brothers explained that the history of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. is full of actions that fulfill its official pillars of brotherhood, scholarship and service.

Unlike current social fraternities on campus, the time it takes for the member intake process was a concern because the meeting was held well into the spring semester. On that issue, Solomon assured that current seniors would be able to participate.

“We will conduct intake when we have qualified interest. There is no particular timeline that we are following for our Membership Intake Process (MIP). Those who express interest to me will be notified of next steps,” Solomon wrote.

The other members of the NPHC, also known as the Divine Nine, do not have a specific chapter for Washington University as they participate in a city chapter for every student at local colleges and universities. When asked, Solomon was not worried about any friction between the city

wide chapter Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and the soon to be reactivated Iota Kappa chapter. He stressed the strong brotherhood already developed in the citywide chapter and noted that the opportunity for collaboration among the different universities would help facilitate the relationship.

Brotherhood was the central theme that all of the brothers mentioned when speaking about why they joined and what it meant to be a member. They also spoke about why they believed their organization would not only benefit the University from this renewed partnership, but why they would be enhanced by having more members from the University.

“I believe that the relationship will be a really good one. I picture Sigma as collaborating with other fraternities and student groups on-campus. The goal is [to] enhance the campus experience for all students, not just members of the fraternity. As campus leaders, I believe that the men of Sigma will be able to work alongside the administration and inform faculty/staff on ways to engage minoritized students,” Solomon wrote.

A student who attended the meeting was similarly hopeful about the impact the fraternity would have on the University as a whole.

“I would hope for the chapter to be well integrated with the Black community at Wash. U. and exert a positive influence on the Wash. U. community as a whole,” the student wrote.

While still very early in the process, the student also believes the inclusion of a Black Greek-lettered organization chapter specific to the Washington University campus would help the Black male community grow positively.

“It’s very early to tell but I believe the chapter has the potential to promote positive and diverse black masculinities on campus, hopefully increasing inclusivity within our

communities and empowering us [Black men] to be our best selves,” he wrote.

As reported in the Student Life feature news series “Band of Brothers,” there is a cultural barrier between Black men at the University and the citywide NPHC organizations that has been one factor in the low membership.

When asked if they believed this narrative of Black men at the University not fitting into their organization, each brother seemed eager to dispel that notion. They repeated their fraternity’s mission was to be as inclusive as possible and build a brotherhood of extremely diverse backgrounds and ideas united by their dedication to bettering their community.

Members told stories of other chapters around the country that differed from each other in every way possible, except for their commitment to the ideals and mission of the fraternity. The brothers explained that being inclusive to all members was at the fraternity’s core.

While it is still very early in the process, there was a sense of excitement about the fraternity returning to campus.

As for what would set the Iota Kappa chapter apart from other fraternities on campus and other NPHC organizations, Solomon was confident that his fraternity would be a major asset to the continued growth of men of the University.

“As a brotherhood of conscious men actively serving our communities, we are committed to upholding the principles of brotherhood, scholarship and service,” Solomon wrote. “Our mission is different from any other campus organization and our international network will be a great benefit to men at Wash. U.”

Editor’s note: The student quoted anonymously in this article was not identified by name in order to respect the confidentiality of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.’s new membership intake process.

Danforth Center hosts discussion on religion and polarized politics

TED MOSKAL CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

The John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics hosted political experts Melissa Rogers and Peter Wehner to discuss the topic of religion and political polarization in the U.S., Feb. 12.

Rogers is a senior fellow in governance studies at the Brookings Institution and teaches at the divinity school at Wake Forest University. Wehner is a senior fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center and writes for publications including the New York Times, the Atlantic and Time Magazine. Both speakers served under different presidential administrations and both have recently written books on the topic of religion in American society.

Despite their different party allegiances, Rogers, a Democrat, and Wehner, a Republican until very recently, have spoken together in the past and both favor bipartisan solutions to many current religious issues. Director of the Danforth Center on Religion and Politics Dr. Marie Griffith said the event was inspired by a previous event between Wehner and Rogers at Arizona State University.

Provost Holden Thorp said he hoped the discussion would serve as a model for political dialogue on campus.

“It couldn’t possibly be more timely than now to have important dialogue about something that our university has spent a lot of time focusing on in the last few weeks,” Thorp said. “We have had a

lot of discussion in our student newspaper about this very topic, and that has provoked a lot of, in my opinion, very good discussion going on amongst our students and facilitated to some extent by the administrators about how they can achieve the very same ideals that we are here to discuss.”

Despite expressing criticisms of how American evangelicals have enthusiastically embraced President Trump, Wehner said he was confident that people of faith and religious organizations can continue to have a positive impact on American politics, citing his personal experience working under former President George W. Bush.

“One example that comes to mind is what I see as one of the finest speeches that he [President Bush] gave, and that was on September 14th, the Friday after the September 11 attacks,” Wehner said. “That speech got overshadowed because later that day, the President went to New York City, which was with the bullhorn on the rubble, and that was an iconic moment. But there was a national cathedral event that occurred, and the President gave a speech...that really was the kind of speech that used faith in the best way possible, which was to extend healing and comfort to people; and it was one for, whether you were a person of faith or not, you could draw comfort from it.”

Rogers expressed concerns that religion may not be able to have that same healing

role after Justice Anthony Kennedy’s departure from the Supreme Court, which she argues could potentially lead to forms of government sponsorship of religion.

“One of the things that I am concerned about in that space is that I really appreciated Justice Kennedy’s position on, for example, a case first known as Lee v. Weisman, where Justice Kennedy...was very sensitive to the Establishment Clause,” Rogers said. “I really appreciated that because the Establishment Clause not only protects people who are not in the majority faith which is quite appropriate... but also keeping the government from sponsoring religion protects the religion that might otherwise receive the stamp of government approval, because when the government sponsors prayer, it is going to pick and choose among religious ideas: embrace some, reject others.”

