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## SU decides funding for Assembly Series

BY BEN SALES  
SENIOR STAFF REPORTER

Student Union Treasury approved four student groups for the Spring Assembly Series, while denying two others funding Tuesday. This marks SU's first implementation of a new process put into place last semester.

Before this past spring, Student Union allowed groups to request specific speakers

that the Treasury would then approve. The new system instead requires the Treasury to approve the group for permission to have the speaker before letting the Assembly Series independently consult with the group as to which speakers to bring.

Treasury approved the groups at their most recent meeting, giving the Association of Black Students (ABS), Reflections, the ArtSci Council,

and College Republicans the necessary funds for spring speakers.

The Chimes Junior Honorary and the African Students Association were denied funding.

"We decide which groups we want to fund not based on speakers but based on the role of the speaker they want to bring," said Junior Paul Moinester, the SU president. "There are issues that we

value but if they are not pertinent and if they are not on students' minds we might not choose them over issues that are really exciting for Wash. U. students."

This focus on speakers' values reflects a new emphasis by the Treasury on what themes the Assembly Series should discuss. This motif in SU's decision resulted from a statement by Junior Neil Patel, a former Treasury repre-

sentative.

"The beauty of values is that within Treasury, within SU, within Wash. U., everyone has different values," said Patel. "At the end it is up to SU to pick certain values that they believe represent the student body."

Moinester, by the same token, believes that Treasury succeeded. That regard, picking the four groups according to the overall mes-

sages they send. Patel identified four values that he wanted to see in the Assembly Series, with which the Treasury agreed: cultural, political, academic, and community awareness.

"We decided that we value ABS because they have not brought a speaker yet on campus," said Moinester, who sees the group's intent

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### RADIOACTIVE WRAPS



Sophomores Sam Wright (yellow) and Lee Cordova donned Hazardous Materials suits in order to promote Vertigo while buying lunch in Mallinckrodt on Thursday, Nov. 16. Vertigo, ENDOUR's annual campus-wide party, is happening this Saturday in the Lopata Gallery.

## New dean hiring spikes in past year

BY ELIZABETH LEWIS  
STAFF REPORTER

In the past year and half, a slew of new deans from all over the country have joined the Washington University faculty. A few of them are heading schools at the University: Mahendra Gupta of the Olin School of Business, Carmon O'Connell of the Sam Fox School of Design and Visual Arts, Kent Siverd of the School of Law, Mary Sansalone of the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences and Bruce Lindsey of the School of Architecture. Others, such as Kay Henry, are heading graduate programs like the

Executive MBA program in the Olin School of Business. With such large turnover, transitions often prove rocky and cause ripples among the existing faculty. Yet several of the new hires have had extremely positive experiences and say that the University could not be a more welcoming place.

Kay Henry, the new dean of the Executive MBA (EMBA) program, agreed. Henry came to the University from Dubai in the United Arab Emirates to start her first day on Sept. 12.

"Dean Gupta's vision and the caliber of people are what convinced me to come. On a

more personal level, my parents live nearby in Rolla. That's nice after being so far away in Dubai," said Henry.

Henry also applauded the Olin faculty for helping her through her transition, although she has had to face a few challenges along the way.

"The biggest challenge has been getting to know all of the faculty and current students, our corporate friends in St. Louis—the St. Louis Business community—and the alumni. Also, managing time and trying to absorb so much new information [has been challenging]."

In addition, Henry has had to adjust to differences between the University's EMBA program and the program that she headed at Rice University.

"Houston has more Fortune 500 headquarters than any other place but New York. St. Louis has a very different customer base and requires a different strategy. This program requires a more regional reach."

Despite these challenges, Henry appreciates the University and its vibrant community.

"Coming here feels like coming home. I grew up in

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## Student commissions looks at voter problems

BY SARA RAHARAN  
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

After several students ran into confusion voting at the Wydown polls last week, Student Union is creating Washington University's Voter Protection Commission in order to tackle such problems and ensure that the voting process in future elections will proceed more smoothly.

The aim of the commission is to review students' complaints, search for solutions and to prevent such problems from occurring in the future. Junior Paul Moinester, president of Student



See VOTING, page 3 Students and community members vote at Wydown Middle School on Nov. 7.

## Rash of U-City robberies prompt police scrutiny

BY MANDY SILVER  
SENIOR NEWS EDITOR

A string of six off-campus robberies over the past three weeks has caused University City and the Washington University Police Department to remain on high alert. According to police reports, the attacks, which occurred in the 700 block of Eastgate and Westgate, took place during the evening hours, between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.

In October, two of the four University City robberies involved students. During this past month, an additional two incidents have occurred, both involving students.

The Washington University Police Department (WUPD) has recently issued a campus alert to heighten University community awareness. Don Strom, Chief of Campus Police, said that WUPD is partnering with University City Police to investigate these crimes.

"We have provided University City Police with additional resources to help in patrolling the area," said Strom. "We are also assisting in some investigative

operations."

According to WUPD's media alert, one suspect is described to be a black male, between the ages of 20 to 30. University City Police Captain Charles Ransom was unable to provide further comment on details concerning the robberies. Ransom did, however, confirm that the police department has received several tips and is currently investigating them.

When asked for possible motives, Ransom responded with a single word: "money." The majority of the robberies have involved a small number of individuals or activity.

