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Latino Grill spices up campus

By Greg Allen
Freshman Press Reporter

Students upset by last year's loss of Taco Bell may have their Spanish food cravings satisfied with the opening of the Latino Grill. The new food station replaces the now closed Philly cheese steak station and, for the time being, still sports its old placards. It remains to be seen whether the grill will be as popular as Washington University's latest food court addition, Asian Concept, now the second most popular station in Mallinckrodt.

The University dining administration cited both financial and student concerns as reasons for the change.

"When we surveyed students, a little less than half were interested in having a Taco Bell," said Marilyn Pollack, director of financial planning. "We wanted to bring something back that we knew students would like."

The University believes that the sizable minority of students who favored keeping Taco Bell is larger than the number who would have preferred keeping the Philly station.

"The Philly station was not doing great business," said Pollack. "You can look at the stats and ticket sales. The business for that station had kept sliding."

Those looking for a replacement for Taco Bell may not find an exact match.

"It's more global," said Marc Foley, executive chef at Bon Appetit. "It's not Mexican; it's Caribbean, Spanish, Central American—it's cross cultural."

The menu offers items likely unfamiliar to students, including plantain-coated mahi-mahi sandwiches and sweet potatoes covered in mango mojo sauce.

This isn't the first time the company has used a Latino theme.

"Bon Appetit has run Latin stations at other universities... [and they were] very popular, a lot of what the students were looking for," said Foley.

Foley was quick to say, however, that the new station is not a cookie cutter concept the company stamps out at



Jim Madison prepares food at the new Latino station at the Mallinckrodt Food Court on Monday, August 22.

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every campus they service. Seeing a lingering desire for Latin food, Bon Appetit worked with the University over the summer to create a station that caters to the student body.

"The new concept is up-

scale Spanish cuisine," said Pollack. "We had a tasting recently, which everyone was very impressed with."

So far, reception to the grill has been lukewarm. Some students are partially put off by the attempt to put an up-

scale dining service in a food court.

"Wash.U. is making everything too nice for its own good," said Taylor Hermes, a senior in the college of Arts & Sciences. "Looking at price, there aren't any more cheap places to eat in Mallinckrodt. The

food is good—it's just too expensive."

Other students were not receptive to the dining theme switcheroo.

"It's horrible," said Brian Stowe, a senior in the School of Engineering. "[The Philly]

was always the fastest place to eat on campus, and it will be sorely missed."

Surprisingly wide range of services available at SHS

By Amber Pollock
Freshman Press Reporter

Washington University Student Health Services offers a variety of services, many beyond what would be expected from a campus healthcare provider.

Situated in the Habif Wellness Center in Dardick House, Student Health Services (SHS) offers a range of specialized treatment options that include physical therapy, travel medicine and a men's clinic.

The treatment center recently moved from Umrath Hall to its new location, a change that has allowed more services to be offered.

"Most people, when they think about health services on campus sort of would think about more traditional things that colleges and universities might offer," said Dr. Alan Glass, director of Student Health Services (SHS).

He explained that some students might not realize the range of services offered by SHS. The SHS travel medicine clinic offers students physicals and immunizations necessary to travel abroad.

The men's clinic, which is offered one half day a week, focuses on the health needs of male patients.

The newest addition to the SHS staff is a sports medicine specialist who offers sports medicine clinic one half day a week. Two days a week, SHS collaborates with the physical therapy department at the University School of Medicine to provide physical therapy services to students.

SHS also offers dietary counseling with Registered Dietician Connie Diekman, who offers advice on making healthy eating choices and meeting one's nutritional needs.

"We always want to see more students," said Diekman.

Appointments can be scheduled with her at 5-6666, option three.

Both individual students and student groups can schedule a one-hour appointment to review eating habits and receive advice. Students can also use his service

to get information on diabetes, eating disorders and other weight concerns, and follow up visits are also available.

SHS has a well-equipped mental health facility. It provides help for students dealing with issues of stress, depression, and adjustment issues.

These services may be of particular interest to freshmen, since the changes associated with going to college can cause some

for any of the services offered.

"I think it has helped get the word out about these programs. The point was to make it more convenient for students to access the service," said Glass.

Students may also call 5-6666 to schedule appointments.

Some services offered at Habif Health and Wellness Center:

- Physical exams
- Immunizations for international travel
- Sports medicine clinic
- Physical therapy
- Dietary and nutritional counseling
- Eating Disorder awareness
- Mental health counseling
- Counseling for stress, depression, adjustment issues
- Allergy shots

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of these problems. These services can be helpful even in situations that aren't really complicated or severe.

"In a lot of cases the earlier you start to work with a problem the less complex the solution can be," said Glass.

The accessibility to these services has improved recently, not only due to the new location, but also the implementation of on-line scheduling. Students can go to the SHS website any time of day and schedule appointments

Freshmen adjust to new housing

By Opti Logdberg
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As the class of 2010 adjusts to new rooms, the South 40 welcomes a new building, Liggett Hosue. The new dorm is one of many building projects Washington University has undergone to reshape the campus' look.

The University plans other housing changes in the near future. According to Rob Wild, associate director in the office of residential life, Lee and Beaumont will soon be torn down, though the exact date is still up in the air. Rubelmann and Umrath will follow not long after.

Modern dorms will replace

the old ones. Wild mentioned several reasons for replacing the traditional residence halls, including increasing demand for modern dorms, privacy issues and the fact that the University had some extra money to renovate or rebuild since the loans for the old dorms were paid off in the mid-1990s.

Nearly everyone has reservations about the roommate situation. Wild said that a very high percentage of students were happy with their roommates.

"There are several different levels of compatibility with roommates," he said. There's one end of the spec-

trum where they will be friends and room together all four years, and at the other end are the people who'll be in here [the ResLife center] by October requesting a roommate change. Most people are somewhere in the middle."

The other major concern for freshmen usually involves which dorm they will occupy. Students have long debated the differences between traditional and modern dorms. While some staunchly defend the old dorms and others tout the perks of the new ones, the overall percentage of students who love their individual

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Class of 2010 larger than expected

By Rachel McMillan
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There is not a single incoming freshman from Idaho in the class of 2010.

Yet, it is one of the largest classes to date as more students have accepted offers of admission to Washington University than ever before.

"When we made our admission decisions, we were planning on a freshmen class that would have ranged from about 1350 to 1370," explained Nanette Tarbouni, director of undergraduate admissions.

This year, between 1450 and 1470 freshmen are ex-

pected to arrive on campus. While the admission rate has centered around 19-21% in past years, more students accepted offers of admission this year, creating a class that is about 100 students larger than was expected.

This year also marked the University's largest applicant pool with just over 22,000 students competing for admission to the country's sixth-most selective college, according to U.S. News and World Report rankings.

Karen Levin Coburn, associate dean for freshman transition, already recognizes the effects the larger class is having on the school.

"For orientation itself, we want to make sure there are accommodations for everyone, so we have more people involved in staffing all of the orientation events. We have formed more groups for the freshman reading program so the groups won't be any bigger than they ordinarily would," said Coburn.

Choices 101, an orientation program that freshmen will be attending in Edison Theatre, will also be broadcast in the Gargoyle on a big screen television.

"Even though we have two shows, we can't even fit half of the freshman class in Edi-

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setup remains high. A new resident of Danforth, Emily Rogers finds herself pleased with her new home. "My bedroom at home was pretty big, so I wanted something like that here," she said. "I also liked the carpet, the A/C and the private bathroom." Most people could find happiness in either a traditional or modern dorm, but one person has a rather unique situation. Geran Kostecki resides "in an old triple, in the oldest building, on the top floor, in the room farthest away from the parking lot. I hate it. And I love hating it. It's great." While his opinion may not be shared by many in a similar situation, his floormates enjoy such a refreshingly

positive outlook. Despite the trouble with the housing crunch, things have run smoothly, said Wild. He attributes the minimal trouble with housing organization to the openness of the students. "In May, when we realized we were going to have this problem, we recognized the trouble it would cause people. And I think that everyone's reactions have been great," said Wild. "There'll be some people upset, of course, but on the whole, I think the flexibility of the students has just been wonderful."

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son Theatre," said Coburn. Other adjustments being made for the freshmen include additional sections of Writing 1, more peer and academic advisors, and accommodating for longer lines anticipated during mealtimes. "In many ways, [the large class size] won't be noticeable. Once we get past the housing crunch and some of the sections of classes, I think the class of 2010 will get absorbed in [the rest of the academic body]," said Coburn. Tarbouni speculates that the unusually large number of freshmen this year can be attributed to the increase in visitors during April Welcome and Celebration weekends. "I think our students are so happy and so enthusiastic and so warm and welcoming, that who could say no?" she exclaimed. Competitive schools such

as Harvard, Northwestern and Stanford all utilized their waitlists to increase class size, while Washington University met capacity without a waitlist, which Tarbouni described as "an anomaly". The number of freshmen admitted is determined by the deans of the five schools, the Office of Residential Life, and the Admissions Office, who work together to set a goal that fluctuates by design from year to year. "We really did make offers of admission that we thought would translate into a smaller freshmen class than has happened in reality," explained Tarbouni. Next year, however, she plans to extend fewer acceptance letters and to utilize the waitlist system in order to have a freshman class that is more in line with the University's target range.

