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## University, students prepare to deceive parents

Chancellor Wrighton has a p.h.D. in chemistry and is the head of a medium-sized research university. Sylvia Thorn is an education major who hopes to work for nonprofits when she graduates. Addelle Connors is an undecided freshman who is just happy to have gotten into WU. But starting October 15th, they will have something very important in common. All three hope to give parents a sanitized view of life on campus.

"My parents are going to be seeing my room in just five days," said Connors, "and I really don't want them to get the right impression. I plan to clean out all the empty beer cans and hard liquor bottles. And I definitely need to remember to hide those pornos and replace them with copies of *The Economist*."

Connors is not the only one scrambling to get ready for Parents' Weekend. Each year, the university plants flowers around campus so that they bloom just as the parents arrive, the quality of food at center court is improved, and the university forbids any



Connor's desk before and after preparation for Parents' Weekend

registered parties to have alcohol during the weekend.

"We try to put our best foot forward for Parents' Weekend," said Chancellor Wrighton while feeding receipts into his electric shredder, "so there's a lot that we have to hide. Shit, I hope [they] don't find out how much overbudget the new Earth and Planetary Sciences building was."

Parents Weekend (Oct. 15th-16th) is traditionally a time for parents

to come to campus to get a glimpse of what their children do in their college years. But most of their time on campus is at pre-planned activities that steer them away from, for example, the binge drinking that happens at WILD.

"I'm glad my folks will be in town," said Thorn, "but I wish I knew they weren't going to talk to my profs. I haven't been doing so well this semester. Jesus Christ, I should buy some course books."

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## Kerry can't decide what to get at Bear's Den

Leading up to the debates on Friday, John Kerry made an unscheduled appearance yesterday at Bear's Den, where he was unable to decide what to order.

"At first, he seemed all gung-ho for the full-order of chicken tenders and fries," said fry cook Marshall James. "But by the time he got to the front, he asked for something like 'Quesurger with Frasta'. Musta gotten some wires crossed."

Kerry then reportedly paced about Bear's Den deep in thought for nearly 30 minutes, stopping occasionally to bounce ideas off his aides.

One aide responded to reporters' questions: "We want to assure the public that John Kerry is completely capable of choosing his dinner. He is simply weighing all the options before he makes a decision. He wants to know which *continued on page 2*"

## Bush mistakes Red Alert t-shirt for terrorism threat level

Nation enters defensive condition 4

The nation went on defensive condition 4 and high alert today as president Bush, while traveling on campus to the presidential debates, mistook a Red Alert t-shirt for a potential terror warning.

The President took cover under the underpass, and ordered secret service agents to 'neutralize' the t-

shirt bearer, Red Alert's CS40 liaison Ryon Buchman. He then called an immediate meeting of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and sealed the American border indefinitely.

"We cannot allow Al Qa... I mean, Red Alert operatives to work with *continued on page 2*"

## Wrighton's house a forced triple

Due to the yearly growth in incoming class size and the decision of many upperclassmen to remain on campus, Washington University is now facing serious problems meeting the demand for on-campus housing. Aside from tearing down larger dorms to make room for smaller ones, WU has also addressed the problems by turning many rooms designed to hold one or two occupants into "forced triples." One such victim of forced tripling is Chancellor Mark Wrighton, who will be living with two freshmen this year.

"It's tough having enough space when you have to share with two other people," remarked Kyle Bradford, one of two freshmen assigned to live with Chancellor Wrighton. "I guess being an only child, I'm not used to sharing everything and respecting everyone else's needs and privacy. I have to remind myself that there are two other people who want use the bowling alley and watch the 82" TV." Bradford added, "I guess some sacrifices have to be made."

Jamie Martin, the other freshman assigned to live with Wrighton agreed that the living situation was not ideal. "The thing about living with two other people in a mansion that is only designed for one person is that you're stuck in very close quarters with these two *continued on page 4*"



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### Bush mistakes Red Alert shirt for terror threat



Bush pursuing a potential terrorist threat

*continued from page 1* impunity inside our borders,” said president Bush, speaking from a make-shift bunker under Mallinckrodt. “That’s why I took every precaution to make sure that the campus was safe and secure, so that we can move forward with peace and freedom.”