Both Strom and Ransom advise students to be conscious of their surroundings and to travel in groups. They also encourage students to report any suspicious individuals or activity to the University City Police Department Bureau of Investigation. "Certainly it's a time for people to be cautious," said Strom.

For students living north of campus, the Green Line provides accessible transportation.

## Airport security problems delay holiday travel

BY SAM GUZIK  
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

As students prepare to travel home for the first time since arriving on campus this August, staff at both Lambert Airport and the Transportation Security Administration are gearing up for a surge of travelers, long lines and delays associated with Thanksgiving travel.

"Students need to be prepared for huge crowds and long lines," said Shirley Walls, spokesperson for Lambert Airport. "We never know how long the lines will be, and usually they are very time consuming."

The airport is expecting the number of travelers, both students and natives of St. Louis, to peak between Tuesday night and Wednesday.

day, directly affecting those University students leaving immediately after classes.

The reputation of Thanksgiving as the busiest travel day of the year has many students worried about the possibility of missing their flights.

"I'm expecting long lines and miserable conditions," said freshman Dylan Suher. Students traveling home by air will need to abide by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) stringent safety guidelines. Students should be prepared to remove their shoes while passing through security and to present a government issued photo ID, both of which are required under TSA regulations.

The TSA recently revised its ban passed during 2005.

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### StudLife takes Thanksgiving Break



Student Life wishes you a happy and safe Thanksgiving Break. After this issue, we're taking a vacation too—publication will resume after break on Wednesday, Nov. 22.

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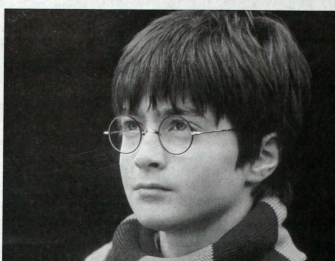
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**Pulse**  
Compiled by Laura Geggel

**Friday, Nov. 17**

**Bruce Springsteen's Anytown**

**Anytown:** Stories of America, sponsored by Dance St. Louis and Edison Theater, is coming to the University this weekend, featuring daring choreographers from the '80s dancing to Bruce Springsteen's music. Songs including "Human Touch," "Youngstown," "Countin' On a Miracle," and "Born in the U.S.A.," all fit into the plot of three middle-class families struggling in daily life. Dancers Daniel Shapiro and Joanie Smith will perform the theater piece, penned by the duo along with their friends Steve Tyrell and Phil Scialfa. Performances will be at the Edison Theater on Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., and on Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$18 for University students, and are available at the Edison Theater box office, (314)-935-6543.

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**The Magic of OMNIMAX**

"Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire," the fourth movie in the Harry Potter series, will be showing on the titanic screens of the St. Louis Science Center's OMNIMAX on Friday 7 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday 4 p.m. Tickets are \$10, and \$8 for students with ID. Call (314)-289-4424 for tickets. The magical breathtaking film will also be showing at the Science Center at the same dates and times for the next

weekend.

**"Comedy of Errors"**

The Webster University production "Comedy of Errors" will be performed from Friday to Tuesday, on 8 p.m., and on 2 p.m. on Sunday. The play will take place at Browning Theater, in the Loretto-Hilton Center. Watch a pair of identical twins, a faith healer, and a golden chain collide hilariously in a Mediterranean island town.

**Saturday, Nov. 18**

**Visions Gospel Choir Fall Concert**

Harambee Christian Ministries will be hosting their fall concert at Graham Chapel from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. The event is free of charge and is open to all. Harambee is the Washington University chapter of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship.

**Sunday, Nov. 19**

**OrganFest**

The newly refurbished Graham Chapel organ will be presented in "OrganFest," a concert from the Washington University Symphony Orchestra. The concert, conducted by Dan Presgrawe, will feature music from British composer William Walton, George Frideric Handel, Francis Poulenc, and Dmitri Shostakovich. Walton's piece, Crown Imperial, features the organ as a standard piece of the orchestra, Handel and Poulenc's pieces will be a pair of contrasting organ concertos, and Shostakovich's piece will close the concert. The event is free and open to the public, and will occur at 3 p.m.

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as raising cultural awareness on campus. "Overall it was a good discussion," political awareness, said Patel, presents itself in College Republicans, a group he feels is underrepresented at Washington University.

"The College Republicans are a group that faces a lot of backlash on campus," he said. "It is important that SU shows a liberal campus both sides."

And while Patel sees academic awareness heightened by ArtsSci Council's potential speaker, he said that the community awareness presented by Reflections, a group that works on body image, is especially significant.

"Health of students is really important," said Patel. "I think a speaker that is interesting and interactive about body image is important."

But he added that the values introduced at Tuesday's meeting were his, and not necessarily those of the representatives.

"The values I listed in the meetings were the Neill Patel's values," he said. "Neil Patel is not Student Union. Student Union is the students."

But Moinester said that Patel's statements pointed to what the students want. "The best part about the values was that they were diverse," he said. "The most important thing with the Assembly Series is that the topics reflect the student interests. The groups that we chose certainly represent those."

While Moinester agreed with the groups that were chosen, he said that it was not Treasury's intention to insult the rejected groups or position them against the ones that got funding.

"It would be like a mother deciding which one of her children she wants to save," he said. "It was a much harder decision to make because it is not a conversation that we normally have. We wanted to make sure it was not a debate pitted against groups."

Some group representatives, however, feel that Treasury did just that.

