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Fire in Millbrook displaces students

BY ERIN FULTS
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Residents of Millbrook 2 evacuated the building early Saturday afternoon to the sounds of fire alarms and the smell of smoke after a grease fire broke out in an apartment kitchen on the first floor.

Millbrook RCD Ozie Goodwin was cooking French fries on the stove and left it unattended when Rosedale RA Ben Pasquier arrived to show Goodwin some locking mechanisms on the doors. Goodwin and Pasquier returned to the room to discover that the master key would not unlock Goodwin's door and the two went to the Village for a key. Goodwin sent Pasquier back to check on the stove and he arrived to find the fire alarms sounding.

"By the time I was over there police officers were in the building and fire fight-

ers were arriving," said Pasquier. "The time around time for firefighters to arrive was impressively quick."

Students left the building as smoke plumed out of the first story window. Fire trucks and police arrived on the scene and broke out windows, spraying down the entire area with hoses.

"My initial thought was that it was a false alarm," said senior Rachel Bock, a Millbrook resident. "I grabbed my laptop and everyone exited the building and waited around thinking nothing was going on, but then we saw the smoke."

Students barbecuing outside of Millbrook watched the scene unfold.

"It took a couple of minutes before people actually got out," said junior Keith Black. "We were already planning on having the barbecue and then it turned into a par-

ty."

Associate Director of Residential Life Jill Stratton walked through the building to check for damage. "Our main goal is to make sure everyone is OK and our second goal is to make sure everyone is comfortable and we're grateful no one is hurt."

The overall damage outside of Goodwin's apartment is slight.

"It's very minimal damage if you consider the building as a whole," said Diann Straatmann, battalion chief of Clayton Fire.

Clayton Fire checked alarms in all the rooms because, according to Straatmann, "Fire protection in the building has to be operational from us."

Students were escorted into the building to collect some of their belongings, as they were not allowed to return to their apartments for the night. Residents of Millbrook were booked into the Knight Center to spend the night. Second and third floor residents had to check out at noon on Sunday.

While the University prioritized safety and security, not all students felt particularly assisted. Senior Danielle Roth went to work at 4 p.m. after being told that students would be informed of developments as they occurred. She returned home at 2 a.m. to a security guard stationed outside the building, who sent her to the Knight Center. Upon arrival she was informed that there was no room for her. She says she received little information and was unable to reach anyone.

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A grease fire started on the stove of Millbrook RCD Ozie Goodwin's apartment on Saturday. Goodwin's apartment suffered significant damage and other Millbrook residents have been temporarily displaced.

Students lobby Senate for sexual assault prevention efforts

BY SAM DIZIN
ASSASSINATOR

Three student leaders appeared before the Student Union Senate on Wednesday, citing the need for greater preventative measures against sexual and relationship violence.

Presenters Jeff Zove, Jay Beerman and Kristi Bugh hoped that senators would sign on to a resolution supporting the creation of an Office for the Prevention of Sexual and Relationship Violence that would coordinate prevention and education efforts across campus.

"The University has been very good about risk reduction, but it is not a substitute for prevention," said senior Jay Beer-

man, co-president of One in Four, the all-male rape education group. "Prevention is educating students and working to stop incidents of sexual assault and relationship violence."

The presentation highlighted the need for greater preventative education in addition to measures such as distributing rape whistles and improving lighting on paths, both of which are considered methods of risk reduction. They called for a new Sexual Assault Coordinator, which would develop protocol for campus-wide responses to emergencies, essentially centralizing the University's response towards rape on campus.

According to the presenters,

Washington University is on par with the national averages for incident of rape or attempted rape; nationally, one in four women are survivors of rape or attempted rape.

"Relationship violence does happen on this campus, but this is a problem that we can solve," said Beerman.

A coordinator of sexual and relationship violence would supervise the programming efforts of current student groups, work to create campus protocols regarding the response to incidents of sexual violence, and coordinate the committee on sexual assault.

"Creating an office and hiring a full-time staff member to coordinate all of the preventive

education efforts and programs on campus is common practice at higher education. Craig Woodsmall, a psychologist with Student Health and Counseling Services and advisor to One in Four, "We're at the point where we could really benefit from someone to oversee and review our initiatives."

Discussion of the coordinator's position suggests that it would be, to some extent, independent from the administration and located in the Office of Student Affairs.

According to the presenters, the ideal candidate would be one with some combination of experience with administrative work in higher education and an understanding of mental

health and victim advocacy.

During the debate, senators received the proposition extremely favorably, accepting the need for this position and its importance.

