

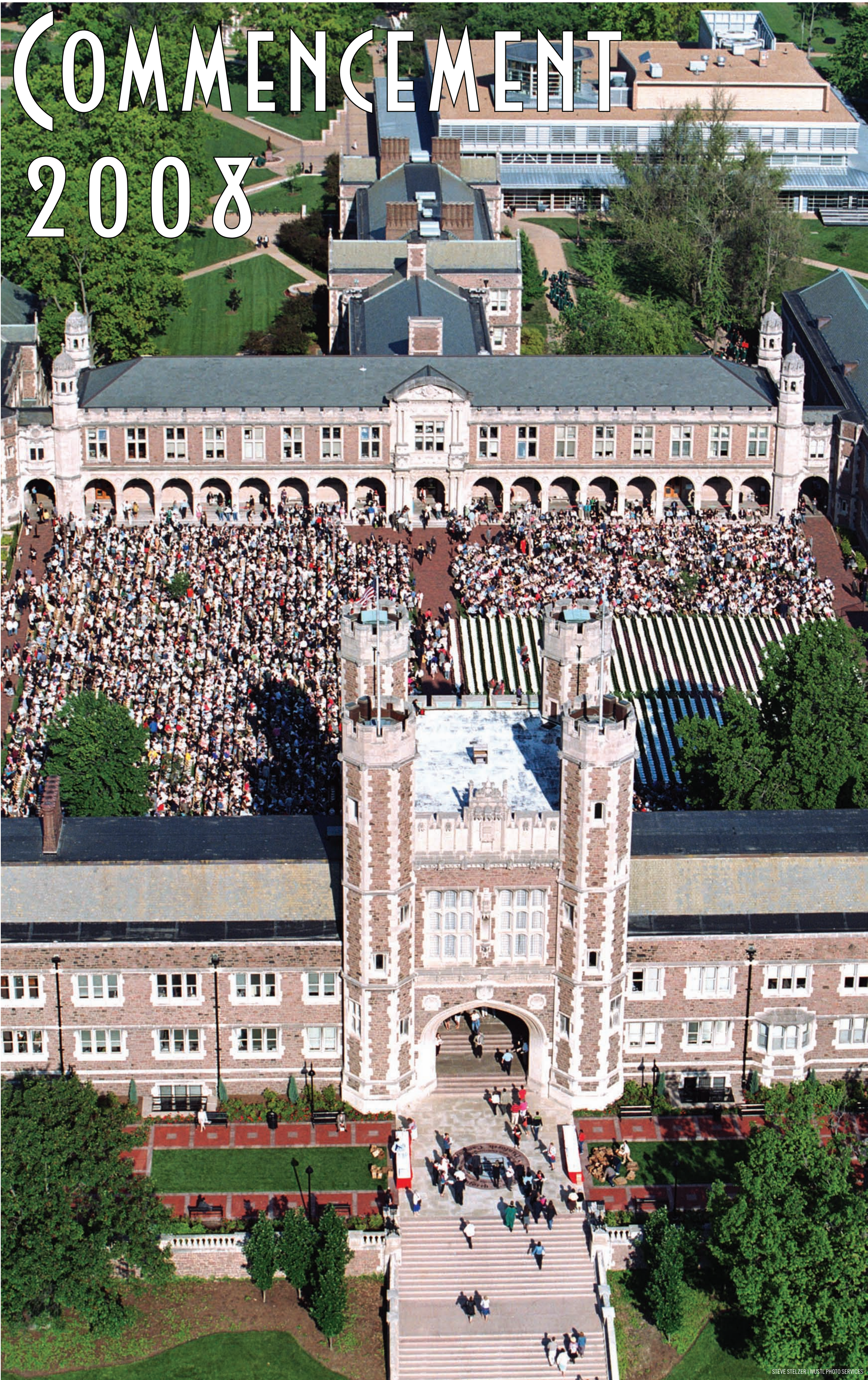
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Senior Year: construction, championships and controversy

BY JOHANN QUA HIANSEN
SPORTS EDITOR

This school year started with students protesting the Student Technology Fee rate hike. As the year progressed, tensions cooled as Student Technology Services backed off and wireless Internet gradually became accessible around campus.

October brought racism and other forms of discrimination to the forefront of campus as a student's car was vandalized with a slur. Student groups continued to lobby for a sexual assault coordinator but were unsuccessful even as they succeeded in establishing a coordinator for the LGBTQIA community. As a result of these tensions, Connect 4 was created to address discrimination on campus.

The school hosted several famous and highly controversial speakers throughout the year. Alberto Gonzales spoke at the 560 Building, and his \$30,000 speaking fee sparked a peaceful protest led by the College Democrats and other groups. Other notable speakers included New-ark Mayor Cory Booker, author Alan Lightman, political pundit Paul Begala, Loveline's Dr. Drew, actor Peter Sarsgaard and comedian Margaret Cho.

Inflatable couches returned to W.I.L.D. as rapper Lupe Fiasco headlined the fall show and funk star George Clinton headlined the spring show. Other notable performers were Stars, who played at WUstock, and Cascada, who gave a brief performance that disappointed many. A student was tasered by the Washington University Police Department (WUPD) while resisting arrest at the Gargoyle, overshadowing Girl Talk's concert there.

WUPD had its hands full this school year as multiple robberies occurred over winter break in the Myers and Hurd dorms. Many students became more conscious of their surroundings

after a freshman was mugged at gunpoint on the South 40.

Several influential professors changed their roles at the University. Professor Richard Smith, who taught the popular Introduction to Human Evolution course, left the anthropology department to become the dean of Graduate School of Arts & Sciences. Tzachi Zach, popular accounting professor, will now teach at Ohio State after being denied tenure.

November saw upheaval in the engineering school as Dean Mary Sansalone came under fire from faculty and students. Sansalone announced her resignation as dean in Feb. 2008.

Politics played a growing role in student life in conjunction with the University's selection as the host site for the 2008 vice presidential debate next October. Chelsea Clinton led a question and answer session at Kayak's Coffee while many students were dismayed to find that the University would not allow Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.), a presidential candidate, to speak on campus in the run-up to Super Tuesday. This incident sparked the creation of the Student Civic Initiative, which aims to increase campus involvement in politics.

Online war also came to the University as hundreds of students battled over the Danforth Campus in a massive GoCross-Campus game. Other Web sites such as Facebook were in the spotlight for gathering users' personal information and selling it to companies.

Several construction projects were completed or neared completion this year. The new 560 Building debuted in a sea of controversy as a cappella groups protested their off-campus relocation. The Danforth University Center will be ready this fall, and several departments from the School of Law and the College of Arts & Sciences will begin moving into Seigle Hall over



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Senior Troy Ruths hoists the championship trophy after the Washington University men's basketball team defeated Amherst in the NCAA Div. III finals. It was the first national title ever won by a men's team at the University.

the summer.

New construction continues as the University announced plans to tear down Umrath House this summer in order to make room for a new Wohl Center.

In the world of sports, the men's basketball team captured the school's first-ever national championship title for a men's team and the women's volleyball team captured its Division III-record ninth national championship. The athletics program was ranked first in Div. III and seventh in all divisions by Hall of Fame Magazine. For the first time in school history, the University led all schools in the Director's Cup, as the women's track and field team took third place at nationals, the highest in program history. The women's cross country team, which took third, and men's soccer team,

which took sixth, also matched their best finishes at their respective national tournaments. The men's tennis team defeated UAA rival Emory University for the first time in program history.

Sustainability rose to the forefront of campus debate, as groups like Green Action led the charge for greener facilities. Bear's Den now has metal silverware, and a sustainable garden created by the Burning Kumquat took root. Green Action's Sustainabilitree joined the ranks of various artwork done on campus, including the bubble wrapping of Bowles Plaza and the bed outside Olin Library.

Mother Nature continued to fluctuate throughout the year as the University was blanketed in more than six inches of snow in March. A 5.2 magnitude

earthquake rocked St. Louis in the middle of April, surprising many members of the community.

Dance Marathon broke records as other successful student-led events such as Relay for Life, Thurtene Carnival, Diwali, Lunar New Year Festival and Carnaval continued to unite the community.

The Student Union (SU) executive board was elected largely unopposed and encountered controversy in the proposal and confirmation of the 2008-2009 general budget upon taking office. Several student groups facing funding cuts mobilized their supporters, as the budget was passed by Treasury only to be rejected by the Senate. The deadlock was broken during an emergency joint session and the budget passed with only three minutes to spare.

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Junior year: metro stops, security concerns and stem cells

BY ANDREA WINTER
MANAGING EDITOR

Junior year kicked off with the theme of “readjustment” as Washington University welcomed an unusually large freshman class.

The University continued to respond to unexpected developments, especially concerning campus security, as the year progressed. An expanded MetroLink, a renamed campus and a political win for stem cell research made this year one of progress and celebration.

For the Class of 2010, the admissions office had been shooting for a class of 1,350 students, so the University was surprised to have 1,470 students accept their offer in the spring of 2006.

Before students arrived on campus for the 2006-2007 academic year, the University began implementing creative solutions in order to accommodate the freshman class and alleviate the housing crunch. More than 100 upper-classmen who had been planning to live on campus were moved to the University’s Loop Lofts apartments, which made their debut that year.

Large freshman classes will not continue as a trend, according to the University. In April 2007 the administration announced its plan to gradually reduce the size of the student body from 6,300 to 5,800 students.

During the first week of classes, students witnessed a remarkable development in St. Louis public transportation: the expansion of the MetroLink. Twelve years of discussion and more than three years of construction culminated in the addition of nine new stops—two of which border the Danforth Cam-

pus.

The MetroLink has effectively punctured the infamous “Wash. U. bubble” by linking students to Clayton, the Central West End, Richmond Heights, Brentwood, Shrewsbury and downtown St. Louis. The U-Pass allows full-time students, staff and faculty to access this service for free.

In October, when the Cardinals won the World Series for the first time since 1982, many students hopped on the MetroLink so they could celebrate the victory downtown near the stadium.

One noteworthy change was made in Sept. 2006 when the Hilltop Campus was officially renamed the “Danforth Campus” in order to commemorate former Chancellor William Danforth and the entire Danforth family.

This name change was accompanied by a year-long focus on the theme “Higher sense of purpose.” In accordance with this theme, all incoming freshmen were given Professor of Social Welfare in the George Warren School of Social Work Mark Rank’s book, “One Nation, Underprivileged: Why American Poverty Affects Us All.” Rank delivered a speech on poverty during the Assembly Series.

As always, construction continued on campus, and some projects were completed. The Mildred Lane Kemper Art Museum opened a new building designed by Pritzker Prize-winning architect, Fumihiko Maki. In this progressively modern building that breaks away from the rest of the campus’ architecture, the University is showcasing its permanent collection entitled “Modernity and Self.”

Other construction projects were still in progress.



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During the 2006-2007 school year, the former Prince Hall was transformed from a gaping hole in the ground to a three-level underground parking garage and the foundation for the Danforth University Center. The entire construction process took nearly two years, with the University Center set to open in the summer of 2008. Other construction projects undertaken during the 2006-2007 school year include Seigle Hall, a new building for the School of Law and the College of Arts & Sciences and the Snow Way parking garage on the North Side.

The new University Center, which will eventually replace the Mallinckrodt Student Center, will remain a construction site until the summer of 2008. An enormous hole in place of Prince Hall and a pothole-ridden temporary parking lot placed near the library were present for students in the 2006-2007 year.

Through the school year, both safety and security continually emerged as key con-

cerns. In the fall, one study by the Morgan Quinto Press named St. Louis the “Most Dangerous City in the United States.” Chancellor Wrighton joined experts and critics who contested the survey, claiming that its methodology was flawed.