"I ended up pitting groups against other groups," said junior Rev. Muray, treasurer of Chimes, whose request was rejected. "I think it could be prevented by the members of the Treasury being more knowledgeable and open to different groups."

But Muray said that overall, Treasury did a fair job of looking at student interests before making their decision.

"Overall it was a positive experience," he said. "They did the best job that they could do given what they knew."

Moinester seconded Muray's comments, but added that only time will tell whether the new process worked.

"It was a difficult discussion but ultimately it came to a good conclusion," he said. "Ultimately we will figure it out after the Assembly Series is over."

**Student Union Senate Candidates**

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## AIRPORT ❖ FROM PAGE 1

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Many students were not aware of this change, which will make it possible for them to carry small quantities of toiletries onto flights in their carry-on luggage.

"It seems confusing, but it also seems like it will make flying more convenient," said freshman Andrew Duffey.

Despite the more permissive stance of the new regulations, Walls stressed that the TSA was very serious about enforcement of the regulation.

"When we need to search someone, it holds everyone back," the passenger he searched, to the other passengers, to the TSA agent," said TSA spokesperson Terri Harmon. "There is really a partnership between the TSA and passengers."

Harmon suggested that students familiarize them-



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selves with the security regulations and arrive at least two hours before their departure time to minimize delays. Also, she recommended that any gifts should be unopened. Because TSA agents might need to open the gift

in the event of a search.

"The more prepared you are, the easier traveling will be," said Harmon.

For more information about new TSA security regulations, visit [www.tsa.gov](http://www.tsa.gov).

## DEAN ❖ FROM PAGE 1

Missouri. I've been away for 35 years. [But] it feels wonderful [to be back]," she said.

Kent Syverud, the new dean of the School of Law, started in January of this year, and has also had positive impressions of the University since he arrived. He is especially taken with the attitude of the undergraduates who he has met.

"I am still waiting to meet an unhappy undergraduate," he said. "That is not typical of universities."

Syverud's duties are not only limited to the Dean's office. This semester, he is teaching two classes at the Law School titled Negotiation and Insurance Law. Next semester, he will also teach a class titled Civil Procedure for entering first-year law students.

Along with all of these responsibilities, Syverud has faced the challenges of adjusting to the protocol of a new University.

"Coming to a new school from outside the University, you must learn all of the people and the programs unless you want to make mistakes. [The Law School] is very large with almost 1,000 students, and there are many programs." Syverud has not let these ob-

stacles stop him from promoting changes in the Law School that will make it even more competitive internationally.

"The dean for international programs and I are working on some exciting ideas, particularly in Europe, Asia, and Africa. Also, there is new staff in Career Services working on making career opportunities even better."

Carmon Colangelo, the new dean of the Sam Fox School of Design and Visual Arts, who contractually started on July 1, also has several plans in the works for his school.

"I am planning initiatives to look at the undergraduate curriculum on how Art and Architecture will have more collaborations with research opportunities. [There is] also a movement towards addressing issues of sustainability. I have been excited to get to know the new deans and to think about how we might collaborate with Engineering and Social Work," said Colangelo.

Colangelo has also been busy hiring the new dean of Architecture, Bruce Lindsey, and creating organizational unity among the Colleges of Art and Architecture and the Mildred Lane Kemper Art Museum.

Changes include the creation of a central administration with budget offices and dean's offices.

Colangelo remarked on the positive energy and supportiveness of the faculty and students throughout his transition.

"[There is] a general excitement. People are energized by the focus. So far, so good."

Anne-Laus-Minden, a junior in the School of Architecture, said that she is excited about the potential change in requirements.

"[We] have to fulfill Arts and Sciences clusters, which is sometimes difficult," said Laue-Minden. She added that because of the stronger ties between Art and Architecture, this cluster requirement might turn into area requirements, which would be easier to fit into her schedule.

Amy Pierce, a junior in the School of Art, thinks that the increased contact between Art and Architecture is a step in the right direction.

"They are both fields where you do a lot of visual problem solving and deal with problems of space and form. It is always nice to be inspired by other people's art and learn from each other."

## VOTING ❖ FROM PAGE 1

Union, contacted the student body, asking them to report any problems they encountered.

"I received over 30 complaints through e-mail, so my guess is that at least 75 to 100 students experienced problems in voting," said Moineister.

Many problems stemmed from students who had moved. The school's 40 to the Village or off-campus apartments, unaware that they were required to fill out a change-of-address form in order to vote. Poll workers offered these students provisional ballots, an option that many found unsatisfactory. Provisional ballots are counted only if they are cast at the voter's correct voting location.

"Workers at Washington Middle School were also quite unhelpful. They were rude, annoyed by the situation, and somewhat incompetent. The commission will ensure that workers are more amiable to Wash. U. students next time," said Moineister.

The Voter Protection Commission will also work with government officials in the St. Louis and county commissions in order to remedy voting issues outside of Washington University's control, such as the problem of uninformed poll workers. Senior Maggie Watson went to the polls with the expectation that she would

only spend a few minutes voting, but she spent two hours working through the process. Watson, like others, did not fill out a change of address form. After being told she must do so, she went through the process of calling the election board, filling out an affidavit, and filling out the address form. She then went to vote in the COCA Center near the North side of campus, but the worker there told her that she could not vote.

"The woman working there was totally incompetent. She was yelling at us, and she didn't know anything about the process," said Watson.

"Many students felt that the administration did not make a strong enough effort in showing students how to vote and register, so the commission will encourage the University to take more proactive role in teaching students how to register correctly."