Wehner said that although many right-wing Christians often advocate for their religion to play a larger role in governmental affairs, he warns that advocating for one particular religion to receive special treatment by the government is a dangerous idea.

“Conservative Christians who insist on religious liberty for themselves ought to insist on it for others as well, but the attitude that ‘this is for me but not for thee’ is not going to work,” Wehner said. “Unfortunately, there are a lot of people on the right who are

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CADENZA

Ariana Grande's 'thank u, next' shows off her stunning vocals, writing ability

JORDAN COLEY
STAFF WRITER

Less than six months after releasing "Sweetener," Ariana Grande has released her fifth studio album, titled "thank u, next." The album comes right after the untimely death of her ex-boyfriend Mac Miller and the end of her whirlwind romance with "Saturday Night Live's" Pete Davidson. In summary, Grande has had a very rough year. Despite this, she's still managed to release an album that is a stunning work of art.

Ariana Grande's "thank u, next" was written over the span of just a few weeks, but that had no effect on the quality. The 25-year-old has definitely outdone herself with this very personal album covering a variety of different topics and musical styles. Though it has noticeable flaws, it's a truly brilliant album that only reinforces Grande's star power.

"imagine"

Grande starts off the album with an appealing ode to an ideal romance. In this mellow song, Grande sings about imagining a world in which her and a lover are in complete bliss. Additionally, she hits some pretty incredible whistle tones. The impressive song sets a high bar for the rest of the album.

"needy"

Reflective of its title, this song is about how Grande can sometimes be needy and how she does have emotional baggage. Grande's airy vocals complement the simple beat, and there's something bold about her openly admitting that she's flawed. The song makes her seem more human despite her immense fame.

"NASA"

Two words on this song: it slaps. In this incredibly catchy tune, Grande sings about needing space from her lover. Connecting the two different meanings of space, she makes references to stars and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. In addition, this song conveys a really good message that

is often overlooked, especially in the context of romantic relationships. It's OK to need distance and time to focus on yourself and that doesn't have to detract from how you feel about your significant other!

"bloodline"

In this upbeat track, Grande attempts to breakup with a romantic partner while contemplating how they actually feel about her. She sings about how perhaps their love was just for show, while also stating that she isn't looking for the love of her life anymore; she just wants to have fun. It's a good song, but the fact that it's played right after "NASA" does make it fall somewhat flat.

"fake smile"

This moderately mellow track shows Grande singing about how she is thankful for all of the love and support she's received. However, saying that the 25-year-old has gone through a lot would still be a pretty large understatement. In this track, she acknowledges that, saying that she's not going to pretend to be happy or alright. The song reinforces a common theme in the album: it's OK to not be completely OK. Additionally, the stylized vocals (where she enunciates, might I add, surprisingly well) seem to highlight both familiar and new parts of Grande's voice.

"bad idea"

In this song, Grande sings about becoming involved with a lover just to get her mind off of things. Reflective of the song's title, she knows this is a bad idea, but that doesn't stop her; she repeats "forget about him, forget about him, forget about me" in the chorus. The beat itself sounds edgy, and the song makes one ponder how it may feel to do something so bold simply because it may satisfy your short-term desires.

"make up"

The shortest track on the album, this song is an ode to on-again off-again relationships and how good it feels to make up with someone after a falling out. The relaxed and light beat combines with Grande's pretty vocals to serenade listeners about how much she loves the passion involved in making up with someone. The more you listen to this song, the better it gets.

"ghostin"

This is the most vulnerable and saddest song on the track. In Grande's own words on Twitter, the song is about "feeling badly for the person you're with bc you love somebody else. feeling badly bc he can tell he can't compare." Its musical arrangement, which some fans think is a loose sample of Mac Miller's "2009," is dreamy, but also contains a noticeable hint of melancholy. The sincere song is incredibly emotional, and it's a great asset to an already wonderful album.

"in my head"

This hard-hitting track is about Grande realizing an ex wasn't all she imagined him to be. The bold beat is reminiscent of a hip-hop track, and her lyrics aren't any less forceful. She breezily sings the line "I saw your potential without seeing credentials," and it resonates. Women often have a tendency to be very lenient on lackluster men they're romantically involved with, in hopes that eventually they'll change. Here Grande realizes that she overestimated the good qualities of the man she is leaving, and that he is not, in fact, going to improve.

"7 rings"

In Grande's second single from "thank u, next," she sings—and, oddly, raps—about using retail therapy to get her mind off of her problems. It's an incredibly catchy song that immediately soared to the top of the charts, but the reception of the song has been generally...complicated. After a sample from Julie Andrews' iconic "My Favorite Things," the flow

changes into a lowkey beat that sounds suspiciously like tracks by Princess Nokia, Soulja Boy and 2 Chainz. A part of me wants to like this song, but that's hard to do so while reflecting on how problematic the video is, and how blatantly unoriginal the overall track is. The lavish consumerism omnipresent in the song seems like an ode to materialism, and it's arguably the lowlight of the album. Additionally, a white woman repeating the phrase "you like my hair, gee thanks, just bought it" definitely rubs me the wrong way, considering black women are often ridiculed for wearing extensions and weaves. As an album, "thank u, next" is very strong, but unfortunately "7 rings" is a disappointment.

"thank u, next"

"Thank u, next" is this album's title track, and it's incredible. Grande realizes that through both the good and the bad, her exes have taught her a number of valuable life lessons. In the track, she thanks them for this while also vowing to focus on bettering herself. As anyone with even a slight involvement in pop culture knows, this song became incredibly popular as soon as it was released, rightfully so. It's an extraordinary breakup song, but it also has a very empowering message. It brings the kind of energy we need in 2019.