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SPORTS

Freshmen: Welcome to Cardinal nation

❖ St. Louis home to more than just Cardinals baseball; fans also enjoy football and hockey in the Gateway City

By Molly Jennings
Freshmen Press Reporter

Here in St. Louis, opportunities for major league sports fans abound. From division leaders to last place league finishers, a team exists here to suit any fan's taste.

Cardinals:



St. Louis Cardinals starting pitcher Chris Carpenter pitches against the Chicago Cubs in the eighth inning. The Cardinals beat the Cubs, 5-3, at Wrigley Field in Chicago, Illinois, Sunday, August 20, 2006.

The big sports stories in St. Louis these days center on Cardinals baseball. Currently leading the National League Central Division, St. Louis sports fans look to the Cardinals for inspiration after last season's depressing performances by the Rams and Blues.

The Cardinals hype has been further heightened by the construction of a new stadium. Located impossibly

close to the eastbound lanes of Highway 40, the new Busch Stadium houses the typical baseball stadium dining establishments but also several more unique storefronts, such as a Cardinals-themed Build-A-Bear Workshop where customers can stuff and outfit their very own Fredbird (the Cardinals mascot).

Love for the old Busch stadium still flows in fans' veins. Mary Morris, a freshman from St. Louis, believes that the new stadium "has newer, better facilities for the team and is very pretty," but misses the old stadium because "it had so much history."

As a result of a growing fanbase and the new stadium, Cardinals tickets can be both difficult to find and expensive. To combat this, the Cardinals are offering "First Pitch Tickets" for only \$5.50 apiece.

Here's the catch: in order to purchase these tickets, a fan must be one of the first 125 fans to visit the Eighth Street Ticket window after it opens at 9 a.m. the day of the game. Each fan pays \$11.00 for two randomly assigned tickets. A First Pitch ticketholder could have seats in the luxury boxes or the nose-bleed sections.

Fans eager to attend sold-out games do have other options. For example, the website <http://www.stubhub.com> allows fans to buy and sell tickets to games. The price of these tickets can range from \$7 to upwards of \$500, depending on the location of the seats.

Rams:

Although they did make St. Louis proud by playing in the Superbowl at the end of two consecutive seasons (winning in 1999 and losing in 2000), since then, the Rams' football record has been slightly less impressive.

They last appeared in the playoffs in 2003. This season, however, they will most likely benefit from a new head coach, Scott Linehan.

Brian Burwell, a sports columnist for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, considers Linehan to be, "self-assured and organized," traits that will hopefully help him effectively lead the Rams and improve last season's 4-7 record.

The Rams play at the Edward Jones Dome, opened in 1995 and located in the heart of downtown St. Louis.

Tickets have to be purchased online or through a Ticketmaster outlet and are not available on game day. Prices range from \$44 to \$91 a ticket for single game tickets, so for those on the typically meager student budget, watching the games on television is probably a better option. The regular season games are all broadcast on either CBS or FOX, and the season opener versus the Denver Broncos will air Sunday, September 10th at noon on CBS.

Blues:

Currently ranked last in the National Hockey League for the first time in their 40-year history, the Saint Louis Blues are hoping to improve this season.

Last season saw the loss of many of the team's best players, such as Al MacInnis and Chris Pronger, as the old owners prepared the team for sale. The new owners, Dave Checketts and Sports Capital Partners, have said that Sports Capital Partners is "committed to St. Louis" and "dedicated to restoring pride and honor in the St. Louis Blues." Checketts also believes that "it all begins

and ends with bringing the Stanley Cup to St. Louis." This burden should be lightened considerably by the acquisition of Erik Johnson, the Blues' first round, number-one-ranked draft pick.

In spite of their blatantly awful 2005-2006 record (21-46-15), the Blues have actually raised ticket prices for the 2006-2007 season, citing various Savvis Center improvements as justification. Even with the 10 percent blended increase in ticket prices, however, the Blues will still have more affordable tickets than most of the other NHL franchises. Tickets sell for as little as \$8.00, and can be purchased either online or at the Blues ticket office, which is located at the main Savvis Center entrance at Clark Avenue and 14th Street.

Ticket availability is rarely a problem. After enduring such a terrible 2005-2006 season, many fans have moved on. Those who attend Blues games and follow the team truly "bleed blue" and generally have a very intimate relationship with the team.

Although the Blues rarely manage to pack the Savvis Center, those who attend the games possess a genuine interest in the sport and the well-being of the team.

The rivalry that wasn't

By Naoto Eguchi
Freshmen Press Reporter

Washington University is a college with Division III athletics. This translates as a lack of a stadium packed with overly excited, slightly drunk and brightly painted students. But one can expect much more from a school better known for its academic prestige. Administrators of schools with Division III athletics, including Wash. U., are well-aware of this reality.

But in the fall of 2005, Emory University's Student Government Association President Amrit Dhir led a plan to defy such reality by sparking

waged "war" against Wash. U.

Emory students began their "attacks" by vandalizing the underpass between main campus and South 40, leaving spray painted statements, "Wash. U. girls are ugly-Emory University" and "Emory owns U, George Washington is dead."

Wash. U. students did not retaliate, but to ensure the success of their plan, Emory's Department of War scattered flyers reading, "Die Emory Die! Go Wash. U," which led Emory students to believe that the toilet paper dangling off their dorms and surrounding

hopeless clichéd mascot (a bear), a school so insecure in its location and stature that it includes its location in its official name."

In response to such Op-Ed articles, Wash. U.'s Student Life retaliated with a couple newspaper articles of its own, and, on campus, students sold T-shirts that read, "Emory was my safety school."

But it wasn't long until Student Life's front pages were adorned with a story concerning allegations of a homophobic physics professor. Soon enough, the "Emory was my safety school" T-shirts found their places in boxes,

game. Altogether, Wash. U. just never recognized Emory as a formidable opponent or a school of comparable academics.

In a short period of time, the rivalry that Emory SGA President Dhir hoped would explode into something similar to that of the UCLA Bruins and USC Trojans dwindled into more of a one-sided effort to boost school spirit just like it began.

So, for those freshmen who are unaware, curious, or in anticipation of the Wash. U.-Emory rivalry, they should be forewarned the intensity does not even begin to com-



STUDENT LIFE ARCHIVES

Last fall Emory's Student Government Association created a Department of War to foster a rivalry with Wash. U. Some Emory students came to St. Louis and vandalized the underpass.

a fabricated rivalry between two Division III athletics teams, the Emory Eagles and the Wash. U. Bears.

His hope was to increase school spirit and to do so, Dhir formed Emory's Department of War, took on the position of "Supreme Ruler" and

trees was the work of Wash. U. students. The vandalism was supplemented with an editorial written by Emory SGA Representative Jacob Silverman in Emory's school paper, The Wheel, which stated that Wash. U. was, "a school without identity, down to its

shoved aside to some corner of a storage room.

It wasn't so much that Wash. U. lacked school spirit that the rivalry so quickly faded away from the minds of students; the student body just never felt any reason to play along with Emory's "war"

pare to the Duke Blue Devils and UNC Tar Heels' rivalry, but attendance at Wash. U.-Emory sporting events has increased.

IM sports: where the action's at

By Eric Lee
Freshmen Press Reporter

Freshman year is the perfect time to try new things and explore new opportunities. In addition to meeting with your professors and saying goodbye to your parents, consider signing up for the Flag Football tournament at the Intramural Office.

IM sports are a more informal way for athletes to play sports without the high level of commitment necessary for a varsity sport, especially

pertinent for incoming freshmen with the need to prioritize their time.

"It's less time consuming and less demanding. I have to make sure I have time for school," said incoming freshman Andy Harding. "It's a good way to avoid becoming spherical and gaining the freshman 15."

"I would definitely recommend intramural sports to incoming freshmen," said rising junior and intramural basketball veteran Stephanie Leu. "After you play sports with them, you will bond

with them."

Intramural Director Lynn Imergoot said, "I think students feel that pressure from parents. The fact that you can play sports really takes stress off."

The IM sports are broken down into three divisions in addition to special events and a number of co-ed sports. Special events include activities such as the Home Run Derby and Euchre Tournament.

The co-ed sports include Ultimate Frisbee and Inner Tube Water Polo. The B-League

exists for new or average athletes while more experienced players can test their skill in the A-League.

There is also a point-based league for freshmen residential colleges that continues for the entire year. At the end of the year, the team that has accumulated the most points wins the points trophy in addition to unbelievable amounts of pride and joy.

According to Imergoot, the buffet of teams in co-ed along with the presence of a women's

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Freshman athletes adjust to life at Wash. U.