"The administration could make sure that the workers at the polls understand the process. They could also mail students information that tells them that they must fill out a change of address form if they move," said Watson.

According to senior Gina Anderson, a commission applicant, many students had issues because they did not know which district they

belonged to, so they went to the wrong poll to vote. Although more students had problems this year in comparison to others, the same types of problems have been present in every election.

"I would like the University to take a greater part in informing students on how to vote. College Democrats and College Republicans encouraged students to register, but the University needs to make this a campus wide effort to stop this trend from continuing," said Anderson.

Justin Carroll, dean of students, will be on the commission. His aim is to involve the administration more in student voting. As a commission member, Carroll will work alongside senior Aaron Keyak, president of College Democrats, junior Stacy Goodwin, president of College Republicans, members of Congress of South 40, representatives from Project Democracy and four to five students selected from applications.

"The commission will be a joint effort between students and members of the administration. This brings credibility to the commission but also leaves a lasting impression at Wash. U.," said Moineister. "Many committee members won't be here in 2008 but the administrators will so they can continue our efforts after we're gone."



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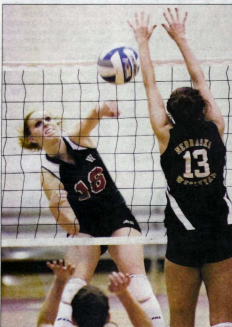
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BY CARRIE JARNA  
SPORTS REPORTER

Two wins stand between the Bears and their NCAA record ninth national championship. Washington University, which punched its ticket to Salem last Saturday with a win over Rhodes College, defeated Stevens Institute of Technology yesterday in three games. They advance to play the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, a squad which also won its Thursday match 3-0, defeating Cal Lutheran.

"The remaining eight teams are all playing at a high level now," said Head Coach Rich Luennemann just before the Bears opened quarterfinal action. "They've faced quality opponents and adversity and have persevered. We'll need to limit our unforced errors, execute well, and play with great energy and focus." UW-Whitewater, the defending national champion, ended its regular season at 32-6, ranked sixth in the country. With two players already named AVCA All-Americans, the Eagles start a tough lineup that includes juniors Rebekah Nelson and Carley Polk, who both average over three kills per game. After a first round

bye, UW defeated a pair of tough teams in St. Thomas and UW-Eau Claire to advance to Virginia.

On the other half of the bracket stands a tough set of teams including Wittenberg University, Trinity University, and, the only team to beat the Bears this season, Juniata University. "Volleyball is a game of momentum," commented junior conference MVP Haileigh Spencer. "Our goal for these games is just to stay focused, have lots of energy, and play our game. Most of us have been there [to the finals] before and know what to expect. You just have to think of it as another game. We just have to go out there and play like we know how. When we are focused and having fun at the same time, we can pretty much do anything."

Barring a loss tonight, the Bears will advance to the championship match tomorrow night at 7 p.m., EST. The game will be broadcast on KWUR radio and updates will be available on the Student Life Web site over the weekend.

Sophomore Nikki Morrison spikes the ball into a Nebraska Wesleyan defender at a home game on Nov. 9. The volleyball team fought their way into the NCAA Final Four yesterday.

## Two games from Disney World

❖ Women's soccer squad two wins away from Final Four

BY TRISHA WOLF  
SPORTS REPORTER

Washington University's Women's Soccer team is looking to show the Division III soccer world what it is made of this weekend. The Bears (17-2-0) take on 24th-ranked Washington and Lee University (18-1-2) Saturday. If they win, the 6th-ranked Red and Green would go on to face 19th-ranked Virginia Wesleyan College (18-3-2) or Elizabethtown College (14-4-3) Sunday.

Saturday's game should prove to be a major test for the Bears, as they have not played a ranked team since mid-October, when they defeated their 10th-ranked University of Rochester, 2-0. After clinching the UAA title in their second to last regular season game, the Red and Green looked rusty on Senior Day. Their nerves were also very apparent in the first half of their first tournament game

last weekend, in which they went on to defeat Loras College, 3-0. Junior goalkeeper Carrie Sear played brilliantly throughout the entire contest, recording seven saves to preserve the shutout, including one incredible leaping save in the middle of a pack.

For her efforts this season, Sear was named to the all-UAA first team Tuesday. She was joined by senior midfielder and UAA Player of the Year Meghan Marie Fowler-Finn, Freshman of the Year forward Caryn Rosoff, and senior midfielder Talia Bucchi. Freshman defender Libby Heil was named to the second team and junior midfielder Kim O'Keefe and sophomore defender Shirley Lane received honorable mention accolades.

This marked Fowler-Finn's fourth straight year receiving all-conference first team honors. Head Coach Wendy Dillinger and Assistants Lori Khaizen, Carrie Marino and Chris Sellers were honored as Coaching Staff of the Year.

Dillinger seemed confident that her team has shaken its jitters. "We played the way that we can in the second half of the Loras game," she said. "From here on out, we must keep the ball if we want to win."

Despite being the top-ranked team in the bracket, the Bears will travel to Norfolk, Va. to play this weekend. According to Dillinger, this should not faze the team. "Playing in the UAA, we are used to flying and playing two games in a weekend," she said.

Should the Bears win this weekend, they would advance to the Final Four. To be played at Disney World over Thanksgiving weekend it would be the team's second trip to the Final Four in school history.



