



"Check out our sweet new racks!"

WU remodels Arch, dubs it "Gateway to the Ivy League"

In a stunning move for a Monday afternoon, Chancellor Wrighton announced plans to purchase and thoroughly remodel the St. Louis Arch. Additionally, two more identical arches are anticipated with a red and green color scheme to match Wash U's school colors and provide a much-needed dose of Collegiate Gothic to the west banks of the Mississippi River.

The new arches will feature pink granite facades and turrets, with a special office suite at the top designed exclusively for Chancellor Wrighton and his staff. The suite will include a fifty-three foot long oak-paneled reception hall, a full work-out facilities, a state-of-the art library, and an Italian marble fireplaces.

In a press conference announcing the move, Chancellor Wrighton explained the grave importance of putting WU on par with schools on the east coast. "This new monument," he stated, "will be the capstone in our efforts to separate the Washington University Empire from the 'fly over states.' In its past, this Arch commemorated



The new and "improved" arch against the St. Louis skyline

Lewis and Clark's explorations of the Louisiana purchase and was known as a 'Gateway to the West.' Now, let us know it as the Gateway to the Ivy League!"

"I think it's fantastic that we were able to secure such a landmark for our University," remarked Senior Anthropology major Angela Jordan. "Now we have our own arches to advertise for us... just like McDonald's!"

Though the scale of the

announcement is larger than any previous project undertaken by the University, it does seem to follow on the heels of the other major projects on and around campus such as the Earth Sciences Building, Whitaker Hall, the Metrolink construction and the Sam Fox Art Center. Those concerned over a possible tuition hike to fund the new project were advised not to worry, and to contact Student Financial Services to work out a system of indentured servitude to the University.

Today's forecast:
No Fucking Clue



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AEPi under investigation for circumcision rush event

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The Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity has become the topic of an in-depth investigation by the Inter Fraternity Council after a video tape surfaced showing members of the organization participating in some sort of rush hazing ritual involving the removal of the penis's foreskin.

Fraternity president Eli Zimmerman has conveyed confusion and disappointment with the council's actions. "I don't understand what the problem is," commented Zimmerman. "We have been performing ritual circumcision for thousands of years. I was circumcised, my father was circumcised and his father too, going back to the time of Abraham."

Surprisingly, the new rushees do not find a problem with this tradition. "I mean yeah, I think I'll *continued on page 2*

Student wins Heater Explosion Lottery

Many South 40 residents leave home for the holidays unaware that they have been secretly entered into Residential Life's exciting Heater Explosion Lottery. But know it or not, every year Residential Life selects one resident at random and turns their room into one messy but enviable living arrangement. This year's lucky winner was Joey Henrickson of Hurd 34, whose room was filled with upwards of six inches of steaming wastewater!

"I'd heard of people winning the Heater Explosion Lottery in the past," commented Laura Dodge, Henrickson's girlfriend, "but I never thought it would happen to someone I know! This is so great, I don't know what to say! I'm...I'm just so happy for him."

Henrickson's floormates expressed similar sentiments, many lamenting their own heaters' perfect conditions.

"This isn't fair!" cried floormate Matt Bellows. "I've been mistreating my heater for the past four months: freezing the pipes,

blocking the spigots, short-wiring the unit, everything! That explosion should have been mine."

Suitemate Ron Schumacher felt differently, however. "It's the sort of thing you never expect to happen. You go on vacation one day a completely normal guy, and when you get back you realize your suitemate is a complete celebrity! This is the most awesome thing to happen to me all semester. Oh man, all the chicks'll be banging down my door now, asking if I'm the guy who won, and I'll say 'naw, but I live with him.'"

Winning the Heater Explosion lottery invariably opens new doors of opportunity for its winners. According to an independent study, the lucky winner is typically assaulted with offers of money and dates, and in 100% of cases winners move to swank off-campus apartments with centralized heating systems.

