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Decade in Review: A WUnderground Recap of the 2010s

Ah, the 2010s; a decade of contrasts. The decade after the 2000s, but also the decade before the 2020s.

It's astonishing how quickly time has flown by. It feels like a mere 9.9166 years ago that we were ushering in 2010, and within the snap of the finger and approximately 10 years, the decade is coming to a close and it's already time to welcome 2020.

Seriously, I'm freaking out. Time has zoomed right past my unsuspecting ass at a blistering rate of 24 hours per day - before you know it, another 10 years will go by and it'll be time for us to usher in the 2030s. Almost makes you wish you knew how to read a clock, or count.



2010 Happened

Holy fuck. Can you believe it?



2012 Happened

2012...wait, is this real? That really happened this decade?! Uncanny.



2014 Happened

The fifth year. The halfway mark. The "hump year," if you will. Some will try and tell you that this happened just five years ago...no fucking way, I say to those lunatics. Not a goddamn chance



2016 Happened

Okay, I know what I just said about suspending my disbelief, but no freaking way. 2016 was absolutely a part of this decade, no doubt, and yet...when I think about it...it just astonishes me.



2018 Happened

Man. The breathless sensation of knowing that this was the penultimate year...2018 truly was a wild, unique, and special time, in that it started roughly 730 days ago and ended a little under 365 days ago. You really can't say that about any other year.



2020?...



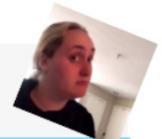
2011 Happened

Riveting. Of all the years in the decade...2011 was, for sure, the second one.



2013 Happened

The Times Square ball was one of many balls that dropped this year (shout out puberty!); more importantly, this marked both the beginning and the ending of one of the years in this magnificent and troubled decade.



2015 Happened

A lot of unbelievable shit went down this decade, but if you were to tell me that 2015 happened four years ago and was the sixth year of the decade...well, I'd be inclined to believe you. I'm suspending my disbelief at this point, folks.



2017 Happened

2017, if I'm being honest, doesn't feel all that long ago...I think to myself, "what was I doing roughly 36 months ago?" and, well, entering the year of 2017 sounds about on par for the course. And yet, 1,080 days later, here we are - the end of 2019, and therefore, the decade.



2019 Happened

This is it. The big kahuna. The MacGuffin. The end-all, be all; the last year of the decade. A time to bid adieu to the last 5,256,000 minutes and lick your chops in anticipation of the next decade. It's truly a spectacle to behold.

In summary the 2010s were, without a doubt, one of the great decades we've ever experienced in our history. It's got everything you look for in a decade - a start, an end, and exactly 10 years in between. What more could you possibly ask for?

Erotic Hummus Haikus

you sustain my life	the height of the Greeks	my pretzel dives
oh, beautiful tahini	lemon zest in all my holes	into the sea of hummus
garbonzo bean sex	fuck democracy	a martyr, a death

chickpeas, god, chickpeas
chickpeas chickpeas chickpeas god
legume orgasm

*i have been informed hummus is not greek. :(



Dissolving Freshman Friend Group Frets as Secret Santa Exchange Looms Near



As winter break approaches, a dissolving freshman friend group has become increasingly worried about how they should go about the Secret Santa exchange they had planned months prior.

They had planned it one September afternoon post-apple picking while wearing vests, but as their friendships are fizzling out, the question of whether the exchange will happen remains unknown.

Things began to cool off for the group shortly following Halloween weekend (number two), when the girls had each ordered \$186 Juicy tracksuits to dress as the Cheetah Girls for one night. Tensions had

been brewing for a couple of weeks, though, as they have slowly realized they have nothing in common except for all living in Lien and a shared affinity for Cauliflower Gnocchi from Trader Joe's.

"It turns out a lot of other people here are willing to have conversations about Cauliflower Gnocchi. Like, a lot of other people," says former group member Lauren Greenspan.

