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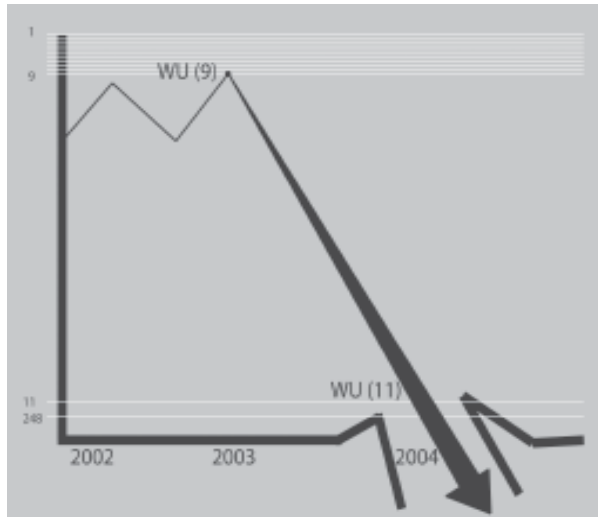
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Free (or best offer)

WU plummets into bottom 238 schools

University no longer worth attending

Washington University has fallen from the top ten into the bottom 238 national colleges and universities in the nation according to the U.S. News & World Report's ranking of 248 colleges released earlier this month. The university, which as of last year was one of the best places in America to get an education, is now among the nation's least prestigious schools.



Research funding from outside sources has decreased sharply as grant agencies and corporations no longer see any reason to invest in WU.

Many members of the WU community are simply leaving. The number of transfer requests from students and resignations from professors has increased steadily since the publishing of the rankings on August 30th.

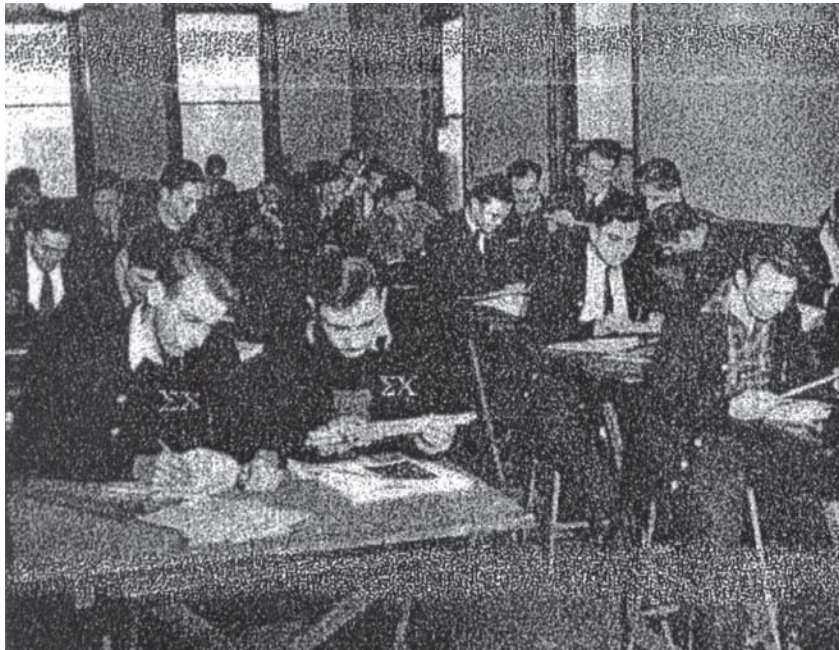
The news has already shaken the campus and caused significant damage to WU's public image. Students have expressed disbelief and anger that they are no longer attending a good university. Professors and

administrators have gone on record saying that they are disappointed that their careers are now tied to a mediocre academic institution.

"Screw this [expletive] hole," said Anthropology Professor Erick Trinkhaus. "I don't want to be a part of a bottom 238 school."

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Sigma Chi accidentally releases video tapes of members being normal



Frame from video clearly catches members of Sigma Chi in the act of studying.

none of them are drinking alcohol. Some tapes show brothers interacting with other members of the campus community in a polite, friendly manner.

The Greek Life Office, which is already investigating Sigma Chi for the incidents of last semester, has said that it plans to broaden its investigation to include these new videos. Director Karin Johnes said that the behavior depicted in the tapes is "tasteful" and "appropriate." "This is *not* the way our fraternities should be represented. We hope that these tapes do not represent a pattern," said Johnes.

Chapter president Justin Thompson wrote in a letter to the WUUnderground that the behavior of his brothers was "unfortunate" and that he is "deeply troubled by the image of his fraternity that these videos portray." Later in the letter, he wrote, "People need to remember that we're the guys that drink goldfish with beer at our parties and go shot for shot three nights a week; these videos really give the wrong impression of us. The things we did on those tapes are not typical."