Shortly after the announcement of *continued on page 3*

RUSH: A WUNDERGROUND EXCLUSIVE

Rush to English Dictionary

<u>Rush:</u>	<u>English:</u>
He is very introspective.	He stands there not saying anything being awkward as shit.
Remember, she is a legacy.	While she will be hated by every sister, we must give her a bid.
I am interested in community service.	I am not interested in community service.
That rush event was awesome!	That rush event did not follow IFC regulations.
I can't speak on behalf of the other sororities...	They are a bunch of tramps.
She has a strong personality.	She is very ugly.
He is very athletic	He can endure a lot of hazing.

AEPi under investigation for circumcision rush event

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hurt for a few days afterwards," said new pledge David Goldbaum, "but I don't really think it's that big of a deal. This is just the brothers' way of welcoming us into the fraternity."

This is not the first time that the organization has come under public scrutiny for its behavior. Just three years ago, the fraternity was fined for a party in late March that involved a confusing story followed by the consumption of crackers and heavy drinking of wine. When questioned about it, brothers responded with a hastily concocted excuse of "celebrating freedom from slavery." Earlier this fall the fraternity was placed on social probation for forbidding members from eating for 24 hours.

Karin Johnes of the Greek Life

Office commented on the situation. "AEPi's behavior has gotten worse and worse. I honestly never thought I'd see genital mutilation as part of the rush process."

It is possible that the newest accusations of hazing will put AEPi's presence on campus in jeopardy. AEPi has already been kicked off of campus once for their bizarre worshipping of the bear statue on campus. Zimmerman has said that he refuses to see AEPi removed from campus again: "We spent 40 years wandering the streets of off-campus housing before we were let back on to campus. We will not go back into exile from our Promised Land."

Point Counter-point: Rush is great!



Harvey Collin

This month at Wash U, we continue another excellent tradition: Rush. Rush is where we get to meet new people with different views, experiences, and opinions from our own, and through this exchange, we end up

with a whole bunch of new friends we will soon get to call our brothers and sisters. I don't care who you are, where you're from, or what you did; as long as you love Rush, there will be a place for you. Rush is the kind of time when people really develop a sense of who they are. They see what's out there and how they fit in.

Rush can be challenging at times, but hey, no one said college was supposed to be easy. You have to work to find your place in the Greek system, but in the end, it will all be worth it. Rush will lead to lifetime connections that are unlike any other bond you will ever

experience. Rush is the chance to escape the Wash U bubble and get to know people who are older and more experienced than you. You don't have to agree with everything you learn and hear from Rush, just be open to the experience. Remember, a lot of famous people have been involved with Rush before, like Congressman Newt Gingrich and Senator Bill Frist. Even both President's Bush are big supporters of Rush, and you should be too.

Rush can lick my nuts



Jim Torrie

Seriously, Rush, you probably wouldn't even know how, because you are too busy jacking off to Ann Coulter and popping prescription meds. I have no doubt that you're

a virgin; no woman on earth could wrap her legs around your expanding, beached-whale-like midsection to have sex with you; and even if one could, they wouldn't. Your radio show sucks. I can't decide what is scarier, how idiotic you are or that people actually listen to you. I can't wait for Hilary to get elected in '08 just to watch you commit suicide. Or maybe you'll do the rest of us a favor and OD on some cough syrup before then.

You conservatives make me sick. I'd move to Canada but sadly your

radio frequency gets picked up there too, plus I wouldn't want to give you a bigger percent of the market. I really can't express how much I hate you; I'd have to launch my own radio show just to rail on your ass 24/7 to approximate how dumb you are.

Hey Rush, take a hint: if people listen to your show, it's only because they're too fucking white trash to know how to operate a TV. Why don't you just give up, you barely intelligible excuse for a radio commentator? Go pop some Zocor instead, addict.

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News in Brief:

Freshman still won't shut up about the Postal Service

Beaumont freshman Lindsay Walker continues to talk incessantly to her floormates about independent rock/electronic musical collaborators the Postal Service. Walker had previously heard positive comments about the band shortly before starting her first semester, but it was only once she saw the movie "Garden State" that she became a dedicated follower of the band, and consequently, wouldn't fucking stop talking about them.

"They're so great!" Walker was quoted as saying. "Every time I hear 'Such Great Heights,' it totally reminds of that one scene in the movie! And the way that their music is like, indie rock, but also, like, electronic - that's so creative!"

