



WUnderground

"We're still illegitimate, we swear!"

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University's endowment takes hit as poker night goes awry for Chancellor Wrighton

The mood was somber late Friday night as Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton and his closest associates grimaced at what remained of Washington University's endowment. Wrighton lost what is estimated to be around \$1.2 billion of the Washington University endowment in a "friendly poker game" with his Ivy League counterparts.



Chancellor Wrighton, trying to maintain his composure after after being called on a \$36.8 million bluff by Harvard President Lawrence H. Summers

Affectionately referred to as the "Poker Menace of the Midwest" by his peers, Wrighton proved to be anything but menacing in his Ivy League debut.

"Our endowment was around four billion dollars!" exclaimed Wrighton. "I truly did not believe there was any way I could have lost as much as I did."

Commented Student Union President David Ader, "What Wrighton

Chancellor Wrighton, an avid fan of Texas Hold-Em, became bored of weekly poker nights with President Lawrence Biondi of Saint Louis University, President Henry Bienen of Northwestern, and President James W. Wagner of Emory.

from Harvard President Lawrence H. Summers to play poker with the "bad boys of the Ivy League," specifically the presidents of Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Dartmouth, Columbia, Penn, and Cornell. As always, each president bought in with his university's endowment.

failed to take into account was that Harvard's endowment of \$22 billion was more than five times that of Wash U while Yale's endowment hovered around \$13 billion. It was obvious that they were going to bully him around."

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Early last week, Chancellor Wrighton received an invitation

Bon Appetit food prices factor into student theft

Recent student surveys and meal point balance analyses indicate that Bon Appetit's food prices are inflated far beyond regular, stable levels. As a result, many students have been forced to pass their financial losses on to Bon Appetit in the form of theft.

"I don't like to steal; it makes me feel dirty," said WU junior Erik Joly as he stuffed a handful of Kit Kat Bars into his coat pocket, "but because of on-campus food prices, my point balance is dangerously low. These Kit Kats are my dinner for tonight."

Others admitted to stealing based solely on principle: "For every four

20 oz Cokes I buy on campus, I could be getting five at Schnucks," said sophomore Loraine Farr. "Therefore, after I buy four Cokes on campus, I steal my fifth to recoup my losses."

While it is expected that on-campus food will be costly, Bon Appetit's prices are routinely five to ten percent higher than expected, according to students. In the Millbrook convenience store alone, food items cost an average of fifteen percent more than retail price. Such exorbitant prices, experts say, account for Millbrook's hundreds of missing candy bars and packs of gum.

The problem is not localized to Millbrook, however. Analysts say that Center Court's hefty \$7.50 price tag has forced many students to sneak in without paying or leave with large quantities of food.

Many students feel that Bon Appetit's recent price increase is evidence that the dining service is unclear as to what acceptable food prices are. Joly, along with other WU undergraduates, has begun organizing a publicity campaign to explain to Bon Appetit how grossly overpriced food can be damaging to the Wash U community.

Confused partier finds "boobs for beads" on Ash Wednesday unsuccessful

Unfortunately, Michelle Chang speaks Mandarin, and not Latin. If she did, she might know that "Mardi Gras" is Latin for Fat Tuesday, the annual celebration night preceding the beginning of lent. Knowing that Mardi Gras ended Tuesday at midnight could have helped avoid an embarrassing Wednesday which ended with a night not of wild partying, but with a \$200 ticket for indecent exposure.

Chang, who, according to the police report, had to work a double shift Tuesday at Target, went down to the Soulard Market on

Wednesday expecting to celebrate Mardi Gras. "I was told you had to be drunk to really enjoy it," said Chang, "I couldn't tell which was 'the' cool bar, so I just got a drink at each one. I think the 12th one was the best, though it could be because I got confused between which were my feet and what was a bar stool." Chang also allegedly found the word "stool" very humorous, according to one witness.

Chang, the only person in the bar at the time (10:28 am CST), then proceeded to streak through the market where many local farmers

and fishermen were setting up for the mid-day rush. "She was screaming about getting some beads. I was gonna tell her Mardi Gras was yesterday, but she had a nice rack so I didn't say anything," said one local fisherman, "plus it's lent and I'm trying to be less critical of other people this year."