Nearly four months after Student Life acquired videotapes of Sigma Chi members engaging in a variety of raucous activities, including throwing empty beer cans at each other and dunking their heads in ice water before drinking alcohol, a set of very different tapes of Sigma Chi members was uncovered by the WUUnderground yesterday. These

new tapes include footage of brothers "being regular people" according to Director of Greek Life Karin Johnes, who was given a copy of the tapes.

The tapes show brothers attending class, cleaning their rooms, and calling their parents. In every tape, it appears that the members being recorded are sober, and

WU upperclassman in love, willing to say anything for local freshman

In a statement described as "shocking" by his friends and classmates, Junior Jeremy Simmons announced today that after two years of womanizing and "keeping his options open" at Washington University, he was finally "willing to claim to be throwing in the towel."

The reason for this bold statement: Samantha Burton, a WU

Freshman on Danforth 2. Upon meeting her at a frat party on Saturday, Simmons said it was love at first sight, elaborating that he wouldn't rule out saying that she was "the one."

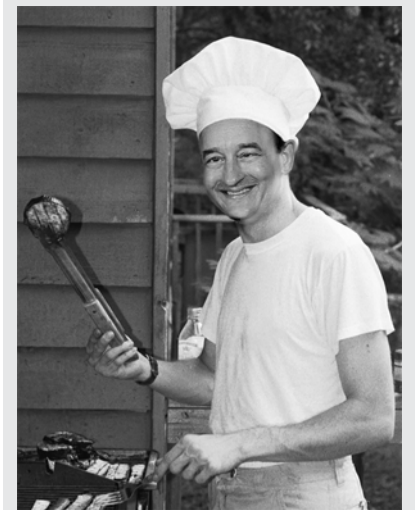
"I don't mind telling you that I've met my share of gullible freshmen with low tolerances for alcohol," said Simmons, "but none like Samantha. I'd say *anything* for

her."

For Simmons, most freshmen are fairly easy to win over. "I'd just tell them about how between my [nonexistent] band's gigs, I spent my summer catching some waves at home in California," explained the native Missourian. "I'd also tell them about my double major in Pre-Med and Architecture and maybe promise to show them

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around the city when my workload eases up a bit," said Simmons, who has yet to declare a major but is leaning towards psychology. "But I want to change all that for Samantha. She isn't like the rest of them. She's just so...perfect. She's like the sun, except without the burning and all the gas. I'll say anything to be with her; I'll claim to be a *triple*-major for her!"

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Architecture school offers class about “bad architecture” of the S40



University Hall, one of the many eyesores featured in the semester-long course.

Architecture has added several new “people friendly” courses to their curriculum. Perhaps the most compelling of these is the class entitled “Learning Through (Bad) Example: Architecture of the South 40,” which is designed to show students how

Lorberbaum “Learning Through Example” is a four-month architectural analysis of the South 40 dormitories on many criteria, ranging from aesthetics to structure to social implications.

“This course is designed for anyone who has ever wondered why it hurts your eyes to stare directly at University Hall, why you can hear your Danforth neighbor four rooms down having sex when both of your doors are closed, or what about the new dorms’ designs discourages social interaction between residents,” explained Lorberbaum.

“I think the students and I share in the excitement about this class,” she continued. “I only hope the curriculum fits into one semester. Heck, we could talk about

the terrible aesthetics of these buildings alone for four months.”

To compliment the class, the School of Architecture has also announced that it plans to host a series of lectures on the topic of “Crappy Architecture Around WU”. Some lectures include: “When Modernism Attacks: A Study of [main campus’s] Elliot Hall” by Dean Cynthia Weese and “People Who Like the Neo-Gothic Shit on Main Campus Aren’t Your Friends” by world-renowned architect I.M. Pei. The lectures will be free to the public, and a complete lecture schedule will be available at the WU School of Architecture’s website later in the month.

As part of an effort to counter the stereotype of architecture as being abstract and impersonal, the Washington University School of

architecture can negatively effect their everyday lives.

Taught by professor Gay

Upperclassman in love

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The changes in Simmons attitude have not gone unnoticed by his friends. “Jeremy keeps jotting down ideas in his journal of things he’s going to tell Samantha next time he sees her. He’ll periodically bounce them off me or Mike to see if they’re believable enough,” said Doug Henderson, Simmons’ roommate. “Sometimes he goes a little too far and we’ll tell him ‘Come on Jer, no freshman is worth *that*,’ and he’ll just snap at us and say, ‘You just don’t know her! No lie is too good for her!’” Doug added. “It’s kind of sad, really. Talk about whipped.”

