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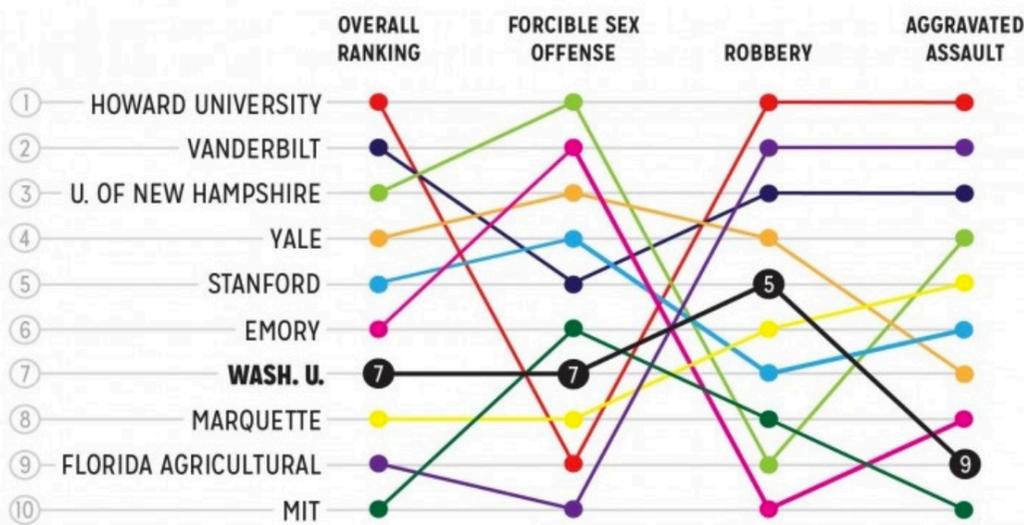
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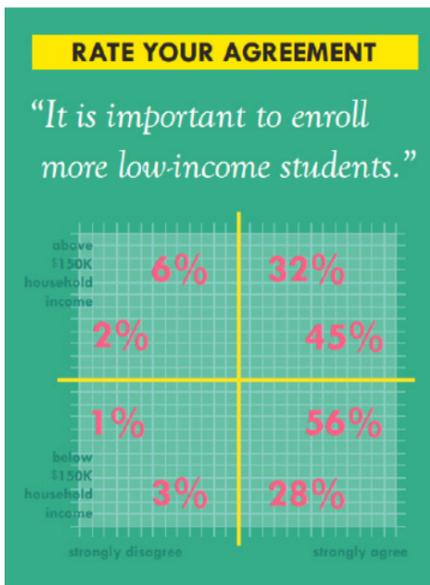
Student Life to Pretend It's Only a Joke Once a Year

Can you guess which of these funny joke graphs are fake, and which appeared in StudLife in the past year? (Answer below)

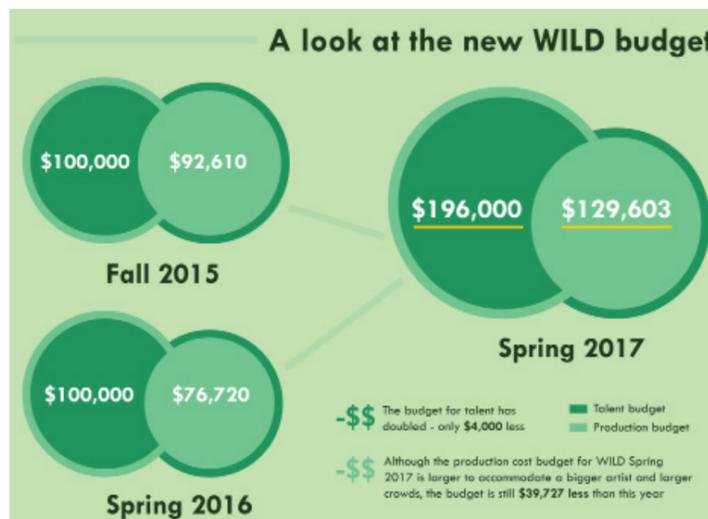
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Answer: Trick question! All of them are real Stud Life graphs! (9/17/15, 10/26/15, 2/22/16)

Student Life, the campus publication recently celebrated as "a good reminder of the importance of recycling," is gearing up to publish its annual "funny issue" in celebration of April Fools' Day. The issue, known as Student Libel, refers to the act of intentional defamation of someone's character, which is apparently funny to some people.