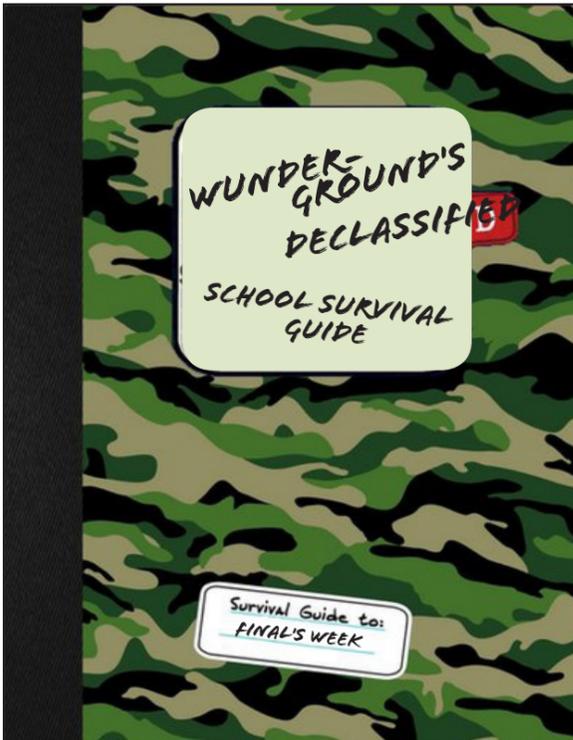
To add insult to injury, this revelation came shortly after Lauren saw a snap story of her former BFF Eliza dancing with the Koenig-2 girls at Avalanche. This is in the wake of Eliza previously stating that she was "super tired" and "could be down to just watch a movie."

"It's honestly fine with me, though. I have my priorities straight and don't need to go out every night to have fun," says Lauren, a girl who is so sexually frustrated she's on the brink of implosion. When asked, Lauren said she spent the rest of

the night going through other snap stories on her phone, the majority of which were just people from different schools jumping up and down while Body by Loud Luxury played in the background.

Now, Lauren must grapple with whether or not she should buy Eliza a Secret Santa gift. To play it safe, she is considering gifting her either a Wash U shot glass that she already owns or candy from Paws-n-Go, although Eliza can't eat most candy because of her allergy to bees. Lauren explained to WUnderground Staff that the two are currently in a weird limbo stage, where they still Snapchat textless pictures of their faces to each other literally every day, but haven't spoken in person in over a week.

WUnderground also reached out to other group member Daria Rosenblum for further comment, who was found oblivious to the conflict and told us she got Lauren "a nice dream about her."



Make Use of Reading Week

Unlike your dipshit high school friends at Columbia, WashU is kind enough to give its students a full two days off to prepare for finals. The key to finals success is taking advantage of this precious time. However, studies show that balancing work with relaxation is never a bad thing, so using this time to go on a party bus or two wouldn't hurt. Also, have you seen The West Wing? Oh, dude, it's so good, and it's only like 9 seasons. Aaron Sorkin is a genius. Oh Jesus it's Wednesday???. Fuck fuck fuck fuck ok ok stay calm this is still salvagable

Break Up Your Workload

So Reading Week might have been a wash, but that's in the past, and you—you're a futurist. To keep a level head, try breaking your work up into manageable chunks. Study for one final on Wednesday, leaving enough time in the afternoon to start a West Wing message board. Then, on Thursday, study for your remaining four finals. You're almost there!

Stay Calm

Jesus fucking christ, just drop out. It's over man. Vocational schools are a better bargain anyway. You don't even need to tell your parents. Just pack up your shit and walk West until you hit the goddamn sea.

Scream Desperately, Soundlessly Into the Void

AHHHHHHHHHH!!!! Oh, wow, that really helped. Definitely do this one. Mental note. Back on track.

Stay Calm

Okay. You're fine. Yes. It's okay and you're fine. Just stay calm and stick to the original strategy.