The President’s actions have drawn criticism from WU’s Amnesty International club, which alleges that the Secret Service neglected Buchman’s rights immediately following his arrest.

“I was on my way to go cheer for the Women’s volleyball team,” said Buchman speaking via telephone from a jail cell in an undisclosed location, “when two big guys in suits jumped me and threw me into the back of a police car. They proceeded to torture me for information.”

Added Buchman: “I told them I didn’t know who coach Luenemann plans to use as blockers at the Midwest classic, but they wouldn’t listen to me. They thought I knew something more.”

Buchman has since been released.

The Red Alert t-shirts, which are dyed bright red and display the group name ‘Red Alert’ in large letters, are designed to increase the visibility of WU’s athletic programs. The group encourages attendance at games and events.

“We made those t-shirts to get everyone riled up at our football games,” said Red Alert co-director Michelle Miller “but apparently, they also got the president riled up about a potential WMD attack. I guess next time we won’t make them *bright red*.”

Vice President Dick Cheney defended the President’s actions. “We can’t ignore any sign of a threat. And more importantly, there was a legitimate possibility that Red Alert formed a cell in a terrorist network. Call it school spirit, call it terrorist activity, call it the democratic party, they’re all the same to me.”

### Kerry can’t decide what to get at Bear’s Den



Kerry enlisting a local student to aid in his lunch-selection process

*continued from page 1* has more fat, chicken or beef? Will the pasta stain his teeth? If he gets onions, will he have to take a shot of banana? He hates banana. He’s running for President here, he can’t rush this sort of decision.”

“I was there with Kerry in Vietnam,” quipped another. “He was shot three times while trying to smuggle hamburgers back to the boat. I’ve never seen a man who cared more about his food and his men than John Kerry – that’s real leadership.”

However, some saw Kerry’s indecision as part of a larger pattern of weak decision-making skills.

“I saw Kerry at Brown University 2

months ago, where he was showing a real preference for pasta,” remarked visiting Brown student Jamie Wright. “But then Bush came out with a press release mentioning his passion for lasagna and Kerry became a steak man practically overnight.”

Kerry has been notably absent from the food courts of several other Universities in the past, leaving some voters concerned that his palate is not sophisticated enough to make educated dining decisions. However, many die-hard Kerry supporters chose to overlook Kerry’s record and focus on how he compares to Bush.

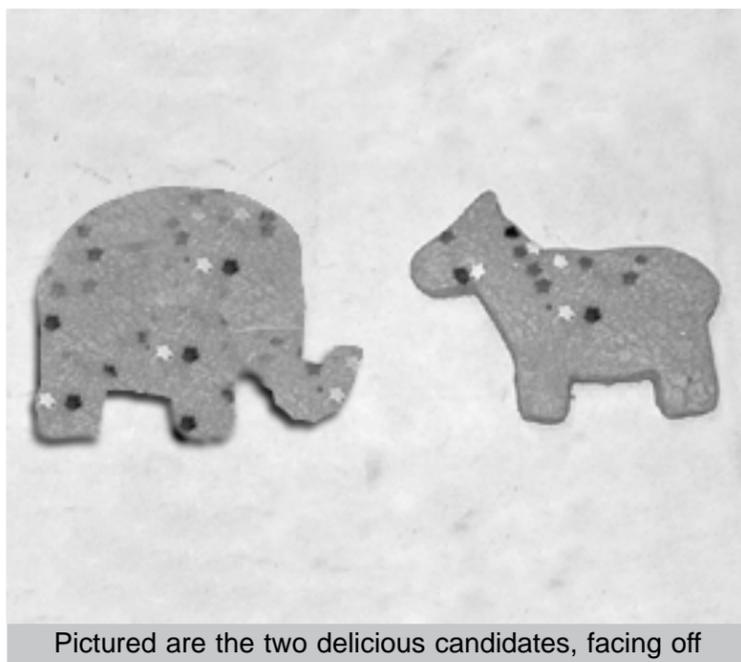
“It doesn’t matter what he gets,” said outspoken democrat Andrew Seidman, “because anything he orders is better than Bush. Even if he ordered fillet-of-baby, I bet Bush ordered wide-eyed-puppy-kabob. How could he in good conscience do such a thing? Bush is one sick bastard!”

