



"Kick the kosher cart" campaign causes campus controversy

Following the success of its 'Boot the Bell' campaign, the Student Worker Alliance has begun a campaign to raise awareness about the Kosher Cart's controversial employment practices. The Alliance has staged numerous protests and encouraged a boycott as part of an effort to pressure the university to replace the cart.



One of the many rabbis the SWA claims is inspecting tomatoes for Holy! brand foods in sub-standard conditions

In order for food to be kosher, a rabbi must examine the food preparation process to determine that it is in keeping with Jewish law. The Kosher Cart is a franchise of Holy! brand foods, which the SWA claims underpays and mistreats the rabbis it hires to certify food as kosher.

respect that holy men deserve."

The SWA has asked the university to 'Kick the Kosher Cart' because of its practices. In early March, it drafted a petition, signed by over 1,000 students, requesting that the university immediately pressure Holy! brand foods to improve its business practices. If the corporation refuses, the petition asks the university to replace the kosher cart.

"They're a multi-million dollar corporation. They own falafel stands and delis all over the world," said Andra Blois, president of SWA. "There is no reason they can't treat rabbis with the

"Rabbis working for Holy! brand foods only get one day of rest from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday," read the petition letter, "and they are forced to wear heavy black clothing, even though *continued on page 3*

Israel-Palestine conflict resolved entirely within Student Life forum section

Students Jon Donaldson and Sarah Wolff have come to an amicable compromise in Student Life's Forum section this past week in their argument over the decades-long clash between Israel and Palestine, resulting in a clearing up of campus debate, as well as a new era of intercultural harmony in the Middle East.

"I'm really proud that I could do my part to end one of the most bitterly-fought conflicts of the last century," said Wolff. "I know that it was pretty rough for a few generations, but now it's time for the healing to start."

Donaldson expressed a bit of surprise over the events. "At first, I thought that we were just arguing back and forth and not really accomplishing anything," said Donaldson. "But then there it was,

and now Israel and Palestine are at peace. Bet my Dean's List-ass roommate couldn't do that!"

Leaders of the respective countries lauded the two students for their political insights in a joint press conference last Monday. "I guess I just never looked at all this quite like that," commented Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. "But now that the Washington University students in the Student Life Forum section have engaged in public discourse over our struggle, everything seems to make a lot more sense. Kudos, Jon and Sarah!"

"Whew, what a load off!" agreed Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas. "I'm sure glad that that's over with! We all just really agree with the conclusions of the two from the Student Life

Forum section. We just received messages from Fatah, Hamas, and Islamic Jihad, and they all feel a lot happier about everything."

"My opinion was always that Israel systematically oppressed and degraded my people," said Umar Al-Kabi, a high-ranking Hamas member recently turned florist. "But, thanks to Student Life, I can see past all that, and now I'm following my passion for flowers."

Wolff and Donaldson intend to celebrate their achievement by walking down to eat dinner at Small Group instead of Bear's Den, and possibly even getting some Ben & Jerry's from the Loop. "And later," says Donaldson, "we're going to figure out how to work out the Hutu-Tutsi crisis in Rwanda."

Bon Appetit to begin charging dorm entry fee



Brittany Higgins, paying five meal points to have a roof to sleep under tonight

Last week, Bon Appetit passed a controversial proposal that would allow the food service provider to subtract five points from students' meal plans each time they use their I.D. cards to enter dormitories on the South 40.

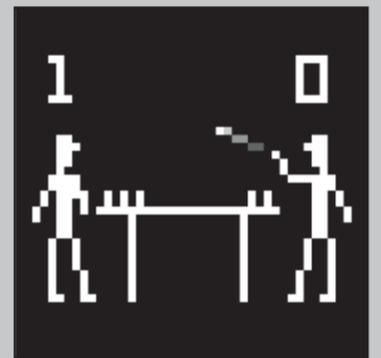
Within a few hours, Residential Life received dozens of angry e-mails, arguing that a door-swipe charge on top of WU's already exorbitant on-campus housing prices is unfair. But as ResLife spokesperson Kristy Burk explained, the matter is

completely out of their control: "[Residential Life] was not even aware that this new policy was in effect until the angry e-mails began pouring in. Bon Appetit is a private company; its business decisions are made independently of the University."