"break up with your girlfriend, I'm bored"

I'm not going to lie, this song is very catchy, and I could easily see it dominating radio stations. However, the message is highly problematic; begging a guy to breakup with his girlfriend to be with you is not a good look. Additionally, the track is a surprising choice to come right after "thank u, next" an anthem in which Grande reflects on past loves and decides to take a break from romance and instead focus on improving herself.



DAY OF DISCOVERY, DIALOGUE & ACTION – 2019

DIALOGUES ACROSS DIFFERENCE

February 19–20

4 Ways for Students to Engage

1. Participate in Dine & Dialogue with Engaged Citizens and Community Leaders on Monday, February 18.
2. Attend a screening of *The Color of Medicine* followed by a discussion with the filmmakers on Wednesday, February 20.
3. Participate in the "I am..." Project. Learn more at voices.wustl.edu/i-am-project
4. Attend events February 19–20 on the Medical and Danforth Campuses.

RSVP for events at voices.wustl.edu

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AUDIO FILES

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It's Valentine's Day, or as I like to call it, the most commercially romantic day of the year. Yes, it's flaunted as a day of immense love, but not all of us are in romantic relationships, and that's OK! Perhaps you're going through a breakup and you've been dreading tomorrow for as long as you've been single. In that case, you're in luck (musically, not romantically) because I've compiled a list of iconic breakup songs to get you through the day.

"Let Me Know"—LANY

Often when people go through heartbreak, they're told to keep their heads up; after all, you'll definitely feel better as time passes. But sometimes you just need



still love you" over the mellow beat. And on that note, I'm going to go cry myself to sleep.

"Thinkin Bout You"—Frank Ocean

This song is almost a

ahead/'cause I been thinkin' 'bout forever." It's both a sorrowful and brilliant work of art.

"What About Me"—Lil Wayne feat. Sosamann

There was a time when Lil Wayne definitely did not strike me as the type to pen an emotional breakup song, but here we are; life comes at you fast. In this track, Lil Wayne laments the fact that he put so much work into a relationship with a woman who was clearly less involved than him. In the end, she quickly moves onto another man while Lil Wayne is left to pine after his now unrequited love. It's so sad it feels like it should be a Drake song.

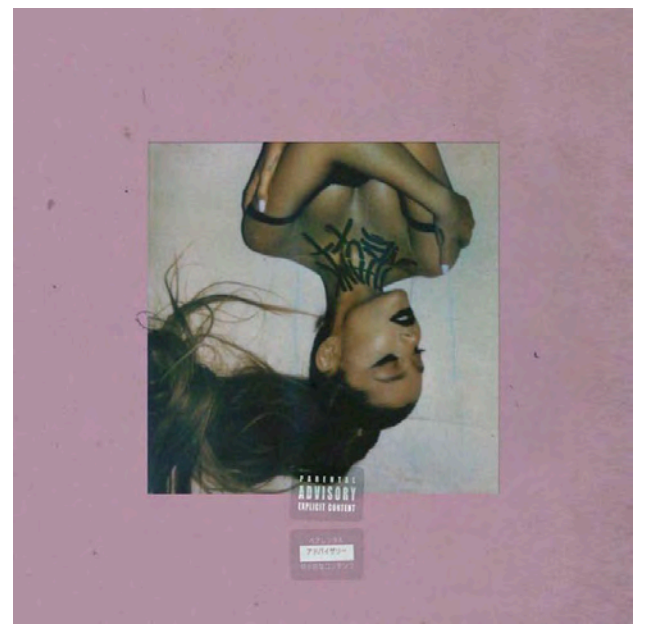
"Potential Breakup Song"—Aly & AJ

When this song came out, most of Wash. U.'s undergraduate population hadn't even reached double digits yet, but that didn't stop us from belting it before we even knew what love was. There are many ways to try to get over a breakup, and

blasting "Potential Breakup Song" while you reflect on how terrible your ex is definitely works. I believe this song is, as the kids would say, an oldie but a goodie.

"I Don't F--- With You"—Big Sean

Once you get past your initial feelings of grief after a breakup, you transition to volatile indignation. Maybe you realize that your ex was absolutely terrible and you deserve so much better. Well, Big Sean is in the same boat as you. On top of a sick beat, Big Sean makes it very clear that his ex is no longer important in his life. You find it relatable, and let's be real: The song slaps.



message. Sometimes your love for someone blinds you to their flaws, but at the end of the day you have to realize that you deserve better. A standout lyric is "I'm broken down I've had enough, if this is love, I don't want

this inspirational breakup song, she delivers a message that's deeply important in both romantic and platonic relationships. Those closest to you may hurt you, and relationships may end when you least expect them to. But every relationship leaves you with a new life lesson, and these lessons help to fuel your personal growth. It can be hard dealing with a breakup, but you can also use your newfound independence to focus on self-growth.

"New Rules"—Dua Lipa

This can be a hard fact to face, especially when you love someone, but sometimes the person you care about actually isn't good for you. Oftentimes women make up excuses to accommodate for the immature and flaky behaviors of men. It's not exactly fun, but it does happen. In this hot track, Dua Lipa stops herself from going back to her problematic ex. She enumerates the specific things she needs to do to stay away from him, and it's done incredibly well. Let's be honest, Lipa has girls all around the world following her new rules, and rightfully so.



"Super Far"—LANY

This breakup song holds a special place in my heart. On top of a pulsing beat, it tells the story of someone coming to terms with the fact that a past lover wasn't actually good for them. This upbeat song is definitely the type that you could listen to over and over again, but it also contains a stronger

it." That's the kind of character development we need in 2019.