"The idea was thrown around that Student Union could help with some funding. That's extremely important because we're putting our money where our mouth is," stated senior Jeff Zove, former speaker of SU Senate.

Pledging funding would be an important step towards showing the seriousness of SU in dealing with this issue.

"It is really important that this be supported by students," said Woodsmall. "It doesn't make sense to create new de-

partments if it won't have the support of the student body and Student Union."

At a future meeting, the Senate will decide whether or not to approve a resolution endorsing this plan.

Students involved were hopeful that, with the Senate's approval, they would be able to convince the administration that this is a worthwhile project to undertake.

"The reason Student Union has taken this on is because this administration has been very good about responding to student initiatives in the past," said Zove. "I'm hoping that the administration will continue that trend on this issue."

FIELD DAY PULLS IN A CROWD



Children play tug-of-war in the Field House during Campus Y Field Day on Saturday, March 24.

Flat funding cuts could hurt University research

BY ANDREA WINTER
STAFF REPORTER

Cuts in federal funding may thwart progress in medical research. The University is working to make politicians and the public aware of the consequences of flat funding.

The National Institute of Health (NIH) is the federal agency that pays for the majority of the country's biomedical research. The agency's budget doubled between 1998 and 2003, but has experienced subsequent yearly reductions. According to Larry Shapiro, executive chancellor of medical affairs at the School of Medicine, 90 percent of the University's research money comes from the NIH.

Earlier last week, on March 19, the University learned up with eight other leading scientific medical institutions around the country to warn Congress that recent cuts in federal funding could frustrate future advances in medical research. The consortium of research institutions presented a 21-page report entitled "Within Our Grasp—Or Slipping Away? Assuring a New Era of Scientific and Medical Progress." The report indicates that eight out of 10 grant applica-

tions go unfunded.

Shapiro said the research institutions joined forces so that they could "articulate reasons why people should be concerned about the cuts." He said, "The rate and pace at which discoveries are made is important to curing human diseases. The general public is not always aware of what's going on in research and the research possibilities within our grasp."

The cuts in funding could be detrimental to the University's long term research goals. Scientists must undergo years of training so that they can make strides in medical research. If researchers abandon their projects, the impact on the field of medicine could be long lasting.

"It is important to recognize how much of an impact the funding constraints have. It's not just a matter of less research or that it's just done more slowly, but it's discouraging for our faculty and students to compete against insurmountable odds to conduct research. At critical points in research some will get discouraged and may choose to leave the medical research field," said Shapiro.

Shapiro explained that the cuts in funding affect all areas of research. "It goes pretty much across the board. It

has not uniquely hit one area more than another," he said.

One successful step was recently made in the direction of legislation that would offset the flat funding. On March 16, the United States Senate passed the Specter-Harkin Amendment which could add an additional \$2.2 million to the NIH's budget. The amendment still needs to be approved by both the House and the President.

Students can help to counteract the reduction in medical funding, according to Shapiro, who urged students to take action quickly. "It's a political process that students could engage in. It's a matter of getting in touch with congressional leaders whether its here in Missouri or back at home. The timing is quite urgent. There's an opportunity to move on this."

Lauren Turker, a biomedical engineering major, inter-fered for the Institute of Offsets and Bone Cancer Research in Los Angeles last summer, where she witnessed firsthand the stress researchers experience as they struggle to obtain funding.

"It's such a big process," she said. "They put a lot of effort into each grant. Re-see NIH, page 2

Scouring St. Louis for sweets



Looking for a new way to satisfy your sweet tooth? Scene writer Jaclyn Allen looks at the delicious desserts of St. Louis' Chinese bakeries. Scene, Page 4

Track team: mini meet but big wins



Track and field sprinted through their Mini Meet this weekend, winning both the men's and women's titles. Also in Sports: weekend updates from tennis and softball. Sports, Page 8

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Briefs

LOCAL

Missouri takes control of city schools

The Missouri State Board of Education revoked the accreditation of the 169-year-old St. Louis Public Schools on Thursday, turning it over to a businessman with little experience in education. The state said the deteriorating quality of education compelled it to take over, giving control to developer Kirk Sullivan, chairman of McBride & Son Enterprises. During the meeting, approximately 25 students screamed for no takeover, with one having to be subdued by police. 33,000 students attend these schools, whose main concern now is that lack of accreditation will affect their college applications.