As we speak, the writers are hard at work compiling dozens of mundane observations to dress up as real news articles, misconstruing random non-sequiturs for humor, and generally just failing to connect with reality. Once the individual articles are done, the editors will hastily slap everything together under quite possibly the least funny pun in the

known universe and send it out in time to be strewn all around the campus and promptly ignored. Then, after that's all done, they'll begin working on Student Libel.

"Student Libel is always my favorite issue to write," Zach Steinberg, junior and writer for StudLife admitted in an interview. "It's the one issue that when people pick it up and immediately start laughing, there's a chance they aren't laughing at you."

Student Life's yearly "funny" issue has been a feature for over 20 years, ever since the April 1st, 1995 issue was so embarrassingly bad that students just assumed it was a joke. Since then, the paper's editors have forced the staff to "pretty much do what they normally do,"

according to Cadenza Editor Julia Chen.

"Our writers try so hard to be real journalists but often come up just short," Chen said. "It's just nice to give them a break every once in awhile. Plus, it's just generally easier to make up sources when people don't expect them to be real, you know?"

Some students like Student Libel, while other students don't.

"I have strong feelings about this matter, although I know virtually nothing about it," said John Q. Freshman, "but I'm looking forward to tripping over it on my way to class nonetheless."

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WUPR Exec to Block Lame Duck President's Actions



WUPR's passionate readers (all three pictured here) call for Spielman's appointment.

Citing group president Karen Ludwig's impending graduation, members of the Washington University Political Review executive board announced that they would not approve any of the outgoing leader's actions in the coming months.

"We believe that the WUPR staff should have a say in decisions that affect their future," said Editor Alec Green. "Karen has done a lot for the paper—hell, she increased readership to almost three people—but she no longer represents the will of the staff. We have to think about the

future of our publication."

Though tensions between President Ludwig and the exec board have been simmering for months, the issue was brought to the forefront when the president moved to nominate her successor in early March. The nominee, junior Martin Spielman, is seen by many in the print media community as a fair compromise between Ludwig and the board. Spielman has historically been a moderating voice on the staff, known for getting lots of shit done without making other people do too much shit of their

own. Even so, President Ludwig has faced fierce resistance from WUPR executives.

"I hope that the executive board will move forward with the nomination of Mr. Spielman," said Ludwig at a press conference in the DUC Media Suite. "He always compromises when people want to get veggie pizza for our staff parties, and I'm pretty sure he even read most of the articles in the last issue."

The exec board's actions, though they have riled media traditionalists and Spielman's mom, are not without precedent. Armour staffers notoriously blocked outgoing editor Harry Billings III when he attempted to correct the spelling of the magazine's name shortly before the end of his editorial tenure in 1947. The publication still retains both incorrect spelling and superfluous punctuation in its masthead to commemorate the ensuing political battle.

Spielman has been quiet throughout the process, except to say that he would respect any decision that upholds the WUPR constitution, "even if that constitution is just a Google doc we submitted to SU so we could get funding for an exec retreat."

WUnderground's Guide to Easter

Maybe you heard your religious studies professor mention that Easter is on March 27 this year, but what does this actually mean? Sure we've all heard of Passover, Yom Kippur, and Tish'a B'Av, but what the heck is an Easter? Here at WUnderground, we were just as confused as you, so we decided to call our one Christian friend. He didn't pick up, though.