Burk added, "It would be nice to be involved in Bon Appetit's decision-making process. For example, I wish they'd informed us before changing the locks on all the dorms' doors." *continued on page 4*

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Student pregnancy rates on the rise



Vincent Widaman, who has just received the news that he is pregnant with twins

In an alarming report released last Wednesday, Student Health and Counseling Services announced a 600% rise in Washington University undergraduate pregnancies for the 2004-2005 school year. Most pregnancies, according to the report, are unplanned, and the majority of pregnant students are unaware

that they are expecting. Despite efforts made by the University community to provide a variety of birth control options to its students, the report revealed that hundreds of students each week are blatantly disregarding these opportunities and placing themselves in risky situations in which pregnancy is often the result.

"I had no idea that I was pregnant," relayed sophomore Meredith Deaton. "I went in to Health Services when I woke up one morning with itchy bumps all over my body and a 101 degree fever. I thought that it was chicken pox, but apparently I'm due in June."

"Many students ignore the common warning signs of pregnancy," reports Dr. Allison Stec. "Symptoms such as headache, dry mouth, rash,

sorethroat, exhaustion, fever, broken bones, nausea, and pink eye are all tell-tale signs of a bun in the oven. Most students that come into my office ignorantly try to pass off these symptoms as other so-called 'common' ailments. It's tough to break the news to them."

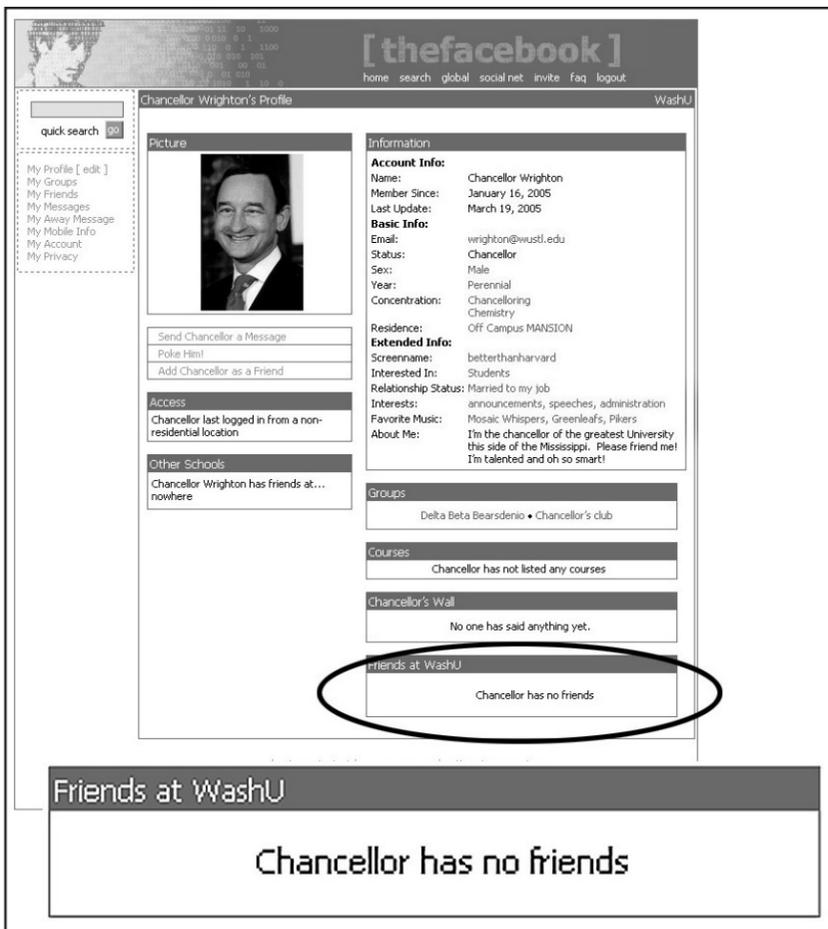
The news of pregnancy is not always taken well by the expecting mothers. Many reject the diagnosis and remain in denial for the majority of their pregnancy. "I don't know how else to put this—I'm a virgin," explained Senior Amanda Thompson. "I've never had sex in my life. I haven't made out with anyone since WILD freshman year. There's no way I could be pregnant. I'm pretty sure that I have strep throat, but Student Health Services told me that I'm in my second trimester. The doctors keep pushing me to tell the father of my baby. I don't

know what to do."

Freshman Gus Lynch shared similar sentiments: "I am physically incapable of bearing children—I am a male. It would be impossible for me to be pregnant. I just had a really bad headache, but the doctor told me to take three Advil, kept me in the infirmary overnight, and signed me up for Lamaze classes."