Freshman Cassie Scamran charges downfield in a game against Loras on Nov. 17. The women's soccer team is two games away from the NCAA Final Four.

### Final Four Game Schedule

**Semifinals** UW-Whitewater vs. Wash. U., 4:30 p.m.  
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# Student Life fails students

On Nov. 6, 2006, Washington University Police Department (WUPD) posted a crime alert about a robbery on the 700 block of Eastgate. WUPD posted a similar notice on Nov. 8, 2006, this time warning students who live in University City about a rash of muggings between the 700 blocks of Eastgate and Westgate. Two days later, the front page of Student Life proudly proclaimed that the University shrugged off the report that anointed St. Louis as the most dangerous city in America. The next issue of Student Life let the Wash. U. community know that black enrollment was up, and that a liberal arts degree really isn't useless. Then the local news got a hold of the mugging story. KSDK reported on Nov. 14, 2006 that residents of the area, which is populated by many Wash. U. students, were "terrified," and even quoted a student and WUPD officer. The following day's Student Life talked about week-end election results and mummies.



Daniel Milstein

The old adage regarding the news is that "if it bleeds, it leads." A story about robberies in a neighborhood that is home to many Wash. U. students definitely bleeds for a Wash. U. newspaper. KSDK reported that there were "15 hold-ups in just three weeks." WUPD stated that

the suspects had a handgun and a loaded money. Even though I do not live in the afflicted area, my girlfriend, admittedly paranoid, left my apartment early at night after hearing about the muggings in class that day. Just as the muggings were discussed in class is a sign that people do care about the story.

Despite this, it never occurred to me how Wash. U. owns a mummy and that literary magazines are about to come out but nothing about this. Not running the story on a front page could have been called a statement on the perversion of news, not letting grisly stories headline stories that actually have impact on a high proportion of students. But nothing else that is more newsworthy has run in the paper since the election. Yes, it is great that black student enrollment is up, but that is a story that could have run at any time and doesn't affect anybody. Furthermore, crime stories have been run quite frequently in the past. On Oct. 6, just a month before the first crime alert was posted by WUPD, the lead news story in Student Life concerned a student who was robbed at gun point in the Central West End. So why wasn't this rash of robberies covered in Student Life?

Running the story could have given a greater spotlight to the suggestions given to students by WUPD, like going toward a public place if he or she thinks he or she is being followed. This never happened. Maybe it is because no Wash. U. student has been victimized



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yet. But running the story could have helped students take preventative measures in case the mugger is still in the area.

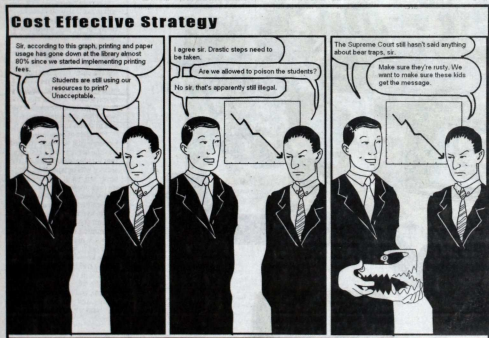
One of the goals of the Forum section in Student Life is holding public figures accountable for this action. Just last week, we took the administration to task for not making students aware of the voting prob-

lems that could have faced them. In the past, we've called out Student Union and Greek Life for similar lapses in judgment. Student Life must be held to the same standards. There is no one specific to blame; perhaps even I am to blame for not telling anybody in News after a colleague informed me about the situation on Monday. And Student Life

is still the main source of news of campus, just like a lapse in judgment should not automatically doom a member of SU. But if SU made an error in judgment, we would call on them to admit their mistake. Similarly, Student Life neglected to report on this important news story, and while Student Life is not to blame for the past or any future mug-

gings, Student Life must be held accountable for its mistake. Daniel is a junior in Arts & Sciences and a Senior Forum Editor. He can be reached via e-mail at forum@studlife.com.

## JOHNNY CHANG | EDITORIAL CARTOON



## The teachings of random strangers

BY GREG ALLEN  
STAFF COLUMNIST

When somebody's walking toward you talking on a cell phone, you have about a five second window to hear something that is new to you. It's something of a hobby of mine to listen in on this five second window and then wonder what the rest of that conversation was about. Yeah, it's a little creepy, but it's no worse than people watching, which seems to be the unofficial campus pastime.

Most people are just planning where to go to lunch, complaining about homework and all the typical junk you'd expect. I've once and a while, though. I'll hear something I really like. If I really, really like what I over hear, I'll write it down. It's not like sharing them with you would compromise my

privacy (only the privacy of people I don't know) so here are my Wash. U. favorites: (All of these blurbs are 100 percent true and verbatim.) "Maybe he was on Ecstasy..." "I don't wanna go until I know I'm not going to have it." "Well, in two weeks I'll be the one laughing." And my personal favorite, "Her problem is that she's just a bitch."

No wonder Bush loves wiretapping so much. People are saying interesting stuff all the time. I'd give anything to know why the woman in question is "just a bitch." Finding that out just might make up for missing Grey's Anatomy last week. Actually, I'm sure it would. Stories somehow become more appealing if they happened in real life. Maybe that's why memoirs outsell novels.

Overhearing a conversation, even if for only a

few seconds, can be like a window into somebody's real personality. Well—so long as people don't get some weird urge to spew lies as I walk past. Anyway, during the best of eavesdroppings, I get to hear people talk to their closest friends. There are two things I've concluded from this great insight. The first, shallower discovery is that Wash. U. students (this could theoretically be limited to students on the 40, but I doubt it) spend enormous portions of their time thinking about booze.