By Jamelah Neal
Freshmen Press Reporter

Freshmen varsity athletes report that they are adjusting well to college life, partially because they are on a team with other students who have been through the freshmen experience before.

The relationships that they are developing with their fellow teammates and coaches are helping to soften the rough patches that many other freshmen experience.

Timothy Taylor of Baltimore is one freshman athlete who will be representing the Red and Green this year. He is a member of the varsity football team, a favorite to win the University Athletic Association title this fall.

Taylor, who has developed a strong relationship with his coach and fellow players, spends the majority of his days with his team and says that the upperclassmen are extremely helpful to him.

"They are always giving me advice and being good leaders," he said.

Residing in Elliot Hall, he is also very impressed with his dorm.

"I live in a suite with two bathrooms," he exclaimed.

Taylor said that he came to Washington University because it was, "the best situation for him financially, academically and ath-

letically," and he described his feelings about beginning classes on the August 30th by saying, "I'm a little nervous; I mean, I've never done college before. Wash. U. has a lot of good resources, so I won't be left in the dark."

Three freshmen soccer players, Cassandra Scaman, Emily Bylsma and Caryn Rosoff had a bit to say about their experience at Wash. U. thus far. These athletes, who have two three-hour practices each day, say that they have developed good relationships with their coach and the other upperclassmen players.

All three athletes say that they chose to come to Wash. U. mainly because of the school's academics, with Rosoff adding that the people here were also very kind. Dorm life seems to be going fairly well for the girls.

Rosoff, who lives in Koenig said, "I love it," while Cassie, who lives in the Rubelmann dorm reported that dorm life there was "Okay."

With the end of the month coming soon, the girls have mixed feelings about the start of school, but agreed, "It's a little daunting, but we'll work it out."



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Freshman soccer players Caryn Rosoff, Emily Bylsma and Cassandra Scaman relax on a couch in Koenig after a long day of practice.

FORUM

Where Thucydides and Zoltar collide

By Dennis Sweeney
Freshman Press Reporter

My original thoughts on the big Wash were these: it would be a place where people walked around with pensive looks on their faces, from their Chemistry 407 class to their eighth level Japanese course; and when they stopped their formal intellectual endeavors to satisfy their stomachs, they would do it with a friend over a conversation on the crisis in the Middle East and how it relates to the crop deficit in southern Brazil. People would be smart, and motivated, and different than normal people.

In some ways, I was a little bit right. This is the first place I've been where anyone has asked me outright if I was a Democrat or a Republican. Never before have I heard Homer and Thucydides thrown into a conversation so naturally. As everyone talks about registering for classes, the rhetoric doesn't include "have to," "sounds boring" and "this sucks," nearly as much as "want to," "sounds so interesting" and "ohmy-god I wish I could take everything." These all of which sets apart the student population here from most others I've seen or heard of.

But in a lot of my pre-

conceptions, I was waaaaay off. While people really are very smart here, the thing I realized during my ArtSci weekend over the summer and during my time here so far this August is that smart people aren't necessarily "not normal." Just because you can break 2200 on your SATs doesn't mean you can't perform in an

"Just because you can break 2200 on your SATs doesn't mean you can't perform in an intense game of kickball as well."

intense game of kickball as well. Placing a high value on academics doesn't mean you don't also place a high value on beer. And a potential future in the empirical field of medicine doesn't mean you aren't willing to drop a buck on a tarot-card dispensing wizard named Zoltar.

What we have here is a number of undercover smart and high-achieving people. I love the moments in a conversation when you are talking to someone about normal stuff, like where they're from, what their dog's name is, etc., and then all the sudden it somehow comes up that they graduated from high

school a year early and went in the mean time to Iceland to learn the language by spending time with local shepherds and helping build homes for the poor in a secluded glacier town.

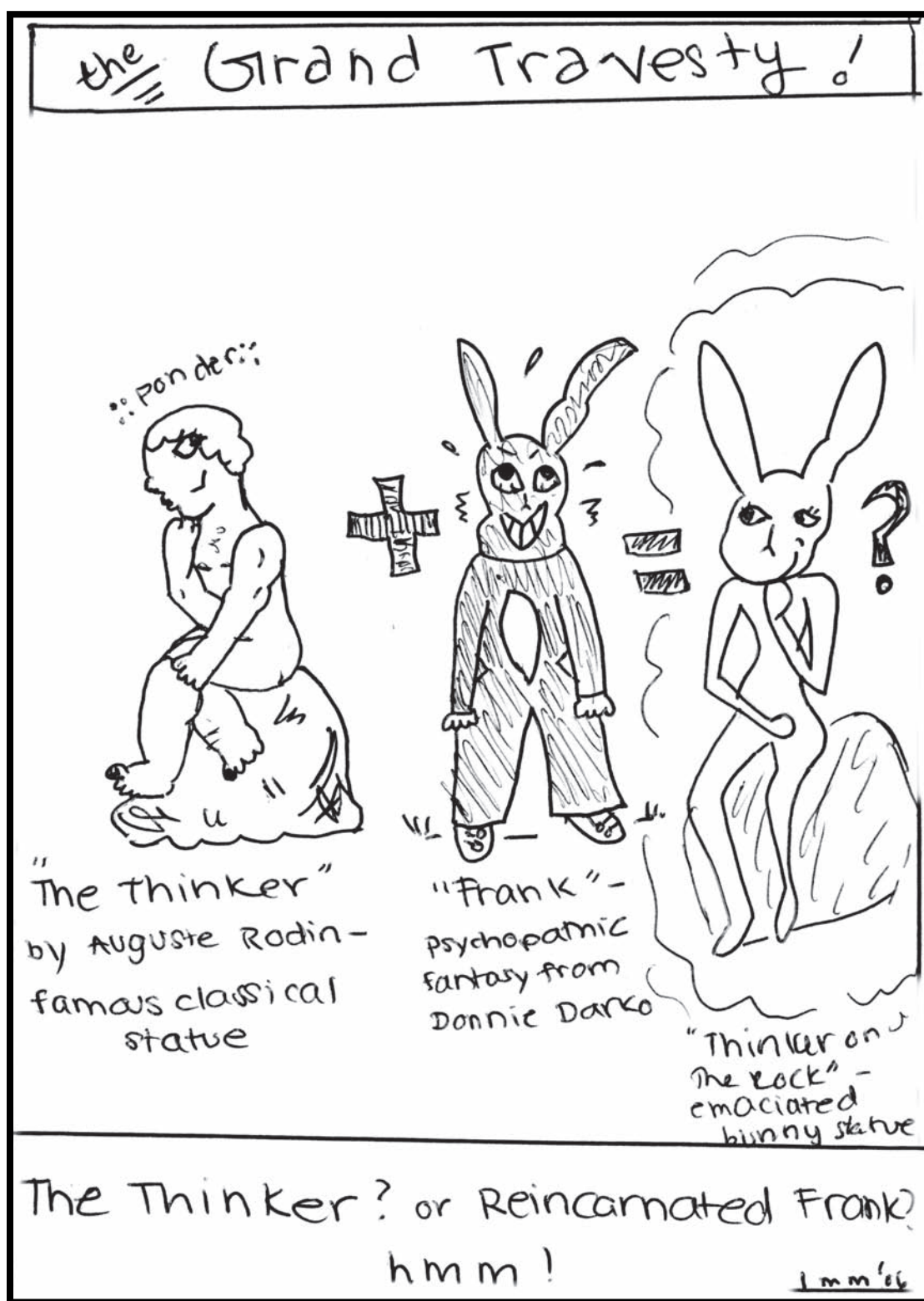
The funny thing is, our fictional Icelandic traveler could very well be the same kid who started that "No, You F**ing Ignoramus, Washington University is in St. Louis, Missouri" group on Facebook. Here would be a display of the personality (crude, but hilarious) that maybe I didn't expect to come from the smart people at Wash. U.

If you can willingly pick up Icelandic among the natives, but can also appreciate the humor in verbally assaulting all the jerks who don't know where Washington University in St. Louis is, I'd say you've become a well-rounded human being. And that's what kind of human beings seem to be here.

It's important to remember that people here have done some pretty amazing stuff. But it is the real kicker that these same people are very personable and fun to be with on a non-intellectual level as well.

While the scene here on campus doesn't quite jive with my odd preconceptions of crazy-smart people with only Plato and the human pancreas on the mind, it seems to me that, really, that's a damn good thing.

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Talking long-distance: Bite your tongue and say Hakuna Matata

By Kayla Dalle Molle
Freshman Press Reporter

Outside of the USA, Americans are seen as constant rivals in an increasingly competitive world—stupid, fat, khaki shant (the shant of course being a uniquely vague garment in that it is neither pants nor shorts) wearing rivals responsible for rapidly homogenizing distinct cultures through their desire to guzzle the remaining drops of what was once an ocean of natural gas; deep-fry anything not securely fastened to a hard surface, arbitrarily develop their own units of measurement, watch "the game" on TV with a six pack of reduced calorie urine and give every average schmuck his own reality TV program. And spin-off. And clothing line. And book deal (A semi-biographical novel loosely inspired by a true rags-to-riches story no less).