To prevent controversy, Kerry has stated that from now on he will carry a BLT and a Coke in a brown paper bag to all future university and publicity events.

### “Partisan cookie” purchases exceed estimated voter turnout

Last week, Bon Appetit introduced two “partisan cookies” to all hilltop campus dining locations. Purchase of these elephant and donkey-shaped cookies are being tallied and posted at the Hilltop Bakery. News of this undertaking has sparked a cookie-eating frenzy campus-wide; cookie consumption turnouts have already far surpassed all forecasts. At their current rate, analysts say registered cookie purchases will easily exceed the number registered voters attending WU within the week.

“We’re very proud of the high student turnout,” remarked one Dining Services official. “It’s good to see such enthusiasm among the student body regarding cookie selection. We have done all we could to inform all registered Wash



Pictured are the two delicious candidates, facing off

U. students that their snack selection matters, and I think they have taken the message to heart.”

Though generally purchased and ingested with great enthusiasm, the cookies are not without criticism. Some claim that the two cookies are essentially the same; both representing similar, moderate positions in taste and texture comparisons. While a few

students have demanded another option, Bon Appetit has struck down the idea of creating a third party cookie, deeming it a “wasted cookie.”

Regardless of controversy, all snackers, especially those shopping at Ursa’s (a known “swing eatery”) are urged to continue to purchase and eat their partisan cookies of choice, as polls show the republican cookie ahead by only a slim margin. Many independent organizations, such as “Rock the Cookie,” are also trying to help students to get out and eat. “Many people say that their cookie purchase doesn’t matter,” said Joshua Gantz. “Doesn’t matter? Your purchase could determine the next cookie of the free world, not to mention whether you’ve satisfied your appetite or merely almost satisfied your appetite.”

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## Police Beat

### Saturday, September 18

1:18 a.m., ARTICLE UNKNOWN, HURD DORM: subject lost dignity at WILD after-party at some point between tabletop and toilet seat. Disposition: humiliated.

### Monday, September 20

1:12 p.m., ASSAULT, MALLINCKRODT: Student accused WU bookstore of "financial rape" after being charged \$450 for a coursebook. Disposition: pissed.

### Wednesday, September 22

4:15 p.m., LARCENY-THEFT, DANFORTH: Student reports heart stolen by fellow resident identified as Kelly Clarkson. Disposition: call me, 935-0281.

4:18 p.m., ASSAULT-BATTERY, ARCHITECTURE TRAILER: writer of above police beat report beaten mercilessly for being an alleged "sappy bastard." Disposition: cleared.

### Thursday, September 23

2:26 p.m., AUTO ACCIDENT, JANUARY TUNNEL: Two vehicles, no injuries. Disposition: perplexing.

### Friday, September 24

3:15 p.m., ASSAULT-BATTERY, LOUDERMAN HALL: Chemistry Professor reported that graduate student completed a salted battery. Disposition: charged.

## News in Brief:

### Questioning Guy Answered

The questions Brian Pendleton has been asking himself about his own sexual identity were answered last night after an awkward make-out session with his openly gay friend, Aaron Brown. Pendleton reported that he no longer has any doubts about what his body is telling him.

"Last night was all awkward," said Pendleton. "I spent the whole time hoping Aaron wasn't going to go any further, and thinking to myself that this would be more fun with a girl." He added later, "I'm glad I had that ambiguity settled." Pendleton said he also plans to tell his spectrum friends that he is no longer a 'Q' but now just an ally.

### Coalition forces pull out of Iraq

Heavy fighting broke out along numerous borders as Coalition forces and Iraqi militants clashed over the weekend. Following days of back and forth fighting and numerous casualties on both sides, Iraqi militant leader John Masterson rolled a 6 on attack,

defeating Coalition general Harold James' occupation troops. General James concluded it was the weakest game of RISK he'd ever played and declared total nuclear annihilation by tipping over the board.

### "Chocolate-fucking-trees" found in gated U-city neighborhood

After taking a wrong turn while stumbling home from an off-campus party at Greenway Apartment 204 last Friday, Johnny Chang claimed to have made what he called "the discovery of a lifetime."