Work Smarter, Not Harder

Remember, sometimes the most effective way to get stuff done is also the most efficient. Remember how Rob Lowe's character on The West Wing, Deputy Director of Communications Sam Seaborn, kind of seemed like a total fuckup at first, but actually turned out to be pretty competent at his job, even though he was putting in less hours than the rest of the staff and Jesus Fucking Christ it's Saturday already.

Fuck.

Fuck.

Hit Up Your Friend with ADHD and Questionable Morals

A lot of people tend to look down on the use of "study drugs," but the fact of the matter is, half the campus is using them and you've gotta stay competitive if you want that sweet, sweet curve. With a controlled dose of adderall, you can keep your mind sharp and focused. And according to this encyclopedia I've been reading in the B Stacks for 3 hours, Adderall is a combination medication containing four salts of amphetamine and is used in the treatment of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and narcolepsy it is also used as an athletic performance enhancer and cognitive enhancer, and recreationally as an aphrodisiac and euphoriant and is a central nervous system (CNS) stimulant of the phenethylamine class. By salt content, the active ingredients are 25% levoamphetamine salts (the levorotatory or 'left-handed' enantiomer) and 75% dextroamphetamine salts (the dextrorotatory or 'right-handed' enan-

tiomer). Adderall is generally well-tolerated and effective in treating...

STUDY STUDY STUDY

Let's go let's go let's GO!!!! You've got 3 exams tomorrow, and it's fucking CRUNCH TIME. You've got your friend's indecipherable macro notes, half of one personal study guide, and the whole internet at your disposal. There is no time for bathroom breaks or food. AAAHHHH!!!! You are pulling a pure all-nighter, a pure all-nighter, a pure all-nighter. That adderall is really something SPECIAL. Fuck!! Okay. Time to shine. An exchange rate is the value of a country's currency vs. that of another country. BOOM!! Look at all that studying you're doing. You're a fucking white knight, a modern-day Hercules, a Kevin Bacon in Footloose. Allow yourself two five-minute crying breaks and push through until dawn.

Take the Test

Always guess 'B' on the ones you don't know. Unless there are too many 'B's'. Then guess 'C'.

Protect Your Reputation by Telling Everyone You Barely Even Studied

It's perfect. That way if you get a good grade, people will think you're a genius, and if you get a bad grade, no one will judge you. Never mind the fact that you easily could have studied more, and you are a complete jackass for not doing so. As long as your friends think you're a laid-back dude who doesn't take school too seriously, this whole episode was a win.

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OVERLORDS

Max Lichtenstein
Joe Biden Impersonator

Mikki Janower
Bernie Sanders Impersonator

Rohit Kumar
Kamila Harris Impersonator

Henry Wineburgh
Actually Elizabeth Warren

MIDDLELORDS

Collin Wettach

UNDERLORDS

Rahul Oza

Max Woods

Arjun Puri

Jack Killeen

Alex Levy

Carlie Darefsky

Kirsten Holland

Nicholas LaMorte

Samson Seley

Lila Puziss

Hannah Anderson

Jon Niewjik

Katie Liguori

Abbey Rose

Ako Sarfo

Carina Greenberg

Isabelle Roig

Jonah Brody

Michelle Eisenberg

Will LeVan

Wyatt Pelton

Lydia Nickels

Kamy Chong

Julia Birnbach

Josh Keller

Jonathan Cher

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blue hair

Zoe Cooke

more blue hair

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Chancellor Martin Announces Gateway Arch 2 As Next Campus Project



Just in time for his first Christmas as Chancellor, Andrew Martin announced last week his new gift to the WashU community: a daring vision for a 1:3 model of the St. Louis Arch, which will begin construction on campus this spring. When asked about the motivation behind

the decision, Chancellor Martin explained, “When I first visited this campus with my family, my daughter asked me, “Oh Father Chancellor, where art thou Arch? Mine own eyes cannot perceive it.” That question really got me thinking, and from it has grown the future I see for this

university.