But the reality is that Americans aren't any stupider than people from other countries. The stupidity of respective populations just manifests itself in different ways. Like the French still thinking they won the World Cup (It's time to accept the facts. We schooled you.) Or the English thinking that stone are actually a good

way to measure weight. Come on. Fourteen pounds? Who are you kidding?

"So you're from Italy... isn't that where the Eiffel Tower is?"

Just kidding. Kidding again. Yes, I was actually asked this my third day on campus. Out of Italy people are especially fasci-

"They are shocked to know that Venice smells like death and is constantly flooded, that we don't actually eat spaghetti with meatballs, and that a businessman is as likely to pee on your building as his dog is."

nated by the Italian culture, and I am equally interested in understanding their own. They are shocked to know that Venice smells like death and is constantly flooded, that we don't actually eat spaghetti with meatballs, and that a businessman is as likely to pee on your building as his

dog is. Once I have shat on their romantic fantasies of Italy it is their turn to dispel the ridiculous stereotypes I have been fed about university life in the USA. When I tell them I've never seen Laguna Beach, driven a car, played a drinking game or gone to senior prom I garner looks worthy of a leper.

Africa is, like, THE coolest country EVAR.

When people learn I have a South African mother, suddenly the pasta is dropped on the floor and I'm monkey girl—full of valuable knowledge about living in the motherland with all them crazy lions and tigers. The questions range from the tame "did your mother grow up in a hut?" to the wildly offensive "wait, so is your WHOLE family racist?" A good friend from Johannesburg once was told by an excited American, "oh my gosh...you're from South Africa...I have a friend from Ethiopia!"

There is no language called "African." Again, reality is far from it. Those cool monkeys with the red butts aren't so cute when they poo all over your car. Or when they chase you while biking and rip your shorts off to get an apple you've concealed underneath. And the closest I've come to Simba was his face painfully stretched across the child's T-shirt sported by a large-

breasted Malagasy housewife on an island off the coast of Madagascar.

As we all know, there's more to a book than its cover, and as educated people it is our job to counter these [often] inaccurate generalizations. Wash. U. is immensely diverse which is why it is so important to be mindful of the different cultures students bring with them to campus. I'm sure every student here has at some point fallen victim to stereotypes associated with where they come from. Other international students at Wash. U. have been asked if they live in igloos in Canada, ride elephants to school in Indonesia or get jailed for chewing gum in Singapore. Just like assuming everyone from Illinois is a Chicagoan, from Long Island is a JAP, Tennessee a hick and Iowa a farmer, such generalizations are not restricted to areas outside of the US. And while the realities are certainly not as interesting as the fantasies we concoct in our heads, in learning to distinguish between the two we are able to peer into cultures and truly understand something "foreign."

Like the metric system. It's better.

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You ignoramus, Washington University is in New York

By Elizabeth Slater
Freshman Press Reporter

I have been a native New Yorker my whole life. I don't have my license and I can name every stop on the D train line. The night before I left for college, I did a very New York thing and sat on the stoop outside my building with my friend, people watching at one in the morning. New York City with its bustling streets, a crowded subway cars and hundreds of thrift stores has been my home since I was born. It is in my blood.

Despite my deep attachment to New York City, I decided that for college I wanted to experience a place that was slightly different, which is how I set my sights on Wash. U. With a population of 348,189, St. Louis is, yes, quite unlike New York City, which has a population of eight million. One of my biggest fears about leaving was that I would be leaving a very diverse and exciting environment. But, I've already discovered many interesting things about the area: Chuck Berry plays at Blueberry Hill, the South Grand holds a multitude of ethnic restaurants, and, according to the fortune-teller at Union Station, I'm going to inherit an aged stone mansion.

More importantly, what has made adjusting to Wash. U. so much easier than I had anticipated was how friendly and open-minded everyone has been. Already I am learning new things that were not as popular in New York City. For example, at my high school it was more relaxing to listen to the blaring sound of a siren than the chorus, but at Wash. U. my roommate has actually managed to get me to listen to, and enjoy, A cappella. Who knew that A cappella groups could sing such entertaining covers of Outkast?

While New York is very

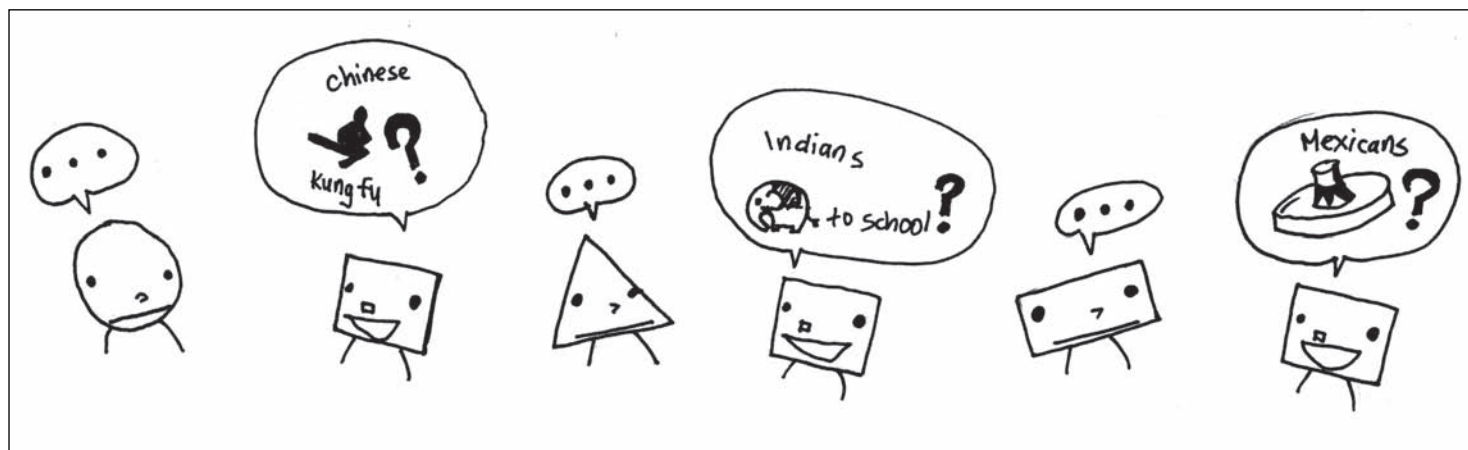
diverse, I have never lived in such close proximity to people from so many different states and countries. My hall has people from Missouri to California, Georgia to Japan. Approaching someone in New York often results in frightened looks or mean glares, but at Wash. U. people are more than happy to be asked a question. In fact, they seem to enjoy it. In New York, I can walk down a street with people from the Dominican Republic, Russia or Pakistan, and never say a word to them, but at Wash. U. everyone seems to get along so easily. People from these places are no longer strangers, but my neighbors.

Leaving New York, I was afraid that I would never again be able to walk out of my apartment and enter the subway or hop on a bus that I could count on arriving every 5 minutes. And while I'm pretty sure that St. Louis's public transportation system does not compare to that of New York, I have learned that people are much more than willing to help you around campus or direct you to your dorm.

I guess my point is that I was afraid that by leaving New York City I would end up in a sheltered and isolated environment. New Yorkers can be provincial. We think our city is the only city. Though people here are more likely to have heard of Nelly than the Harlem Diplomats, they all have interesting stories to tell and are all motivated, driven, and excited about their futures.

The people I have met have been more than willing to talk to me about themselves and to tell me about what they have learned about St. Louis. The friendly attitude of the staff and students has made me much more willing to view Wash. U. as a second home to the city.

Also, being in a place where two-bedroom apartments do not cost more than one million dollars is a definite plus.



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CADENZA

n. a technically brilliant, sometimes improvised solo passage toward the close of a concerto, an exceptionally brilliant part of an artistic work

arts & entertainment

And what do you watch?... Bonding through entertainment

By Michelle Stein
Freshman Press Reporter

Even though Washington University students come from different backgrounds, all freshmen can bond over entertainment. Almost everyone entering the University this fall has brought with them the staples of relaxation: music and movies. Students here may plan on activities, classes and athletics, but there is nothing like a little study music or a favorite television show to help relax after a long day.

The general opinion among the freshmen class is that nothing helps you relax more than laughter. Regardless of whether the first DVD packed was "Arrested Development" or "Super Troopers," cinematic entertainment is kind of a big deal here.

Knowing what kinds of entertainment a person prefers is an opening into their personality.

"[Movies] are a great way for people to get to know who I or others are without asking the same questions. If they bring all this comedy, you can tell they're kind of lighthearted,

but if they bring all these heavy dramas you can tell they're kind of intense," said freshman Natacha Lam.

Regardless of movie choice, DVD collections can be conversation starters.