The WU sophomore, who consumed several ounces of Smirnoff Vodka and 3 full cans Miller Light several hours earlier, reported to his roommate that within the gates of private U-city neighborhoods, the streets are lined with "chocolate-fucking-trees."

"I shit you not, chocolate-fucking-trees," said Chang. "I knew they kept those streets gated shut for a reason," Chang added, shortly before passing out on his common room coffee table.

### Giant fat girl overestimates her appeal

Two hundred and four pound Washington University junior Charlene Berger has a gross overestimation of her own sexual appeal, sources stated last Friday.

"[Charlene] definitely thinks she is much hotter than she is," roommate Alicia Quinn said. "I mean, she's got terrible hygiene, and she'll wear anything as long as it's tight and exposes a lot of skin. Oh, and she's also a giant, fat girl."

Berger has often been seen around the Washington University campus wearing ludicrously small tube tops that stop above her navel, revealing her disgusting, pasty, pierced belly button, offensively small pairs of booty shorts that showcase her completely unacceptable buttocks and extensions in her bleach blonde, ratty-ass hair. Her clothing often sports hilariously inappropriate messages that label her as a "Flirt", "Daddy's Girl" or announces to strangers "My Boyfriend is Out of Town".

"Jesus Christ," gasped passing sophomore Josh Lien. "That's absolutely hideous. Oh my God. I must be in hell."

Berger claims, however, that her attitude toward sexuality and fashion is a modern one, and that men are seriously attracted to her.

## Breakup causes freshman to cry; masturbate

The split between freshman Donald Baumgold and his girlfriend of four months, fellow freshman Jennifer Reid, has caused him to sob and masturbate uncontrollably over the past week.

"Jennifer was everything to me," wept Baumgold as he reached for another Kleenex. "I just don't understand where it all went wrong."

Baumgold's roommate, freshman Thomas Brenner, noted that his roommate simply hasn't been the same since the breakup.

"Don has been pretty wrecked for the past couple of days. Every night he crawls into bed and just bawls like a baby, and then masturbates until he passes out. When he wakes up, the first thing he does is start crying and masturbating. The other day I came back from Chem lab and he was lying on his bed in plain sight, no blankets on him or anything, crying, masturbating, and listening to that 'She Will be Loved' song by Maroon 5 on repeat over and over again."

Added Brenner: "It was really awkward, because I hate that



fucking song."

The Baumgold/Reid breakup went into effect around 10:30pm last Thursday night, and according to rces, Baumgold's grief-struck masturbation campaign has been in effect ever since.

Clinical psychologist Raymond Daley notes that crying and masturbation is a natural step in the grief process, but warns against excess.

"What Donald is going through here is a perfectly understandable period of heartache, and his sorrowful masturbation is his way of dealing with the pain of losing his first love. His friends and family should support him, but also try to keep his masturbation in check. If he keeps going at the rate he is, he could be shooting

bone marrow in a few days. I've seen many young men lose their virility to excessive masturbation."

Despite the warnings of his physician and the concerns of his peers, Baumgold has no plans in the immediate future to cease crying and masturbating.

"My heart is a hole of despair," sobbed Baumgold, holding a bottle of Nivea hand lotion. "All I have left are the memories. She threw me out like yesterday's garbage, and now I have nowhere to turn to."

Baumgold's parents, Richard and Kelly, are not entirely surprised by Donald's reaction to end of his first relationship.

"Donald has always been a very tender child. He has always taken all his relationships very seriously, and he can be a very delicate person when he loses someone," said Kelly Baumgold. "His reactions are reflective of how truly sensitive he is."

Added Richard: "I remember the time his dog died. We almost had to break his arms he was masturbating so much."

"Everyone is just jealous that I've got more goin' on than they do. Real men don't want some skinny, dried up skank. They want someone who can really rock them hard, who can show them a real good time," the massive female stated, slapping her appallingly large thighs together as her multiple chins quaked with laughter.

Clinical psychologist Richard Englestad claims that Berger's flaunting of her horrific figure stems from the recent influx of "Big is Beautiful" media messages.