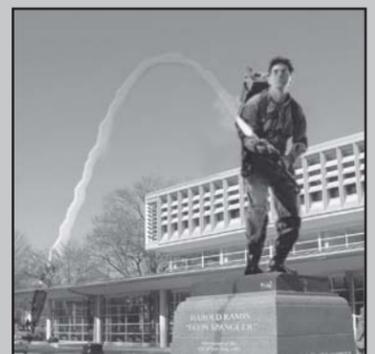
Chang, however, seemed unfazed by the would-be humiliating experience. "I don't see what the big deal is, the Wednesday 45 days before Easter is the one day of the year we're allowed to party."

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Total loser “decides” not to have sex



Raymond Greenberg's face altered for own protection

Recently, Washington University senior and complete and utter loser Raymond Greenberg made a “shocking” announcement that he had “decided” not to have sex anymore at Wash U. While Greenberg insists that the decision is based on his moral principles, and that he “no longer needs to get laid to have a good night,” his few friends know that he really just can’t get any with anyone.

“Greenberg’s living in a fantasy world,” said one friend, who asked that his name not be revealed for

fear of being associated with such a humungous tool. “We play along with it though, you know: ‘yeah Ray, you’re real honorable and shit,’ but we’re just being nice.” He added, “The last time Ray had to choose sex, it was on the McDonald’s application, and the choice was ‘male/female please check one’.”

Greenberg last had sex two years ago, but claims that his current dry spell in no way is related to his commitment to abstinence. Greenberg believes his decision is a healthy, ethical, and honest choice.

Raymond’s father, who is a psychologist, said, “This is what we call ‘reframing,’ where a patient reinterprets a situation to fit his or her own self-schema. In this case, Ray is taking the obvious, that he has no chance with women, and spinning it into what we, the DSM-IV, call ‘self righteous bullshit.’ This is a serious medical condition.”

A recent campus-wide survey sponsored by the College of Arts & Sciences revealed a shocking drop in student cliteracy rates. The clitoris, defined by Princeton University as “a female sexual organ homologous to the penis” is widely believed to be an integral part in both heterosexual and lesbian relationships. The survey suggested, however, that most men, and even some women in the Washington University community have never actually studied the clitoris.

Some trace the problem to the lack of a formal clitoral education. Many states have passed legislation to eliminate cliteracy from schools’ curriculums, and have also enacted laws removing the subject of the clitoris from standardized tests. “The clitoris has no place in public schools,” remarked congressman Jamie Sneed. “If cliteracy is important to students, they should seek it on their own time.”

Despite the attempts of corporate

advertising to expose teenagers to the clitoris as early as eighteen, many find that the clitoris is not open to everyone, and it is difficult to get hands-on experience.

Even for those fortunate enough to receive real-world experience, studies show that without formal training, practice does not necessarily translate directly into higher cliteracy rates. “I hooked up with a guy last year who totally sucked,” Sophomore Page Durant noted. “I personally know that he has gotten with half of the Gamma Phi Chi sorority, but he was really lame in bed. I have never had a more frustrating five minutes.”

A Freshman Seminar aimed at directly reducing ilcliteracy on campus has been proposed for the Fall 2005 Semester. For more information on cliteracy or to find out if you are ilcliterate, please contact the Washington University Cliteracy Foundation (<http://clit.wustl.edu>; 935-CLIT).

WU to introduce “interchangeable façades”

Yesterday, in an e-mail to the entire student body of Washington University, Chancellor Mark Wrighton announced the most recent of his ambitious plans to renovate the campus:

interchangeable snap-on façades. This innovation, as the chancellor explained, “will provide WU’s main campus with a sorely-needed *literal* facelift...approximately six times per year.”

The term “snap-on façade” was coined by professors at the WU School of Architecture and refers to the construction methods of new buildings on main campus, in which after the structural shell of a new building is constructed, gaudy false masonry fronts are literally snapped into place on the building’s exterior. Wrighton admitted that his interchangeable-façade idea was inspired partially by hearing this terminology, and partially by watching Fox’s hit TV show *The Swan*.