In fact, movies are Umrath 1's floor theme. Over the summer, students gave the Resident Advisor a list of their four favorite movies. The RAs used these to make door signs with the students' names, their favorite movie cover and a famous quote from the movie. According to RA David Kramer, walking into the dorm room gives the residents an instant bond.

"Any movie that's really funny, you can always feel comfortable quoting that movie and it gives you an instant connection with that [other] person," said Kramer.

Since all of the dorms have televisions in their lounges, it is not necessary to bring your own television or DVDs to enjoy college entertainment.

"A lot of floors bond over shows like 'Lost' or 'Grey's Anatomy,' and everyone finds a friend's dorm room or the floor's lounge," said Kramer.

International students

enjoy their entertainment as much as the rest of us, but between the laws regarding what they can bring into the country and traveling halfway around the world, DVDs and CDs take a back seat to the necessities for college.

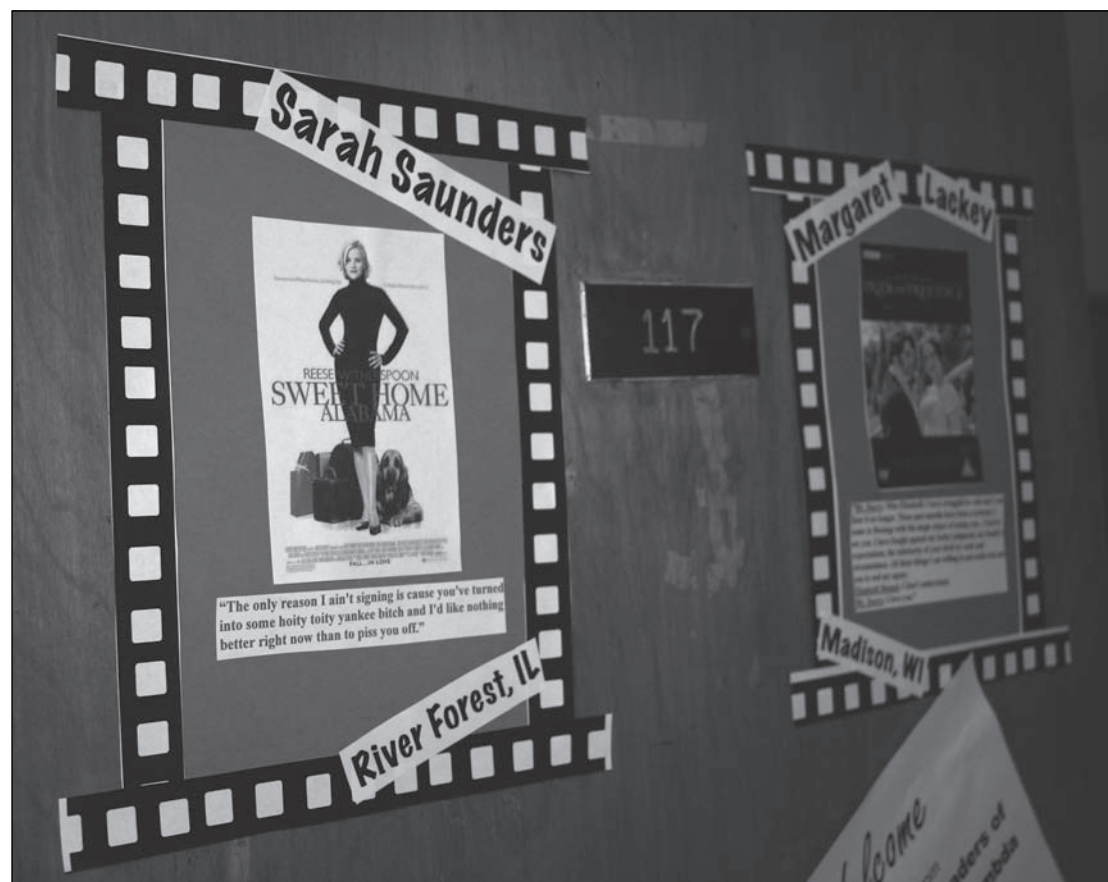
"We are just as into [entertainment] as you guys, it's just that we can't lug our stuff around like that. So we have our iPod, our laptop and that's it," said freshman Aparna Misra.

As tuned into the entertainment scene as the freshman class is, few people know about the perks Wash. U. offers students.

RuckusmusicplayerallowscollegestudentstodownloadunlimitedmusicfromtheRuckussite. The onedrawbackisthat songs cannot be added to CDs or iPods. Most students, however, agree they will listen to music on their computer.

As everyone moves into the dorms this year, try asking questions about music or movies too, not just about classes and majors.

See if when your roommate thinks of college, they think of "Animal House" as well.



Freshmen's doors in Umrath were adorned with pictures of their favorite movies to make them feel more at home.

Tune in! to fall television season finale spoilers

By ShaSha Lu
Freshman Press Reporter

As the fall television season draws near, students at Washington University eagerly await the return of their favorite shows. Fans of "Lost," "Grey's Anatomy" and "Gilmore Girls" weigh in with their predictions and conspiracy theories.

LOST

"Lost" ended its second season with a satisfying yet puzzling bang, leaving fans to further question the fates of the characters and the meaning behind the island. Michael betrays the group as he sails away, possibly toward safety with Walt. Hurley is released and Jack, Sawyer and Kate remain behind in the hands of the Others. Back at the hatch, Desmond makes his ultimate sacrifice when he releases the buildup of electromagnetism on the island with the turn of a key. Perhaps this electromagnetism had been the very cause of Flight 815's crash.

Residential Advisor Allison Cartwright thinks the aftermath of the crash could be a sociological experiment, a test of how long people will persevere.

Junior Jake Greenblatt sees the island from a similar angle, comparing the survivors to "lab rats." He also wouldn't mind if the aftermath of the crash were "one giant dream," although it is hard to say if other fans would warm to such an explanation.



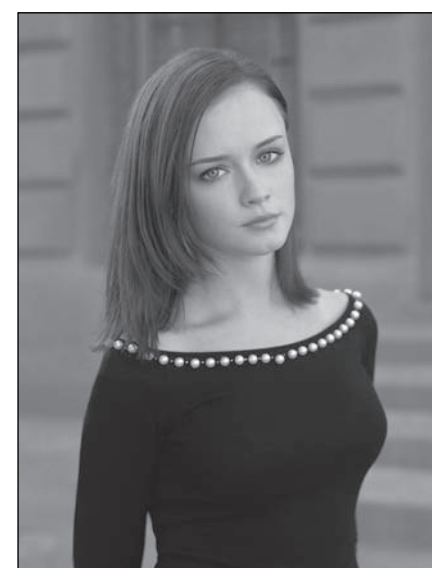
The cast of Lost poses on a large rock.

Gilmore Girls

Finally, with its witty sayings and charismatic characters, "Gilmore Girls" lures loyal fans who now find themselves wondering about Rory and Lorelai's future.

The season finale ended with Lorelai's ultimatum to Luke to marry now or never. When Luke balks, Lorelai ends up in the arms—and bed—of Christopher. Meanwhile, Rory gives Logan a tearful goodbye as he departs for London. Will Logan ever return?

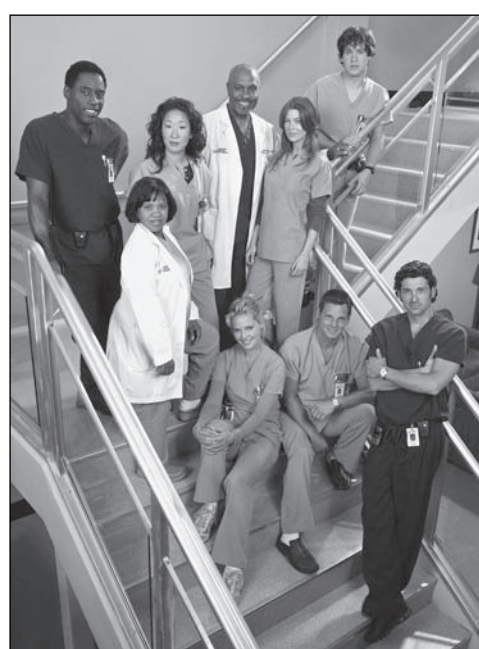
"Logan will come back for Rory but only after he 'does his own thing' in London," said junior Doris Romero. "He's truly in love with her."



Alexis Bledel plays Rory on the WB's "Gilmore Girls."

Grey's Anatomy

Moving from the pandemonium of the island to the chaos of Seattle Grace Hospital, "Grey's Anatomy" gives a window into the ongoing drama between its doctors, interns and patients. Finishing off the season, Meredith reunites with Derek—known to fans as Dr. McDreamy—and deserts her newfound man, Finn. In addition, Burke wakes up to the possibility that he may never be able to operate again, and Izzy quits the internship after Denny's sudden death. Although most students seem to agree that Meredith is ultimately destined for Derek, some feel that the doctor should feel more remorse for his actions in the second season. Rumor also has it that Mark, Derek's best friend and Addison's former lover, will return this season, leading the way for a love quadrangle.