“WashU’s mission is to support the learning and growth of its students,” continued Martin, “and I somehow convinced the board of trustees that this will help achieve that goal. Now students will have the opportunity to see their very own arch every day while hazardously riding around on those vile Birds or walking back from BD after obliterating their second half-and-half of the day. I’m excited to see how it stimulates our students, invigorates our alumni, and entices potential students with feelings of manifest destiny. But most of all, I’m super-duper excited to see my new arch from my office chair. It’s gonna be, like, really cool. I know my Mimi would be so proud.”

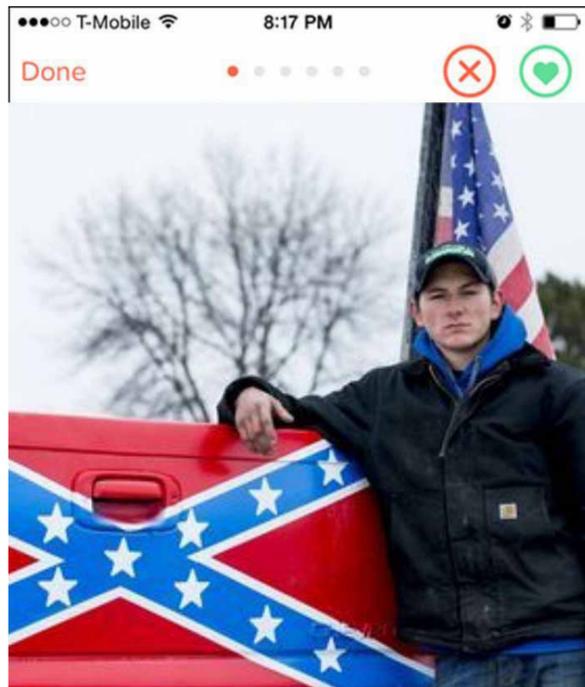
Fortunately for Martin, the WashU Parent Facebook page has expressed nothing but support. Robert Collins, father of current sophomore Kirsten Collins, wrote, “It’s absolutely spectacular. Every time we visit campus, we spend half the day wandering around trying to

get a glimpse of the arch, all to no avail. This is a fine institution, but I’ve always felt like it’s been missing something. This is just it.”

Angie Daniels, mother of senior Ryan “Jack” Daniels, posted, “The new East End buildings are nice and the underground parking lot is cool I guess, if you’re into that kind of thing, but it’s just a fucking parking lot. I’m glad they’re finally getting around to investing in a project that will distinguish this campus.”

The proposed location of the new Arch is still unknown, but rumored options include Fontbonne, Chancellor Martin’s backyard, the entirety of University City, or over the Overpass, creating an overpass/underpass inception situation that will confuse the fuck out of everyone. Unfortunately, the project will not be completed until next fall. In the meantime, students can sleep peacefully to the sounds of cranes late into the night and large spikes in tuition to help fund and expedite the construction of Chancellor’s Martin everlasting middle finger to Wrighton.

Confederate Flag Really Tied Tinder Profile Together



He’s at a football game with his arms slung awkwardly across his boys’ backs. Who is the real man behind those shades?

Dixie Quicks, on her first encounter with Garth: I remember where I first saw him, grinning brightly before thirteen brilliant stars; that glorious love song in red, white, and blue. He stood proudly before its billowing profile, fat-lipped and clearly commando. That was a man I would follow to the deep end of the gooiest swamp. I would’ve sucked the goddamn mud off him.