The second, more family-friendly discovery reminded me of a documentary about Vietnam P.O.W.'s I saw a while back. One veteran talked about how prisoners communicated between cells by tapping out letters on the wall. Apparently it was a rare occasion to ever need to actually finish a word. Some-

how, the person on the other end could always tell with just the faintest hint what was about to be said. After inquiring enough people's privacy I've concluded it's much the same with friends. After two people have gotten close, lines like "I know what you mean," can mean an awful lot. I suppose technically there's a third insight from this creepy hobby of mine, and that's that people love to find out about other people. If I were alone in this fascination with others, then two-thirds of Facebook wouldn't check it every day (they do). So here's my final two cents: people everywhere are talking, odds are you're interested, so why not listen in?

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## Declared

I'm so sick of declarations. Declare your intentions, declare your love (and that's just on campus). A world of declarations is closing in on us. Declarations of incompetence and innocence. Declarations of war. There's no escape. I'm surrounded by people who seem to be my bridesmaids and it's time to make up your mind and grab the future by the throat. They're like customs agents, all asking me: Don't you have something to declare? Well, yes, I admit I'd like to have things all sorted out. But the best I can manage is a psychotically obsessive weekly planner. Please don't ask me to look to the future. I'm lucky to get up in the morning and make it to class.

You can't help but hear it. All over campus: variations on "this is true and will always be true." It's just ridiculous. Last week, a friend came to me all upset, saying that she didn't think her current friends were "for life." I tried my best to reassure her, listing off the names of people (including myself) who care a lot about her. But that got me wondering: how many of the girls who promise today to be my bridesmaids and actually even show up? I mean, since last year I've had monumental friend turnover. How could I expect to have so many "for life" friends? Some friends in college seem a lot like Furries or other fast fads. It's all great, fascinating and fun for a while, but then they simply fade away. People change or move on or move elsewhere. My relationships are always evolving or devolving, getting stronger or weaker or just spitting out. When you find something that really is meant to be for life, I bet it's rare and special and even unexpected. I'd like to think—in fact, I deeply hope—in have a future with

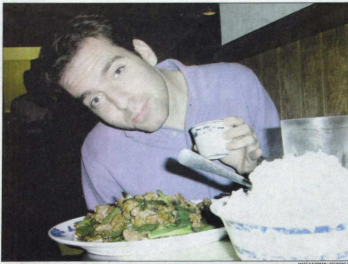
my current friends. That kind of stability would be comforting in all this college chaos. But I'm probably kidding myself.

Same goes for declaring majors. Friends have looked at me in wide-eyed horror and told me they still have no clue what they're doing with their lives. Their plan for a major is feeble at best; their career plans a mystery no crystal ball could unravel. This is when—at least for a moment—I feel all smug and relieved because I know what I'm doing with my life. I could have declared my major in high school. But that confident feeling is something else that fades away. When you're our age, the stuff

"When you're our age, the stuff you have all figured out is bound to change. Nothing is set in stone; our lives are more water than rock."

you have all figured out is bound to change. Nothing is set in stone; our lives are more water than rock. When I say that right now, I'm doing with my life, I can only mean that I know what I like to do right now. A declaration may seem delightfully formal and full of purpose, but that's not the end of it. You declare independence and then you have to battle for it. So hey, all you customs agents: back off. My friends may not be for life, my plans may not last the year, and my declarations may be empty. But I can live with that. What I'm doing right now, and my declarations may be wrong, and some of those ways will be always. And I take some comfort knowing that nothing else, change is forever.

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Ryan enjoys his free tea at Sesame as well as the delicious food that he and Matt found there.

# Stepping Out

**Sesame Chinese Restaurant**  
10500 Watson Road  
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BY MATT KAUFMAN AND RYAN JACOBSEN  
SCENE STAFF REPORTERS

The time came for another review and we were running out of ideas, so we decided to go with a staple: Chinese food. Sesame Chinese Restaurant is by far the best Chinese food known to man or woman. (Well, best in the St. Louis area, we'll say.) The decor was pleasant and the service was great, but it was the food that was top-notch. The large menu offered a variety of options for all palates, and this would be a great place to take a group of friends.

**Rating:** ●●●●●

Chinese Restaurant and were immediately confronted by a tank of goldfish. These tanks lined several of the walls and where there was no tank of goldfish, there was a painting of a tank of goldfish. We were promptly escorted to our table on the non-smoking side of the restaurant. Right away, a busboy plopped down a container of delicious tea. Not every Chinese restaurant gives you the tea for free; this place was off to a good start. We were handed the menu: a large, red book covered in thick, clear plastic. This same plastic material covered our seats. Nothing says classy like matching menus and seats.

We glanced at the easy-to-read menu and quickly made our choices. Our waiter was, for the most part, fast and responsive. When we asked for some recommendations, though, he didn't have much to say and giggled awkwardly. We went with our first impulses and hoped for the best.

We were quickly brought our two appetizers: an egg roll and a bowl of hot and sour soup. The vegetable egg roll was fairly standard but was definitely on the big side. It was filled with crunchy vegetables and wrapped in a perfect crisp crust. Although it does not stand out from other egg rolls out there, there was certainly nothing to complain about. The soup, on the other hand, was magnificent. Everything about this soup was a hit. It was warm but not scalding, it was flavorful but not overpowering, and it was chock-full of just the right amount of meat. If you make your way down to Sesame Chinese Restaurant, this is a must-have.