"thank u, next"—Ariana Grande

It's pretty well-known that Ariana Grande has had a slew of romantic partners, some of which are name dropped in this track. In



to wallow in it, which is totally fine. In this sad song, LANY's lead singer Paul Klein sings about a failed relationship that he's clearly not over. Breakups are hard, and it can be a struggle to cope with losing such a meaningful connection. Nothing makes for better wallowing than hearing Klein repeatedly croon "I

given in the genre. This low-key tune catches the enigmatic Frank Ocean singing about the loss of his first love. People often say that your first breakup is the hardest, and the quiet melancholy in this song definitely reinforces that idea. In his charismatic falsetto, Ocean asks his lover "do you not think so far

Valentine's Day viewing: We need more 'Sex Education'

SABRINA SPENCE
STAFF WRITER

Unless you lived under a rock over winter break, you had access to the internet and, therefore, you had access to Netflix. What does this mean, you ask? It means you should have watched one of the new Netflix Originals, "Sex Education," and to be honest, I think we need more of it.

"Sex Education" follows a virginal British teen named Otis whose mother is a sex therapist. Her job is to deal with intimacy issues all the while having one-night stands with men who wear her floral kimonos after sex. Imagine having a parent whose job is to help people have better sex. Her line of work calls into question this idea: Do our parents' careers influence us in ways we

don't quite yet understand? For instance, if we have a parent who is a sex guru with a Ph.D., does this mean that we will become a sex guru minus the Ph.D.? "Sex Education" says yes, even if that child has an aversion to sex in their own life, stemming from deeply rooted issues in their childhood, like Otis does. But that doesn't mean he can't be a great therapist. After being approached

by one of the scariest and coolest girls in his year, Otis begins to help his fellow classmates with their delicate and intimate issues, becoming the sex therapist our generation never asked for, but then realized they needed. Dealing with impotence, the inability to orgasm and the emotional turmoil that comes with being in a high school relationship, Otis handles each

case with grace and poise and the insight one would expect from the son of a published sex therapist. "Sex Education" deals with sexual health and intimacy in a light-hearted, satirical manner while maintaining a serious edge that informs and highlights the importance of taking care of your personal health, because STIs, UTIs and the like are not sexy. On top of the obvious

sexual overtones, undertones, middle-tones and regular tones, "Sex Education" deals with complicated home situations, homophobic rhetoric and situations and personal discovery while poking fun at the sex lives of teenagers. It's a much-watch show. Good job, Netflix. Thank you for giving us the sex education we never knew we wanted but definitely needed.

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Dormcest is never a good idea, unless you live in Umrath

From the moment they commit to Wash.U., first-year students are enamored with the new world of freedom they're walking into. In addition to walking into freedom, they'll also walk into dorms. With this comes the infamous concept of becoming romantically involved with someone who lives in your building: dormcest.

Once while swiping through Tinder, a friend of mine said, "You know, from a logistics standpoint, sticking to guys from Wash.U. is SO convenient," and honestly that's a pretty accurate take. If you expand on that, dormcest is actually really great from a logistics standpoint. However, that's literally the only frontier where it even resembles a good idea.

Wash.U.'s population is larger than that of most

high schools, so first-years are often surprised by the sheer number of people they interact with. Also, college is full of fun and freedom! I feel like first-years are particularly inclined to commit dormcest because they're exceptionally excited and naive about the novelty of college. Maybe that guy who lives on the floor above you is so cute and so into you, and there's no one who can tell you not to hook up with him!

It can seem like a great idea in theory: the only thing standing between you and your significant other is a flight of stairs. How convenient! Your romantic bliss is only increased by your proximity to each other.

What people don't take into account when they become romantically involved with someone in their building is the

thought of it going sour. To be fair, no one ever goes into a relationship with the expectation that it'll end, but that's a very real possibility.

That single flight of stairs separating you guys while you were together will seem like the literal worst thing in the world if things don't work out. I don't know about you, but I wouldn't want to have to worry about running into my ex-boyfriend whenever I walked into my dorm.

Additionally, the ramifications of dormcest are so much worse depending on what building you live in. Lee and Beaumont are known for the camaraderie between students living there. Perhaps you've spent a lot of time in the common room with a fellow giraffe, and you want to turn your friendship into a romantic relationship. Perhaps this'll only

make your time in the common room even better. Alternatively, things could end badly and you guys will treat the common room like it's a child of your divorce: you'll make a schedule of hours so you can still hang out there without ever having to see each other.

However, there are larger dorms where maybe you can get away with dormcest. If someone told me there were 800 people living in Umrath I would believe them. I know that the dorm is actually smaller than that, but so many people live in that building that even if you're romantically involved with someone, you might never see them unless you plan to. That building is like an apartment complex; yeah, you and your significant other both live in Umrath, but they're also three corners

and two flights of stairs away from you. If things don't work out, it will probably (hopefully) be easy to avoid them.

Now, we're all familiar with dormcest, especially now that I've gone into so much detail on its pros and cons. But an even bolder, and more risky, concept is floorcest. First-year floors tend to be a pretty helpful tool in making friends, and sometimes the friendships you develop on your floor can turn into more.

Going back to my Tinder story, floorcest is even more logistically sound than dormcest, but that's about the only upside. For better or worse, you're going to see your floormates pretty often. Maybe you have lots of chemistry with someone on your floor, so you decide to take things to the next level. And I

don't mean gen chem, I'm talking romantic chemistry. Objectively, walking to class with your significant other every morning is a cute idea, and it's a lot more feasible if they live two doors down from you. But if it doesn't work out, taking the elevator out of your building is going to be WAY more awkward if you're sharing it with someone who just broke your heart. In summary: not a good idea.