Campus security was on high alert after one student was attacked in her dorm room on the South 40 in Feb. 2007. In response to the as-

sault, the Chancellor formed a committee to review the University’s safety and security policies. The University began to implement campus precautions such as peepholes, which were promptly installed on all room doors in residential halls.

In April 2007, a tragedy at Virginia Tech shocked and saddened the world when 32 students were murdered by a gunman who subsequently

took his own life. The University community congregated on the quad for an impromptu candlelight vigil in honor of the students who were wounded or killed. In light of the tragedy, the University reassessed its own mechanism in place for preventing the escalation of such an occurrence on campus.

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Sophomore year: Katrina, charity and change

BY HELEN RHEE
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

The 2005-2006 academic year was one of unexpected change for both the Washington University campus and the nation. Hurricane Katrina's devastation of the Gulf Coast region largely shaped a year of charity and change.

Some students returned to campus in late August greeted by the news that the homes they had left were damaged or destroyed by the hurricane.

Many college students, faculty and workers displaced by Katrina found shelter at Washington University. In the fall semester, the University welcomed students from Tulane and Loyola whose colleges were closed due to extensive damage by the hurricane.

Among the displaced students were freshmen from Tulane who had to evacuate during their move-in day. In response to the disaster, the University offered financial aid and health services to students who were affected by the hurricane. Unlike other schools, the University did not plan to return displaced students' tuition to their home universities in New Orleans.

From a cappella concerts to the EnCouncil's Bayou Formal, many student groups initiated campus-wide fund-raising efforts to help rebuild the Gulf Coast region and support its

victims. For some students, the relief effort went beyond campus initiatives. Many University students joined other college students from around the country in a weeklong spring break trip to New Orleans, where they volunteered to help rebuild broken homes for the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

In other fund-raising events during the year, Dance Marathon raised \$58,000, and Relay for Life surpassed its fund-raising goal of \$250,000.

The University also announced several significant changes, starting with the decision to set the new wage floor at \$8.25. The new minimum wage standard was a reaction to the Student Worker Alliance's sit-in at the admissions office during April 2005, when students demanded that the University raise the employee minimum wage to meet the city's living wage standard.

Hoping to increase public transportation for commuting students and workers, the University announced that it would start offering free universal Metro passes for any full-time undergraduate, graduate, faculty or staff member of Washington University. The Metro pass is valid for MetroBus and MetroLink and became fully functional at the beginning of the

2006-2007 school year.

The University also moved forward by revealing a plan for the new Danforth University Center. The University Center will replace the former Prince Hall. Despite protests led by St. Louis preservationists, Prince Hall was demolished in the summer of 2006.

Chancellor Wrighton also wrote a letter to parents detailing the 2006-2007 academic year tuition hike of 5.5 percent, to \$32,800—the biggest marginal increase in six years.

In health news, Student Health Services (SHS) relocated from its main campus location in Umrath Hall to Forsyth House, now Dardick House, on the South 40. The relocation cost about \$2 million but provided SHS with significantly more space.

Most recently, the University announced that it would rename the Hilltop Campus to Danforth Campus to commemorate William Danforth, former Washington University chancellor, who made significant financial contributions to the University over the years.

Emory University's "declaration of war" against Washington University shocked this campus in mid-Sept. 2005. Emory students vandalized both Washington University's campus and their own, attempting to pass off the

vandalism on Emory's campus as retaliation by Washington University students. Spray-painted messages in yellow and blue read: "WU girls are ugly -Emory University", "Emory owns U", and "George Washington is dead" on the underpass between the main campus and the South 40.

The act came two days after the Emory student newspaper released an op-ed piece that exhorted Emory students to start a rivalry with Washington University students. The student who authored the letter wrote on behalf of Emory's Department of War, a newly created branch of the school's Student Government Association. For a university in which rivalry with other schools is minimal and school spirit low, the war initiated by the Emory briefly ignited school camaraderie.

For the Assembly Series, the University welcomed several prominent speakers, including eminent American scholar and public intellectual Cornel West and Jonathan Kozol, an authority on the American public school system.

In the engineering school, students showcased their new Vertigo dance floor, which was later displayed at the Contemporary Art Museum in St. Louis. It was also announced that Mary Sansa-



Senior Austin Thompson helps clear rubble in New Orleans during spring break.

lone from Cornell University would join the school in 2006 as the new dean of the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences.

The spring 2006 semester also brought new changes to the Mallinckrodt Student Center. Students said good-bye to Taco Bell and ushered in Bon Appétit's new Asian-themed concept with lukewarm reactions.

Washington University students' affairs with alcohol and drugs continued. In one incident, an intoxicated student fell out of her window in Wheeler dormitory. The University canceled Sigma Alpha

Epsilon fraternity's housing contract after police found marijuana during their search of the house. More recently, the Magic House, a local St. Louis children's museum, banned Art Prom after discovering \$700 in damages by intoxicated students. Student Union then blocked funding for any future Art Proms.

On a more positive note, Sigma Chi received word that they were allowed move into their house again after a two-year expulsion for hazing. Greek Life also formed the new Council of Community Standards in an effort to better handle judicial matters.

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Freshman year: debates, protests and disorderly conduct

BY HELEN RHEE
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

The 2004-2005 school year was one of transformation and change. From events of national importance, including the presidential debate and election, to campus-centric protests with the recent Student Worker Alliance sit-in, St. Louis and Washington University spent the year in the spotlight.

Washington University began the 2004-2005 school year as the host of a 2004 presidential debate between Democratic contender John Kerry and Republican incumbent President George W. Bush. Leading up to the big event, the University transformed the Athletic Complex, installed state-of-the-art communication and put in extra security to prepare for the grand event.

Bush's advisory team put the debate in jeopardy at the last minute when it became hesitant to participate in the event. Following Bush's announcement, Chris Heinz, Kerry's stepson, visited the campus to assure the University that his stepfather might still appear on campus even if Bush rejected the scheduled debate. The Commission on Presidential Debates confirmed that both candidates had committed to participate in three debates, including the Oct. 8 debate at the University.

During the week of Oct. 8, 2004, the campus transformed into a political campground, attracting national media attention from MSNBC prime time show "Hardball with Chris Matthews" and CNN's prime debate coverage featuring Paula Zahn, Anderson Cooper and Wolf Blitzer. Students witnessed the fervor of the 2004 election year on their very own campus.

Almost one month after the debate, on Nov. 4, 2004, the nation reelected President Bush into office. While Bush took the state of Missouri, St. Louis remained a blue dot in the mostly red sea of Missouri.

Washington University also experienced waves of theft on campus. In Nov. 2004, the Washington University Police Department (WUPD) retrieved a stolen laptop through a sting operation and arrested the perpetrator, a student from another St. Louis university. Later that week, a member of the housekeeping staff was caught stealing a laptop in Rubelmann Hall, while in April several cars were reported stolen from Washington University property.

The fall of 2004 also brought new changes at Frat Row: no alcohol until spring semester. A student initiated a brawl at Sigma Alpha Epsilon that injured a security guard, leading to tighter rules on the presence of alcohol on campus. Despite the alcohol ban, fraternities still experienced an increase in the number of students rushing to join the brothers on the Row. The Greek Life Office lifted the ban for the spring semester.

Greek Life's affair with alcohol continued to mid-March 2005, when Alpha Phi sorority sisters were kicked out of the City Museum during their formal after administrators discovered intoxicated sisters passing out in the bathroom as well as in front of Girl Scouts. The following Wednesday, when the story was published, hundreds of copies of *Student Life* were stashed into nearby trash cans.

In that week, *Student Life* revealed another alcohol mishap when several Lee 3 residents allegedly defecated in and vandalized their RA's room. The news came as shock to the campus and administrators and came much to the dismay of Lee 3, which was soon declared a substance free area. The week's incidents brought a tainted image to the University and spread awareness about the effects of alcohol on students' abilities to make rational judgments.

Because of the appearances of Bush and Kerry, the University invited various speakers to lead the 2004-2005 Assembly Series. From Seth MacFarlane, the creator of Family Guy, to civil rights activist Robert Moses, the University offered various genres of lectures. Speakers included Chris Heinz, Robert Kerry, "Piper" Sherman Alexie and Anita Diamant, among others.

The school encountered difficulties in bringing two outspoken political activists, Michael Moore and Sean Hannity. Both speakers were scheduled to visit the campus, but Hannity's demand for a private jet and Moore's pneumonia caused them to miss their appearances.

Off campus and outside of St. Louis, this year also marked the death of Christopher Reeve, the original portrayal of Superman, Yasser Arafat, the leader of Palestinian Liberation Authority, and Pope John Paul II, the head of the Catholic Church. On our own campus, students read the news that junior Jessica Campbell passed away during spring break from a heart attack.

Student Union (SU) under-



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SWA protester Nikhil Kothegal speaks to a crowd of supporters at an SWA rally in April 2005. Later that day, four SWA members entered the chancellor's office and refused to leave until they were granted access to the University Council meeting that day and a meeting with Chancellor Mark Wriginton immediately after.

went a transformation when Vice President Katie Lekihim resigned, forcing SU to elect a new vice president. Former Speaker of the Senate Pamela Bookbinder was elected as the new vice president after the resignation of Lekihim, who had been on medical leave during first semester. The process of electing the new vice president came under a heat of debate when a question arose regarding whether reporters should be allowed inside the room during the voting process. In the end, the election was held behind the closed doors.

Students also saw changes in financial loans and tuition. Parents were notified of an additional tuition increase to approximately \$31,000 per year. Students also received a shock when they heard that Pell Grants and Perkins Loans were facing elimination by the Bush administration. These fears later proved baseless as Congress recently passed a budget approving both programs.

The year culminated with an unexpected twist as students, faculty, and the administration watched the Student Worker

Alliance (SWA) occupy the admissions office for 19 days in April 2005. Starting on April 4, approximately 14 University students protested inside the admission office to demand a living wage of third party workers at the University.

During the protest, the administration sent multiple letters asking the protesters to leave the admissions office, stating that their presence was in violation of the judicial code. The letter only fueled the students' fervor, eventually leading to a hunger strike. Dozens of professors signed a letter in support of SWA's fight for a living wage, while other students protested against their effort as anti-protesters outside in the Quad.

The sit-in eventually ended on April 22 after 19 days of student occupation. The final agreement reached between the SWA and the University included a commitment of \$500,000 during the 2005-2006 fiscal year toward improving the living wages and the benefits of lower-paid service workers. It also included various other concessions to SWA's demands.

Speakers stir controversy on campus

BY DAN WOZNICA
STAFF REPORTER

Around the nation, the 2007-2008 school year saw controversial speakers stirring discussion and debate on college campuses.

The trend began in September when Columbia University drew national attention after inviting Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to speak on the university's campus in New York.

Ahmadinejad, widely protested by Columbia students and faculty, touched off a firestorm of controversy with his speech when he denied the existence of homosexuals in Iran.

Bringing in such a controversial speaker according to former Student Union (SU) President Neil Patel is not necessarily a bad thing.

"I don't think controversy should be the sole motive, but if the speaker can be educational, I don't think controversy should prevent universities from bringing one in," Patel, a graduating senior, said.

Indeed, as the year progressed, Washington University seemed to have taken Patel's words to heart and generated its own fair share of controversy regarding the selection of campus speakers.

On Feb. 19, former Attorney General Alberto Gonzales delivered a Student Union-funded speech in which he recounted his life story, addressed many issues related to the war on terror and answered various questions submitted by an audience of about 600 University students, faculty and staff.

"Gonzales had a pretty superficial speech," Patel said. "But the College Republicans and the College Democrats and the Wash. U. Peace Coalition put forth a lot of effort to educate the student body, and so I think that was a very good thing."