Historical Background:

Historians are divided on the origins of "Christianity," the religion which celebrates Easter. Some argue that the religion emerged in the 1st Century AD when a group of Jews started following a carpenter named Jesus, who was world renowned for his exceptionally sturdy coffee tables. Others argue that it was founded in the 5th Century by a guy named Chris who enjoyed dressing up in a bunny suit and tried to get others to do so too. Regardless, historians agree that Easter is a celebration of resurrection, either of Jesus after he was killed by the Romans, or Chris' return to the bunny suit after his wife made him stop wearing it for a few months.

How do I celebrate Easter?

Easter is all about Jesus's death and resurrection, which is why most families today chose to celebrate Easter by visiting grandparents, the members of the family that are frailest and closest to death. Families engage in a symbolic "withholding of the food" from their grandparents, which mirrors an ancient practice of saving food for those who were young and virile enough to

actually deserve it. Although in ancient times grandparents would actually be starved to death via withheld food, today families often offer them at least a few scraps.

What's up with the eggs?

One of the most distinctive features of Easter is the hard-boiled egg, also known as the baytsah. The egg serves as both a symbol of renewal and rebirth, as well as a memorial for the second temple, destroyed in 70AD by the Romans. Some also say it acts as a symbol for the Jewish people themselves. Wait, shit. I'm thinking of Passover again. Uh, I guess Easter eggs could represent that Jesus was part reptile, capable of of both live and embryonic virgin birth? I don't know guys, I'm really out of my element here.

Is Easter an important holiday?

Yes, it's arguably the most important in Christianity, although the Pope often updates his "Top 5 Most Important Holiday" list, usually on his YouTube channel, Pontiflix. Protestant Christians, who think the Pope is an asshole, refer to

their own list of most important holidays, scrawled on the inside of a bathroom stall in a Tulsa, Oklahoma middle school. Other important holidays include Christmas and going to Chick-fil-A. What are those, you ask? I don't know buddy, why don't you pick up a book or something. I'm not a fucking encyclopedia.



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Student's Orgo Homework Stolen in Armed Carjacking

Returning to his apartment on the Loop after a late night study session, junior Matt Smith was carjacked at gunpoint last Saturday night. The thief made off with Smith's 2012 Range Rover, iPhone 6S Plus, wallet, and backpack containing his laptop and binder. The total value of stolen goods is estimated to be around \$20,500, plus nearly 35 hours of coursework.

"All I remember was a guy running up to me with a gun demanding my keys," a visibly shaken Smith reported. "But fuck the car, they took my orgo homework that's due tomorrow! That assignment took me hours! Do you know how much this will affect my study time? First that woman at Whispers took forever to make my damn latte, and now my homework is gone!"

Though University City Police have a high rate of success returning stolen goods, the process often takes weeks. Unfortunately for Smith and other victims, chemistry department policy does not permit late assignments. Extensions will only be granted, according to the department handbook, "in cases of geno-

cide, destabilization of the US government, or the death of an immediate family member."

"We'd need, at the very least, a signed note from the carjacker," said Smith's orgo professor, Dr. Venkataraman, "as well as two copies of a guilty plea, a notarized sentencing document, and a recent set of fingerprints."

The Loop typically experiences an uptick in crime when the weather improves. In an email to Lofts residents, WUPD offered some safety tips to prevent similar cases.

"Always keep a remote backup copy of your homework in case of theft," the document read. Other suggestions included copying work from friends, never leaving campus, or making use of backfiles in case of an emergency.

WUPD asked students with any information on the burglar, described by Smith as "five-foot-ten, slender, and a fucking dead man if this affects my med school applications," to send tips to their hotline. Further, if anyone has the answer to number 10, please contact Mark at 541-231-2459.



Police believe the carjacker, shown here on security camera footage, may be in Smith's lab section.

This Weekend's Social Calendar

Wednesday

Tonight's move — Theta Omega presents Cultural Appropriation and Patriarchal Domination

Break out your burqas and your daddy issues! Theta O is taking all you sluts down a trail of beers at their next open party! So bring your amigas and let's get this fiesta pumpin', unless you're too much of a little pussy bitch.