After we finished our appetizers, our entrees came in no time at all. We decided on two things that we had each tried before, not only because they were our favorites but also because it would enable us to make some meaningful comparisons. The sesame chicken at first hit us with a surprise: it didn't taste that much like other sesame chicken we had had before. We realized that this dish had a homemade flavor that you just can't find many places. The authentic taste of sesame permeates the sauce. The texture of the chicken was perfect. It was crispy, not soggy, on the outside and was juicy and tender on the inside. A tadbit not made for a nice garnish, again ensuring us that personal attention had been paid to our food.

Our second entrée, Mongolian beef, also hit the spot. This tremendous portion could easily satisfy an appetite. It came with some tender beef garnished with green onions, topped with a special chef's brown sauce and was placed on top of some crispy rice noodles. The beef was lean and high-quality. Of course, we also got a heaping bowl of white rice. The busboy generously asked if we would like some more, but we had to throw in the towel.

One part of our dining experience that we really enjoyed was the service. For a restaurant that was reasonably priced, the service was outstanding. We never ran out of water and, if we ever needed anything, our trusty waiter was always nearby. The staff took every necessary action to ensure that the restaurant stayed clean, including vacuuming the floor between guests. It made for a nice environment in which to unwind.

We know that Sesame is a bit of a trek from Wash. U., but if you're in the mood for some good Chinese, we say it's worth the trip. You'll be treated like royalty, and we don't think you can go wrong with anything on the menu.

## VEGGIE ♦ FROM PAGE 5

eating. What they often do not realize is that we get along just fine on the other 364 days a year. Yet I find that I have to fend for myself on most other occasions. With some preparation and advanced notice, getting accommodations as a vegetarian should not be a problem. With less notice, there is always take-out. No matter what the meal ends up being, we will be okay for one night.

(For substitution ideas and recipes, check out [http://www.jalicesnewsdaily.com/1104/news/vegetarian\\_vegan\\_recipes.html](http://www.jalicesnewsdaily.com/1104/news/vegetarian_vegan_recipes.html).)

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- Twin of Artemis
- Crack shots
- Have to have
- Single step
- Boot Camp denial
- Decade plus one
- Antilla's people
- Sleep inducer
- Burn slightly
- Bishopric
- Shine with amusement
- Way of doing things
- Make free (of)
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- Nothing at all
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- Written material
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- Lennon's love
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- Viscous liquid
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# SCENE A WIRE-WORLD:

## Have we become wired to wireless?

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You see your friend across the sidewalk. You wave "Hi" and shout her name, but she doesn't answer. Your friend, keeps on walking, the usual sensitivity to one's name doesn't seem to register. You feel a tug at your heartstrings and wonder why you've just made yourself into the buffoon everyone laughs at for shouting randomly at people for your supposed friend. As you get a little closer to your friend, you breathe a sigh of relief and grin as you see the little white craps in her ears. Phew, it's not you—it's her iPod.

Ever since the revolutions of the Internet, the laptop, the cell phone, the iPod and the Palm Pilot, everyone can take their world with them wherever they go. It is incredibly convenient and almost magical. We are little digital deities and, as many of these products' slogans suggest, we have the world at our fingertips. Whatever music we want, whoever we want to talk to, whatever information we want—it's all there, when we want it. But what is the effect of getting what we want—the good, the bad and the ugly?

Of course, the greatest thing about portable electronic doobies is that they are very personalized.

"I like that the iPod gives me the opportunity to make my own mixes and volume of music," said Kellen Howsworth, a junior and creator of the Facebook group, "I Love My iPod if Only Because It Made Me Realize How Ridiculous I Am for Owning 300 CDs." Because music is very important to Howsworth, the iPod is a great tool since it allows him to make the music he downloads his own. To him, the iPod is also a way to relax, a way to get away from a bad day, a way to make a boring job—like filing—more exciting.

"The iPod is so exciting, in fact, that some people just can't stop using it. Howsworth used to be the guy who walks around campus all the time with his iPod earphones in his ears. He still has a friend who does the same but with the music off, because it's just convenient to have the earphones in his ears for when he wants to turn the iPod on next.

The indication to some people, however, is that the person with

their ears plugged is not in the mood to talk. Many students have reported just not bothering to say hi to someone who is "busy with their iPod."

Yet when we give our ears and eyes a break from our constant technological companions, it can be a welcome break. When Howsworth's iPod was broken for a while, he found it easier to bump into people on campus and start conversations.

"That's probably when I stopped using it so much," he said.

Senior Ilana Cohen studied abroad in the spring of last year and didn't even bring her cell phone with her because she would be hiking in remote areas.

"I got used to it in about a week," said Cohen. "I didn't have to worry about minutes, about checking messages, about charging it. I had mixed feelings about coming back and retrieving the cell phone."

For Cohen, her cell phone, just like any convenience, is like another chore. "E-mail is a convenience," she said, "but if you don't check it for a week, you're in trouble."