So yes, starting college is exciting. And more than likely, you live in a dorm, and on a floor, with people who are really attractive and have great personalities. But it's probably (definitely) not in your best interest to get involved with someone you share a dorm or a floor with. Remember kids, there are other bears in the forest.—Jordan Coley, Staff Columnist

The questions Datamatch should have asked to help us find love

Valentine's Day has arrived. Love is in the air. Maybe you've caught a whiff of it through the Datamatch results that were released this morning. Or maybe you think that regardless of how funny some of the questions may have been, online algorithms will never help you find that special someone. Or maybe you didn't even consider doing it. Either way, we know you probably have some thoughts on the survey. Here's what we think Datamatch should have asked:

What obnoxious (yet enviable) B-School thing are you?

Let's face it, we're all pretty sick of hearing B-Schoolers brag about their proximity to Starbucks and actual job prospects. Still, we secretly wish we could get some of their perks, but which is most desirable to you? Some possible answer options could include professionally-designed LinkedIn profiles, luxurious printing budgets and dressing business casual to class.

—Jaden Satenstein, Senior Scene Editor

Which Bear's Den station reflects your study habits?

Buzzfeed is always asking us to choose specific foods to help define ourselves. When it comes to matching with someone else, however, I'm looking for the flavor of not just the dish but the dining experience, and I want to find a partner that will treat her commitment to me the way she treats her other Wash.U. commitments: staying up all night, being unable to explain to her advisor or her parents why she hasn't dropped me and constantly being emailed out of the blue by that one other club that just won't let her go. Do you subscribe to the Kosher station, with a stress-free, consistent weekday routine, but no time to do anything but lock yourself in Olin on Friday and Saturday nights? Or is your schedule built like Paws & Go, always busy but flexible for daily treats?

—Jonah Goldberg, Staff

Writer

What's your go-to Subway order?

Look, if you're aiming for love, you need to get as much information about your potential partner as quickly as possible. Sure, Datamatch's multiple choice format somewhat hampers the ability of this question to truly search the depths of someone's soul, but it's still objectively better than anything else they can ask. Are you an Italian BMT type person? A meatball sub? Maybe even a #spicy Italian? And the best part of this? Those that consider themselves too good for the Mecca that is the Mallinckrodt Subway can end up together. They deserve each other.

—Sam Seekings, Editor-in-Chief

What's your most awkward first-year roommate experience?

Were you the type to walk in on your roommate or vice versa? Did you ever vomit in your roommates shoes during Bear Beginnings? Were

you or your roommate the type to not leave the room for 72 consecutive hours during finals? Did your roommate ever find your diary and post it on LinkedIn? These are all key questions, keys to the heart.

—Jeremy Goldstein, Copy Chief

Did the Grammys get it right?

Music is the window into the soul. What better way to get to know someone than to ask about what they listen to? While this may seem like a random question, you can always ask them

about their thoughts on the Grammy Awards last weekend. Was "Golden Hour" really the album of the year? Did Cardi B deserve the award for best rap album? Debating about music is always fun, and you can quickly figure out whether you vibe with the other person. If it works out, going to a concert together is the perfect excuse to keep things going.

—Chalaun Lomax, Director of Diversity Initiatives

Where were you when Trump got elected?





Politics can be a huge part of a relationship

or a friendship! So can grieving habits, or celebratory practices. People who closed the door on the world for 24 hours might not get along with someone who was sitting in Brookings Courtyard gazing at the American flag while boasting to their father that they knew "good would prevail." Political affiliation doesn't have to, or always, stand in the way of a relationship, but if two people's beliefs are that different, it would be good to know on the front end.

—Katy Hutson, Senior Scene Editor

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come up and say, 'I have this idea to try to make the campus more green,'" SSB president senior Emma Waltman said. "For us, we can hear them talk, vote and work with them. If they want, we will give them money to make [the ideas] happen."

The Greenware Program debuted at the annual Green Carpet Awards, which recognizes sustainability efforts on campus, Feb. 4. Fang wasn't present at the awards, but was pleased by the positive reception.

"I saw some photos, and I was excited to see the event," Fang said. "Hopefully, more

people will think about [Greenware] and be excited about it, and I will further the program."

Fang believes her program will help the campus cut down on plastic waste.

"It means less work burden on the workers who have to empty the trash cans," Fang said. "Also we can reduce the landfills which will remain for thousands of years because most of the plastic we use doesn't degrade. They are part of the world and our life."

Cassie Hage, the Sustainability Manager in the Office of Sustainability, says the new program will enable

students to act sustainably when eating.

"I am very excited to see an initiative that focuses on reuse get support from SSB," Hage wrote in a statement to Student Life.

"I believe that this program will enable all those who are seeking ways to reduce their waste to easily find a cost effective solution."

Hage says the focus this semester will be on calibrating the program to the student body and making appropriate tweaks.

"In the first semester of the program, we will be able to gauge interest, build support and interest and scale up if needed,"

Hage wrote. "We will focus on getting the word out, partnering with highly visible events to start to normalize their use, and work through any logistical challenges for getting the dishes where they need to be (and maintain a low loss rate)."

Part of the calibration process is determining how much funding is needed to spend on utensils. Fang says she's currently in the process of acquiring more service ware for the program.

"If there is a lot of interest, we can get more funding to increase the program. Currently, we only have an inventory of

100 plates; so, we should increase the amount and get more funding," Fang said. "Someone reached out to the office saying they had 500 cups that have the Wash. U. logo on them and they didn't need them anymore. Now assuming we take on 500 cups, ideally we would have enough inventory to provide all the utensils that is needed for the entire campus for the future. And we won't have to buy any; so, that means we can save money."

Freshman Ethan Sauerberg, a manager for SSB, hopes the program will lead to drastic changes in the way the University manages waste.