Gonzales was invited to speak by members of the College Republicans, a student group on campus, and was paid \$30,000 for his appearance.

Several student groups on campus, including the College Democrats and the Wash. U. Peace Coalition, protested the event by staging a demonstration outside of the 560 Building on Delmar Boulevard, where Gonzales delivered his

speech.

More than 100 University students and faculty waved signs and chanted in protest, with some of them dressed in orange jumpsuits in imitation of the terrorist inmates at Guantanamo Bay whom they believed to be wrongly interned and tortured. The groups' protest generally centered on what students considered to be Alberto Gonzales' objectionable tenure as attorney general, as well as the University's decision to fund his speech.

The protesters had been under the public eye even before the day of Gonzales' speech, especially when it was announced that SU would provide funding for demonstrations. For the first time in recent memory, the University would be allocating funds to both an event and that same event's protest.

One month later, the University drew heat once again when it refused to allow Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama to speak on campus. The University, which will play host to the only vice presidential debate in October, made the decision in an effort to avoid appearing to favor any particular candidates in the presidential race.

The University's highly-contested decision led to the formation of the Student Civic Initiative, a student group dedicated to the promotion of civic engagement on campus through the invitation of more political speakers to the University.

"I think when we do bring speakers to campus, we should be sure that they have some substance behind them and that they'll teach the student body a lesson, be that in what they say or in what students do when they respond to them when they come to campus," Patel said.

To finish the year, the University chose a less controversial speaker when it announced that Chris Matthews, host of MSNBC's "Hardball," would deliver the University's Commencement address.

When asked if he thinks Matthews will cap the year with yet another controversy, Patel expressed some doubt.

"He was brought in here to talk to a class and to parents that come from a lot of different points of view," Patel said.

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Chris Matthews to deliver Commencement address

BY BEN SALES AND JOHN SCOTT
NEWS STAFF

Chris Matthews, host of MSNBC's "Hardball," will deliver the keynote address at Washington University's 147th Commencement on May 16.

Chancellor Mark Wrighton says Matthews is a good choice because he is in touch with current social and political issues.

"Chris Matthews continues to be an important figure in the national news media with respect to the American political process," Wrighton said in a University press release. "He is familiar with both Washington University and the pressing challenges that face our society today—challenges that our new graduates will be working to overcome and address."

Former Student Union President Neil Patel, a member of the committee that helped select the Commencement speaker, says having Matthews speak is a good way to promote political participation.

"Chris Matthews is an excellent choice for people on campus who are politically aware. He's an exciting person. He has definite name recognition. He'll get people's interest piqued," Patel, a graduating senior, said.

Patel added that in the future, the committee should select speakers who are more connected to the University.

"In the future it would be good for the University to focus on people who have stronger ties to the University and aren't mass-market Commencement speakers," Patel said. "Someone who has a strong connection with the University, who can share in our experience, can be an effective and motivational speaker."

In addition to political issues, Patel hopes Matthews will address the broader role of college graduates in the



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Chris Matthews interviews a student during a broadcast of MSNBC's "Hardball" live from outside Graham Chapel for the 2004 presidential debate. He will return to campus for Commencement on May 16.

world today.

"I hope [Matthews] will be speaking about what role we can play in the U.S. as a whole, not just in the political arena," Patel said. "What he thinks the biggest challenges we face as students are, how we've been prepared for that."

In recent years, Commencement has featured other political figures such as Tim Russert, host of NBC's "Meet the Press" and former British Prime Minister John Major. Patel says that the University should not rely on the assumption that speakers involved in the political sphere will increase political involvement on campus.

"I don't think it's an inappropriate choice, but we shouldn't have the expectation that having Chris Matthews at Commencement will make people more politically involved," Patel said.

According to Patel, many students would rather have seen other speakers.

"My top choice was Al Gore. That was the top choice of almost every other student [on the selection committee]," he said. "Al Gore is a dream speaker. We knew there was a good chance he would not come."

Matthews has appeared on NBC's "Today Show" and has also spoken at several college campuses. Before working at NBC, Matthews worked as a reporter at the San Francisco Examiner and under former President Jimmy Carter, in addition to publishing four books.

Patel says that he is still happy to hear Matthews speak because Matthews can draw on those experiences to comment on the world that graduates will enter.

"He may be meant to push seniors to action," Patel said. "It's a way to incite people to do something, to change the worlds they are about to enter. That's the goal of any speaker."

Seniors reflect on final year

BY ELIZABETH LEWIS
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Seniors took advantage of their last year at Washington University to hold special events and bond as a class.

The senior class trip to Madison, Wis. was the first big event of the school year to kick off the last semesters at Washington University. Senior Class Council organized the trip, and they provided transportation, booked hotels, and provided guidebooks. With a turnout of between 20 and 30 students, the number was much lower than last year's 100.

Wendy Xin, the internal vice president of the Senior Class Council, admitted the turnout was not quite what the council had hoped for, but she said, "Everyone who did go had a good time, so it was worth it for us."

The rest of the first semester was marked by monthly trips to clubs and bars, including the Sub Zero Vodka Bar in the Central West End, which boasts over 140 different vodkas from around the globe.

Second semester, though, was when most of the main senior events were scheduled because Commencement is on most senior's minds. One event was the Roast and Toast, which marked 40 days until graduation. Seniors had the chance to drink champagne and roast marshmallows with alums.

The Senior Transition Series, a set of seminars that range from personal finance to dressing professionally to cooking, was designed to provide a transition for graduating seniors to the real world. Dress to Impress, for instance, featured representatives from Brooks Brothers who came to talk about wearing the right kind of suit.

Brittany Wright attended

several of the events in the series and thought that they were extremely useful.

"I just needed all of the help I could get. I am very apprehensive about moving to a new city. The personal finance seminar was the most useful. There was a woman from Smith Barney who sent me a budgeting spreadsheet and the contact for a financial planner in Houston. I feel more confident about budgeting and joining clubs for entering into a new city," she said.

The biggest set of events though, most of which were held during the week before graduation, was Senior Week. A University tradition, Senior Week is usually wildly popular.

"Ticket sales have been great. Packets just got distributed, which is the craziest time ever," Xin said.

The week is usually a hit because it includes fun and unusual activities such as a Cardinals game, a trip to Mount Pleasant Winery in Augusta, Mo., Final Senior Night Out, Casino Night, Final Happy Hour, Return to the 40, a float trip and the Senior Gala.

Senior Week activities generally remain the same from year to year, but the new Lumiere Place Casino downtown inspired a fun addition to the traditional activities.

"Lumiere Place Casino is new and our president [Karan Chopra] thought it would be a good idea," Xin said.

The Return to the 40 offers seniors the chance to see people from their freshmen floors, play sports games and have barbecue on the Swamp. The Senior Gala is a formal event that follows the Chancellor's Dinner for Graduating Seniors, an event that is not actually organized by the Senior Class Council.

In addition to Senior Week,

Xin is also excited about the senior class gift, which she says will be a tangible legacy that the senior class can leave. This project, done in tandem with the College of Arts & Sciences and the Alumni Association, has seniors donate money—which is then matched by an outside donor—to provide enough for a student to attend the University. "That student will be here for four years and have the experience that we have all loved at Wash. U.," she said.

On the whole, Xin believes that this year's council has done a good job in providing activities.

"Everyone is pumped and excited. We have a Web site and do Senior of the Week. All of the execs have gotten really involved with Commencement activities and in celebrating graduation," she said.

She is also glad to be an instrumental part in creating memories for this year's seniors to look back on.

"To be able to be a part of organizing one of these last hurrah type of things for the entire class is such a privilege. Over 1,000 people came to pick up their tickets. [I am happy to] see people so excited and feel like I contributed to something really important," she said.

As senior Julianne Kane reflects on her college experience, she thinks the senior activities, coupled with contacts whom she has met, have helped to prepare her for the professional world. She does not want the support that she has gained from the University to cease and feels that it is necessary for her future success.

"I will feel ready [for the professional world] if the network of support from my peers and the faculty continues," she said.

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Six to receive honorary degrees at Commencement

BY BEN SALES
SENIOR NEWS EDITOR

Six scholars, each with expertise in a different field, will receive honorary degrees at Washington University's 147th Commencement Ceremony on May 16.

The recipients include Chris Matthews, a political commentator on MSNBC who will also give the Commencement address; Quincy Jones, a music composer and film and television producer; Lee Seng Tee, a business executive and philanthropist of the arts; Washington University Professor Egon Schwarz, an expert in 19th and 20th century German literature; Jessie Ternberg, a professor emeritus of pediatrics and pediatric surgery at the University who helped open the door for women into the medical profession; and Phyllis Schlafly, a national leader of the conservative movement.

Schlafly's distinction in particular has received attention, causing some to criticize the University for what they see as implicit support of her views, some of which have aroused controversy.

In response to her impending award, more than 780 students have joined a Facebook group entitled "No honorary doctorate for anti-feminist Phyllis Schlafly." The group targets Schlafly's stances on feminism, marital rape and sex education, saying that they do not "fit with the future [of] the men and women of Wash. U.'s graduating class," and that her presence at Commencement will be "incongruous at best, offensive at worst."

Chancellor Mark Wrighton, however—who confirmed the selection of the recipients—says that Schlafly's accomplishments and fame merit the honorary degree.

"Her contributions have in-

spired women and she certainly is a leader," Wrighton said. "She is well known on a national level for the conservative movement."

Wrighton added that though many—including himself—may disagree with Schlafly's views, her writings have value in that they serve to enliven the national political discourse.

"I would not myself agree with her political views," he said. "When you step back from it you have to admire her for working for the great democracy that we enjoy. She's a prominent leader and a prominent woman, and she happens to be a conservative."

In selecting the honorees, Wrighton said, the University Board of Trustees pays more attention to the success of a candidate's career than to the reactions that the candidate's work has elicited.

"[What is] most important is to select people who have made a difference in the world, who have accomplished vision and distinction in the world," Wrighton said.

While there are many criteria that the Board examines in the selection process, Wrighton said that special attention is paid to honoring a group whose contributions have touched many areas of life, academic and otherwise.

"When you look at the people being honored, we are spanning a wide spectrum of intellectual activity," Wrighton said. "We are privileged to be honoring all of these individuals because they made contributions in different areas. Each person has a special element in their contribution that distinguishes them."

A factor that holds less weight in the Board's calculus when determining the recipients, however, is their past relationships with the University. Three of this year's six awardees—Schwarz, Schlafly and Ternberg—come

from the University, and Schlafly is a native of St. Louis.

Ternberg, who received a medical degree from the University School of Medicine in 1953, was the first female surgeon on the University's faculty and the first woman to be head of its faculty council. She was also the first female surgical resident at Barnes-Jewish Hospital.

Ternberg credits the University for her success as a female pioneer in the field of medicine.

"[The University has] been my career," she said. "The opportunities that it afforded me were unique. When I was trying to get into another surgery program, they were all closed to women."

By that same token, Ternberg hopes that her impending award will inspire other women to break barriers and help them in doing so.

"For women of my generation it was a wonderful thing," she said of her work at the University. "For women of today I hope it opens the way for them a little better than when I started off."

Although she is now retired, Ternberg maintains a connection with the medical school.

"I'm not separated totally [from the school]," she said. "It's your life, it's what you enjoy. People are much happier when they get up in the morning and they know what they're doing. For me it's been that way the whole time."

Wrighton hopes that the graduates will see Ternberg and the other recipients as examples of how to lead careers that help them and those around them.

"The most important message is that the work of single individuals can have a profound and positive impact on the lives of many people," Wrighton said. "Each of the graduates has enormous talent. I hope that talent will be applied to benefiting people."