NATIONAL

Birth control more expensive for college students

College students are facing much higher prices for oral contraceptives, in many places double and triple the historical rates. Experts say the change in a Medicaid rebate law, which has removed the incentive for drug companies to offer discounts to college students, is to blame. Colleges were able to keep prices low for a few months before their stock ran out, but now have little choice. An American College Health Association survey says about 39 percent of female undergraduates use oral contraception, many of whom are expected to switch to generic brand names for lower prices.

House backs Iraq timetable

After lengthy debate, the House of Representatives narrowly passed a vote to set an exit strategy for the war in Iraq, with 218 in favor and 212 against. President Bush denounced the bill, arguing that Democrats are engaging in "an act of political theater" by passing a measure that would undermine progress in Iraq. Bush has vowed that he will veto it if it passes. Republicans in the House felt that the measure would ultimately only micromanage the war, to the detriment of military commanders and troops. Fourteen Democrats also voted against the measure.

Judge blocks Internet porn law

A federal judge blocked another government effort to control internet porn on Thursday, eliminating a 1998 law banning commercial Web sites from making porn accessible to children. The judge said parents could monitor their children without limiting others' rights to free speech. The proposed law would have required users to offer a credit card number as proof of age, with penalties including a \$50,000 fine and up to six months in prison. Opponents of the law said it was too vague and would have imposed too much people's free speech. They also said parents have more serious concerns like online predators.

INTERNATIONAL

Iran seizure of UK troops "very serious"

British Prime Minister Tony Blair blasted Iran for capturing 15 UK sailors and Royal Marines when they were not in Iranian waters. His comment follows European Union demands for the country to release the hostages. Blair and the United States said the sailors were looking for a civilian vessel when the Iranian navy took them at gunpoint. The conflict will escalate the tense relationship between Iran and the western world, with stricter sanctions already being made against Iran by the UN. These include a ban on Iranian weapons exports and asset freezing on 28 more people involved in the country's nuclear and missile programs.

Two quakes hit Vanuatu

Two strong earthquakes of magnitudes 7.2 and 6.0 hit the Pacific Island nation of Vanuatu yesterday after a tsunami alert, but there are no reports of injuries or damage. Australia's Emergency Management Office originally warned the quakes could set off a tsunami, prompting officials to move residents to higher ground. The office will continue to remain on high alert.

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from the University. "I'm really pissed because no one from the University was available. It's unnerving. Someone should have been there or I should have been contacted via cell phone so I could make arrangements," said Roth.

Roth spent the night at an acquaintance's apartment and was finally called at 4 a.m. informing her of room at the Clubshire Inn, but with no other information.

Around 5:30 p.m. Sunday, second and third floor resi-

dents were allowed to return to their rooms and spend the night. First floor residents are still not allowed to spend the night in their apartments. First floor residents are also being advised to throw out food and medicines due to potential smoke damage.

—Additional reporting by Laura Geigel

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searchers dread writing them."

Turker recognizes the cuts in funding as a serious problem. "It's hard enough already for researchers to get the grants they need. Researchers spend so much of their time writing up grant proposals. If they have to spend even more time writing proposals, research is going to be a slower process than it already is," she said.

Senior Richard Zernickow, a biomedical engineering major and the Student Representative on the Board of

Trustees, was present at the last board meeting, which focused primarily on the medical school. Several professors and doctors gave presentations on exciting advances in their respective fields.

Zernickow said that the NIH budget was not brought up during the general board meeting. He said that the upcoming closure of highway 64-40 was discussed because it could inhibit patients from accessing the University's medical resources, which, in turn, could also hurt funding.

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Applications exceed 22,000 as admissions begins to notify students



A tour group passes in front of Olin Library on Friday, March 23. Prospective freshmen have received their acceptance letters from the University and April Welcome will begin next week.

BY JACQUELINE BRIXEY
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

After the Admissions Department mistakenly accepted 500 more freshmen than intended last year, making for one of the largest freshman classes in Washington University history, current students are wondering what the incoming class for fall will be like.

"Washington University had a wonderful applicant pool this year. More than 22,000 students applied for our small freshman class of 1,330-1,350 students. We are working this year to ensure that the freshman class doesn't exceed this number," said Nanette Tarbouni, director of Admissions.

Tarbouni also explained that this was one of the largest applicant pools, as well as the most talented, making for some difficult decisions.

Of the 22,000 that applied, fewer than 20 percent will be offered admission. May off the waitlist, an event that did not occur last year.

"Use of the waitlist is provided, of course, that we have not exceeded the freshman class we are planning," said Tarbouni.