"In my mind, the Greenware will fade out all the single-use items on campus," Sauerberg said. "Hopefully, all the plastic water bottles will be turned into reusable bottles. And our Greenware products will replace to-go and eco-to-go boxes." program will lead to drastic changes in the way the University manages waste.

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very sympathetic to President Trump's Muslim ban, but they had better be careful about that. One, it is morally wrong. But secondly, that boomerang can come back, and to say that we aren't going to allow for pluralism and religious liberty for you, but we are going to insist on it for me is in the end unsustainable."

On the topic of the Muslim ban, Rogers argued that government denouncement of a particular

religion can be even more dangerous than giving special treatment to a certain religion.

"[President Trump's Muslim ban] was not a complex issue," Rogers said. "It was a clear issue where he was completely wrong, and I think it was a great embarrassment to our country in the tradition of George Washington talking about giving to bigotry no sanction for prosecution, no assistance. So the

standard that Washington sets and that so many of our presidents have carried out has been horribly tarnished by his candidacy and his comments on these issues for which he has never apologized nor retracted his statements."

Over the course of the discussion, the speakers agreed that while religion and religious groups have much to contribute to public discourse and policy making, they gain nothing

by taking sides in partisan struggles.

"I am very wary of people of faith getting too locked in with political parties," Wehner said. "I just think that faith should stand above all political parties an ideologies and should stand in judgment of all of them. It was Martin Luther King who said that the church should not be the master of the state, but the conscience of the state, and there ought

to be some kind of role for churches and people of faith, which is to speak truths and to speak truths to power."

In what Wehner characterized as a highly polarized political era, he said he believes the best way for different religious and political groups to work together on bipartisan solutions is by simply listening to and understanding each other.

"I think that depending on where one is

coming from, each side has an understandable position," Wehner said.

"I think it is important as a general matter in this debate, as in most debates, to try and give the benefit of the doubt to people you disagree with and assume that they are acting in reasonable good faith and they maybe come from different circumstances and life experiences, and are maybe trying to work these issues out as well."

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SPORTS

Red and Green: Wash. U. basketball goes streaking through wintry chill

ROHAN GUPTA
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Cold? What cold? The Washington University basketball teams have been nothing but sizzling through the first month of the spring semester, combining to go 14-0 from Jan. 12 to Feb. 7. The men's team's seven-game winning streak alone is the reason it is over .500 at 14-8, while the women's team's 10-game stretch propelled it to No. 24 in the nation. Alas, both streaks fell this past

weekend, but there's still plenty to dissect entering the home stretch.

Red

.131: The men form a strong three-point shooting team. With two high-volume (at least 110 attempts), high-efficiency (at least .418) snipers in sophomore Jack Nolan and junior Matt Nester (at least 44 attempts), medium-efficiency (at least

.359) poppers in freshman Justin Hardy and junior DeVaughn Rucker, Wash. U. is potent and balanced from outside the arc. Unfortunately, it's also somewhat reliant on the deep ball. When the Bears shoot at least .313 from downtown as a team, they're 10-1. When they're below .300, they're 1-5. In between, they're 3-2. Their ultimate success is highly dependent on their long-range performance. I know, this isn't all that

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Freshman guard Isabella Hren pushes the ball up the floor during a game against Fontbonne University Dec. 11. Hren is averaging 13 minutes per game in her rookie season, and helped the Bears go on a recent 10-game winning streak that has taken them to No. 24 in the nation.

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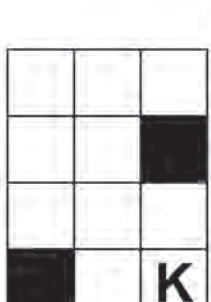



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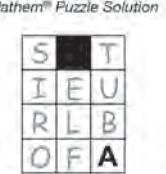
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- Port near Naples
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- Like an accurate soccer shot
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- Just out
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By Roland Huget 2-14-19

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FORUM

STAFF EDITORIAL

On safer sex

Washington University, it's time for our yearly conversation about practicing safe sex. That's right, we're talking about protection to avoid pregnancy and STIs. Some of you are probably rolling your eyes, thinking that this isn't high school sex ed. Well, give yourself a pat on the back, because that means this isn't for you—it's for the 7.16 percent of our survey-takers who said that they "never" use any form of pregnancy prevention and the 6.65 percent who never take

steps to prevent STIs. While our Sex Survey can't possibly capture a complete, accurate picture of the actual state of protection usage on campus (our survey is for fun, not for science), it does offer a glimpse into a pervasive issue on college campuses. The Centers for Disease Control estimates that sexually-active 15- to 24-year-olds account for half of all new STIs diagnosed per year, and women ages 15-19 are considered to be at the highest risk of an unintended pregnancy. Despite repeated messaging about the consequences

associated with unsafe sex, people in our age group continue to disregard the risks. For those who do choose to use contraceptives and methods to prevent STIs, at Washington University, there are few barriers to access. In addition to offering multiple types of birth control, students also have access to several forms of emergency contraceptives through Student Health Services (SHS). Additional long-term preventative measures, like the HPV vaccine, can be prescribed and administered in a series of short visits.

While there is always room for improvement, Washington University—both formally through SHS and informally through student groups—can be considered forward-thinking when it comes to sexual health. Just this week, Washington University's Peer Health Educators sponsored their annual "Sex Week," with events ranging from "Sexy Craft Night" to the "Blank Monologues." SHS provides a free STI screening every semester in the Danforth University Center. In the past two years, the

Habib Health and Wellness Center has made improvements to their contraceptive offerings in response to student demand for increased options and flexible policies. Phi Lambda Psi, a women's health and wellness honorary, expanded their recruitment to include non-Greek women in 2017. Moreover, if you feel passionately about encouraging your fellow students to use preventative methods, consider getting involved with one of the sexual health-centric student groups on campus, like XMag

or Planned Parenthood Generation Action. Enact change on campus by volunteering as a Peer Health Educator or joining the Health and Wellness Committee. While sex-related decisions are some of the most personal choices that a person can make, we encourage our fellow Washington University students to take advantage of the resources at their disposal. Of course, there are valid reasons for choosing to not use contraceptives or STI-prevention—but indifference is not one of them.