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Phyllis Schlafly, a national leader of the conservative movement, author and editor, will receive a doctor of humane letters degree.



Quincy Jones (left), a composer, conductor, solo artist and producer, will receive a doctor of humane letters degree. Jessie Ternberg (right), Washington University professor emerita of pediatrics and pediatric surgery, renowned researcher and pioneer for women in medicine, will receive a doctor of science degree.

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Democrats struggled for the senate majority in the fall of 2006, the Missouri senatorial election between Claire McCaskill and incumbent Jim Talent was one of the most-watched races nationally, with McCaskill emerging victorious.

The University had a particular political interest in favor of the proposed Amendment 2 that allows for embryonic stem cell research, which could potentially lead to cures for injuries and diseases such as Parkinson's, diabetes and cancer. The School of Medicine was concerned that if the amendment did not pass, it would lose scientists who incorporate stem cells into their research. The University made a bold political move by sending all students a letter that encouraged them to vote in favor of the amendment, which eventually passed with 51 percent of the votes.

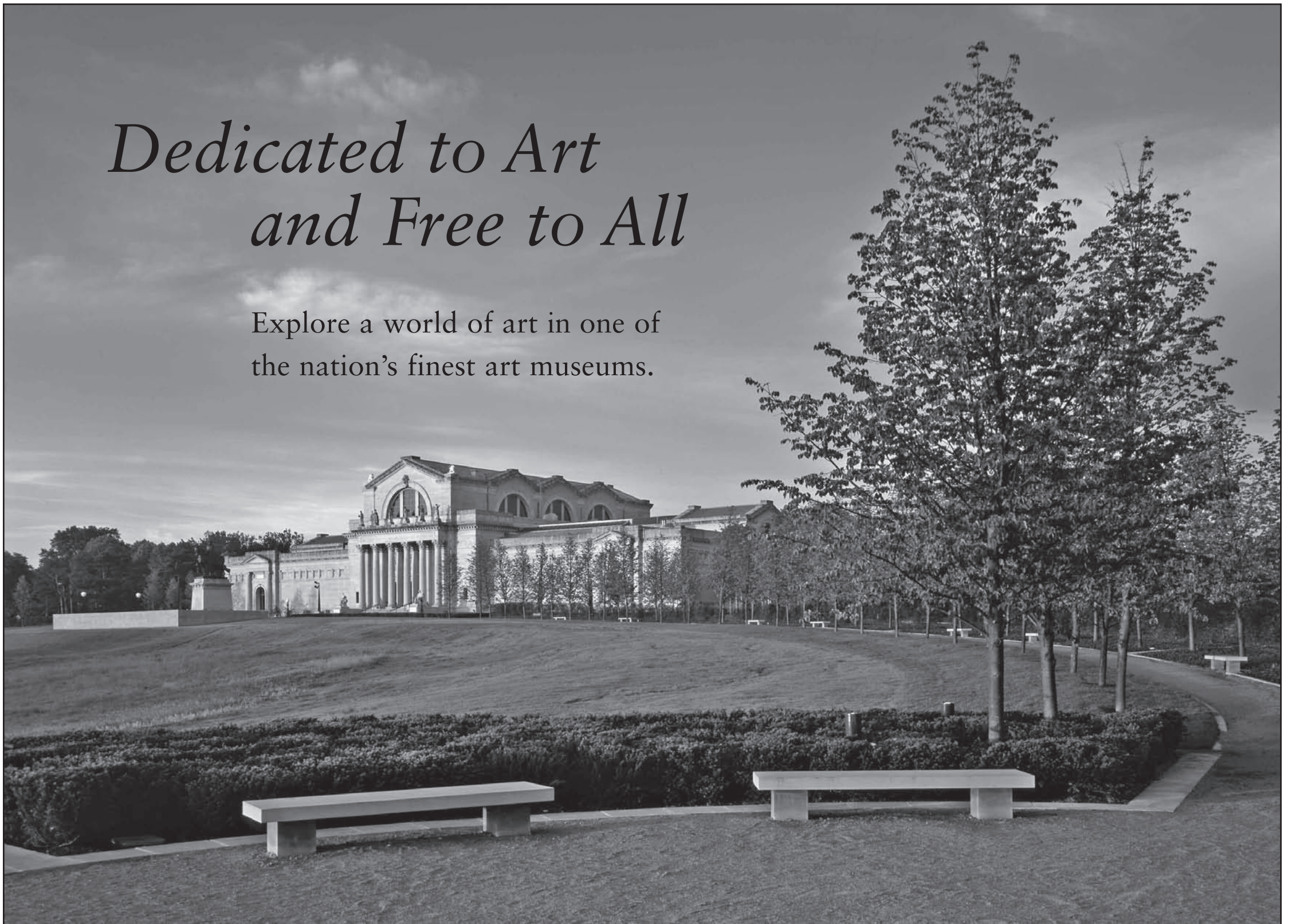
A series of notable speakers visited the University, including renowned autistic professor of animal science Temple Grandin and a 2008 presidential contender, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee. Current U.S. Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr. presided over the School of Law Moot Court competition and former Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor visited first-year law school classes.

The University took the lead nationally in commemorating the 150th anniversary of the infamous Dred Scott decision by hosting a national symposium in March.

In the 2006-2007 year student participation increased in the campus-wide events of Dance Marathon and Relay for Life, both of which broke fundraising records by raising hundreds of thousands of dollars.

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SPORTS

Senior athletes say goodbye to Wash. U.

BY JOSHUA GOLDMAN
SENIOR SPORTS EDITOR

This year has been a historic one for Washington University athletics. Volleyball recaptured the national title after a three-year hiatus, overcoming top opponents, whom that it had lost to earlier in the season in the NCAA tournament.

Men's soccer reached the Sectional Finals of the NCAA Division III Championship, ending the year as the sixth-ranked team nationally. The women advanced to the first round of the NCAA Division III Championship and also won the UAA title.

Women's Cross Country won the UAA title and finished third in the NCAA Championships, placing six All-Americans in the process.

The basketball season brought high hopes, with both the men's and women's teams grabbing the top rankings in national polls. The men were forced to overcome the loss of junior point guard Sean Wallis for the season, but the team contended for the UAA title before falling to the University of Chicago. The team earned a bid to the NCAA tournament and defeated the College of Wooster and Augustana College in Rock Island, Ill., downed Buena Vista University and Millsaps College at home and won the national title in Salem, Va. with wins against Hope College and defending-champion Amherst College. The win against Amherst brought Wash. U. its first men's national title.

The women overcame the loss of junior All-American Jaimie McFarlin by contending for the UAA title until a loss to Chicago in the final game of the season, and the team lost in the NCAA Regional Finals to DePauw University.

Indoor track captured the third national title of the year, as senior All-American **Morgen Leonard-Fleckman** won the pole vault with a height cleared of 3.86 meters. The women finished third at the NCAA Indoor Champion-

ships out of 67 teams.

While most sports at Wash. U. are team sports, individual efforts have been recognized. Of these individuals, the seniors have competed for the last time and deserve special mention.

Troy Ruths of the men's basketball team won the Jostens Trophy and has been the ESPN the Magazine College Division Academic All-American of the Year for the past two seasons. Ruths was first team all UAA his final three seasons at Wash. U. and was UAA Player of the Year two seasons ago.

From the cross country and track teams, **Tricia Frisella** garnered All-America citations the past three seasons, as did teammates **Tyler Mulkin** and **Leonard-Fleckman**. **Angela Hartman** and **Kate Pentak** have been named All-Americans.

Elie Zenner has been first team all UAA for the past two seasons and was named to the ESPN the Magazine College Division Academic All-America Third Team. He and **Onyekachi Okoroafor** were named to the 2007 NCAA Division III All South-Central Region First Team.

Caroline Sear was named to the 2007 NCAA Division III All South-Central Region First Team.

Swimmer **Meredith Nordbrock** has been named an All-America 21 times before this season began, and she added to that total this winter. Classmate and diver **Priya Srikanth** also added to her All-America tally this season. **Srikanth** was also named UAA Diver of the Year this season.

Spencer was named the UAA's Most Valuable Player her junior year and third team All-America.

What is your best memory of Wash. U. sports?

Nordbrock: My best memory would have to be the friends that I have made over the years. Athletes tend to create special bonds. We see each other everyday, whether it's in the pool, on the field or just in passing in the AC.

Sear: Two of the best games I have ever been part of: our 4-0 win over Emory my junior year and our 3-0 win over Denison in the second round of NAAs. Both were great wins and great memories from Francis Field.

Dave Working: My sophomore year, my parents came to watch us play in the NCAA Regionals, which we were hosting. I had spent the previous nine months recovering from reconstructive surgery on my throwing shoulder after being told after my senior year of high school I might not ever throw a baseball again. My mom had spent the previous five months battling breast cancer, and her doctor let her come watch us in between chemo cycles. To our surprise, I got in our first game as a defensive replacement, so my parents got to watch me play. My mom tells me that watching me take the field again, after what I had been through, helped give her strength to continue her own treatment. To have helped my mom fight cancer, even by doing something as small as playing baseball, is something I will never forget.

Frisella: My best memory of Wash. U. sports was when our women's team made it to nationals in cross country this year, and the guys came to cheer us on dressed in flannel shirts with mullets, blacked out teeth and extremely short jean cut offs.

Mike Elliot: My greatest sports memory would have to have been watching the men's basketball team win the national championship on television. It was amazing to see those guys pull it together on the big stage.

What has been your greatest athletic accomplishment?

Spencer: Winning the national championship.

Zenner: My greatest accomplishment was succeeding as a three year captain in changing the culture of the team and pushing everyone to get the most out of themselves. To go from where we were when I first became captain to making the Elite Eight and coming

within a goal of the Final Four means the world to me. Going to the All-American convention was pretty sick too.

Nordbrock: This year at nationals, two of my times were under the previous year's national records. While I do not hold the title in either event, I swam faster than I ever thought possible.

Okoroafor: Being named Third Team All-American.

How have you changed as a player?

Spencer: I'd like to think over my four years that I developed into a smarter, more consistent hitter and passer.

Working: I am much stronger mentally than I was before I came here. I used to be worried about stats.

Sear: I became a more mature player but still a some-

what emotional and competitive player. I understand the position of goalkeeper and how it impacts the game and a team.

Nordbrock: I have become more confident in my abilities. Knowing that you can achieve your goals is half the battle.

Elliot: I appreciate the sport more. I appreciate the hard work and discipline it takes to play Division III. It's been a blessing to pour so much into something I love deeply, and I've come to appreciate football that much more.

How will being a student athlete here help you in the future?

Nordbrock: Being a student athlete forces you to learn to prioritize and find balance in your life...Plus, employers

love it on a résumé!

Zenner: I have developed my leadership skills to the point where I feel comfortable leading a group through positive, but forceful encouragement. I also had tight-knit relationships with an awesome group of guys who will be lifelong friends.

Spencer: Time management skills an athlete develops are probably one of the most important skills to have for the future.

What will you miss the most?