By placing more of the students on the waitlist and accepting them as space is available, the Admissions Department hopes to prevent over-enrollment. Of the 20 percent to be accepted, early decision represents approximately 35 percent of the

class. Tarbouni declined to comment on the SAT and ACT averages of the incoming class. Of prime concern to many current students are the housing arrangements for next year.

Cheryl Stephens, Associate Director of Residential Life, explained that none of the older upperclassman dorms will be worked on this summer. Yet as part of a 10-year housing plan, many of the older freshman dorms will be reconstructed.

Stephens also said that Park is to be renovated over the summer, making two floors in the building freshman housing. ResLife will knock down walls to convert singles into doubles.

After last year's difficulties with freshman housing, ResLife is hopeful to not have to move upperclassmen students once they have already been assigned a room. While Wheeler and Eliot dormitories were used as freshman housing this year, Stephens maintains that the two will house entirely upperclassmen for next year.

Although the ResLife forms for current students housing were made electronic this year, freshmen will still continue to use paper forms.

In the past, the January Scholars Program has faced challenges placing participating students in the Village since fewer than expected upperclassmen moved off campus. ResLife plans to continue to use the Village as January Scholars housing in the coming year.

After playing host to the weekend's scholarship finalists and visiting high school juniors during the week, the Admissions Department is getting ready for April Welcome. Most notable will be Celebrations Weekend, which last year invited over 600 prospective and already admitted students to attend the festivities.

"I know you and all the other Washington University students will make them feel welcome and encourage them to join our wonderful community," said Tarbouni. "You and your colleagues are the reason that students choose us over the other nice choices they have to make."

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SCENE

Heading East: exploring Chinese bakeries

BY JACLYN ALLEN
SCENE REPORTER

With the Chinese New Year celebrations in February, I wanted to see what St. Louis offered beyond the typical Americanized fare. Not knowing much about the cuisine, I asked around for recommendations and heard from my Taiwanese suitemate about two Hong-Kong style bakeries on Olive Boulevard. Curious about what I'd find, I ventured west.

A thriving Asian, mostly Chinese, community has settled along several blocks of Olive and it was here that I ventured for Chinese baked goods. Half a block down from the North and South Road and Olive intersection lies the bakery Wei Hong (7740 Olive Blvd.), attached to a seafood restaurant of the same name. Under the glass cases lie trays of fresh-baked buns filled with lotus, winter melon, bean pastes and barbecued pork. Lotus moon cakes with and without the egg, egg tarts and deep-fried filled dumplings round out the selection. Even with the unerving sight of ducks hanging nearby, stay for the low prices. My order of a lotus moon cake without egg, four pork buns, three egg tarts, a red bean bun, a deep-fried green bean dumpling and three sweet top buns cost only \$11.05.

Next stop was Li Hsin (8148 Olive Blvd.), another bakery located several blocks up from Wei Hong. Opening the

door released a sweet scent that confirmed that this place specialized in bread goods. Li Hsin is more of a café in that they serve drinks, mostly fruit juices, along with baked goods. About half are housed in the glass case, such as the curry beef and lotus pies that I bought. The shelves to the right of the case are stocked with more bread goods like pork buns and pork sang individually packaged in plastic bags. I left with only four baked goods that cost \$4.09 altogether.

At home, I sat down to a feast and turned to the lotus moon cake first. I cut through the imprinted pastry covering the dense cake, exposing the shiny, moist brown filling. Since the cake was so thick and dense, I preferred to cut a tiny wedge out of the whole to eat first. Eating it reminded me a bit of peanut butter, albeit a more solid kind. It was too much to eat at one sitting, though, and I had to wrap it in foil and eat it over several days. Moon cake with an egg raises the cost 30 cents to \$3.40.

Then it was time for a comparison of the pork buns. I tried the Wei Hong pork bun first, biting through a thick, sweet wall of bread to get to the dull red filling inside. (Yes, red is the barbecue sauce.) Slightly sweet, I mostly tasted the sauce rather than the meat. The bread of Li Hsin's pork bun was thicker and the bun itself had less filling and sweetness. Savory pastries like pork buns

are best warm, so heat them up in the microwave for several seconds before eating.

Continuing on with savory pastries, I tried the Li Hsin's curry beef pie next. I bit into it and several flakes of dry pastry fell into my lap. Undeterred, I took another bite and finally got some beef. Earthy with some spicy flavor, I chewed until the heat built up near the back of my mouth before swallowing. Finding myself not much of a fan, I put it aside.

I wiggled away the flakes and reached for the last Li Hsin specialty, pork sang. Like the curry beef, the pie flaked everywhere for only a little bit of lotus filling which tasted slightly sweeter than the moon cake. It was also put aside.