Learning from experience

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These past few days have been, to put it lightly, pretty unpleasant for me. First, I fell and fractured a bone in my elbow, which makes it difficult to do basic things like unlock my front door, brush my teeth or eat with utensils. Then, after I'd been pretty concerned about carjackings and muggings for several weeks, someone broke into my apartment. Of course, the one thing I hadn't been concerned about was my personal security once I entered the (perceived) safety of my home. I think it would be a very fair reaction for me to feel upset about these things.

These are two unfortunate events which occurred within a three-day time span. Both of them left me feeling vulnerable. Both of them were things I hadn't anticipated. Both of them were things I wish had never happened at all. But as much as the last couple of days have blown, I feel so much better equipped to go out into the real world after college having endured these experiences. Regarding my elbow, this marked the first time I'd ever dealt with an injury of this sort. I was worried that I was being a baby—that I'd just bruised myself and wasn't really hurt badly enough to warrant serious medical attention, especially because no one else I was with seemed concerned. By taking the step

to visit an urgent care center, I learned to advocate for my own health—to trust my own instincts when I felt like something was wrong. This may seem like a big "duh" to you, but it wasn't so obvious for me. My tendency with pain is to assume it'll go away on its own, and it felt like a luxurious decision to seek medical treatment for a potential injury. I felt weirdly validated to hear something had been injured, and I felt grown up for dealing with it on my own, for scheduling my own appointments, picking up my prescriptions and all. As for the break-in, I think it would've made sense for me to panic. I was sleeping soundly while someone forcibly entered my place of living. I'm so lucky that nothing of

mine was stolen, because something easily could have been. After all the hours I spent worrying about security around campus, walking with my phone keyed up to 911, looking around carefully as I went up and down the streets while wielding my safety whistle and my sharp keys, I was dealing with an incident that put me in potential danger. Oddly, though, the incident made me no more worried than I'd been before. I still am worried about safety but dealing with a brush firsthand just confirmed that I was right to be concerned in the first place. I feel like this is a learning experience—something I'll take with me as I head out of the Washington University bubble and off to the real

world. Unfortunately, things you don't want to have happen do indeed happen sometimes. Of course, I've had some bad times throughout my life—it's not as if everything was perfect until this week. But I feel privileged to have had my parents there to assuage most of my concerns throughout my life. Things have gone wrong, and I've literally run to my mom and dad for comfort time and time again. There's a very real reason why I was worried I'd been a baby about my arm. In the past, I'd never scheduled my own doctors' appointments aside from a couple of minor Student Health Services visits (pink eye, flu shots, the usual stuff). Honestly, I even avoided

getting my computer fixed or my hair cut until I got home to New York because I wanted my mom there to go with me. Having to deal with real-world problems on your own sucks—but it's also an inevitable part of becoming an adult. I learned a lot from my time at Wash. U., from tangible facts and figures learned in the classroom to lessons about leadership and journalism from the year I was editor-in-chief of Student Life. But there aren't many of my experiences at the University that prepared me to take care of problems like an adult. Although recent events have been annoying and at times slightly frightening, I feel more confident that I'm actually prepared for the big real world that awaits me.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Last week, an article came out claiming it is right to be intolerant of conservatives and Republicans because their ideas are not legitimate. My political views likely fall into the broad, ill-defined category of unacceptable beliefs Sean Lundergan and Christian Ralph speak about. I think markets are usually better at lifting people out of poverty than government action is, and I am hesitant to reflexively give government power to solve societal problems when I don't trust government leaders (like President Donald Trump) to act in my best interest. If you disagree, please change my mind rather than using social pressure to ostracize my ideas. Intolerance is corrosive; it dehumanizes and breeds an atmosphere of fear and hatred. Rather than disparaging those we disagree with, we should treat them with empathy and compassion by listening respectfully and seeking to understand their worldview. Meanwhile, Lundergan

gleefully celebrates the fact that Washington University doesn't look like (is better than) the United States while glibly reducing people to "token right-wing friends" who think the poor deserve to die; while Lundergan thankfully clarifies that he does not intend to attack people personally, his comments create a divisive and intolerant environment. With complete certainty, Lundergan dismisses widely held ideas with which he clearly has not engaged. Moreover, treating mainstream conservative ideology as uniquely dangerous is absurd. We happily engage with Marxist ideas (as we should), despite the fact that Communist governments have slaughtered and oppressed hundreds of millions of people, and we do not accuse Marxists of structural murder for their ideas. We must talk to each other with intellectual humility, extending to others the courtesy we desire for ourselves. Furthermore, refusing dialogue with conservative students because we disagree with them is dangerous. In 2016, 49.1 percent of voters cast their ballots for Republican congressional candidates. Unless we