Working: I will miss traveling with my teammates. There are few moments where teams bond more closely than when we're exhausted, filthy, full of terrible food and laughing our minds out because some-

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Wash. U.'s Outstanding Senior Athletes:

Tricia Frisella
Cross Country & Track

Meredith Nordbrock
Swimming

Morgen Leonard-Fleckman
Track & Field

Mike Elliott
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Language, Cognition, and Culture Track

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Five years of sports milestones

2004

Maggie Grabow (cross country) named UAA Player of the Year

Brad Duesing (football) named UAA Player of the Year

John Woock (football) named Academic All-American

Charlotte Felber (women's soccer) named UAA Player of the Year and Academic All-American

Collen Winter (volleyball) named UAA Player of the Year

Winter, Kara Liefer and Megan Houck (volleyball) named All-Americans

2005

Kelly Manning (women's basketball) named UAA Player of the Year

Manning and Hallie Hutchens (women's basketball) named All-American

Alex Antilla, Michael Slavik, David Stein, Eric Triebe, Ross Virmir and Cory Zimmerman (men's swimming) named All-Americans

Allie Boettger, Tina Deneweth, Katie Hodges, Brianna Krull, Meredith Nordbrock and Jenny Scott (women's swimming) named All-Americans

Nordbrock named UAA Swimmer of the Year and Rookie of the Year

Natalie Badowski, Lauren Ehret, Grabow, Dorothy Gregg, Katelin Gruber, Beth Herdon, Hallie Hutchens, Michelle McCully and Danielle Wadlington (track and field) named All-Americans

Badowski named Academic All-American

Andy Shields (baseball) named UAA Rookie of the Year

Ryan Corning (baseball) named Academic All-American

Laurel Sagartz (softball) named UAA Player of the Year

Sagartz, Liz Swary and Amy Vukovich named All-Americans

Swary named Academic All-American Player of the Year

Ari Rosenthal (men's tennis) named All-American

Herndon (cross country) named UAA Player of the Year

Herdon and Tyler Mulkin (cross country) named All-Americans

Duesing named UAA Player of the Year

Duesing and Joe Rizzo named All-Americans

Houck, Whitney Smith, Haleigh Spencer and Emilie Walk named All-Americans

2007

Aaron Thompson (basketball) named UAA Rookie of the Year

Ruths named UAA Player of the Year, Academic All-American Player of the Year, and All-American

Men's basketball makes first ever Final Four appearance

Alex Beyer, Perry Bullock, Brian Kushner, Lecky and Virmir (men's swimming) named All-Americans

Beyer (men's swimming) named UAA Rookie of the Year

Marin Hawk, Hodges, Kono, Jessie Lodewyk, Nordbrock and Srikanth (women's swimming) named All-Americans

Srikanth named UAA Diver of the Year

Alli Alberts and Martin (track and field) named All-Americans

2006

Manning named UAA Player of the Year

Manning and Danielle Beehler (women's basketball) named All-Americans

Shanna-Lei Dacanay (women's basketball) named UAA Rookie of the Year

Tyler Nading (basketball) named UAA Rookie of the Year

Troy Ruths (basketball) named Academic All-American

Slavik and Triebe (men's swimming) win national titles in the 50-meter freestyle and 200-meter freestyle respectively

Antilla, Geoff Hart-Cooper, Kevin Lecky, Slavik, Triebe, Virmir and Zimmerman (men's swimming) named All-Americans

Deneweth, Kim Jenkins, Kelly Kono, Kelly MacArthur, Nordbrock, Scott and Priya Srikanth (women's swimming) named All-Americans

Morgen Leonard-Fleckman, Delaina Martin, Greg Reindl, Dave Skiba, Cameron Williams and Karl Zelik (track and field) named All-Americans

Sagartz named UAA Player of the Year and All-American

Laura D'Andrea (softball) named Academic All-American

Charlier Cutler and Rosenthal (men's tennis) named All-Americans

Rosenthal named UAA Player of the Year

Carrie Preston (women's tennis) named All-American

Herdon (cross country) named UAA Player of the Year

Herdon and Tricia Frisella (cross country) named All-Americans

Drew Wethington (football) named UAA Player of the Year and All-American

MeghanMarie Fowler-Finn (women's soccer) named UAA Player of the Year, National Player of the Year and Academic All-American

Spencer (volleyball) named UAA Player of the Year

Smith, Walk, Audra Janak and Nikki Morrison (volleyball) named All-Americans

Badowski named Academic All-American

Shields named All-American

Softball qualifies for first-ever College World Series, finishing second overall

Sagartz named UAA Player of the year and Academic All-American

Sagartz and Carter Malouf named All-Americans

Cutler named UAA Player of the Year

John Watts (men's tennis) wins national singles title, UAA Rookie of the Year and national Rookie of the Year

Cutler, Watts and Chris Hoeland (men's tennis) named All-Americans

Frisella, Mulkin and Kate Pentak (cross country) named All-Americans

Men's soccer advances to the Elite Eight

Onyi Okoroafor (men's soccer) named All-American

Caryn Rosoff (women's soccer) named UAA Player of the Year and All-American

Morrison, Janak and Erin Albers (volleyball) named All-Americans

Volleyball head coach *Rich Luenemann* named National Coach of the Year

2008

Ruths named Academic All-American Player of the Year, National Player of the Year and Jostens Trophy recipient

Mark Edwards (basketball) named National Coach of the Year

Alex Hoover (basketball) named UAA Rookie of the Year

Michael Flanagan, Beyer, David Chao, Kushner, Lecky and Bullock (men's swimming) named All-Americans

Kono, Lodewyk, Hodges, Srikanth, Nordbrock, Liz Caravati, Kristen Mann and Claire Henderson (women's swimming) named All-Americans

Srikanth named UAA Diver of the Year

Leonard-Fleckman wins national championship in the pole vault

Leonard-Fleckman, Wadlington, Sangeeta Hardy, Kelli Blake, Erika Wade and Taryn Surtees (track and field) named All-Americans

Leonard-Fleckman and Wadlington (track and field) named UAA Players of the Year

Ben Harmon (track and field) named UAA Rookie of the Year

Women's golf becomes an official varsity sport

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one just read off a hilarious answer to a loaded question.

Zenner: I will miss too much to say in one quote but mostly just working hard with a group of guys that loved soccer and wanted to win. Being unified by a single goal can be pretty inspiring.

Frisella: My teammates and the feeling of shared accomplishment after races. Our team dinners at Center Court, 100 minute long runs, theme run Friday, Oak Knoll park, post-race singing in the showers, playing mafia on bus rides, team break downs, cheering for Tim Meahl, water polo and camp week, summer newsletters, coach's wisdom, UAA meets... I'll even miss 5 a.m. shake out runs on race day.

What has Wash. U. meant to you?

Zenner: It's not always easy to have a lot of school spirit here, but I was part of a team that was trying to put Wash. U. on the map for soccer and reach some of the heights other teams were reaching, and that makes me proud. Overall, Wash. U. has been a great place to spend four years, and my heart will always be behind the soccer team. I want nothing more than to see them continue to excel.

Working: I tell my friends that, as weird as it sounds, my freshman year of college seems longer ago than my senior year of high school. The changes that I've made as a student, an athlete and a person have been so vast that I would barely recognize the kid who stepped onto campus in 2004.

Sear: My time at Wash. U. has been four of the best years of my life. I have made friends through the soccer program that will be some of my best friends for life.

What advice would you give to incoming freshman?

Nordbrock: Enjoy your time here because it will fly by! Take any and every opportunity that is presented to you and run with it. Try not to sweat the little stuff because in the grand scheme of things, it probably won't matter. It's easy to get caught up in work and suddenly find yourself graduating, so slow down, take a look around you and enjoy every moment of it!

Okoroafor: Keep an open mind.

Sear: Enjoy you time, and always be grateful for the time you have. Leave everything on the field, trust your teammates and coaches on and off the field, procrastinate and leave papers to the last minute because it builds character and friendships in the library, beat up on Emory and not just in the box score.

Working: Despite what people say, the world after college is not "The Real World." It's all the real world. It's your life, you're in control of it, and don't ever let anyone else convince you otherwise.

Elliot: Don't quit. Put in the time, and the rewards will pay off. You don't have to be the biggest or the fastest or the strongest, but if you have the will to succeed, you absolutely can.

Zenner: Don't get down if things don't go perfectly right from the start. It is a long four years, and if you work hard, it will all be worth it. But you have to earn your success.

Frisella: Don't forget to have fun and soak it up; it'll be over before you know it.

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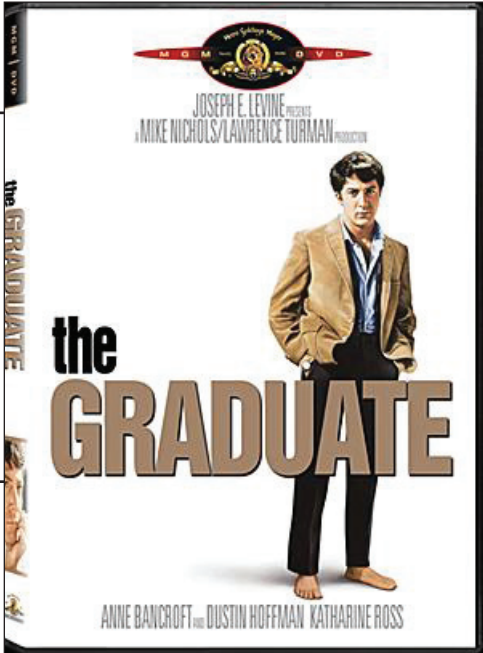
Graduation flicks

Congratulations seniors! In honor of your awesome accomplishment, we here at Cadenza have compiled a few reviews of classic graduation movies. Now sit back, relax and watch one of these greats. And then maybe think about getting a job.

The Graduate

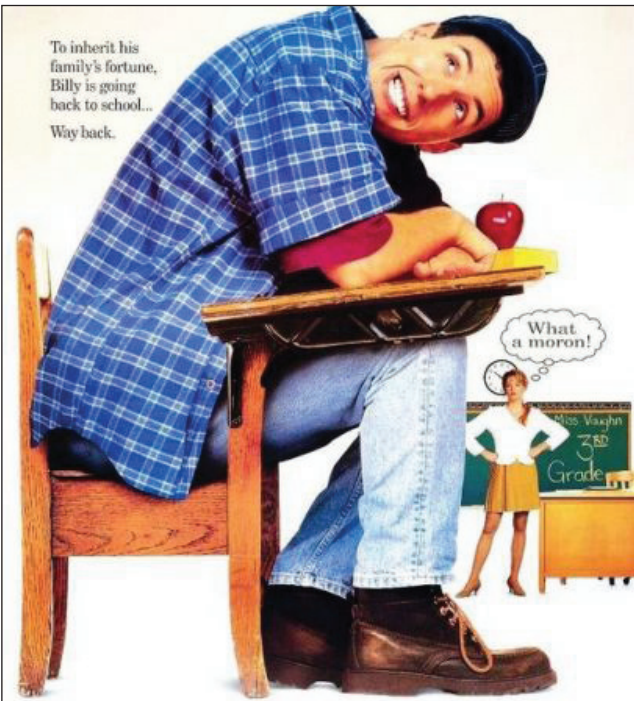
You may be wondering what “The Graduate” has to do with graduation. You may be questioning what on earth it could be doing here amidst these other, more legitimate movies which focus so much more clearly on the prestigious and hallowed tradition of graduation. Yes, when it comes right down to it, “The Graduate” doesn’t really have much to do with graduation. Benjamin Braddock (one of Dustin Hoffman’s first, and arguably best, roles) is newly graduated and at sea about his future when Mrs. Robinson tries to seduce him. The summer is an eventful one, and the film is ideal for graduates not only as entertainment but as a cautionary tale. Do not, repeat, do not sleep with the mother of the woman you fall in love with. Things can get sticky, and the next thing you know you’ll be pounding on the window of a church, which is so totally freshman year.