In response to the shocking rise of single mothers to be on campus, the University has made plans to tear down the painfully outdated Rubelmann dormitory and erect a seven-story, state-of-the-art daycare center in its place. The center will offer a 24-hour baby-sitting service as well as a full staff of counselors trained to provide support for new mothers.

Wrighton friendless on Facebook



Last night, freshman Andrew Isaacs opened his school e-mail account to see a message from the Facebook asking him to confirm a new friend. Andrew had received strange friend requests in the past, but this one was different. It was from Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton. Isaacs said he did not know how to respond: "At first, I was going to accept him because I didn't want to hurt his feelings. But, I didn't want to give him the wrong impression; I hardly even know the guy."

Isaacs' situation is not unique. WUnderground has learned that

hundreds of students have received friend requests from the Chancellor. And in every single case, Wrighton's request for friendship has been rejected.

Students' reasons for rejecting Wrighton's friendships varied. Super-senior Ian Pearson claims he is still upset at the second-rate glow sticks his mom received at his freshman convocation. Other students have cited noisy construction outside their dorms, cluster requirements, and forced double-sided printing at computer labs as reasons for ignoring Wrighton's requests.

In a school-wide email sent last night, the Chancellor explained that he joined the Facebook to "connect with students and help create publicity for the university," but he has become very disappointed with the student body: "The bedrock of Washington University is its inclusiveness—but I am friendless on the Facebook. I am very disillusioned with the student body. I mean...I haven't even been poked!" When asked specifically about Isaac's rejection, Wrighton replied, "If people don't start confirming me as their friends, there will never be another Presidential Debate here ever again!"

Professor Thomas Crane of the Washington University Psychology Department, a specialist in strange manifestations of desires for social acceptance, says that Wrighton's behavior is not abnormal. "People who believe they are extremely powerful, especially when their job title evokes reverence—for instance, emperor, duke, lord, or in this case, chancellor—often appeal to their underlings for social approval." However, Crane warns that this condition can be dangerous when the exalted individual discovers that he or she is not really exalted. "Once this realization is made, the consequences can be disastrous. The individual usually tries to manifest his or her power over the underlings in a draconian fashion." When faced with this analysis, Chancellor Wrighton quickly quipped, "The tuition increases have nothing to do with this!"

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News in Brief:

Thurtene carnival referred to like it is some sort of charity

Last Thursday, the president of Thurtene Honorary, Austin Hurst, referred to the Thurtene carnival as if its main purpose were to raise money for charity. "We're very proud of the work we've done, helping children in need through the money we raise," said Hurst in describing the event to his grandparents. "We've done a lot of great things."

Hurst also considered mentioning that the carnival is a great excuse for college students to drink themselves silly, but decided not to.

WU researchers delve deeper into March Madness

Researchers at the Washington University School of Psychology have undertaken further study of the yearly "March Madness" phenomenon and have discovered that the condition suffered by many Division 1 fans is much more complex than they initially believed. Correlative illnesses such as March Melancholy are often overlooked or misdiagnosed, as well as March Manic-Depression in the case of many Syracuse and Kansas fans, who watched their teams promising Final Four chances slip away in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

The Hatch to give concert, reports every wall on campus

Campus band the Hatch is set to give a concert this next month, according to every wall on campus. "You should come out to the Hi-Pointe to see the show," says every single bulletin board at Wash U. "It's going to be sweet. Come support your fellow students, and listen to some great music! Remember the band that played at the rally for Direct Connect? That was us." Add the innumerable boards, "\$5 21 and up, \$7 20 and under. Doors: 8 p.m."

Kosher cart

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they work in sweltering conditions. Many rabbis faint or die while on the job, and none are paid a living wage. The university shouldn't condone such practices."

Holy! brand foods has also written to the university. It has argued that it cannot be at fault for the cheap cost of rabbinical labor and that any wage increases should be industry-wide.

"Rabbis are a dime a dozen," said Holy! brand spokesperson Eli Wolfenstein. "If we raise wages, we won't be competitive with other kosher food services."

In addition to the petition and protesting, SWA has partnered with the International Coalition of Rabbinical Workers, which is attempting to improve the living conditions of rabbis around the world. The ICRW has held successful protests at other colleges, most notably Yeshiva University and Brandeis College.

Good lottery number rockets student to height of popularity

When J.J. Marsden started at Wash U., he wasn't the most popular kid around. An excessive enthusiasm for anime, combined with an eccentric personality and unique odor led to an involuntary social seclusion. All this has changed, however, due to his astounding ResLife housing lottery number, which has rocketed J.J. to the very heights of popularity.