The cast of Grey's Anatomy poses on a staircase.

How accurate are these predictions and theories? We'll find out in a few weeks. Last season 3 premieres Oct. 4 at 8 p.m. on ABC, Grey's Anatomy premieres Sept. 21 at 8 p.m. on ABC and Gilmore Girls on Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. on the WB.

Secrets From The Sea: Pirates of the Caribbean Three

By Sarah Saunders
Freshman Press Reporter

Few films are released that both touch audiences worldwide and begin a cultural phenomenon.

One such movie is "Pirates of the Caribbean." Inspired by the Disney amusement park ride, "Pirates" has shocked Disney executives with the amount of treasure earned.

Despite lukewarm reviews, "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest" rocketed to number one immediately after its release. Opening with the highest earning weekend in history, the movie continues to retain the number one position for seven weeks in the foreign box office. It is the sixth biggest release of all time, and has grossed a worldwide total of \$923.8

million, surpassing "Finding Nemo" at \$866.9 million.

With the success of the second installment of the trilogy, many audiences wonder what surprises are in store for the final installment. Despite Disney's denials, possible titles for the third movie include, "At World's End" and "Uncharted Waters."

Joining the returning cast is Chow Yun-Fat as Captain Sao Feng, a nemesis of Will and Elizabeth. Famous rocker Keith Richards makes a cameo appearance as Captain Jack Sparrow's father, Captain Grant Sparrow.

As indicated by the ending of "Dead Man's Chest," Will and Elizabeth team up with their former enemy Barbossa to rescue Jack and his Black Pearl, having to defeat the Jones/Beckett/Feng alliance. On their journey to the world's end, Will,

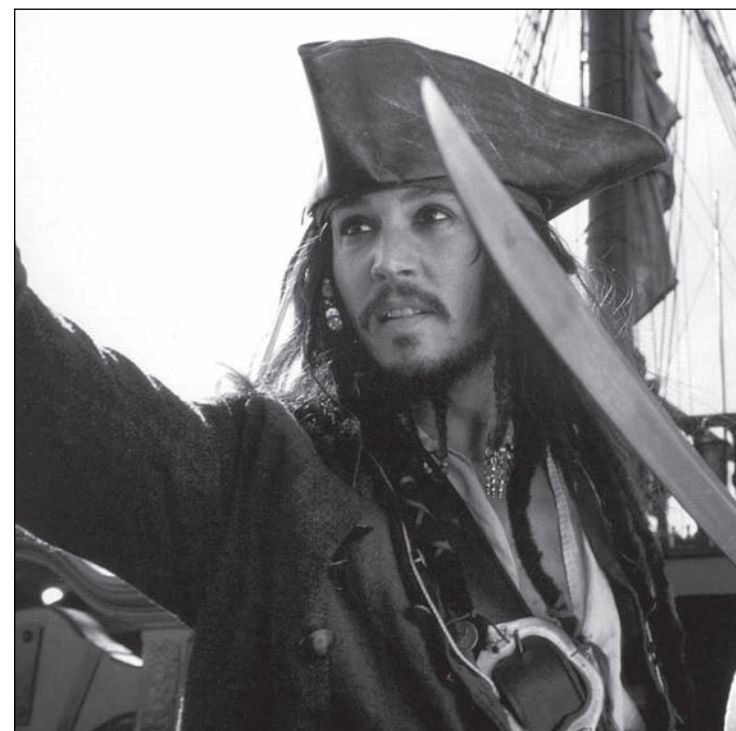
Elizabeth and Barbossa pass through the Orient and confront Captain Feng in search of charts to the World's End. Recovering the ship and its beloved captain is especially critical for William Turner because only the Black Pearl can overtake the Flying Dutchman and thus, release his father from undersea bondage.

This foreboding destination, where Jack and the Black Pearl are supposedly located, is described as a "purgatory," with white sands and crabs wielding swords. Speculation indicates that such a scene was filmed in the Utah Salt Flats, the home of the white deserts. This cap-off to the "Pirates" trilogy is sure to contain the same unbelievable effects that graced the first and second films.

Of course these plot ideas are pure speculation, but af-

ter seeing the second movie, it's obvious that they have basis in fact. Director Gore Verbinski summarizes the plot of this highly anticipated movie by saying, "it [Pirates] is a conference of the world's pirate leaders and a treacherous journey to the literal ends of the earth."

There are many questions to be answered in this last part of the trilogy, to be released on May 25, 2007. Among them: How did Barbossa return from the dead? Will Elizabeth and William finally get married? Will Bill Turner be rescued? And who will gain control of Davy Jones' heart? Fans will have to wait until next summer to discover the answers. But, as any true "Pirates" fan knows, the most devoted supporter can wait until the end of the world.



Johnny Depp plays Captain Jack Sparrow in Disney's "Pirates of the Caribbean" movies.

"Little Miss Sunshine" is worth the trip

By Sam Bear
Freshman Press Reporter

The family road trip story is about as new in Hollywood as the moving picture, but "Little Miss Sunshine," the smash hit at

points they ring true to the reality of human imperfection.

Kinnear's character is simultaneously annoying and bemusing, and Arkin's character probably belongs in jail. Yet both at various points in the movie are

most dysfunctional) member of the family.

To match its colorful cast of characters, "Sunshine" has an equally entertaining and talented group of actors. Kinnear's performance is one of the best of his career. He is



Abigail Breslin (left-right), Toni Collette, Steve Carell and Greg Kinnear star in "Little Miss Sunshine."

this year's Sundance Film Festival, rings nothing of the standard "vacation" fare.

"Sunshine" is about Olive (Abigail Breslin), a young girl with dreams of beauty queendom, who wins a spot in the Little Miss Sunshine beauty pageant. Her mother (Toni Collette), Dr. Phil-wannabe father (Greg Kinnear), self-decided mute brother (Paul Dano), drug-addicted, retirement home-exiled grandfather (Alan Arkin) and suicidal uncle (Steve Carell) all pile into the beat-up family Volkswagen minibus for the long trip from Albuquerque to Redondo Beach, California to make Olive's dream a reality.

"Sunshine" is as profane as it is outrageous, but at its heart, the movie is a delightful and ultimately touching family story.

The screenplay by Michael Arndt is fantastic. His characters are flawed, but even at their lowest

genuinely endearing. The screenplay is laugh out loud funny. Still, the film possesses a subtlety that isn't found in mainstream Hollywood.

Carell's character is gay, but at no point is he the flamboyant stereotype that so often appears in films.

There are no cheap jokes or common gags in "Little Miss Sunshine," and even when the story seems headed for overplayed comedic ground, Arndt takes it in a new and interesting direction.

The family's yellow Volkswagen minibus not only provides the setting for most of the movie but is also the source of some of its best humor.

Between a clutch that won't go to first or second gear and a horn that sounds like it's constantly signaling off Morse code, first time directors Jonathan Dayton and Valerie Faris give the van enough personality to qualify it as the last (and not even the

at his best when playing an everyman, and Frank Hoover perfectly fits that profile.

Carell's first shot at a more dramatic role captures the intensity of Bill Murray, whom the role was originally written for, while maintaining the charisma and sentiment that made him so lovable in "The 40 Year-Old Virgin."

Toni Collette's performance is admirable, Paul Dano continues to build on his reputation as a terrific young actor, Abigail Breslin could become the next Dakota Fanning and Alan Arkin was born to play this dirty-mouthed grandpa.

The bottom line is that "Little Miss Sunshine" is the must see summer indie, able to capture the best of comedy.

It's funny, heartfelt and absolutely entertaining from the first frame to the last.

Get involved on campus, but choose wisely

By Rebecca Saunders
Freshman Press Reporter

Although moving in, setting up your dorm and getting acquainted with your roommate may seem daunting, other tasks await you during these upcoming weeks that should promise to be more thrilling.

Unlike the activities of the first few hectic days, picking classes and joining clubs should be more relaxing—especially with a few tips.

Without question, the easiest way to begin the all-important club search is through the Activities Fair. This year, it will take place on September 6, the first Wednesday after classes start, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the quad. Director of Student Activities Julie Thornton, said the Activities Fair is, "the best place to start." Advised Thornton, "Dare yourself to do something different."

Similarly, Student Union President Paul Moinester advised incoming freshman to find something they love. It may seem contradictory to find something different and something you love doing, but if you've never tried it, how do you know if you'll love it? It's all in the risk, and there is no better time to take risks than in college.

Greek life is a popular way to get involved on campus. At Washington University, fraternities

have traditional houses (located in the area of campus known as "FratRow"), but sororities do not. Whether that is a benefit or a drawback, Thornton asserts that nearly 25 percent of Wash. U. students are active participants in Greek life.

"Wash. U. is unique in that Greek isn't all you are," said Thornton.