Simmons openly admitted that while his friends consider some of the things he says in the name of Samantha Burton to be “going a bit too far” or “downright crazy,” Simmons stands firmly by his statements. “When I said I’d say anything for her, I meant it,” Simmons declared. “I’d tell her she’s the only one for me, and damn it, I’d say it believably.”

Simmons also said that even the truth was not necessarily beyond what he was willing to say. “When I leave in the morning and tell a girl I’ll call her after class, it’s usually just a formality,” said Simmons. “But with Samantha, I’d strongly consider it.”

Though there is no telling so far whether Burton has similar feelings for him, Simmons said he won’t rest until she is his. “Love is an unstoppable force,” he said. “I mean, I’d jump out of a plane for her...you know, in like a non-literal sense.”

IM away message incredibly witty

The AOL IM Away Message of Sam Henderson’s screen name “SigNu4Lizzife” was incredibly witty at 5:43 PM on Tuesday sources reported.

“I spent all afternoon coming up with that shit.... but it was worth it,” commented Henderson. “I spent most of the day reading other people’s away messages. These other bitches got nothing on me. ‘Gone to class?’ ‘Studying?’ What a bunch of jackasses. My away messages are line for line more entertaining and philosophical than anyone else’s, period.”

The interview was interrupted briefly when Sam’s friend entered the room letting him know he missed two midterms that day.

“Whatever man,” stated Henderson. “Class is gay. I’ve got more important things to prepare for.”

Henderson alluded to the IM Away Message National Championships in Branson, MO this coming

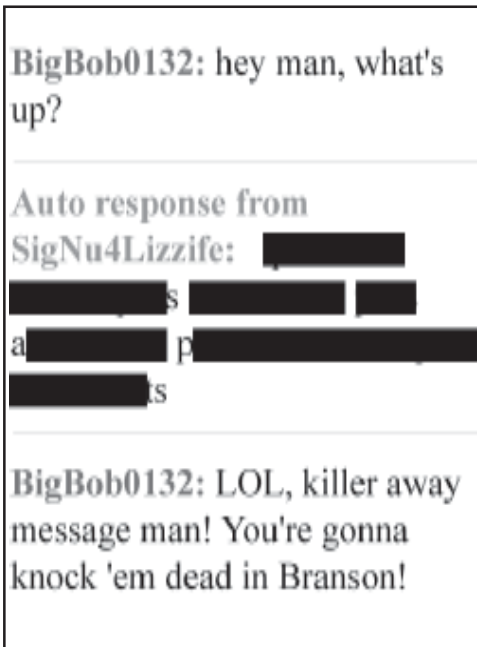
Spring. An intense battleground, the Championships square off different IM users in tournament-style away message battling.

“I’m the best at Wash U, hands down, but I have to prove myself on a national level,” said

Henderson. “I’ve got so much new material ready to go. I’ll just be walking around campus and some perfect away message material will just pop in my head. It’s like... I have a gift or some shit.”

“It was so deep,” said Ben Friedman, a

friend of Sam’s. “Like, man, it was funny and yet so truthful. ‘Dance like no one is watching.’... Man, I’ll be pulling for Sam in Branson.”



Actual away message content removed for creator’s protection

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News in Brief:

Ice Not Broken

Umrath Residents Hall, Floor 2
A shocking discovery was announced shortly after a well-planned get-to-know-you activity by freshman RA's Kristin Hughes and Taylor Henderson: the ice was not broken.

"The game involves eating M&M candies and answering different questions corresponding to the colors of the M&Ms, such as 'who is your hero?', 'what is your proudest moment?', etc," said Anderson, "Normally this activity really gets people to open up to each other, and we see a whole different side of them...not this time."

After the game the students were observed for signs of increased openness and comfort with each other but were not found to show any improvements.

"That was lame, they didn't even have blue M&M's. Maybe the point was to appreciate the blue

ones or something," remarked one resident. "Who the hell is that guy? Is he on my floor?" said another.

Freshmen Still Looking for Turnaround in Loop

Despite being on campus almost a full week, disoriented freshmen Kate Green is still unaware that "the Loop" is not circular.

"I think the road eventually bends back on itself; maybe right up there past the Metrolink station," said Green while walking east past Church's Chicken. "If not, I'll keep walking until I find it."

Green also mentioned that she expects the green area in the middle of the South 40 to become marshy and wet this winter.

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Internet Gets the Ax!

In what has been hailed by WU administrators as a triumph in "anti-sharing legislation", WU officials announced today that the Internet would be shut down permanently campus-wide.

"The Internet," one WU official explained, "is a smorgasbord of information, images, and files, many of which are illegally shared despite copyright laws. It is Washington University's responsibility to comply with laws that protect copyrighted materials" He also added, "Oh yeah, porn. There's that, too."