"I'd say we all on Beaumont 2 probably have to hear that soundtrack maybe two or three times a day." said floormate Joseph Park, "It was alright at first, but it's really starting to get old. At this point, I don't give a flying fuck what Clark Gable would think about anything."

Stated Alex Moore, another

floormate, "Hey, at least we don't have to hear about Howie Day so much anymore."

B-School to receive much-deserved national humiliation

A wave of excitement swept the Business School last Friday when it was announced that interviews for the hit TV show "The Apprentice" would be held at WU later this month.

The NBC show, which is now approaching its fourth season, features self-deprecating, conniving MBAs seeking to backstab and brown-nose their way to an internship with billionaire Donald Trump. Students and faculty agree that this is the perfect atmosphere for the WU B-School to thrive.

"This is a chance to get that national humiliation I deserve," said senior Ned Thatcher, who hopes to appear on the show this fall. "No one undermines their peers and sucks up to their superiors like I do. It's about time I make a name for myself for it."

January Scholar usurps former roommate's bed, skin



Douglas Sheaver, January Scholar

Douglas Sheaver, a January Scholar and new resident of Lien 2, is trying a bit too hard to fit in, roommate Ian Gerby reported Monday. "I'm not being insensitive here," said Gerby. "I mean, I know college is a completely new experience, so it's hard to feel comfortable, especially when everyone else has already been here for at least a semester and is settled in...but this guy is seriously creeping me out."

The weirdness began when Sheaver asked for a picture of Gerby's recently departed roommate, Eric Goldfarb, who transferred to another college. "I thought it was a little odd, but I figured he was just trying to be friendly and get to know me," recalled Gerby. The next day,

however, Gerby noticed Sheaver had a new haircut and wardrobe that were remarkably similar to that of his former roommate and had begun reading Hebrew. When questioned about it, Sheaver said that he was planning to convert to Judaism. Recently, Gerby has also caught Sheaver removing fingernail clippings from a jar labeled "Eric's fingers" and gluing them to his own hands.

Sheaver defended his actions, explaining that he did not want Gerby to feel that his old roommate had been replaced by an awkward, out of place stranger. "January Scholars often get a bad rep," said Eric. "Eric just wants to show Gerby that Eric is just like a normal college student...*exactly* like a normal college student."

Gerby claims that Sheaver's actions have actually had just the opposite effect. "This guy is definitely weirding me out. He's looking more and more like my former roommate every day. He's got the same complexion, even the same scars. If he ever mentions the movie 'Face Off,' I'm calling the cops."

Entertainment Corner: Interview with Harold and Kumar

Everybody dreams of meeting their favorite movie stars someday, but I had the honor of actually doing so, or at least meeting a facsimile of them. As it turns out, Wash U is home to two very special roommates, a real life version of the silver screen darlings Harold and Kumar. I met up with these two pseudo-celebrities in their patchouli scented "Bachelor Party Pad."

Wunderground: So Harold, Kumar, what is it like having a movie come out that models your own life?

Harold: First off, My name isn't Harold, it's John, and this is my roommate, Nikhil. Second, we wish that you would stop comparing us to that inane and pointless movie.

Kumar: Yeah, ever since that movie came out, every asshole in a Phish t-shirt has been asking me to come "toke up" with him. I don't even know what that means.

WG: so basically you're saying it's great. So this here must be your crazy secret pot lair. I'd love to hear about all the crazy adventures that start here. Care to share a couple with our readers?

K: OK, I don't know how else I can explain this to you. We are not the guys from the movie. We don't have the same names. We don't do the same things. John here is majoring in electrical

engineering and has horrible asthma and allergies. Furthermore, this isn't a pot lair or whatever the fuck you called it, this is our dorm on the second floor of Beaumont. You're an idiot. **H:** Seriously man, did you even see that movie? I finally got around to watching the piece of shit, and even a five year old could have told you that the main plot was that stereotypes don't apply to people. You're completely ignoring the movie's message.

WG: Jeez guys, don't be so paranoid. A little cranky because you've got the munchies? We could make a little side trip to White Castle if you want.

K: I'm gonna stop you right there. I'm Hindu, I don't eat beef. I've never even been to one of those crappy restaurant.