Unlike schools where fraternities and sororities "make or break" students, Wash. U. students take part in a wide array of activities and sometimes do not list Greek life right off the bat. Thus, even if you are just a least bit interested in Greek life, give it a try.

Student government is a great opportunity for all the budding entrepreneurs and leaders.

"I knew I wanted to get involved," said Vice President of Student Union Bobby Jones, and for him, government was a good choice.

Additionally, Jones joined Film Board and from there got involved in the Social Programming Board.

Although all these activities may seem enticing, Moinester suggests not to take on too much too soon.

"Take on smaller responsibilities...and talk to your RAs," advised Moinester. "They know the time commitments for different clubs."

Never forget that your RAs are there to help with everything from helping you set up your computer to

pointing out the best clubs and classes.

Finally, if you want to be an active member of the Wash. U. community, but you need to earn a little cash on the side, a job may be the right way to get involved for you. There are many jobs available on campus for students. Thornton recommended stopping by Cornerstone, which offers tutoring for money. Or, she also recommended the "knocking on doors" policy, where students just go around to the science labs to see if any faculty are looking for lab assistants. You never know until you try.

Beyond the carting of ridiculously heavy microwaves, refrigerators and televisions up countless flights of stairs, there are less physically and mentally strenuous duties. Whether the table for Greek life, Medieval Fencing or government attracts you at the Activities Fair; or the job market is calling you, get involved in some way during your freshman year.

Just don't take on too much. Remember, it is your first semester at college and it will take some adjusting. Shop around at the fair, go to half a dozen meetings and then pick a couple that really interest you. Pick something new and different. Spread your extracurricular wings and fly.

Performing Arts Department News

Placement Auditions for Dance Classes
Monday, August 28, 10am
Annelise Mertz Dance Studio,
Mallinckrodt Center

A.E. Hotchner Studio Theater,
Mallinckrodt Center

Sign up at the bulletin board
outside the PAD offices

Auditions for Fiddler On The Roof*
and Kokoschka
Thursday, August 31 and Friday,
September 1, 7-11pm
Olin Studio One, Women's Building

*Students who wish to audition for
Fiddler On The Roof must prepare
16 bars of music as well as a
monologue.

PAD Welcome Party
Tuesday, August 29, 4-6pm

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league ensures that all involved will get a chance to play. And, with 16 different sports ranging from billiards and arm wrestling to classics like soccer and basketball, it is certain every incoming freshman can find a sport that suits them.

Varsity athletes are also welcome to participate in IM sports, but not in their chosen sport. "For example," says Imergoot, "the varsity girl's soccer team puts to-

gether a basketball team every year."

IM sports also present a great way to relax and simply enjoy the time you have on campus. "It's different [from coached sports.] You're playing with your friends. Your coaches don't tell you what to do—it's more like a fun competition." In addition, "Each winner of a team sport wins the coveted IM Champions t-

shirt."

Imergoot invites all freshmen to participate in the IM sports system. Freshmen can check out <http://intramuralsports.wustl.edu> to get information and visit the IM office located on the second floor of the Athletic Complex to sign up.

SCENE

Beyond the bookstore: Finding your textbooks for reasonable prices

By Hillary Price
Freshman Press Reporter

Most new freshmen at Washington University spend a great deal of money during their first few days on campus. Dorm accessories and ethernet connections are pricey, but they seem cheap when compared to the price of textbooks.

The cost of college textbooks is skyrocketing; a study by the Government Accountability Office recently reported that the cost of textbooks has risen at twice the rate of inflation over the past 20 years.

According to the College Board, the average college student spent between \$801 and \$904 on textbooks for the 2005-2006 school year.

Buying from the bookstore is certainly pricey, but many freshmen consider it the only option; they rarely know enough upperclassmen to find cheap used books and the bookstore seems so close and convenient.

With a little research, however, students can find both used and new books for much more reasonable prices.

Facebook groups help students selling books reach potential customers within the Wash. U. community. Students belonging to the "WashU Books Listing (textbooks)" group can post information about the books they want to sell and interested students can contact them directly to negotiate prices. This way, students can simply pick up their books from the previous owners.

There are countless online websites selling used and new college textbooks. Some, like half.com, a division of eBay, allow students to set a price for their books and then sell those books to other college students.

A Google search for "college textbooks" brings up hundreds of similar sites.

On campusbooks.com students can compare textbook prices, including tax

and shipping costs, from different websites, including half.com and amazon.com.

Another more local option is the Lock and Chain book sale at the beginning of each semester. Organized and run by Wash. U. students, Lock and Chain collects used textbooks from students at the end of each semester. The sellers set their own prices at this time. Lock and Chain stores the books until the beginning of the next semester when they have a book sale. Sellers receive 75 percent of their asking price, which is usually more money than the bookstore would pay for used books. Twenty percent of the leftover money goes to charity and the other 80 percent is used for Lock and Chain sponsored activities, like the Major/Minor fair, George Washington week and Sophomore Sizzle.

So, don't get burned with bookstore prices. Explore other options and expand your wallet.



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Students can often find course books online for less than the prices charged at the campus bookstore.

Forced triples force freshman to adapt to cramped housing

By Audrey King
Freshman Press Reporter

Washington University expected, at most, 1,350 students to accept their offer of admission, but more students accepted and as a result, some members of the class of 2010 found their housing assignments disappointing.

Maryse Pearce, a freshman living in Beaumont, requested a modern double, but, like many incoming freshmen, has a traditional triple.

"I was really upset at first," said Pearce. After seeing her room and moving in, however, Pearce has changed her mind and decided, "I like my dorm, it's a nice size—it's worked out well in the end."

With so many students, both upper and lower classmen, unable to secure the housing they wanted, Chancellor Mark Wrighton sought to explain the influx of incoming students.

"It's not easy to predict who will accept our offer," he said.

The Chancellor expects

many students to be creative and learn to live with their housing situation.

Still, some freshmen are reasonably apprehensive about their living, particularly those in traditional dorms.

Matt Herman, who lives in Rubelmann, pointed out the lack of basic amenities in his dorm.

"I would like to have a door on my closet," he lamented.

Plus, being able to fit everything into a small room can require innovation. "Whatever doesn't fit gets hauled back to Kansas," said Christine Hansen.

Besides the reduction in "home comforts" that members of the class of 2010 will experience this year, such as having to share a communal restroom, kitchen and laundry area, another general area of concern arises: roommates.

Jessica Williams was assigned a triple in Umrath and worries about, "the compromises that we'll have to make."

Jen Sisto, also in a triple but in Rubelmann, said she, "wasn't sure what it would

be like having two roommates instead of one."

Generally, these apprehensions come from the horror stories about awful roommates everyone has heard from upperclassmen, but not everyone has something frightening to say.

"It was a new experience having to accommodate two other people's agendas...I learned to be flexible," said Min Qi, a current senior who lived in a triple in Beaumont her freshman year.

Along with learning the necessary skill of how to live with someone else, having a roommate or roommates creates a more social atmosphere.

Roommates bring their friends back to the shared room, which brings more opportunities to meet people.

Living with someone also means less strain on your wallet because they can help to share the burden of buying/renting a fridge, microwave or other parts of a room.

Those students who were assigned a second priority or "forced" triple, 45



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Due to a larger than normal freshman class, some double rooms have been converted into forced triples.

students total, may find this year particularly difficult because those rooms weren't originally designed as a triple room.

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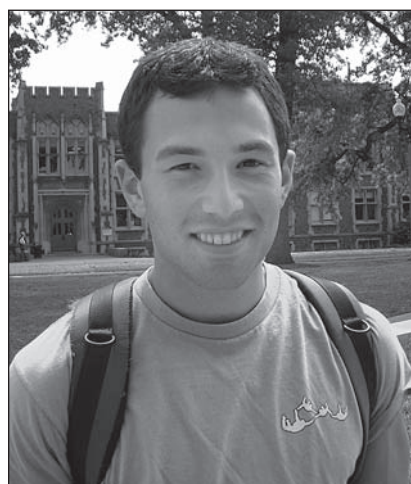
Residential Life Rob Wild and the offices of Residential Life are, "acknowledging that its not an ideal situation," and providing a \$200 gift receipt to the Uni-

versity Bookstore and a lottery number at the front of the class for housing next year to all students still in a second priority triple by the end of August.

WORD ON THE STREET

Compiled by Katie Keeley and Rebecca Saunders
Freshman Press Reporters

"What is your favorite place to study?"



Abel Samet
sophomore

"Last year it was my room in Umrath, or downstairs in the common area."



Jessica Harvath
senior

"The East Asian Library - it's a beautiful place."



Cat Karayan
junior

"Whispers Cafe - actually the booths, but they're not always open."



Kim Crouch
graduate student

"The Chem Library - no one's ever there."



Andy Schupanitz
senior

"The third floor of the Olin Library, because it's always quiet."