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From here it was all goods from Wei Hong. Biting into the sesame seed-coated dumpling gave an unexpected crunch before tasting the sweet yellowish bean paste. The red bean bun reminded me of lotus in its sweetness, but an earthiness made it different.

The remaining two goods awaited me. The small egg tart tasted predominantly of, well, sweetened eggs. The sweet



Lotus moon cakes, egg tarts and pork buns are among the many baked goods available to curious eaters.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Better parking would improve Health Services

The Habif Health and Wellness Center's move to Um-rath Hall on main campus to its new location on the South 40 in the bottom of Dardick House has seen lots of improvements for students. Yet the move has also inconvenienced students who do not live on the 40 and need to drive to get to their appointments. While driving is inconvenient in itself, the worst part is the parking situation on the 40, which causes extra frustration to students who have already been inconvenienced by the move and could easily be remedied.

Health Services generally have been beneficial to students. The extra space in the facility has created a nicer environment for students and the new online appointment scheduling is incredibly convenient and accessible. The center's web site provides lots of useful information about what type of services or treatment students should seek for different problems and provides links that allow students to easily make appointments. This online system of scheduling appointments also allows students to print out most of the paperwork they might need to fill out ahead of time, making the process

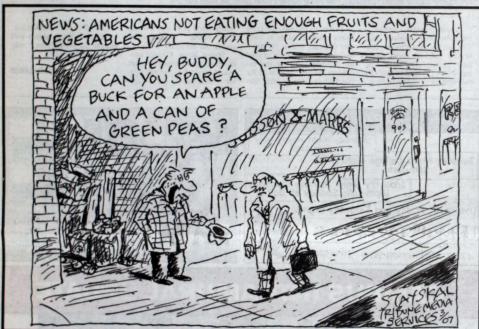
as convenient and easy as possible. Because the new space in Dardick and new policies of the Habif Health and Wellness Center have provided real tangible benefits to students, the fact that some students now have to drive to Health Services is not the criticism Student Life wishes to raise. The benefits of the new location seem to outweigh this extra hassle. But, because the new location is inconvenient to a sizable portion of the student body, Wash. U. should take steps to ease the burden on students. Allowing students to drive to Health Services by having

metered parking near the building is a start, but the problem with this system is that when appointments run long, meters run out and students get ticketed. It is not practical for students to run out in the middle of their appointments and feed the meters. The result is that if there are delays of any kind, tickets are often a price to pay for off-campus students who need to go to Health Services. While appealing tickets is possible and students may get exceptions in this case, going through the appeals process takes extra effort that students need not waste. Student Life recom-

mends that when students schedule appointments, Health Services also allows them to request parking permits. There are several ways to ensure students do not abuse the passes. The first would be to have the pass clearly marked with the date of the appointment, and to avoid students signing up for appointments to get parking passes and then canceling. Health Services can send e-mails with links to parking passes sometime before the appointment but after the cancellation deadline or allow students to get some kind of parking pass to put on their car right before their appointment.

Though the failure to provide parking passes is no major far-reaching failure of Health Services, it is still a very real problem for students who do not live on the 40. Because students already pay so much money for Health Services through mandatory health insurance fees, all students should be able to take advantage of these services. And while, for the most part, Health Services has done a great job with its expansion, working out the issue of parking passes would be a nice way to ensure that the benefits of Health Services are easily accessible to all students.

EDITORIAL CARTOON



The bubble has popped

This year has been an exciting one, to say the least. St. Louis was named the most dangerous city to live in. And, with this proclamation, crimes have been occurring closer and closer to campus. There have been muggings in a highly Wash. U. populated neighborhood. There has been a random beat down of a Wash. U. student on DeBussy St. There has been an assault on the South 40. This last incident brought home for the student body what some of us have known for a while: the Wash. U. bubble has been popped.

I applaud the new measures that are being taken by the University, as long as they do not result in a source for apathy. The inclusion of a preventative live-action program on safety is a very good step if implemented correctly. It needs to stress the individual's responsibility and the vigilance each person needs. "But we need to stress the importance of each person's awareness. We live in the real world, whether we are on campus or not. We should all act accordingly."