"Like, I never knew who this guy was before," gushed J.J.'s new girlfriend Anna Guthrie. "But then my roommate came up to me and said, like 'lottery numbers are up!' and I'm all 'really?' And she says 'yeah, and the guy with the best number, like, lives on our floor!' and I was like, 'no way!' and she says 'yes!' and so I went and asked him out. I mean, I can't resist that number of his. I used to think he smelled like cheese, but now he smells like power."

According to sources close to J.J., since the announcement he has attracted campuswide attention, receiving nineteen offers to fill out a suite, six bribes, and eleven offers for anonymous sex. In fact, his fanmail load has increased so enormously he has been forced to hire two new roommates to handle it all.

Theresa Madison, Wash U.'s self-described fashion and entertainment guru, commented, "J.J. is the hottest thing on campus. We're talking internet-sized phenomenon - he's Wash

U.'s Romanian Pop-singing fat guy. Guys like this do come along once a year, though. He'll have to work hard if he wants to keep his popularity. Remember that girl, Jennifer-something, who had the same number last year? She couldn't keep it up; partied, smoked and drank her number into the ground. And now she's living in a single in the University House basement."

The man J.J. himself could not be reached for comment, but his website www.jjsnewnumber.com has all the information anyone needs, including biographical data and tour dates for the South 40.

Architecture student does not understand why Brookings Fountain proposal rejected

Fountain to depict Goro fighting T.S. Elliot and Robocop in battle to the death

Sam Henderson failed his recent Architecture project to design a fountain outside Brookings Hall.

"I don't understand," said Sam. "It was so sweet."

Sam's plans for the new Brookings Fountain depicted the four-armed demon warrior prince Goro, of Mortal Kombat fame, engaged in hand-to-hand combat with Wash U. alumni T.S. Elliot and cyborg-hero Robocop.

"It works on so many levels," said Sam. "To me, it was a commentary on life in America's inner cities. I feel like the Architecture School is too restrictive. I mean, this is the only point in my life where I'll be able to experiment with my emotions through my work."

When Sam gave his presentation on his fountain design, it is reported that Associate Architecture Dean MacKieth

began to weep, depressed that his years of working in education had devolved to life-sized Mortal Kombat statues.

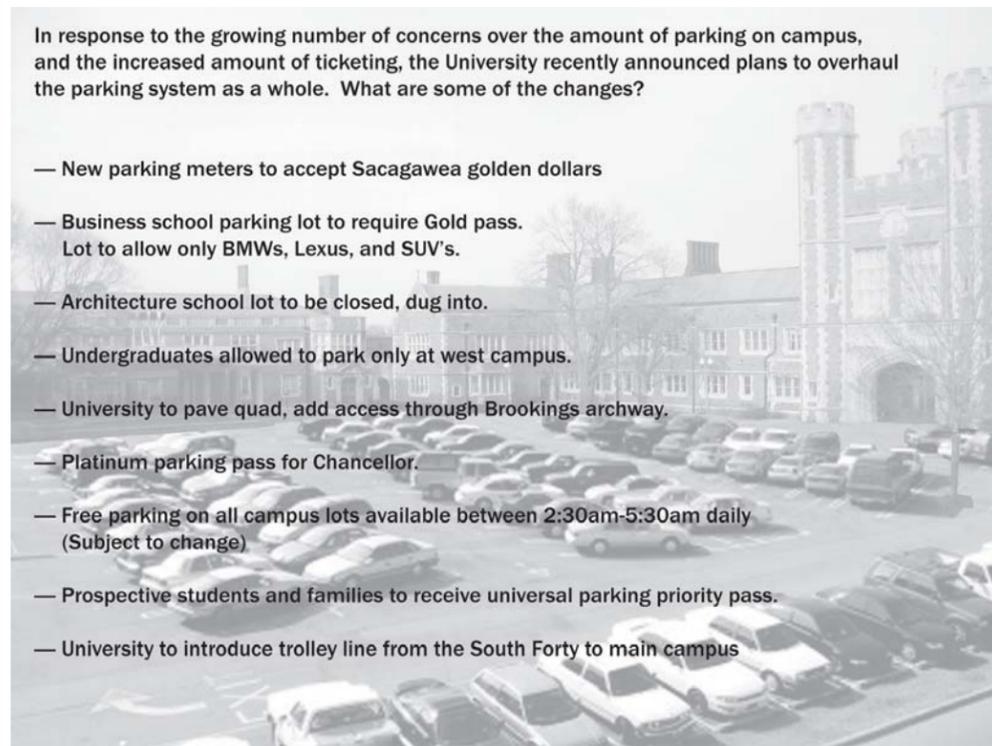
"Yeah, they didn't like it at all. What a bunch of jackasses. They didn't like my design for my pool project that was based on Lil' John and the Eastside Boyz fighting characters from "The Lord of the Rings" either. Whatever man, I'm just on another level. Can you think of something sweeter for people to first see when they visit Wash U. than Goro beating the shit out of T.S. Elliot and Robocop?! Yeah, I didn't think so."