The plan itself involves physically removing the façades from buildings, and replacing them with façades of different styles throughout the year. “We plan to



The current “Collegiate Gothic Façade” (top left)
Frank Gehry-style “Deconstructivist Façade” (top right)
April Welcome “Flower Façade” (bottom left)
Halloween “Scary Ghost Façade” (bottom right)

stick with the Collegiate Gothic style for graduation and parents’ weekend,” said Wrighton, “but for Halloween, for example, we’ll replace them with haunted house façades, and at WILD there will be large lettering set into the walls of each building reminding students to drink responsibly.” Wrighton added that at times when no people of importance are visiting the campus, all façades will simply be removed and put into storage, exposing the buildings’ raw, concrete structures.

Wrighton says “interchangeable façade” technology has

applications to areas other than main campus as well, due to its ability to quickly adapt to new styles and fads. “On the South 40, for example,” explained Wrighton, “interchangeable façades mean we no longer have to tear down poorly-constructed dormitories every twenty years to respond to current trends. Instead, we can build poorly-designed *permanent* structures and merely change their fronts.”

While critics note that interchangeable façades focus on outward expression, and do nothing to improve the programs of the buildings themselves, advocates of the plan say the chancellor should not be criticized for trying to improve the school’s image. “They plant flowers and trees for April Welcome and then remove them,” said senior Patricia Donnelly, “there is no reason not to insert colorful, flowery-looking building faces in April as well.”

The first scheduled “face shift” will occur on April 1, and all façade maintenance will be handled by Top Care.

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News in Brief:

WU sells admission births on eBay

Confirming years of suspicion that money buys your way in, the admissions department of Washington University has revealed its plan to sell acceptances on eBay. Bids have a \$31,000 reserve that must be met, but many of the 300+ spots up for auction have already far exceeded the reserve limit, some reaching bids of 1 million dollars or more. The university is also considering "Buy It Now" auctions, which would allow students to receive their diploma instantaneously, without waiting through four years of school.

Bitter student submits "intent to not graduate" letter to registrar

Kelly O'Brien last Wednesday submitted an "intent to not graduate" letter to the Registrar after being informed by her advisor that she lacked the credits to complete her major.

"I intend to spend one more

semester under the control of this elitist, panoptic white tower," wrote O'Brien, "because some credit Nazi noticed that I'm one unit short of finishing the E. Lit. major. Big fucking deal. Like no one else has ever made that mistake before."

O'Brien finished her letter by adding that she also intends to slowly kill the loved ones of the person who did this to her.

Students won't stop screaming in the middle of Whispers Café

On Thursday, February 17, the Washington University Police Department was called to diffuse noise levels at Whispers Café after a group of students refused to stop screaming. "I was studying with a couple of my friends for the art history test," said senior Simon Chin, "The conversation got a little heated when we discussed how Professor Johnson made Domencio Robusti look like Berolommeo Carducci. Suddenly, the police came in and started arresting people."

A WUPD report also noted that officers arrested an extremely ignorant person for standing beneath the Tree of Knowledge.

Students return to making fools of selves, community

After almost four full months of not being allowed to serve alcohol at fraternity social functions, students at Wash U breathed a collective sigh of relief and returned to making fools of themselves and the community.

During the prohibition, students began to replace what would have been a night of heavy drinking with productive, even altruistic activities. A terrible rise in community service events occurred, along with increased attendance at classes and an overall school GPA a full point higher. Needless to say, alcohol returned just in the nick of time.

"Finally people will stop pointing out the hypocrisy of having a building called 'Busch Hall' on a campus that doesn't allow alcoholic beverages to be served at fraternities!" Dean Smith of the business school said, right before doing a tequila shot off the chest of a plastered, half-naked freshman girl at an undisclosed fraternity house.

Poker night

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Nevertheless, excited about the prospect of strengthening the University's national reputation as well as his own, Wrighton flew to Boston early Friday morning.

"Those boys schooled and tooled us," said Vice Chancellor John E. Klein. "When I saw Mark walking out of the room with tears coming down his face, I knew something was very wrong."