Some might even say that the bubble has never even there. Either way it is important to realize that the bubble only existed to Washington University students. We created it. We ignored St. Louis. Since freshman year, St. Louis has been well acknowledged as an outer force—one that we are separate from and one that we have little connection to. I don't know when it started and it doesn't matter. What does matter is how important it is to remain calm in its absence.

to have. Also, the decision to opt for CCTV is better than the constant presence of guards. We can go to college, not prison. I'm also glad to see that we are not taking the route similar to Saint Louis University, which requires an ID to be shown when entering the buildings. We are adults, and I'm happy to see that the University is treating us as such. I am not saying all of us should live in a constant state of fear, but we need to stress the importance of each person's awareness. We live in the real world, whether we are on campus or not. We should all act accordingly.

Chelsea Murphy

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Alcohol is inevitable: take down the drinking age

BY TOM BUTCHER
STAFF COLUMNIST

Be it proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy*—rumored to be said by Ben Franklin

Alcohol occupies a unique position within our American culture. No other drug is so universally accepted, and yet so universally stigmatized. Though consumption of alcohol is to be expected, and is frequently encouraged among adults, it is treated by the media, the government, and many special interest groups as entirely demonic until one reaches the age of 21.

Of course, no one can deny the real harm that alcohol can do. Over a long period of consumption, it can decimate your liver. Even more dangerously, the price of a single night's fun may end up being brain damage—or worse. And deadliest of all is the combination of alcohol and cars, where booze gains the power to harm others as well. Alcohol is a drug, and like any drug, it needs to be treated carefully, and used with caution, or else the results can be fatal. But, if we have learned anything from the '20s, it should be that prohibitionary laws do not work. You can try to be ideological

as you like, proclaiming the evils of alcohol from sun-up to sun-down, but at a certain point, the law of the land must have a basis in reality. People in America under the age of 21 drink. This is an established fact. You don't need to look farther than our own Wash. U. campus to find more evidence of this than you could ever need. In truth, the degree of disconnect between America's alcohol policy and the real world is simply staggering.

America ought to lower the age to purchase alcohol. By keeping it at 21, America encourages those who do drink underage to do in secret. This is a problem because younger people often do not have experience necessary to be able to drink safely. Such inexperience can lead to boozing consequences, which are magnified by the fear many teens may have of being caught drinking. This fear could plausibly lead to them not taking friends to the hospital when it is vitally necessary. Wash. U. has taken an admirable stance on this subject—you are going to drink, they request that you do it with the door open. Such realism has greatly increased the safety of inevitable college drinking, and America would be wise to pursue a somewhat similar strategy on the na-

tional scale. For example, by having 21 as the magic age where alcohol is suddenly okay, it encourages over-consumption in those who do not know how to handle their liquor. If someone who has never drunk before proceeds to get absolutely smashed on their 21st

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birthday, there are very real safety concerns. A smarter policy would be to phase alcohol in more gradually. For example, many European countries, such as Germany, have the policy that beer may be purchased at 16, and liquor at 18. This helps to ensure that drinkers will be more experienced by the time they are able to purchase liquor, which is more dangerous.

Furthermore, lowering the age of legal consumption would cut down on sales of illegal IDs, which help to fund criminal operations. If a teen only has to wait until he is 16 or 18 to buy alcohol, a fake seems much less

economical. He'll only get a few years of use out of it. However, if he must wait until he is 21, well, that's three more years of use he can get out of his fake.

Finally, there is the oft-repeated argument that if a teenager can drive, vote, smoke cigarettes, and die for his country, why the hell can't he buy a beer? The frequency of this argument does not decrease its validity.

I can completely understand why MADD campaigned so hard to increase the national drinking age, because the truth of drunk driving accidents is a sobering one: But the result has been a drinking policy that has little to do with reality. We live in a world where young people drink, and certain events, such as spring break or senior prom, even encourage it. Though we are nowhere near the prohibition of the '20s, neither should we be forgetting the lessons it taught us. Though it is sometimes painful for us Americans to abide ideological and legislative with the force of cold logic, it is very necessary in this case.

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Just the Facts

The Admissions Office is getting ready for its annual April Welcome to attract new freshmen. What can they do to recruit the Class of 2011?

- Decorate the giant hole with tulips—it works everywhere else on campus.
- Have the Millbrook 2 residents currently staying in the Knight Center host prospective students.
- Free Uggs and mini skirts for the ladies and popped Polos for the gents to make them feel more at home.

MEN'S TENNIS

Men's tennis defeats pair of ranked teams

BY JEFF LESSER
SPORTS REPORTER

As if beating one ranked team wasn't enough.

The 10th-ranked Wash. U. men's tennis team had a victorious weekend, defeating No. 25 Carthage College on Saturday before again emerging triumphant against No. 17 Graceland University just one day later, extending their overall record to 7-3 with the victories. Graceland is an NCAA school and thus goes by a different ranking system than NCAA members.