Much of the controversy surrounding the Internet arose shortly after an article appeared in a local St. Louis newspaper, which cast the World Wide Web in a particularly negative light. The article explained that the Internet has made it infinitely easier to illegally share copyrighted information on a global level. The article also included testimonials by internet-ban supporters, most of whom were in the author's immediate family. "It just pains me to see all the free publicity that little guys are getting at the expense of big name record

companies and capitalist juggernauts due to file-sharing," remarked the author's sister.

The author quickly became the subjects of contempt among many students opposed to the Internet ban and was moved to an undisclosed location for his own protection. "It's just sick that this individual is being blamed for WU's crackdown on the Internet," said one WU official. He explained

"It pains me to see all the free publicity that little guys are getting at the expense of big name record companies and capitalist juggernauts"

that ResTech had been aware of the Internet for several months. "It is merely coincidence that though we have been aware of it for so long, we decided to crack down merely hours after a local article was released that cast the

Internet in a negative light, outlined all of its infractions, and suggested a drastic yet plausible solution that we just happened to implement ourselves," he stated.

While many students held protests against the Internet ban and have pledged to fight it, ResTech has made it clear that they will go to great lengths to enforce the ban. One measure taken, they announced, is the monitoring of all right-mouse button activity. Those making excessive right-clicks (indicative of file-downloading) will be subjected to "polite-yet-stern letters requesting their immediate termination of such illegal activity."

"Sharing has gone on too long," remarked one official. "And though this is certainly a step in the right direction, there are still other ways for students to share. I dream of a world where all students are completely isolated from each other; there will be no contact or sharing between students whatsoever. The new legislation brings this dream one step closer to reality."

Rest in Peace, DC++

WU Drops in Rank

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Trinkhaus added that he was considering offers from universities with less tarnished records, such as SLU or ITT Tech.

Chancellor Wrighton has been notably silent concerning the university's fall from grace. His only communication with the WU community was an August 30th e-mail to all students, faculty, and staff, in which he wrote, "Today, you will receive the painful news that our university is no longer a good place to learn and study. For those of you that have invested time into building this place, I am deeply sorry. You will most likely see the fruits of your efforts crumble as we all fall further from grace. May god help us all."

In this years rankings, WU was placed eleventh, one spot lower than last year and tied with Northwestern University.

OPINIONS

Point Counter-point: Computer games are for losers



Harold Collins

how these stupid freshman can spend so much time in front of their computers. I mean, this is college; this is supposed to be the time of our lives. College is all about partying, making new friends, trying new things, and sometimes going to classes and learning stuff, if there's time. But then there are people like my idiot roommate who just don't get it. He just sits in the dark all day playing Counter-Strike and Doom. Why the hell would you want to spend the best years of your life alone in the dark in front of a computer

screen? God, what a loser. I can't even bring a girl over because he's *always* there. This one time, he actually left the room to go to Bear's Den with me, and this girl was totally trying to flirt with him (which I completely don't understand, since he's a scrawny little pale-skinned dork from sitting in the dark all day), but he totally blew her off! He said something about how he had to get back to his room because he left his game on pause. Unbelievable! What planet is he from??

Computer games can be a fun and even educational way to pass your time...if you're *ten years old!* I don't understand

LOLL!!1!!! I PWN J00 4LL!!!



James Torrey
aka "pr0nm45t3r"

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Top 10... highlights of our summer

- 1) 43¢ taco deal at Del Taco
- 2) Mowing rich spoiled pigs' lawns for money, then toilet-papering them for fun
- 3) Stalking potential summer flings
- 4) Sunbathing at the landing
- 5) Feeding starving children overseas, 'cause you know that's my thing, baby
- 6) Not retaking Organic Chemistry, that's for sure
- 7) That bout with West-Nile-Flu-Lyme-Syphilis-Virus-Disease
- 8) The FX Married With Children marathon
- 9) Beerlympics!
- 10) Running the first 1/26th of a marathon
- 11) Eating the whole thing

What do you think?

This year's class of Ervin Scholars may be the last because of a US Department of Education ruling that the program cannot award scholarship money only to African Americans. What do you think?



Kyle Patterson
Architecture

"It only makes sense that the scholarship would be open to white people. I mean, look at its title. Ervin? That name is less African than Harold."



Alex Goldman
Physics

"I don't understand why diversity is such a problem. Between Top-Care and Bon Apetit, I see plenty of minorities on campus, every day!"



Charles Triplett
Religious Studies

"After 130 years of slavery followed by Jim Crow, this university is finally doing something to stop the oppression of the White Man."



Warren Graham
Philosophy

"This university should be sending the message that hard work is the only way to succeed. Ervin Scholarship? What? No, I'm explaining why there shouldn't be a B-school."