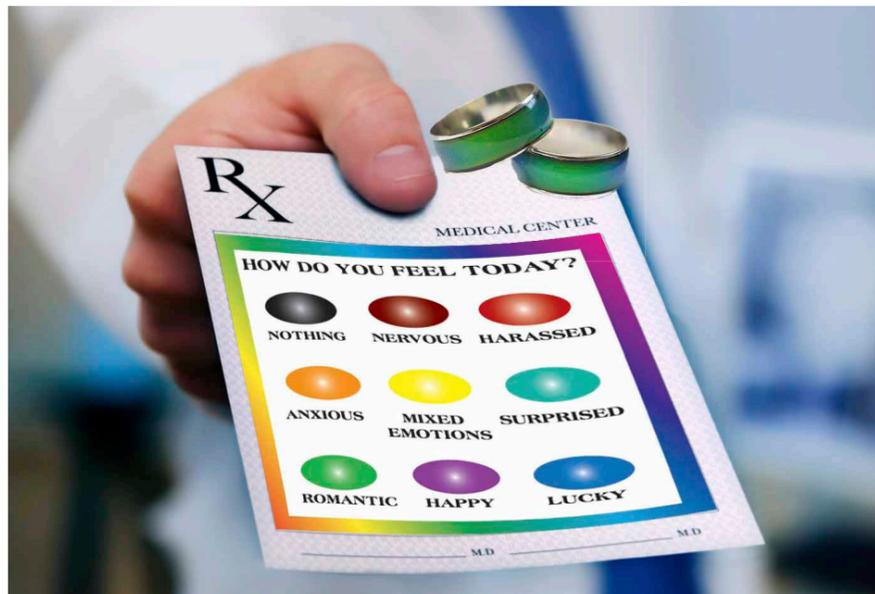
In my mind’s eye, I saw us building a life together: frying hand-caught crayfish by the bayou, sharing an intimate spoonful of mayonnaise, and making love to the cresting symphony of a 21-gun salute.

Garth Fletcher was taking dating apps by storm; he was the most-swiped man his town had ever seen. But after changing his profile, nothing was the same. WUnderground spoke with local women about the man who had once driven them crazy.

Bailey Banks, on Garth’s flagless profile: I’ve seen him before, that much I know. The sight of his Oakleys summons a memory of forgotten longing. I know I swiped right before, but my desire went unanswered. But now...I don’t remember why I felt what I felt. Something’s missing. His identity is scattered among his pictures. He’s a fisherman with cargo shorts that display his strong Provider Calves. He’s tending a charcoal grill laden with Niman Ranch all-beef hot dogs (™) that he clearly didn’t kill himself.

Harley Glory, on falling in and out of love: I wanted him to hold me and smile, as if I were the fish in his profile picture. I wanted him to love me as he would a cousin or an aunt. I’d have made his South rise again. He seemed a chivalrous man, who would defend me as if I were the premise that the War of Northern Aggression was fought over States’ Rights. But alas. He has faded back into the crowd, a stranger among strangers, a face in a sea of entrepreneurs, dog lovers, and die-hard fans of The Office. Why someone would choose to castrate their identity in such a manner, I know not. If he brought me a fish today, I would turn away. If I ever see him with that flag again, though, I am his. Tinder Boy, you’ve got to secede if you want to do the deed.

Habif Health Center to Replace Therapy with Prescribed Mood Rings



Citing a shortage of trained psychologists and psychiatrists, Student Health Services has announced they will now prescribe Mood Rings for students in place of therapy. This revolutionary new technology should reduce the need for psychological care, according to SHS.

“I think this new method will simplify a lot of the paperwork for me. Students can really just be in and out, grab their mood rings and be on their way. And I don’t have to deal with insurance at all, which is nice, because mood rings aren’t covered for some reason,” cites Habif front desk employee Brenda Wallace, sporting a mood ring of her own.

Dr. Lauren Martin, SHS psychiatrist, has also expressed her support for the mood rings, explaining the science behind them in treating mental illness.

“I’ve been pushing for mood rings for a long time. I really think this will simplify care for students. You see, they are easy to use to manage emotions. If a student’s ring is dark blue, that means they are sad, which is bad. If the ring is

yellow, the student is happy, and that is good,” Dr. Martin states, glancing at a crumpled sheet of paper in her pocket entitled MOOD RING COLOR KEY. Treatment is simple: students are encouraged to keep the ring yellow. Dr. Martin declined to comment when asked what further care would be upon a ring diagnosis of dark blue.