"Charlene is obviously proud of her grotesque body because she has been bombarded with these messages from TV, radio, and other forms of media saying that it is beautiful to be fat. Queen Latifah and Star Jones are large, sexually empowered females. Songs such as Destiny's Child's popular 'Bootylicious', in which Beyonce Knowles sings, 'I don't think you're ready for this jelly,' referring, of course, to her large, ample buttocks, are reinforcing Charlene's delusion that she is an attractive female. Unfortunately for us, however, no one is ready for her jelly. Because her jelly is fucking gross."

## Forced Triple

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 people for the majority of your day. If you don't get along with them, tough. Your roommate's bed is just down the hall, up the grand staircase, and halfway down another corridor; and there's nothing you can do about it."

Both Bradford and Martin agreed that the transition from their homes to a forty-room mansion has been a bumpy one, and there are a few "roommate issues" yet to be worked out. "Mark plays music really loud when I'm trying to go to sleep. He also throws these huge parties on Thursday nights. I know he doesn't have class on Friday, but he should be more considerate to those of us who do," said Bradford.

"One night I came home and found a note on the front door asking me and Kyle to find somewhere else to sleep that night because [Wrighton] was going to have his wife over that night," recalled Martin. "I feel like I should get some advanced warning if I'm going to be sexiled. This is my house too!"

The three are scheduled to have a roommate meeting with their RA on Wednesday, at which time they will write up a "roommate contract" addressing issues such as quiet hours and procedures for bringing girls/alumni over.

# OPINIONS

## Ever since that smoothie, I've been remembering all kinds of useless shit



Jennifer Andrews

Did you know that next Sunday is National United Nations day? Some guy mentioned that in my International Politics discussion session almost three weeks ago. He was wearing pleated khakis and a black collared shirt. I can't believe I can still picture his face. But ever since I had that Kaldi's smoothie with the memory booster in it, I've been remembering all kinds of useless shit.

Four Tuesdays ago, I was finishing up some Art History reading in the library when I decided to stop by the bakery and have my favorite, Berry Breeze with extra soy milk. And then I thought to myself, 'if I get the ginkgo baloba it will help me retain what I just learned.'

Nope. Instead, I know just how many stairs there are outside of Brookings (56, I counted), and that Student Life was founded in 1878.

I don't try and remember these things. I'm not consciously reminding myself that Bob Holden is Missouri's 53<sup>rd</sup> governor. I don't want to know the words to "We didn't Start the Fire" backwards. It's just that every time I learn something that I don't really need to know offhand, it gets seared into my memory.

Like the other day: my suite mate asked me if the milk in our fridge went bad, and I said 'It's got two and a half more days,' without even checking the label. Other people think I'm some kind of genius, but I can't remember all the stuff I need to know. My address on campus? Not a clue. My boyfriend's birthday? My class schedule? The day my term paper is due? I'm so lost.

I'm really worried, I hope this goes away. Otherwise, there's no way I'm ever going to try that energy booster.

### Top 10... new WUTV reality shows we'd like to see

- 1) *The Chancellor*
- 2) *Who Wants to Get Kicked In the Balls for a Partial Scholarship?*
- 3) *The Mudd Studd*
- 4) *Trading Roomies*
- 5) *B-School Eye for the Art School Guy*
- 6) *Jewish American Princess Survivor: East St. Louis*
- 7) *Who Wants to Bone My Roommate?*
- 8) *When Squirrels Attack*
- 9) *Joe Mealpointmillionaire*



## What do you think?

On Sunday, September 23rd, WU students Chandler Miller and Magda Luchini were mugged at gunpoint. What do you think?



Authur Whipplebottom  
 Anthropology

"Sure, WUPD is never around when you want them, but whenever my friends and I try to do an eight-story beer bong off of Brookings Castle, they can't arrest us fast enough."



Chandler Miller  
 Undecided

"I don't have to answer your questions. Just do me a favor and shoot a picture of my leg, because that looks like a plastic camera."



Kevin Hamm  
 Computer Science

"It's not like there isn't a precedent for this sort of thing. This university has been robbing me blind for four years."



Michael Taylor  
 Biology

"I hear Miller took a beating by these guys, then actually ran after them. That's pretty good, but he should have put more effort into solving the underlying roots of the problem: poverty and despair."