The Loop: Restaurants and more

By Katie Keeley and Audrey King
Freshman Press Reporters

For incoming freshmen, the restaurants in the Loop provide a great alternative to their same old dining routine by having fun and surprisingly affordable places to eat, along with being accessible to students without a car (i.e. you) through the overpass near the Women's Building.

The Red Sea

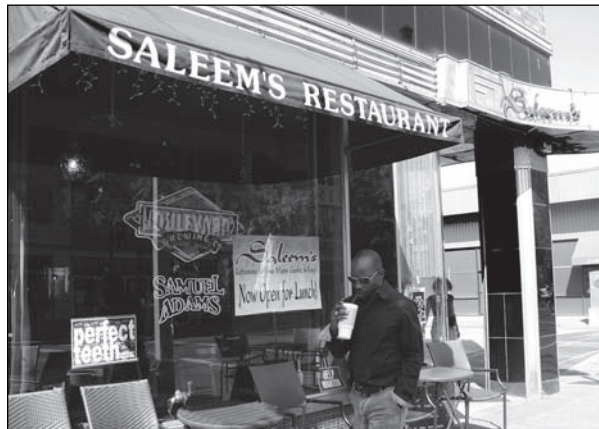
This small restaurant is only for the truly adventurous. One specialty is wat, almost like a stew, which is available with chicken or lamb. It is eaten with injera, a spongy flatbread that resembles a bubbly half-cooked pancake. Most entrees are served with a choice of vegetables such as yellow split peas. They occasionally have live music at night, though shows are mostly for those 21 and older.



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Saleem's

Come to this location for the belly dancing entertainment on Fridays and Saturdays starting at 8:00 p.m. For students inexperienced in Persian cuisine, this location provides a great opportunity to try some basics such as hummus, tabbouleh and falafel. Saleem's has tons of options, especially for vegetarians, including a delicious eggplant platter. The price varies from \$8, or cheaper if you split, to \$16 if you get the kabobs. Also, they don't lie; there is a lot of garlic involved, so bring gum!



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Miss Saigon



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For a hands-on experience, get the Spring Rolls. Unlike most Vietnamese restaurants which feature this dish just as a pre-made appetizer, at Miss Saigon, all the ingredients are brought out to the table for your own assembly. To start, make the rice paper pliable by soaking it in warm water, then, put in the fresh ingredients that make up the roll: shredded carrot, peanuts, basil, mint, parsley, lettuce, cilantro, bean sprouts, vermicelli noodles and seasoned pork (or chicken). The wrap is dipped in a fish sauce and makes a mostly healthy, fresh alternative to campus food. The best part, it's only \$12.95 and can easily feed three people. Be sure to ask specifically for mint and basil, though, because they might not serve it.

Fitz's

As the name implies, Fitz's specialty is its root beer. Upon walking first entering, customers can see part of the bottling process through a glass window. Unlimited refills are included with every soft drink ordered, and each time the patron can try a different type of Fitz's soda. The food is wonderful, with everything from burgers and BBQ chicken pizza to Oriental salads and chicken parmesan. The root beer float is enormous and very messy to drink, consisting of a full mug of root beer with multiple scoops of vanilla ice cream balanced on top. Upstairs, Fitz's offers additional seating, a bar, pool tables, darts and more.



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The Pageant



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With its flashy marquee announcing an array of upcoming shows, the Pageant is one of St. Louis's premiere concert venues. Conveniently located on the Delmar Loop, the Pageant is a great way for students (either with cars or without) to get off campus and hear their favorite bands. The Pageant attracts everything from The Killers and the Fray to Edwin McCain and Cyndi Lauper. With such a wide array of artists, students are bound to find concerts that fit their musical tastes.

Tips from the pros: Upperclassman insight for freshmen

Compiled by Hillary Price

As a freshman at Wash. U., you have probably received all kinds of advice. We are not going to tell you to "go outside your comfort zone", but we have compiled a list of tips for freshmen straight from the mouths of upperclassmen. Some are funny, some are practical, some are bizarre, but all are useful. Enjoy.

- Deadbolt your door before you go to sleep, or someone could card in.
 - Use your ID card for laundry, because quarters are scarce and inconvenient.
 - If you want food delivered late, try Pointers, a pizza place on Big Bend. They are open until 2 a.m.
 - Remember to bring your ID card when you go to frat parties.
 - If your floor is divided in some way, do not limit yourself by only meeting people on your side. Try to hang out on the other side to meet people there, too.
 - To avoid a freezing or scorching shower in the old dorms, set your shower handle slightly right of center, and leave it there. These showers take a few minutes to warm up.
 - Take advantage of the fitness center above Bear's Den, and try fitness classes during their week of free classes in September.
 - To adjust your bed's height, turn the bed upside down and hit it with some blunt object or jump on it. Pull the sides off, then flip everything right side up and re-attach the sides at the height you want.
 - Try not to sleep through
- Center Court Brunch.
 - Do not go out into the hallways with beer or any other open alcoholic beverage.
 - If you live in a new dorm, close your bathroom door before you take a shower, unless you want your entire dorm to hate you when the steam from your shower sets off the fire alarm.
 - Keep up with your ID card, because they cost \$20 to replace.
 - Christmas lights enliven every dorm room decorating scheme.
 - Try the chicken finger burrito in Bear's Den.
 - Make friends with the housekeeping and maintenance staff, as well as the cooks in Bear's Den.
 - Before you go out for a night of revelry, makes sure you know how to get home. It is never a bad idea to have a "designated walker" with your group.
 - If you go to a party at an apartment near the Loop, do not walk back alone at night. People have been robbed in that area.
 - Your RAs will always be on the floor during the first two weeks, so do not try to have any parties.
- Find a favorite shower stall and always use that one. That way, you will always know where to set the temperature.
 - Keep your door open as much as possible. You'll make more friends.
 - Pay attention to the rules about attaching things to the walls, or you might get fined at the end of the year.
 - Use the UPass, it is much cheaper than cab fare.
 - Go to events with free food.
 - Check the nutritional facts of foods you eat at Bear's Den on the website, some might shock you.
 - Take your roommate contract seriously.
 - Do a good job filling out our room condition report so you don't get charged for dents you did not make.
 - Take advantage of free stuff during Orientation.
 - Try to make friends outside your floor.
 - Get a large trashcan.

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Activities: Tried and true or something new?

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With the Activities Fair coming up on Sept. 6, some incoming freshmen look forward to exploring new interests while many others anticipate continuing much-loved activities from high school. So what is the trend here among new students at Washington University—to stick with the tried and true, or to take risks and possibly discover new passions?

According to Director of Student Activities, activities vary from person to person.

"Some use college as an opportunity to redefine themselves," said Thornton. "There are even students that want to do everything they did in high school and then some," she noted.

Occasionally, new students are intimidated by the idea of classes and studying at the University and put off joining any activities for the first semester or even at all, but Thornton cautiously advises against that strategy.

Student Union President Paul Moinester obviously involves himself with the University community outside of class.

"Everyone was involved in high school," he said, "but you can't do all of the same activities in college because all those things take more time here."

Moinester grew up playing soccer year-round in multiple leagues, but after two years of playing at the University, he had

to quit as Student Union became more of a commitment.

The soccer program actually drew Moinester to the University but he was not afraid to try student government in his upperclassmen years.

"I felt like I had gotten all I could out of soccer in general and felt that SU would help me develop more as a person."

SU Vice President Bobby Jones also came in as an athlete but soon felt that the large time commitment prevented him from exploring other options.

"I wouldn't have come here if not for football," he recalled. But after two years on the team, he left in order to further develop his interests in music, film and making an impact on campus.

Gina Anderson, a rising senior, was involved in community service organizations and Key Club in high school. She still participated in organizing events her first two years at the University, though the events were mainly social. Now, however, she has returned more to her original focus of service. Last year, through Mr. Wash. U., Anderson helped raise \$23,000 for City Faces, which provides art programs for city teens.

Even if the University does not already have a group pertaining to a prior interest of a freshman, the school is very open to developing new clubs.

"Wash. U. is really gracious and accepting to what you want to do, allowing students to cre-

ate their own clubs and majors," said Jonathan Beninson, a law school student.

He was able to continue the business he was running when he arrived at the University.

As easy as it is to continue a familiar activity as a freshman, many students also take advantage of the wealth of opportunities here. Abel Samet, a sophomore, remarked that he continued participating in mock trial, as he had done in high school, but also tried crew for the first time last year.

"I heard about it at the Activities Fair and some people on my floor were doing it," he explained.

Incoming freshmen will have many options to explore in their free time. Stanley Rokaw hopes to continue speech and debate, depending on how much time he has after classes and studying. Aaditya Khatri participated in debate and Science Olympiad in his high school, but now is changing his focus to intramurals and volunteer work.

"I want about the same number of activities and time commitment, but want to do something completely different," explained Khatri.

So, freshmen, if you have a passion for something specific, by all means, go for it.

But Bobby Jones, who in high school participated in student government only his sophomore year, discovered, "The Activities Fair is such a good resource. Keep an open mind."



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