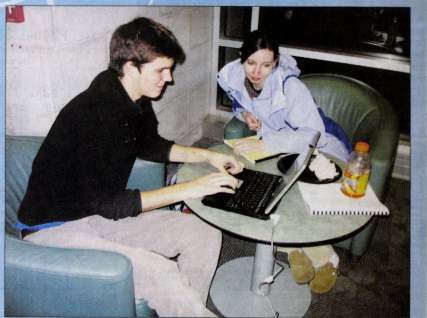
But the cell phone is very important for many students. A mini-social world is saved on the cell phone and if anything happens to it, one can feel extremely isolated. For instance, Howsworth's phone was having issues on the way to school this year.

"I was distraught," he said. "My cell phone is actually more important to me than my iPod. With the iPod, you have close alternatives, but with no cell phone, it's practically impossible to communicate."

Cohen, though she enjoyed the break she had abroad, admitted that she uses her cell phone for everything.

"I use it to stay in touch with friends and family and my jobs are pretty dependent on having a cell phone with me," said Cohen. "It's also helpful for safety reasons—if you get stranded or lost, you can make a call."

Some of portable technology has become a total necessity. Many don't even know the actual cell phone numbers of their closest friends because they just have them saved in their cell phone's address book. Similar to using the cell phone too much, losing your cell phone is another way to cut yourself off, as is breaking your



Junior Dan Tilden and senior Rachel Voss use a laptop plugged into one of many outlets in Whispers Café.

computer, and not having the Internet to chat and e-mail. The silence can be almost unbearable.

Yet the world we see from our technologically infused reality wasn't always that way. While it's inconceivable for us to live without our phones and iPods and computers, people did it in the Stone Age of just a few decades ago. Before the advent of take-along technology, the world looked like quite a different place.

"What's changed in colleges today is that, in the '80s, you could go a long time without any sort of mediated communication besides watching TV or listening to the Walkman," said adjunct professor Michael MacCambridge, who teaches "Introduction to Mass Media" in University College. "We weren't constantly inundated with media."

MacCambridge also remembers college itself as a quieter experience. People didn't have the opportunity to be on technology at all hours of the day. People weren't on their computer, cell phone or

iPod late at night; they'd either be sleeping or maybe chilling with their neighbors to find some way to entertain themselves.

"Today's college students have a multiplicity of choices in mobile communication. They are used to the norm of always being on," he said.

According to MacCambridge, the effect of all this new technology is less focus. People do adapt, and they get used to doing a lot more simultaneously. They also can reach someone whenever they need to.

But then again, these constant interruptions of, "Oh, another text message" could be contributing to what MacCambridge calls "the continuation of the death of the American attention span."

"We are more distractible because we have more distractions," noted MacCambridge.

The effects of portable technology may be contributing to making modern students a different kind of people. It's possible that the iPod, like other portable technology that we depend upon, is representative of a trend of cultural change.

"I can see us being called the iPod generation," said Howsworth. "It highlights the individualism of our generation."

Baby boomer parents often try some of the portable technology students use, but many prefer their old ways. Some parents turn their cell phones off unless they want to make a call, often to the intense frustration of their children who need to talk to them NOW. Many prefer radio to the individualized playlists of the iPod.

"The older generation wants someone else to be the DJ," said Howsworth, "whereas we like control over our own lives."

At some times, however, the portable technology is controlling us. Cohen laments that many times people will call her with something that they could handle over e-mail and then she has to spend time answering a billion messages. According to senior Austin Hollo, with the Blackberry, people can contact you by e-mail wherever you are.

"Then people will start expect-

ing that you're always around," said Hollo. "I'd rather keep my work and personal lives a little more separate than that."

Since we are all so used to our new technologies, it can be hard to strike a balance between real-life and virtual life. The "now" mentality is so normal that sometimes we use technology in excess without even realizing it.

"Sometimes the only time I have to check my messages is between classes," said Cohen, which is why she sometimes is on the phone on campus instead of interacting with those around her. "But people who have their phones constantly plastered to their heads—it seems so anti-social."

Rather than causing us to be more anti-social, it seems as if portable technology just gives us an easier avenue to become more so.

"Technology serves to fill the gaps in our day where other hobbies or human interactions would have in the past," said Howsworth.

Yet maybe it's not just a matter of technology and our obsession with it. There have always been anti-social people, people who are uncomfortable with interactions and prefer to do things by themselves or with a few other people like themselves. Are people so much more isolated today?

"Ultimately, I think the smarter people are the ones who'll use [technology] to their benefit," said MacCambridge. "Socially adept people will incorporate technology into their lives and interactions with others and those who aren't will be more isolated...since there are so many more ways to shut ourselves out."

Most people agree that it's overuse that causes something to become a detriment rather than a benefit. Portable technology can serve to connect us, like chatting with a friend across the country on the cell phone during

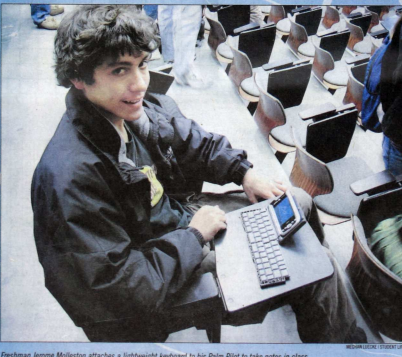
a long break in between classes, but it can also serve to take us away from conversations we could initiate with those who are right there with us.

Nonetheless, our fate with portable technology is probably inescapable. "We're not going back," noted MacCambridge. "[But] it's almost always better [to be] with real people than with artificial intelligence... You either get comfortable with the people or you don't."

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Freshman Jerome Mullett attaches a lightweight keyboard to his Palm Pilot to take notes in class.