H: This interview is over. Get the fuck out. (Points to the door)

I hope you readers enjoyed a little behind the scenes time with America's most beloved potheads since Half Baked. Remember, if you see these guys around campus, don't be intimidated. They're just like you. They love jokin', tokin' and eating some sweet White Castle Sliders.

Heater explosion lottery

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the winner, Henrickson was invited to a press event held by ResLife to comment on his recent good luck, but the shock of winning was clearly still in full effect as he screamed into the microphone, "What the hell is wrong with you people?! This is fucking awful! My room...my stuff...it's all ruined!" When asked what he would do with the winnings, Henrickson responded, "What winnings, you bastards?! I can't even sleep in there anymore! Fuck, just leave me alone!"

Friends reportedly attributed Henrickson's bad mood to disappointment over receiving the heater explosion all at once, instead of the installment plan, which would have entitled him to a number of smaller explosions spread over the course of the semester.

OPINIONS

You are not well-rounded



WebSTAC

Well, well, well, let's see what we have here... I love checking on students' curriculums. Let's have a gander:

A double major in piano and biology? Impressive. And a minor in anthropology?! Plus you were in the pathfinder program! I bet you think you're pretty accomplished. Well, I have news for you, buddy: you're not well-rounded.

Why? Well, you're missing two of your clusters. Says so right here.

Language Arts and Textual/Historical Studies. I'm afraid I can't let you graduate.

The thing is, we're looking for balanced people to become alumni of WU, and you're about as one-sided as a mobius strip. But don't worry, I bet there are plenty of other narrow-minded people just like yourself who'll be spending a fifth year in our institution. *Snicker*

I know you spent a year off doing community service projects in the Peruvian Andies; and I must say your thesis on the human brain's response to music is about as interdisciplinary a thesis as I've ever seen. Boy, if life experience counted for something, you'd be graduating just like a normal person!

Why doesn't a music major fulfill your arts requirements? Well, you took your piano lessons at the music school, and it clearly states on page 33 of the A&S curriculum that distribution classes need to be taken in Arts and Sciences.

And Textual/Historical studies? You're right, you've taken above and beyond the nine credit requirements. Unfortunately, none of your history classes cluster together. Looks like somebody didn't read their A&S handbook! It figures that someone who hasn't fulfilled their language or textual requirements can't read well.

Well, looks like I'll be seeing you again next semester. Try and come back a little more open-minded next semester. Maybe you should take some piano lessons or something. Ta ta!

For 31,000 a year, I demand more



Anthony Chen

This university is robbing us blind. They keep upping the price of tuition, but do they ever up the service? No.

For example, the other day I went to Bear's Den, and they were out

of muffins. For \$31,000 a year, I think I deserve a guaranteed muffin. Or five. I want 40 different muffins available to me at all times. And how come the juice machines can give me orange juice, but not purple, green, yellow, red, blue, or indigo juice? When I want juice, I want it to explode a fucking rainbow.

And another thing, I demand more computer labs! 500 of them! With Ethernet! And I want them to be on fire! But blue cold fire, because cold fire is fucking sweet. And how about some printers that print everything on colorfully

delicious fruit rollups.

Furthermore, I'm not walking to class for \$31,000 a year. They better bring Brown Hall to me in my dorm room, so I can lie in my bed and take notes in my pajamas. I deserve to keep my spine properly aligned as I sleep on my double king size Sealy posturepedic mattress during class.

If WU wants to charge \$31,000 a year, they better start acting like a \$31,000 a year school.



What do you think?

Washington University recently announced that it would be upping tuition to approximately \$31,000 per year. What do you think?



Zack Donnelley
Accounting

"If they're upping tuition, they'd better up my GPA, because I'm not paying that much for a 2.5."



Curtis Hack
Biomedical Engineer

"This letter explaining the tuition increase looks suspiciously like last year's letter. In fact, they just crossed out '28,000' and wrote '31,000' in the margin."



Nelson Vanderbilt
PNP

"\$31,000 dollars?! Um...is a personal check ok?"



Javier Maheu
Undecided

"As we learned in 'Price Theory,' this university is totally not worth the money."