On Saturday at Forest Park, the Bears swept Carthage 9-0, winning all three doubles matches before concluding the performance by taking all six singles matches. Freshman Charlie Cutler led the way for the Bears, defeating Carthage's Miguel Yunes, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4. John Watts, also a freshman, took down Sergio Lopez by a more convincing score, 6-1, 6-3. Sophomore Chris Hoeland continued the trend, upending Dave Sands, 6-3, 7-6.

Sunday brought a whole new challenge, as No. 17 Graceland University was in town for a 1 p.m. showdown at the Tom Tennis Center on Wash. U. campus.

As the three doubles matches began, Wash. U. took the early lead, winning three doubles, as the sophomore tandem of Nirmal Chandra and Trevis Bowman captured the eight-game pro-set, 8-5. Watts and Captain Charlie Howard also won, 8-5, bringing victory at third doubles.

First doubles put forth a valiant effort but found themselves trailing late into their match. Down 7-6, and not serving, Wash. U. was able to break the Graceland serve for the second time. Ultimately, however, the Bears fell in a tight-contested tie-break, losing, 8-7 (7-5).

The singles matches began auspiciously for the Bears, as Watts took the first set of his second singles match against Carlos Cordova, 6-0. Wash. U. captured the first set of all six singles contests.

Cutler and the rest of the Bears continued to dominate, not dropping a single set among five matches (3-7). Overall and with the victory in hand, the lone result in question came at the second singles position, where Watts unexpectedly found himself battling both his opponent and the heat. After facing little opposition in the first set, Watts dropped the second, 6-2.

"I was really cruising along in the first set, but in the second, he really stepped up his game," Watts said. "He started making all of his first serves," adding that his opponent was "unatoppable for a few games." Fatigue, however, ultimately overcame Cordova, as Watts was able to prevail, 7-5 in the third set, capping the Bears' 8-1 victory.

"He was struggling with the heat, and his big serve started to slow down," Watts stated. "Some matches just take longer than others," he added, relieved to have won.

Watts, the 10th-ranked singles player in all of Division III tennis, is looking forward to the rest of the season. "I think we should be very successful in upcoming matches against several local schools," he said. "We have proven we can compete with anyone in the nation, and I think we have a good shot of going deep in the NCAA tournament in May."

First, though, the Bears will need to continue to pile up high-quality wins. This weekend went a long way towards doing that, as the home team turned in extremely impressive showings on consecutive days.

SOFTBALL

Sagartz, Kressel shine in doubleheader split



Senior Lauren Sagartz pitches against Maryville during Sunday's home game. The Bears won, 2-0.

Laurel Sagartz tossed a complete-game shutout Sunday, as the Washington University softball team struck past visiting Maryville College 2-0 in the second half of a two-opponent doubleheader.

Earlier in the day, the Lady Bears lost a squeaker to Webster College, 4-3. In the day's second game, Sagartz proved all business, upping her record to 9-1 on the season for the Red and Green, who currently stand at 11-5 as a team.

The senior flamethrower struck out ten in the win. Senior Jamie Kressel provided all the offense the team would need when her RBI double scored leadoff hitter Carly

Malouf in the third inning. More on these games will appear in Wednesday's edition of Student Life.

-ANDREI BERMAN

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MEN'S DIVISION	POINT LEAGUE DIVISION
High Series- 1427 Suite 10 (Jeremy Kim, Kirk Lin, Tae Hyung Kim)	High Series- 1685 Theta Xi (Peter Kruger, Lane Seidman, Nate Figler)
Individual High Series- 508 Joey Faal (Dardick 4 Money)	Individual High Series- 484 Mike Dunn (AEP)
Individual High Game- 172 Rob Winning (Bombers)	Individual High Game- 188 Zach Mandel (Phi Delta Theta)

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By Michael Mepham

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SPORTS

Standout performances from the weekend in sports

Laurel Sagartz

Senior, softball

The senior pitcher threw a gem in the second game of the team's Sunday doubleheader. Sagartz tossed a complete-game three-hitter, upping her record to 9-1 on the year for the 11-5 Lady Bears. Ever-steady in the pitching circle, Sagartz struck out 10 Maryville hitters in the win. The team is just 2-4 when the UAA MVP award winner is not toying the rubber.

UPCOMING GAMES:

Greenville College

Wednesday, March 28, 4 p.m., Greenville, Ill.