-CECILIA RAZAK



Billy Madison

Adam Sandler’s first movie after graduating from Saturday Night Live, “Billy Madison” is easily one of the most quotable movies of the ‘90s. (Remember shouting ‘Stop looking at me, swan!’ ‘O’Doyle Rules!’ ‘Peeing your pants is cool’ when you were 11?) When the movie opens, Billy Madison is living the dream; he is a 27-year-old slacker who lives in his father’s backyard and drinks all day with his similarly-indolent friends. But in order to inherit his father’s hotel chain, or at least prevent his nemesis, the ruthless entrepreneur and old schoolmate, Eric, from taking over, Billy must prove to his father that he is a capable human being and graduate from first through 12th grade in 24 weeks. Billy is happiest in the third grade where he is revered by his classmates and in love with teacher Veronica Vaughn. Yet, Billy soon realizes work, school and life become more difficult as one progresses through school. Eventually, a quiz-bowl



type showdown takes place between both Eric and Billy. After Billy compares the Industrial Revolution to “The Puppy Who Lost His Way,” he is told, “Everyone in this room is now dumber for having listened to it.” To win the competition and the hotel, Eric is asked to discuss business ethics. Yet, he is so iniquitous he doesn’t even try to answer, whips out a gun and consequently gets tacked by wrestler and shot by a crazed Steve Buscemi. (Let this be a lesson to all you B-School grads: If you lose all your morals, you will eventually be shot by that guy from Fargo.) And, Chris Farley’s uncredited cameo as the manic middle school bus driver provides the movie with some the most memorable scenes: “That Veronica Vaughn is one fine piece of ace.” By the end of the movie, Billy has decided he is going to go onto college, become a teacher and hand the company over to one of his father’s quality businessmen. Underneath all of the Sandler-esque humor, “Billy Madison” is simply a movie about growing up and accepting responsibility, which are major themes at every graduation.

-STEPHANIE SPERA



Grease

You know, when you really think about it, and I mean really think about it, “Grease” sells some pretty odd morals, doesn’t it? If you don’t fit in, change yourself, silly. If you don’t use protection, just don’t get pregnant, duh. And if you do get pregnant, just ride on a Ferris wheel and say you didn’t. Life was so simple in the ‘50s, wasn’t it? And yet, you’d be hard-pressed to find anyone here who hasn’t once wanted to be the greaser Danny, both in driving skills and hair consistency. And who doesn’t want to waste a summer night at the barbie with Sandra Dee and hopefully catch a glint of what she’s looking for? Sure, I wouldn’t do a lot of the things those Rydell kids got into, but even if I had, you don’t want to hear all the horny details. Endless allusions aside, there are good things to take away from “Grease.” School spirit runs rampant and so do strong personalities. Rivalries are won and (gasp!) Beauty School is considered. And believe it or not, the best part is when school ends. Yes, when May rolls around, all the drama seems to melt away. “Grease” gives us a taste of the euphoria at the start, but it doesn’t really blossom until the summer comes around again. They laugh, they cry, they take revealing photos, and they enjoy themselves. Remember that, as you go traveling down life’s highway, from here on out you’re on an endless Wash. U. summer vacation. Oh, those summer nights.

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Mark Wrighton

ratories. I applaud each of you for your commitment to your education and to Washington University. Our community is a better place because you were here.

Those graduating in 2008 leave behind great legacies in the history of Washington University. It is nearly impossible to justly acknowledge all the remarkable achievements of our students, but it is worthwhile to highlight a few. Our undergraduates have engaged in community service at

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Your presence here has

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As you contemplate the bright future and the journey that lies ahead, I offer this simple challenge to each of you: Do your best to make our world a better place. While the future is bright, we live in a world

that needs your compassion, your intellect and your work ethic. There is much to be done, and I know you will accomplish a great deal in your chosen profession. Generations of young people across the United States will benefit from the education they will receive from you. Patients will live longer and more productive lives because of the treatment you will provide. Our corporations will develop better strategies and operating systems because of your innovative ideas. Communities will be enhanced by the art, music and theater that you create or perform. You will generate new solutions to the problems of poverty, hunger and homelessness.

The stakes are high, but I have the fullest confidence that all of you will do your best to make our world a better place.

I join with the faculty and staff of Washington University in offering our most sincere thanks for sharing a part of your lives with us. Please accept my personal best wishes for continued success. I look forward to hearing from you—our newest alumni—about your achievements.

Mark Wrighton is the chancellor of Washington University in St. Louis. He can be reached by e-mail at wrighton@wustl.edu.

My last article: Looking back, looking forward

After pouring four years of myself into *Student Life*, this is my last contribution. And, in true journalistic fashion, this article is being written way past deadline. The hardest part was just figuring out where to start. I could critique the University, but that just opens too many negative doors from a former pre-med. I could offer advice, but I think everyone reading this has gotten into the college groove by now.

“I just hope everyone can leave Wash. U. having found something, be it a future, a friend, or a stronger sense of self.”

So, I guess I'll keep up the stream of consciousness and rambling. It is, after all, a method that worked so well for many a school paper.

People say that the best years of your life are those in college. They're great, that's for sure, but I'm also looking forward to what's ahead. If you allow yourself to get caught up in this cliché, you'll spend college wondering why you don't always feel the best and you'll spend post-graduation dwelling on the (in retro-

spect) perfect years you left behind. Every stage of life will have its ups and downs, but it's all about making the most of what you've got.

Now I'll wax sentimentally, so bear with me, but what truly got me to really enjoy college and seize each moment as my own was what you are reading right now—*Student Life*. This newspaper gave me purpose when I was floundering for it, it reinvigorated my passion when I thought it had faded, and it has given me the career path I am setting out on now, as a science journalist and hopefully an editor some day. Working for *Student Life* kept me from transferring to another school after freshman year, and it has delivered wonderful friends to me. I am also lucky to have found the love of my life, my fiancé, at this student-run newspaper.

But this wasn't all a ploy to get you to read my sappy memories. I have a message here too. Simple things really: Select a few activities here at Wash. U., then really throw yourself into them,

and also, follow your passions. Of course, working for the newspaper isn't going to be everyone's thing (but we are hiring...). I just hope everyone can leave Wash. U. having found something, be it a future, a friend or a stronger sense of self.

When I first came here, as the innocent freshman we all were, I remember thinking how endless my possibilities were. I could go by a completely different name or create a new self-image. I would be making new friends and be presented with new experiences. Needless to say, I decided to just keep going by Erin, but I do think a part of me has changed. I'm still a procrastinator, I'm still reliably five minutes late to any engagement and I can still sleep until noon if undisturbed. But I also have a wider group of friends, I'm not afraid to really take charge of something, and I can step out of my comfort zone to follow my passions.

These things are not necessarily what my parents were looking for from a \$44K education of course, but my family has been

wonderful in supporting me and has always been there; I'll never be able to thank them enough. I am also fortunate to have so many friends who never absquated when I needed them and were always there to help the Tuesday blues. And, not many people get to go to college with their best friend from first grade.

So I consider myself very blessed, but what does this do for you, dear reader? Probably nothing. I can only hope that you too have made the most of your college career and that you look forward and put your energy into the wonderful future ahead for you. Recognize the fortunes all around you, in friends, love and family and go toward your passions. Life is rich, if you make it happen.

So, good luck to all of my Studlifers (especially you Sam); treasure every minute of it all. I'll be reading the paper online too, so keep up the good work. And to everyone at Wash. U., get out there and live.

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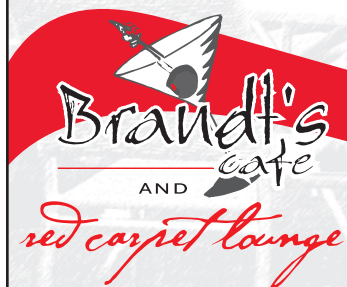


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Looking ahead

I was admitted to Washington University off the wait-list on the last day of high school classes. By that point, I had already sent in my housing deposit to the University of Florida and was ready to order my Gator apparel. But before that day of classes began, I was told by my college counselor to keep an eye out for a message. He paged me into his office as our final classes were letting out, and Steve Frappier, the admissions officer for our region, and now the director of college counseling at my high school, was on the other end of the line inviting me to join the class of 2008. I accepted.

A few months later on the eve of freshman orientation, I saw the campus for the first time. It was beautiful, and as I remember, without much construction. The weather was warm but much cooler than the unbearable summer heat of Miami.

Nearly four years later, my apartment is filling with packed boxes of clothing, books, dishes and other souvenirs from my journey—a pint glass and shot glass for donating \$20.08 to the Senior Class Gift, binders from courses on American elections, the Cold War, the civil rights movement and a folder of the pictures, maps and letters that I taped to my wall over the years.

Each of us will end our college journey in our own way. My roommate Aaron and I have decided to road trip to Miami. Some of my friends will relax around St. Louis for a few more weeks until their leases run out. And for many others, like ripping off a band-aid, they'll fly out as soon as they

can before the emotions hit hard. I'll leave you with three stories from my experience.

My freshman year dorm, Eliot House, was unique. Each floor was split evenly between sophomores and freshmen, Residential Life's goal being to facilitate mentorship and camaraderie between the wiser 19-year-olds and the less wise 18-year-olds. Naturally, we on Eliot 3

forged bonds of friendship with our freshmen peers on Eliot 2. One weekend, the perfect set of circumstances emerged. All four RAs on E2 and E3 were out for the evening. As soon as this information was passed on, we began to decorate one of the common rooms with a Halloween

theme and hosted our first major college party, complete with a drink budget that rivaled the cost of some of the smaller meal plans from Bon Appétit. All it took was a group of friends, a healthy bending of the rules and some quick thinking. Many Washington University students are resourceful and inherently risk-takers. Find them and keep in contact with them. Your paths will collide in the future—as business moguls, doctors or future candidates for higher office.

This year, I had the opportunity to have dinner with members of the College Republicans, other representatives from Student Union and former Attorney General Alberto Gonzales. I believe Gonzales' presence revitalized campus for a few weeks and encouraged many of us to learn about his controversial tenure and the ensuing outrage. As we ate dinner

with him, I found myself increasingly uneasy at the fact that this widely-abhorred man presented himself as a charming, laid-back and well-meaning individual. It dawned on me that perhaps Gonzales, this entire time, truly believed what he was doing was the morally right thing to do.

As we go out and work in the world, many of us as advocates and protectors of our

fellow citizen, be aware that the source of poor decisions are sometimes found in the most powerful of places. And one's intentions do not justify the process; the ends do not always justify the means. As Washington University graduates, we should strive to uphold a higher standard together.