Sophomore Mark Fineman, one of the first students prescribed a mood ring by Habif, comments, “My ring’s just been red lately, which means... romance and love?” trying to read smudged expo marker off the palm of his hand. “Yeah, that definitely doesn’t add up. I’ve struck out since my welcome week hook-up ghosted me,” said Mark, tossing his ring in a nearby waste bin.

Students can register to receive their diagnostic mood rings from SHS starting December 1st, with the guarantee that the rings will be delivered by late March. If the program goes as planned, Habif hopes to begin prescribing supplementary chakra-aligning crystals in place of antidepressants in the future.

Sky Mall

Remember the days when your mother so epically flew food into your mouth with a fork, airplane-style? Have you ever wondered how to incorporate this sense of whimsy and child-like wonder into your adult life while still maintaining your dignity and manhood? Look no further. Skymall has partnered with NASA's Aerospace Development team to bring to you a hyper realistic airplane-fork based on Boeing's 747 Supertanker commercial jet airliner. The food-transportation device will be modeled to exactly mirror the design of the 747 plane. Features will include a double-deck configuration, first-class lounge, and a high cruising speed of however fast you can move food from the plate to your mouth while saying, "Here comes Mr. Plane!"

BOEING 747 AIR-PLANE FORK
(FOR ADULTS)

NASA's chief of product branding, Brett Williams, states that the fork "makes nyoom noises while you move food to your mouth so that you no longer have to." This convenient feature is projected to be a game-changer in the field of realistic fork food-vehicles for grown-ups. Williams emphasizes that this product "is strictly for adults. Under no circumstances should the 747 Fork be used for anyone under the age of 18, as its unmatched complexity and technology would be wasted on children's feeble minds. To reiterate, this is an ADULT device."

The product is set to hit stores in December. Coming soon: the limited 737 Max spoon that nosedives straight to your crotch, spilling hot soup all over your pants to the sound of a realistic fiery explosion. And stay on the look-out for NASA's next product in development now: the Blue Angel's Steakknife, complete with its own fully-automated performative stunts.

TOP 10...

Writing 1 Final Paper Topics

10. Why the Wolf of Wall Street Is All about How Totally Sick Wall Street Is
9. A Consideration of the Ethics of Stealing from Paws & Go
8. Inspired by John Oliver: A Study of Where WashU Paper Topics Come From
7. Surely No One Has Ever Done This Before: A Quirkily Academic Deep Dive into Kanye's Discography
6. More College Students than Ever Are Buying into Abstinence for There Must Be Some Reason I'm Not Getting Laid Bro
5. Christmas in July: How the Over-saturation of Holiday Media is Destroying Time Itself
4. My Favorite Band's Lyrics Totally Misinterpreted: A Study in How Dumb I Am
3. An Ethnographic Study on the Effects of Adderall Except the Only Subject Is Me
2. I Polled People in Mississippi about a 2 State Solution. Here's What They Thought I Was Talking About:
1. An Exploration of Why You'll Probably Switch to Olin After Sophomore Fall

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

In an awkward and now viral moment during a campaign rally, Joe Biden nibbled on his wife's finger. What do you think?



TUCKER CARLSON
FOX News Reporter

"This is an attack not only on fingers, but on American values."



CHRIS MATTHEWS
MSNBC Reporter

"How would I describe the Biden Finger Nibble, in a word? Heroic."



THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG
Very Much Still Oppressed and Brutalized

"Very good call making this the focus of the current news cycle."



BIDEN
Not all there

"Fingers...lie at the heart of why military families need to be protected...and we can't lose sight of what the Democratic Party stands for...when I was a boy, you could see a movie for a nickel. I'm sorry, what was the question?"



GEORGE WASHINGTON
Top 5 horniest President of all time

"Martha? I need you in here...for democracy's sake."