"The only reason we invited him was because we knew he sat on one of the biggest endowments in the nation," said Harvard's President Summers. "I'm surprised he actually came to play. It is almost as if he thought he was one of us."

Continued Summers, "His game was absolutely horrendous. Even Cornell managed to win a few million off of Mark."

The actual damage to the University's endowment was approximately \$1.2 billion. Many at the University were shocked at Wrighton's reckless behavior.

Said freshman Redford Jones, "Mark just bent over and took it hard. This is absolutely not the way we should be represented."

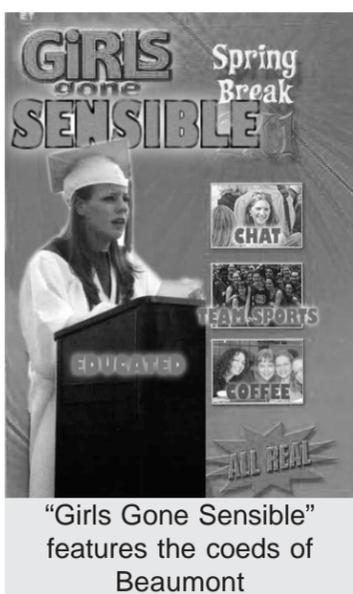
The University will hold a meeting this week to decide whether it should raise tuition another 5.2% in order to make up for the lost funds.

Beaudi Gras provides sober alternative to Mardi Gras

Due to the enormous success of Beauhouse, Beaumont's sober alternative to Bauhaus, Beaumont sponsored Beaudi Gras this year to provide students with another sober outlet for celebration. At Beaudi Gras, students partied the night away until 11:30, when they went to bed. The highlight of the night was the arrival of the Discovery Channel's Girls Gone Sensible, which depicted sexy college coeds fully clothed.

"The event went well," said RA Beth Heagans. "We made beaded necklaces out of organic whole-wheat macaroni. Girls flashed their luscious thumbs for them. We also watched the real celebrations on television."

Freshman Ben Faust commented, "Watching it on television made it feel like I was in New Orleans, but



"Girls Gone Sensible" features the coeds of Beaumont

without all the fun and the partying. It was great!"

Witnesses agree, however, that the party eventually got too rowdy.

"I caught one girl flashing her whole forearm," said Heagans. "Some of the boys passed out in shock, not used to seeing so much skin. I had to call EST."

When the emergency medical team showed up with a police escort, students quickly bolted. Many tried to hide their illegally-possessed sugar and salt packets snatched from Bear's Den. Some students fled the scene, afraid of being associated with the disruptive behavior.

Said freshman Jane Bosk: "I thought I chose to live in this dorm to avoid something like this."

Sole remaining WU student without iPod found

The University observed a milestone this past weekend, as Thomas Hanlon, the last remaining student not in possession of Apple's popular iPod digital music player, was discovered on Friday.

Some students expressed surprise over the findings.

"How did this happen?!" said Wendy Morgan, while taking a rare break from listening to one of her three differently-colored iPod Minis. "I haven't seen an iPod-less person in six weeks." Morgan then returned to dancing frantically in front of a solid hot-pink backdrop.

In general, however, the discovery has been a cause for celebration, as onlookers have been invited to gaze at this relic of a bygone age.

"Thomas will be exhibited by the entrance of Olin Library over the next two weeks, so as to give other students an insightful glance at the past of our Wash U community," said Martin Frigand, a senior member of the iPod club on

campus. "After that, we'll be holding a ceremony in Edison to give him a free iPod Photo and an iTunes anthology of Ashlee Simpson."

Hanlon has expressed some reservation over the upcoming events. "I don't want an iPod Photo!" said Hanlon. "I just want them to leave me alone!"

A similar event occurred in 2003, when then-freshman Katie Rice was discovered as the last remaining Wash U student without a cellphone. "Thomas will be fine," said Rice. "I resisted at first, too, but it's really a lot less of a headache if you go along with it, instead of trying to fight it. For your own good, Thomas, please don't try to fight it."