Millikin University

Saturday, March 31, 1 p.m., HOME

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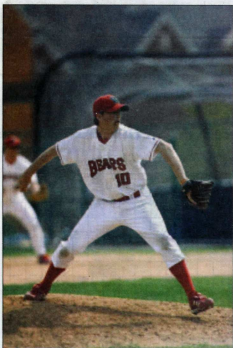
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Brian Williams

Sophomore, baseball

The sophomore hurler moved his record to 5-1 on the season with a tremendous outing Saturday afternoon against Elmhurst College at Kelly Field. Williams tossed a complete game (seven innings), yielding just seven hits and one earned run in the win. The team is now 17-4 after winning both its weekend contests.

UPCOMING GAMES:

Maryville University

Tuesday, March 27, 1 p.m., HOME

MacMurray College

Wednesday, March 28, 1 p.m., Jacksonville,

Knox College (doubleheader)

Sunday, April 1, 12:30 p.m., Galesburg, Ill.

Edgewood College

Monday, April 2, 1:30 p.m., HOME

John Watts

Freshman, tennis

The rookie standout upped his season record to 18-4 with a pair of weekend wins over his foes from Carthage College and Graceland University, respectively. Watts is ranked 10th in the nation among all Division III tennis players. The Bears are also ranked 10th as a team in the national rankings. The team took both matches over the weekend, improving its overall record to 7-3 on the season.

UPCOMING MATCHES:

University of Missouri—St. Louis

Wednesday, April 4, 4 p.m., St. Louis, Mo.

Maryville University

Friday, April 6, 7 p.m., HOME

Wheaton College

Saturday, April 7, 10 a.m., HOME



COURTESY OF MARYVILLE

TRACK AND FIELD

Bears kick off season with win at Mini Meet



COURTESY OF STUDENT LIFE

Track and Field's season kicked off their season on Friday with the WU Mini Meet. The men's team garnered 221 points and the women's team got 154.5 points.

BY UNIAZ KABANI SPORTS REPORTER

The Washington University men's and women's track and field teams opened the outdoor season Friday by winning the team titles at the WU Mini Meet at Busbyhead Track. The men finished the competition with 173.5 points, while the women totaled 224 points.

Sophomore Brent Sensenich and freshman Keith England controlled the field events for the WU men. Sensenich took the shot put title with a throw of 13.26m, while England won the javelin with his 52.30m mark. The men also posted four first-place finishes in the distance events.

On the women's side, senior Delaina Martin and sophomore Aubrey Edwards obtained provisional qualifying marks for the 2007 NCAA Outdoor Championships. Martin helped the Red and Green sweep the shot put event with her first-place finish (12.90m). Edwards posted a 39.57m mark for the hammer throw, a personal-best and good for second in the meet.

Juniors Morgen Leonard-Fleckman (pole vault, 11-0),

Lisa Sudmeier (1,500 meters, 4:49.88), and Tyler Mulkin (3,000 meters, 10:26.02) also won their respective events for the WU women.

The teams also swept the team titles at the 2007 University Athletic Association Indoor Championships in Wallham, Mass., Mar. 3. The men tallied 130 points to finish ahead of second-place Emory (90.5), while the WU women (110) edged the University of Chicago (126.5).

It was the men's third-consecutive league title, and eight in school history. The women extended garnered its ninth league title in school history, and its eighth in succession.

At the 2007 NCCA Indoor Championships in Terra Haute, Ind., March 9, Martin took third-place in the shot put with her throw of 17.14m. Fellow senior Natalie Radowski, the 2007 UAA Indoor 800 Champion, finished 11th at the event with her time of 2:16.84, which was 38 seconds short of the qualifying time for the championship final.

The teams head back onto the track March 29-30 for the Washington University Invitational.

UPCOMING MEETS:

Washington University Invitational

Thursday-Saturday, March 29-31, HOME

WU Select Meet

Friday-Saturday, April 6-7, HOME

WU Quad

Friday, April 13, HOME

UAA Championships

Saturday-Sunday, April 21-22, Atlanta, Ga.

Drake Relays

Friday-Saturday, April 27-28, Des Moines, Iowa

SIU-Edwardsville Twilight

Saturday, April 28, Edwardsville, Ill.

Butler Twilight

Friday, May 4, Indianapolis, Ind.

Dr. Keeler Invitational

Thursday-Friday, May 10-11, Naperville, Ill.

North Central Invitational

Thursday-Friday, May 17-18, Naperville, Ill.

NCAA Championships

Thursday-Saturday, May 24-26, Oshkosh, Wis.