Nearly a year ago, I was at the Leadershape Institute, a week-long retreat supported

by the Office of Student Activities and other departments around campus. Leadershape taught us about how to be good leaders and team-players by being sensitive to the diversity around us, respectful of all ideas and progressive in our thinking. The ultimate goal was to improve the world around us for all citizens, not just a subset of the population. While the world after college

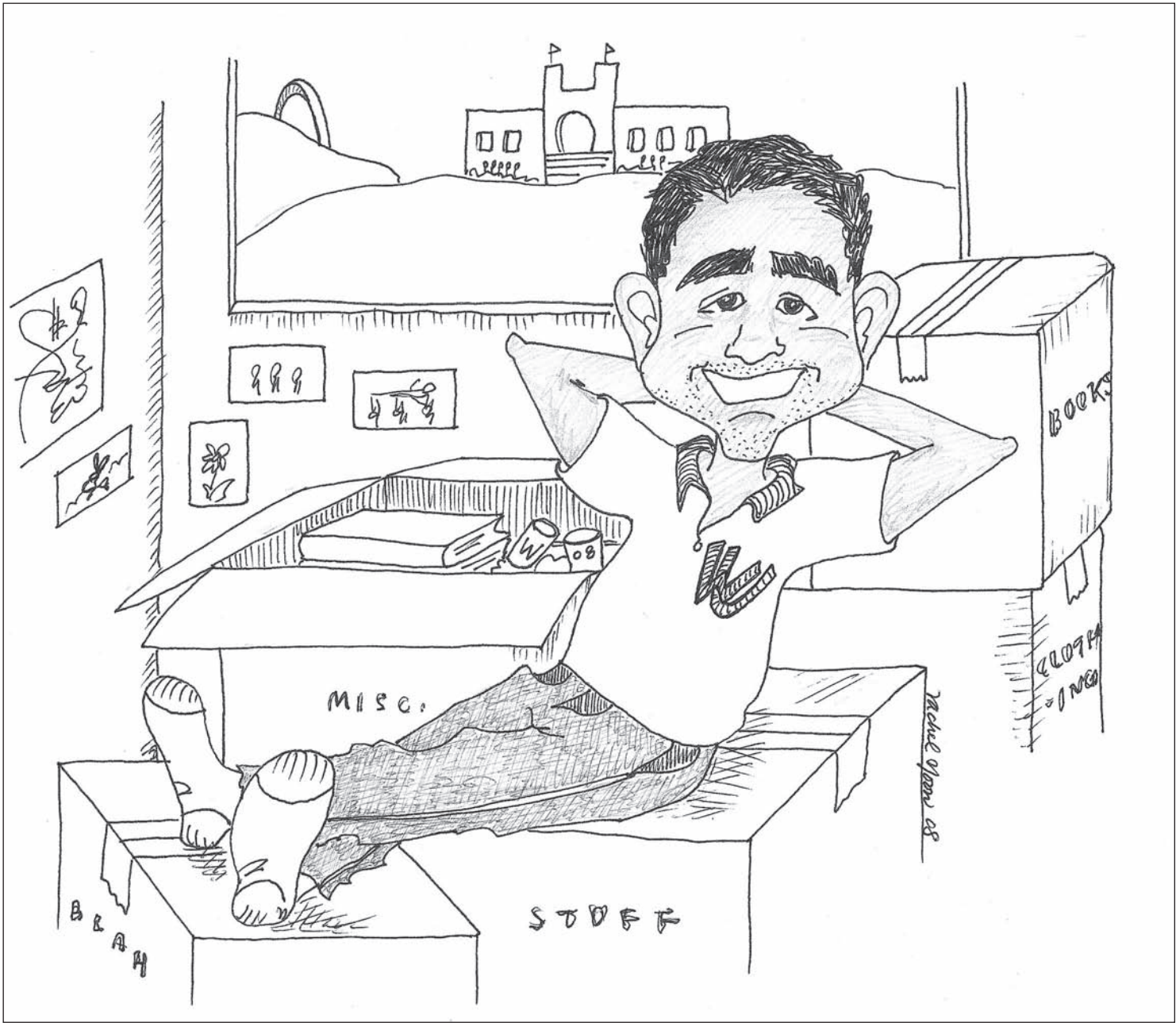
is far from ideal, I believe our common experience at the University has prepared us to make it a better place.

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Well, that was a fun four years. Remember when there was a Taco Bell on campus? And that time when those dudes (and dudettes) from SWA sat in the admissions office? Oh, the memories. Frankly, however, there is only one thing that really unifies the Class of 2008: Facebook.

Facebook, formerly known as Thefacebook.com, first landed at Wash. U. on May 2, 2004. That makes us the first class to have started school with Facebook as part of our lives, whether or not we were actually on it. We complained

when more and more schools were added to Facebook and were even louder when high schoolers, and then, anyone, joined as well. Instead of actually protesting for a living wage, now we can just join a Facebook group saying that we need a living wage—and NOW.



Daniel Milstein

In just four short years, it has morphed from a cute little distraction to an all-encompassing, ubiquitous monster. How can we not love it? The possibilities for Facebook's further involvement in our lives are limitless. The big awkward "what are you doing next year?" conversa-

tion is all but gone—we can just check Facebook now. The infinitely more awkward getting-to-know-you conversations with the people we will soon meet are gone as well—we'll just check Facebook and make friends that way. And who knows what features Facebook will roll out next? Surely, we'll hate them. And we'll use them all.

Most of all, it will let us all stay in touch without really trying. If I somehow graduate law school and get a job, I'll try to put it up for you to see. When you get engaged or married, I'll be able to congratulate you, and we won't have to exchange a single word! When you have kids, make sure you sign them up for Facebook immediately. That way, we can all see how adorable your baby is, and you don't want little Troy or Ruth (obviously, you'll name

all your children after the MVP of our national championship basketball team) to be the last kid without Facebook in his or her nursery. And when one of you (not Neil Patel, but maybe Troy Ruths?) becomes president of the United States, I can feel special since I'll know which pictures you deleted.

So, Class of 2008, let's all be Facebook friends. We joined Facebook back when it was Thefacebook. Maybe it's too important now, but we have to cherish our memories. And we'll stay connected through that Washington University in St. Louis '08 on the top of our pages.

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Remembering your graduation

It's a striking, familiar story. Ask a person what he or she had for dinner two weeks ago, and you're likely to elicit blank stares. But ask that same person to describe for you an important historical event that he or she witnessed and the story changes completely. Not only will you hear a detailed account of the event itself, but you're also likely to learn exactly what that person was doing when he or she first learned about this event. If you don't believe me, then try to think about what you were doing when you first heard about the September 11 terrorist attacks. You can probably do it. If you were alive during the 1960s, then try to imagine where you were when you first heard about the Kennedy assassination. Again, you'll probably be able to do it.

This phenomenon isn't restricted to trying to remember events that were particularly tragic, however. The events themselves just need to elicit a strong emotional response. So this means that you could also experience something similar when attempting to remember special birthdays, important family reunions and even graduation ceremonies. Researchers have referred to these kinds of recollections as "flashbulb memories" because they are unusually vivid, and they're a fairly common occurrence. All you have to do is experience something that was extremely significant for you on a personal level, and your memory of that event will likely become a flashbulb memory. The reason for this is that emotion plays a role in enhancing the recollection of your own memories. Consequently, emotional memories are the ones that you are likely to remember in the most detail.

I'm telling you all of this for two reasons. First, graduating from Washington University is a very significant personal event, so you'll probably develop a flashbulb memory of what happens. Second, I want

to give you a caveat about flashbulb memories even after everything I have just said about them: Unfortunately, they're not necessarily accurate.

Researchers have known for decades that flashbulb memories carry unique properties. Unfortunately, it wasn't until recently that they figured out that better accuracy wasn't one of them. Sure, you can probably recall the general details of a flashbulb memory faster than you would normally be able to do with a regular memory. But what about that vivid quality

of a flashbulb memory that helps you remember all of those minute details? It turns out that your flashbulb memories aren't necessarily more accurate; you're just more confident that they're more accurate. It is entirely possible that you can remember vivid details that didn't actually happen. Moreover, the specific details that you remember can be inconsistent over time. In short, the memories that you have of your greatest personal achievements (e.g. your college graduation) are fallible.

So why am I making this point? Because if you'd like to remember all of the important details from graduation, the best solution is to jot everything down in a journal. Now I'll admit that I have never held much enthusiasm for writing down one's thoughts in a journal. The short answer for why this is the case is that it's an incredibly time consuming process, and college students don't exactly have a lot of free time. That said, even I can bring myself to make an exception for one day. After all, if you're going to harbor fond memories of your own college graduation ceremony, then you should at least keep all of your facts straight.

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The deeper value in procrastination

Right as my high school graduation party was wrapping up one night four years ago, someone told me that college would be the best four years of my life and to make the most of my experience. I didn't take his advice seriously at the time because I thought it was cliché and didn't think living my undergraduate years in a meaningful way would be difficult. It is only now that his statement resonates with me the most, for as I write this column only three weeks of college remain. While college gave me many occasions to wonder if I was making the right choices and making the most of my time at Wash. U., looking back, I really don't see how, for me, life could have been lived any other way.

When I asked my dad what subject to write about for this piece, he jokingly suggested, "Well, just tell the truth. You were lazy for four years, and you didn't do any work."

While I won't claim that I didn't do work for four years

(okay....maybe my total work done in college amounts to three years), there have been instances where my laziness has been oddly justified. Somehow, whatever I did when I was unproductive tended to lead to different academic opportunities never open to me before.

My tendency to meditate on the meaning of life in the middle of my calculus section and jot down poems in the margins of psych notes during lecture made me realize that I personally was taking the wrong sort of classes, and the programs in English/writing and Social Thought and Analysis helped set me straight in channeling my random thoughts—whoever thought people could appreciate a sestina on lost opportunity and cake?

Another major reason to avoid work in college was my love of Bollywood movies. Nights with friends were spent indulging in the saga of Veer and Zaara or being impressed with the crime-fighting skills of Mr. India. Since

I invested greatly in these movies, I decided to take Hindi, just as the language program here really started to bloom. The establishment of a Hindi minor, starting next fall, and the possibility of a South Asian studies program are exciting and I cannot wait to see how they grow.

However, the biggest cause of procrastination over these last four years had to be Facebook. Time that could have been spent outlining chapters or highlighting text were instead used to go log in and answer such pertinent questions as "are they really going out with each other?" and "who does he think he is—Kevin Federline?" However, when those questions turned into "how did people ever go to college without Facebook?" and "how is Facebook changing Wash. U.?", I was motivated to write my senior STA thesis on Facebook and the Wash. U. community—an experience that was both challenging and eye-opening. It seems strange that what I did when I was unproductive turned out to work in my favor. However, I think it shows that in choosing what we study and really what we devote our minds to for four years, we really have to go with what engages us.

For the undergrads still waiting for their Commencement, I recommend you choose classes—whether for a major or an elective—based on what you love to do and the questions you find that you ask yourself. Whether you seek answers as to why a certain painting is historically significant or how you can succeed in the corporate world, using your years at Wash. U. to answer those questions will never be time wasted.

While I now understand the depth of the advice given to me after high school, now that I have completed college, I don't see why the best experiences of our lives have to be limited to only four years. Even though I know the real world and the Wash. U. bubble are vastly different, I hope that in whatever jobs we work at or lives we pursue, that we—the Class of 2008—use what we learned in college about what we value and what makes us happy to make our post-college days just as fulfilling for us.

Since this is the last opportunity I have to speak to everyone as an undergrad, I would like to give my thanks to Wash. U. Thanks to the faculty like Prof. Brockmann who have encouraged me to voice my opinions, and our

thesis group advisor Bret Gustafson whose support during my thesis writing has been like that of a friend, not necessarily because thesis writing has taken me away

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from all of my other friends.

To everyone I have worked with in ResLife, the Office of Publications and the School of Law, thanks for giving me opportunities to give back to the University and grow in ways I could have never imagined. I look up to all of you, and I will definitely listen to the

pointers in life that you all have given me.

To my residents, old and current, I can honestly say that I have gained something positive from meeting each and every one of you, even if you were one of the bad babies (and you know who you are...Jason Feldman!). I wish you all the best with your remaining undergrad years and encourage you to go ahead and have all the fun that you want—hey, I certainly won't be here to break up any more of your parties! (Though someone else probably will be there...sorry...)

To my buddies who have made college an exhilarating and wonderful time, thank you for always being there for me and teaching me through your kindness and strength what a true friend is. Some of you are going to law school, med school, TFA and some of you are even getting married, but I hope that wherever life after college takes you, you find your bliss.

Class of 2008, it's been a long and crazy ride, and I was glad to take it with all of you. Congratulations!

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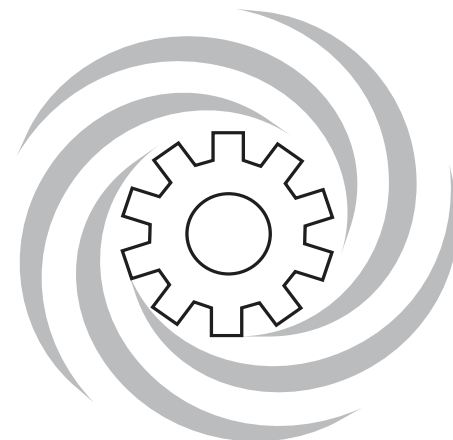


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I don't have the answers

I showed up at Wash. U. four years ago because I didn't get in to a better school. Now, I'm leaving because I don't have a good excuse to stay longer.