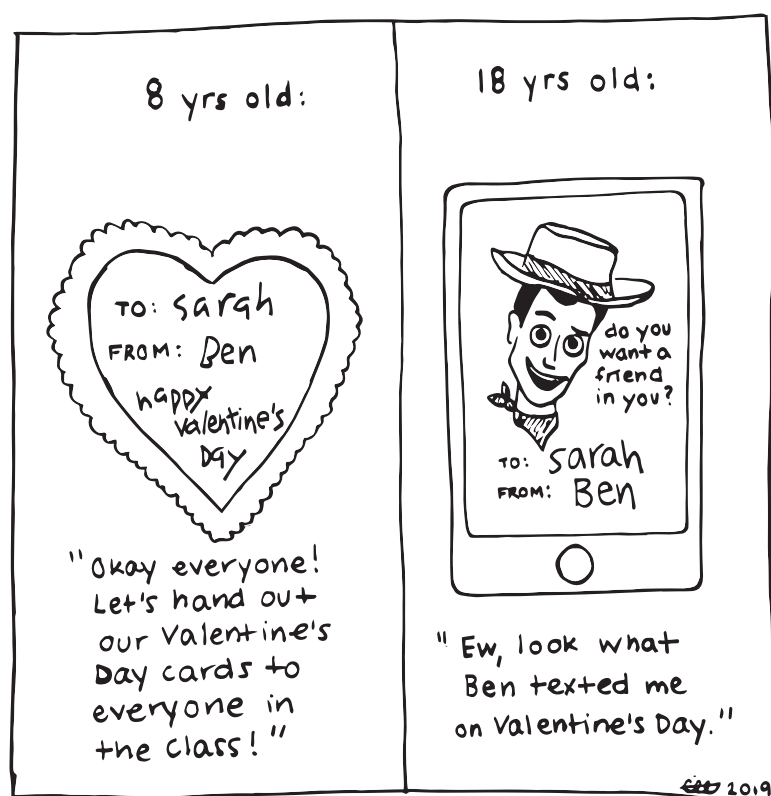
are ready to contend that half of Americans are irredeemably evil, we need to engage with them. Otherwise, we reduce people to caricatures, to lifeless objects of our scorn, not human beings with hopes and aspirations. We use political disagreements to dehumanize others, seeking to destroy rather than empathize. We do this without attempting to understand and without trying to learn about the ideas and experiences that formed their worldview. Almost half of the American populace supports Trump. Consider that many have legitimate reasons for doing so, and that equating their votes to racism encourages them to vote the same way. By embracing continued intolerance, we lose the opportunity to introduce new ideas to others and to refine our own views. Americans have increasingly separated into two factions that move further and further apart, each viewing the other as evil. In doing this, we destroy important opportunities for dialogue where others could be shown their ideas are mistaken, and even damaging and bigoted. Without conversation, change is

impossible. Dialogue requires tolerance, respect and love. This is true regardless of what we think about someone's beliefs. The original article about Wash. U.'s political environment makes it clear that issues with the intellectual

climate extend far beyond any article published in the student newspaper. The campus would be a different place if the many people dissatisfied with the status quo voiced their opinions and refused to allow their friends to judge

or be judged for valid views. We can vehemently disagree without demonizing each other, or denying the inherent human dignity of any person, no matter their race, sexuality, religion, socioeconomic status or political beliefs.

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astute of an observation. But .300 to .313 is a small, small margin, and the Red and Green's standard deviation (in terms of three-point percentage) has been .131. Watch Wash. U. shoot around in warm-ups. That'll be as good an indicator as any of whether they'll win a short while later.

11: Women's senior guard Rachael Sondag wears No. 11 on her jersey. While I am not suggesting Sondag has been bad this season, she's taken a clear step back from her breakout junior campaign.

Sondag's numbers are down across the board: 12.1 points per game to 9.0, 3.3 rebounds to 2.7, 2.5 assists to 2.0. She's been far less efficient, shooting 35.2 percent from the field and 35.1 percent from three, both career-lows. Her free throw shooting is much-improved, but barely makes a dent—Sondag has only gone to the line 18 times in 22 games after taking 48 attempts in 26 games last season. She hasn't made the same defensive impact, either: After 23 steals a year ago, she won't come close to that mark with nine

recorded and three games remaining. Sondag has still been a positive contributor to a ranked team and has had five of her nine double-digit scoring games in the last seven contests, so she's trending up. If she finds her junior self over the next couple weeks, the Bears could be even better than they are now.

Green

625: Even though the men's team is built around shooters, it needs a strong anchor inside to create



GRACE BRUTON | STUDENT LIFE
Senior guard Becca Clark-Callender kicks the ball out from under the basket against Carnegie Mellon. Clark-Callender has helped the Bears' offense achieve a 1.3 assist-to-turnover ratio.



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Junior center Hank Hunter maneuvers around a Carnegie Mellon defender. In his first full season as a starter, Hunter has been very efficient on offense, shooting 62.5 percent from the field

the comfort to extend to beyond the arc. With center David Schmelter—the squad's full-time starter—graduating, the Bears needed to look internally to replace him. Though senior Marcus Meyer got the first crack at it, junior Hank Hunter has stepped up in the new calendar year, starting the last 11 games, including every UAA contest. On the whole, Hunter has done his part: While not fully replacing Schmelter's daily double-double, mostly due to fewer minutes (Schmelter averaged 27.8 minutes per game; Hunter has contributed 20.6), he's

been nearly as productive on a per-minute basis, averaging 10.4 points and 7.3 rebounds. In one way, he's even been a huge upgrade. Schmelter shot .507 from the field, but Hunter has put 62.5 percent of his attempts in the bucket.

0.8: Though the assists per game (18.1) are down from a year ago (19.0), the women's team continues to move the ball well and generate good looks. More importantly, it's maintained control of the ball, turning it over just 319 times to those 399 total assists. That 1.3

assist-to-turnover ratio is right in line with that of quality Wash. U. teams in the past. In three of the Bears' six losses, the ratio has been 1.0 or less; being net positive is a key benchmark. On the flip side, the Bears have made their strength their opponents' weakness. Wash. U. has actually forced more turnovers than its foes have created assists, good for a 0.8 assist-to-turnover ratio against. That combination—keeping the ball, creating new possessions by taking the ball and setting up teammates for makeable shots—has propelled the Bears yet again.

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