Countermove — Film screening: The Move, The Movie

Thursday

Tonight's move — Drinking games with your floormates

Sarah has cards, but she's missing the ace of clubs and all of the sixes, so that's probably not going to work. You could play Settlers of Catan but both Eric and Kevin won't play unless they can be blue. No one can remember how to play that game with the counting, so you'll settle on Never Have I Ever. Again.

Countermove — I dunno, I think Jeremy said there's something happening on Lien 2?

Friday

Tonight's move — Your TA's 21st birthday at Howl at the Moon

Hey guys! I won a happy hour at Howl at the Moon, so come on down this Friday night and ~*CeLeBrAtE* wItH mE*****~! Free admission before midnight if you can correctly pronounce my name at the door. \$3.25 Domestic drafts all night, \$3.25 Buckets of that blue ice crap. I know there's a Pyramid Productions thing tonight but please please come!

Countermove — Standing on Mudd Field with a grappling hook, smiling at strangers

Saturday

Tonight's move — Experiencing crippling social anxiety five minutes before you're supposed to meet friends, faking sick to get out of your plans, pounding the rest of your roommate's vodka, calling your ex just to hear her outgoing voicemail message, throwing your textbooks out the window, spending three hours looking up your advisor's home address, and falling asleep with your pants off thirty minutes into Fifty First Dates on Netflix

Everybody's doing it!

Countermove — It's not an intervention man, we're just a little bit worried about you.

Point



Oh man, I'm gonna watch some freaky-ass porn tonight

By: Matt Lemon
Occasional Sex-Haver

"Oh yeah baby, my roommate's gone for the weekend and you know what that means! It's just me, 13.5 fluid ounces of Dove Coconut Oil Lotion Specially Formulated for Extra Dry Skin, and the limitless potential of the internet. And tonight, I'm gonna watch some real freaky stuff. None of the usual interracial MILF orgy crap either. We're talking about some really out there, borderline unethical shit. I need octogenarians! Farm animals! Dewey from Malcom in the Middle!

Communists! A woman who looks suspiciously like my mom!

Your standard run-of-the-mill porn doesn't do it for me anymore. I need plot, production values, twist endings, surprise guests! And yeah, full volume baby! My right hand will not rest until I've seen the kind of freaky shit that would make Bob Saget cringe. Onward! To the jerk station!"

Counter-Point



Please don't, I have to monitor your search traffic

By: David Ingersoll
STS Employee

Look, yeah, you can do whatever you want. But let me explain something to you. When you're on WUSTL 2.0, everything you do on the internet goes through my office. Remember that time you logged into the network at the beginning of freshman year? Remember how you used your student account? Yeah, it's all there, tied to your name. I can search your entire browsing history. Which means that every time you look up "sexy ginger quintuplets with big knuckles," I see it. And I see your

ID picture smiling back at me.

Again, that's fine. Personally, I have a thing for bukakke with John Travolta lookalikes on national parkland, but I really don't want to know about your disgusting fetishes. I do it because it's my job, but every time I see you on campus I have to avoid eye contact. Plus I have to print off reports for your advisor, which is even more awkward. So just do it on your phone, okay? You've got 4G for a reason.

WashU PR Encourages Attractive Minority Students to Do Homework Together



This is going to look great on an admissions brochure.

In an effort to take advantage of the beautiful spring blooms across campus, WashU's PR Department is encouraging all attractive minority students to do their homework together, preferably in the vicinity of colorful flora during daylight hours. In a press release, the department called for every study group to contain at least one member of African American, Asian, Hispanic, Indian, and Arab heritage. Further, groups were instructed to frequently smile and laugh as they work.

"The PR Department, you

know, just wants to do its part to increase the campus's diversity," said Communications Director Marvin Swanson. "If, hypothetically, we took the occasional photo of a diverse study group, maybe photo-shopped it just a touch, and put the finished product in an admission brochure, what would be so wrong with that?"