"Oh, we're prepared," said Frigand. "If he refuses to accept our gift, we'll slip an iPod Shuffle into his backpack when he's not looking. We will see to it that he becomes one of us."

"One of us, one of us!" added the onlooking mob.

OPINIONS

Yes, it would kill me to flush



Wesley Tooker

Well excuse me, Your Highness, if I knew you were gonna be a whiny little bitch, I would've rolled out

the red carpet for your triumphant return to the Olin Library bathroom. Yes, it *would* kill me to flush. Did it ever occur to you that maybe I'm in a hurry? We're a busy school in a busy country in a busy world. I have a heavy workload here, and sometimes I just don't have time to dote on a faulty sensor. If that means you have to look at an unflushed toilet, and that offends you, well then cry me a damn river, Justin Timberlake.

You've got some nerve, lecturing me about hygiene. What, like you've never seen shit or piss before? Seriously, you're lucky that I didn't throw up on the seat just to spite you.

Look, I have high enough standards of hygiene. I may not wash my hands every time I go, but every number 2 gets at least a soap-free wash. I shower, I shave-hell, sometimes I even use shampoo. I don't need some elitist fuck telling me about bathroom etiquette. If this all really bothers you that much, I think you should just stop using the Olin bathrooms.

Point Counter-point: Private schoolers are simply a better breed

First of all, I would like to dispel the appalling rumor that private schoolers are handed everything on a silver platter. Grade inflation is no more prominent in private schools than anywhere else, and trying to pin the problem solely on those who received a private school education shows nothing more than pitiful jealousy on the part of the accusers. My 5.0 weighted GPA at "Chadwick Academy for the Prosperous" and my subsequent acceptance into the Washington University School of Business did not come easy.



Frederick Hansen

My father has had to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars for me to be where I am today.

Furthermore, should it really come as such a surprise that private schoolers receive significantly higher marks than those in a public school environment? I did some volunteer work at a public high school for the purposes of my college application, and I was amazed by its abundance of bumbling cretins. It is like they are a completely different breed. Private schoolers are a rich and beautiful people; of *course* we receive higher grades and are more successful.

Grog no like private schoolers, private schoolers rich snobs

Grog tired of snooty private schoolers at WU. Always tell Grog "get haircut" and "take shower." They think they better than Grog because Grog attend public school.



Grog

Private schoolers coast through life; think can solve all problems with money. Grog work hard to get here. Grog no inferior to private school snobs, Grog *superior!*

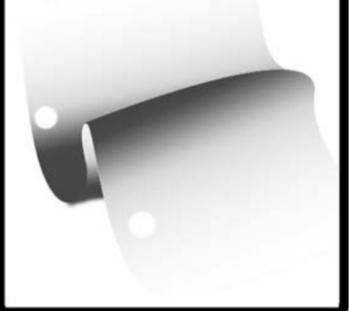
Grog finish in top five percent of Grog class at gazelle hunting! Snobby private school kids no can catch gazelle by throwing money at them.

Grog can't wait 'til private schoolers graduate and forced to try survive in "real world." Private schoolers know nothing about surviving in wilderness. When private schooler be mauled by bear in woods because not know how to defend self, who be laughing then? Grog be laughing then.

Top 10... Career Center recommendations

- 1) *Sit down, swipe your card, someone will be with you shortly.*
- 2) *Did you know you can work from home and earn 500 dollars a month; the government has millions of dollars just there for you to take!*
- 3) *Have you thought about a Rhodes Scholarship? Good, because you're not getting one.*
- 4) *Sign up at the Career Center*
- 5) *Is it my job to tell you what to be? Get the fuck out of my office!*
- 6) *Do you know what you can do with a philosophy major? No, seriously, we have no idea.*
- 7) *Hey, I hear 'Job Counselor' is pretty nice.*
- 8) *Have you thought about your future with ITT Tech?*

RESUMÉ



What do you think?

Do you have time for a quick one-question poll?



Rick Pixley
Religious Studies

"Yes."



Tim Stickland
Music, English

"Yes."



Lewis Fullmer
Spanish

"Yes."



Brent Schorr
Environmental Studies

"Yes."