Washington University is a good school. It's not great, but it could be worse. We have above-average academic programs and a below average social scene. We're all pretty smart, but most of us aren't as smart as we think we are (except for me of course).

I'm supposed to use this space for some productive purpose. I'm expected to impart some life lesson to younger students, offer a wizened critique of University policy or inspire others to change the world. But I'm not. Because frankly, I don't have anything to say that hasn't been said before. And while that may seem disheartening or anticlimactic, I find it to be somewhat fitting. How simple and boring the

some of these problems, but it would be rather arrogant for me to suppose that my fellow graduates or I have the solutions.

This is a real downer, isn't it? Well that's life. But here's what I can do: I can learn from my mistakes;



David Brody

I can call out problems when I see them; I can live in an environmentally sustainable fashion and support others who do the same. And I can take solace in acting justly in accordance with moral principles.

My favorite book is Mark Twain's "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court." In it, there is a passage that I've always relished, which seems apropos at this juncture:

"Training - training is everything; training is all there is to a person. We speak of nature; it is folly; there is no such thing as nature; what we call by that misleading name is merely heredity and training. We have no thoughts of our own; no opinions of our own; they are transmitted to us, trained into us. All that is original in us, and therefore fairly credible or discreditable to us, can be covered up and hidden by the point of a cambric needle, all the rest being atoms contributed by, and inherited from, a procession of ancestors that stretches back a billion years to the Adam-clam or grasshopper or monkey from whom our race has been so tediously and ostentatiously and unprofitably developed. And as for me, all that I think about in this plodding sad pilgrimage, this pathetic drift between the eternities, is to look out and humbly live a pure and high and blameless life, and save that one microscopic atom in me that is truly me; the rest may land in Sheol and welcome for all I care." (Chap. XVIII).

We, the students of Washington University, are not special. While that may be disappointing for many of us, there is a silver lining. For I believe that I have the ability to live a just and productive life. If I can do it, then the rest of you must be capable of the same. If we can all do it, odds are the individuals who make up society at large can do it too. With any luck, our collective lives can cause tomorrow to be brighter than today. Can you reasonably ask for anything more than that?

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Lessons from my college experience

I don't know if I necessarily have anything particularly insightful to say here. After all, my college experience was probably pretty typical. I double majored in psychology and math. I was very involved in my two extra-curriculars (StudLife and club rugby) and didn't do much else. I had a job working in a psych lab. I went out with friends. I dated. Sometimes, I drank more than I should have. I got fairly good grades. I made mistakes. I had fun. I learned.

We all come to Wash. U. to learn, specifically to get an education from a prestigious university that we can then use when trying to get a job or otherwise move on in life after graduation. But necessary as that logistical stuff is, the most important things I learned in college I didn't learn in a classroom.

I know everyone says that, and I'm going to try not to make this into one giant cliché. Instead of preaching to you about the college experience, etc. etc., let me just share with you a couple of valuable lessons I learned in college.

You can't change people. I know that many will try to argue with me on this one. Don't. If you think you can change someone, you're wrong. I managed to get myself into this situation on more than one occasion, and

believe me, it doesn't work. People don't change unless they want to. You can't make them, no matter how hard you try.

Most of the time, things aren't as catastrophic as you think they are. We all get into situations where we think everything is terrible

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and the world is going to end. Guess what? You'll get through it. I've noted over the years that things have a way of working themselves out. Life may seem terrible now, but give it a few days, or even a few weeks or months.

Eventually, things will even out again.

School doesn't really matter that much. Obviously school does matter, and it's important to get decent grades and make an effort in classes and whatnot. But school is not everything. If you're studying all the time, you're going to miss out on so many experiences and opportunities that you're never going to get again. You're in your early 20s. Enjoy it while you've got it.

If you're not happy, make a change. The great thing about college is that you have so many opportunities to do the things that you enjoy. So why stick with something that's making you miserable? If you don't like your major, change it. If you're unhappy in an activity or club, quit and try something else. Experiment. That's what this time is for, and you're not going to have this kind of freedom after you graduate. Enjoy it while you can.

Treasure your friendships. There are a lot of bad people out there, but there are also some pretty incredible ones. Some of the best people I know in my life, I met here. There is nothing more valuable than a friend

who cares about you and you can rely on. Hang on to the good ones and they'll be with you to the end.

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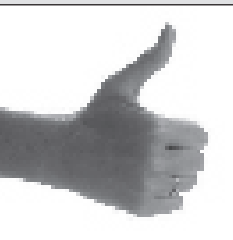
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that at times, like right before that orgo test or while frantically finishing a paper before the 5 p.m. deadline, we can all lose sight of what really matters, not only in college but in life. We're here to get an education, yes, but we're also here to learn how to be adults. We come to Wash. U. as naïve 18-year-olds excited to escape our old lives, and leave as seasoned 22-year-olds ready to start our new lives. Somewhere in between we grow up. We may do it in completely different ways, and some of us may do it more than others, but we all get there. And when it comes down to it, getting there is what really matters.

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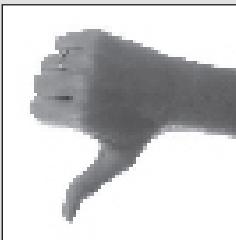
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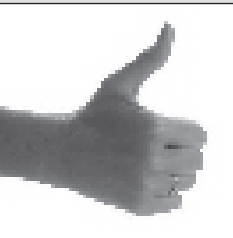
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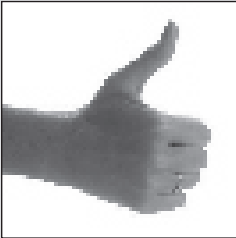
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world would be if I had all the answers.

Underclassmen will figure it out for themselves. If advice exists that can head off potential mistakes, someone else has already told it to them. All other mistakes are experiential, so I'm probably not going to be able to offer too much help there.

The University has problems. Its lack of socioeconomic diversity is troubling, to say the least. The lack of administrative transparency is a major cause of concern. The school's position on the environment, while progressive, sometimes seems to lack sincerity. But don't look to me for any silver bullets.

For the past seven years, our federal government has somehow managed to make the wrong choice at just about every fork in the road. We have a pointless war that we cannot unload. Because of it, we can't afford to pay for the myriad of domestic programs necessary to maintain our standard of living. And we have barely acknowledged the threat of global warming, let alone tried to address the underlying causes. In the aggregate, our generation might fix

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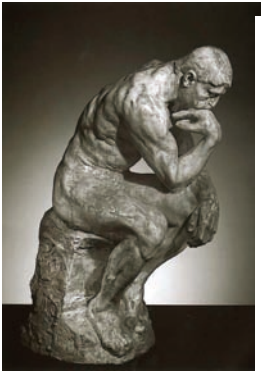
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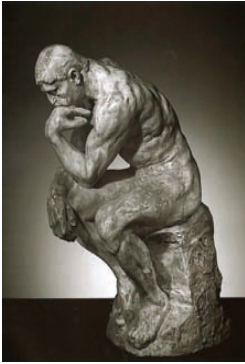
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For the Commencement issue, we decided to try a restaurant we had never been to before that would be a good choice for eating with parents. The well-reviewed Sidney Street Café seemed like the perfect place for a graduation dinner. With a large menu that changes sporadically, and truly delicious food, Sidney Street Café did not disappoint. Though the loud atmosphere and décor made it seem at times more like a lively pub than an elegant restaurant, this did not take much away from the overall experience.

Sidney Street Café is located in the Benton Park neighborhood near the Anheuser-Busch Brewery. Though we had detailed directions, we still got lost trying to find the restaurant. When we finally arrived, the décor caught us by surprise. The exposed brick walls and street lamp style light fixtures looked like they belonged in a different environment. Additionally, there were several large groups in the main dining room creating a great deal of noise. Needless to say, we were not off to a great start.

This situation did not improve much after being seated at a very small table against the wall. However, once we saw the menu, our

sprits were raised. As there was only one hand-written menu due to occasional changes made to the courses, our very attentive waitress explained every dish in detail. She also explained that it is possible to choose several appetizers to make a sampler plate.

The menu consists of a wide array of choices, including lobster, steak, lamb, duck and chicken. Several of the first courses are more traditional, such as the crab corn cake, while others, like bacon-wrapped honey mustard shrimp, are less common and very interesting. Perhaps the most enticing dish on the menu was the pasta of the day, which was duck ravioli. The list of entrees has several fish choices, as well as a variety of meats and a vegetarian option. In addition, the main course comes with either the soup of the day or one of several salads. Finally, Sidney Street Café also has an extensive wine list and drink menu.

To start, we decided on veal dumplings and duck ravioli. The veal dumplings are pot stickers filled with veal, spinach, corn and ginger and served with a Chinese salsa. The veal was tender and delicious, while the Asian flavors were spicy but not too overpowering. The duck ravioli was particularly excellent, with very well-cooked pasta and

flavorful meat.

The soup of the day was a house beef tenderloin soup, which was tasty but couldn't compare to the first course. Though the taste was good, the consistency was less than appetizing. While there were several salad choices, we picked the house salad. This dish was simple but delightful thanks to the freshness of the greens.

Finally, our main courses of Tuscan sea bass and buttermilk chicken arrived. The sea bass was lightly breaded and topped with asiago cheese. It was very light and cooked perfectly. The asparagus and string beans served with the fish added a refreshing aspect

to the dish. The buttermilk chicken was also delicious. It was extremely tender and aesthetically pleasing, as it was served in a small pot. This dish also came with vegetables, which were good, but the best part of the entrée was the side of fingerling potatoes. They were slightly crunchy and truly delectable with the light gravy from the chicken.

Though at first we weren't sure about Sidney Street Café, it proved itself through delicious, well-cooked food and an interesting menu. We would recommend it for a date, special occasion or, of course, dinner with visiting parents.



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The menu at Sidney Street Café consists of a wide array of choices, including lobster, steak, lamb, duck and chicken.

Stepping Out: other graduation restaurants

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Pomme Restaurant
40 North Central Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63105

Pomme is a classic French bistro with 14 tables and impeccable service, located right in downtown Clayton. Be sure to try the lamb, duck confit and apples for Olivia.

Harvest
1059 South Big Bend
St. Louis, MO 63117

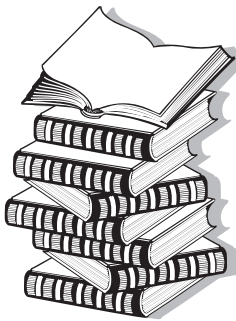
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1111 Mississippi Avenue
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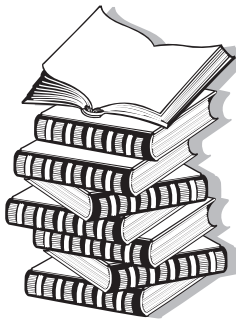
Sauce magazine reader's choice #1 restaurant in the city. You cannot go wrong with anything on the menu.

Trattoria Marcella
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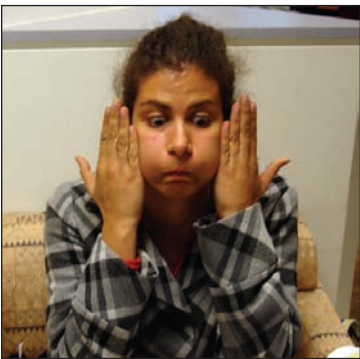
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