To incentivize these diversity efforts, the PR Department is strategically placing boxes of free pizza in the vicinity of newly budding trees and flowers labeled "For attractive minorities only. Don't look at

the cameras. Just only look at each other, or into space. But whatever you do, look like normal college kids who came together organically"

"College kids love free pizza," said Swanson. "It's just another way for us to create a welcoming atmosphere like we always do at WashU. Except this time, it's welcoming for minorities! Only attractive ones, though."

As the recent announcement has received unanimous praise from attractive minority students, critics certainly remain among the rest of the student body.

"Minorities have it so good nowadays," said white student James McCarron. "They get affirmative action, a black president, the ability to read the "secret menu" at Chinese restaurants, and now this?!?! I'd trade my virtually invincible legal status for free pizza any day!"

At press time, photographers were seen waiting for an attractive Native American-looking student to join a study group sharing a pizza under some cherry blossoms.

Last Kid at Karate Still Waiting for Stepdad

Alternately gazing out at the parking lot and admiring his newly-acquired yellow belt, area eight-year-old Kevin O'Brien is the last kid from his Tiger Schulmann Karate class waiting to be picked up, according to reports.

"Yeah, my stepdad should be on his on his way," reassured O'Brien. "Dennis is usually late, but it's okay because my mom put some fruit snacks in my backpack"

O'Brien's stepfather, Dennis Harrison, is reportedly on the freeway after departing from

his office at a local pharmaceutical distributor. Harrison blames his tardiness on excessive traffic but "should be there within the next ten minutes."

"I'll get there when I get there," said Harrison. "But he'll be okay, his mom put some fruit snacks in his backpack."

At press time, O'Brien realized that he had already already eaten his last packet of fruit snacks while waiting for to be picked up from swim lessons on Tuesday.



Tiger Schulmann can teach him how to stop an attacker, but not how to make his real dad come home.

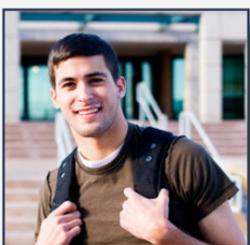
Top 10...

Things remaining on our senior year bucket list:

10. Finally finishing *The Other Wes Moore*
9. Telling people we climbed Brookings
8. Missing WILD because we're drunk, not because we just didn't want to walk
7. Being named Campus Cutie by renowned publication Her Campus
6. Meeting a Jew
5. Flossing
4. Finding out what the S in Mark S. Wrighton stands for
3. Going to a Rams game
2. Forcing the school to give us 1.4 million dollars so we have a place to stay after graduation
1. Finding out whether these four-year-old condoms still work

What Do You Think?

The class of 2020 just received their WashU acceptance letters. They're projected to be the largest class in school history. WDYT?



Mike Lang

Valedictorian, or some shit

I'm so excited to be going to Wash U in the fall. Here are 20 fun facts about me! 1. I've been an on-and-off vegetarian for two months and I love it! 2. My favorite original Pokemon is Mr. Mime ...



Elena Bergerson

Scarsdale High School

I'm a little worried about not knowing anyone at a school so far away! Did anyone else here go to Camp Tevya? Or Temple Emanuel? Or USY on Wheels West '12 Bus 202?



Bobby Wrighton

SAT 1680

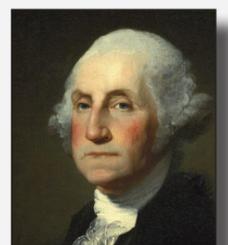
Does anybody want to be roommates? My uncle lives nearby and has a bowling alley in his basement we can use!



Sarah Kennedy

Future anthro major

Is anyone here pre-med? I want to be an anesthesiologist, or maybe an orthopedic surgeon! I'm double majoring in PNP and BME, with a minor in EECE! Anyone else doing the same?



George Washington

Freedom University Class of 1776

The best thing about freshmen is that they stay the same age, and since I'm dead I do too! See you around campus, ladies.