Henderson's architecture belongings were reportedly thrown out of a second story window in Givens.

Infographic

In response to the growing number of concerns over the amount of parking on campus, and the increased amount of ticketing, the University recently announced plans to overhaul the parking system as a whole. What are some of the changes?

- New parking meters to accept Sacagawea golden dollars
- Business school parking lot to require Gold pass. Lot to allow only BMWs, Lexus, and SUV's.
- Architecture school lot to be closed, dug into.
- Undergraduates allowed to park only at west campus.
- University to pave quad, add access through Brookings archway.
- Platinum parking pass for Chancellor.
- Free parking on all campus lots available between 2:30am-5:30am daily (Subject to change)
- Prospective students and families to receive universal parking priority pass.
- University to introduce trolley line from the South Forty to main campus



Dorm entry fee

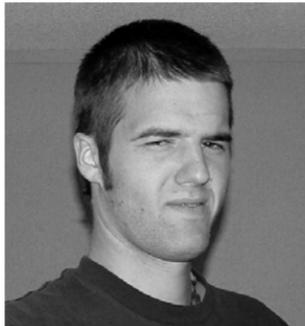
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Bon Appetit representative John Kerr explained the actions of the dining service: "The ability to use one's meal card to enter dormitories is a valuable service, and coding the magnetic strips on the backs of meal cards to be recognizable to dormitory doors is not an easy process. Surely we deserve a small surcharge for providing this convenience to students."

Kerr emphasized that this decision was not about greed or increasing profit margins; it was about keeping Bon Appetit afloat. "It was very hard for Bon Appetit to make a profit from dorm entries at its former rate of \$0.00 per card-swipe," said Kerr. He also added that Bon Appetit might revisit its "free oxygen" policy within Bear's Den and Center Court.

Since ResLife has not been provided a master key for the new dorm locks, Kerr has advised all students to come directly to the dining service with lockout problems in the future. Additionally, the Bon Appetit representative has urged students not to contact their peers in cases of lockouts or for general dorm entries: "Besides the safety risk, the practices of holding doors open for other students and 'tailgating' essentially steal money from Bon Appetit and may force us to raise dorm entry prices in the future."

OPINIONS

I want to be the next Student Life senior editorial columnist



Clayton Sheets

The position of senior opinion columnist for Student Life has long been a hallowed and coveted position. For many years now, it has been this brave individual's job to uphold and communicate his or her beliefs in the face of great adversity and scrutiny. These individuals stand proudly against the opposition of the majority of the Wash U. campus, as well as against scientific fact, compromising neither opinion nor ego. Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to share with you why I would be the ideal candidate to continue this great tradition (and if you are not in complete agreement with me after reading the following column, you must be an ignorant cretin).

First of all, even though this campus is predominantly left-wing, I am willing to express an ultra-conservative perspective on the

issues of gun control, abortion, foreign policy, social security, gay marriage, the environment, the war on drugs, and health care. I will not hold back simply because a few sissy, left-wing communists don't like to "face the facts."

Oh, excuse me for a second; I have to club a baby seal.

I am also pedantic enough to use big words that you don't understand just to reinforce my superiority complex. Throw everything you've got at me; my ego is impenetrable.

Finally, I promise to uphold the sacred traditions of the Stud Life editorials page. I will dispense advice on sexual issues at will, despite having no sex life myself. I also possess an extreme animosity towards Student Union, which I plan to make clear at every opportunity. (This bitterness stems from being the only candidate ever not to be voted into a senate seat freshman year.)

Though I have attended this university for fewer than three years, I have already made many enemies. And with the help of Stud Life, which could distribute my opinions campuswide on a weekly basis, I am sure I can make many, many more.

Top 10... Taco Bell Replacements

- 1) Walmart
- 2) ChickenFat World
- 3) Bubble Tea OMG!!! ^_^
- 4) Five Rowing Machines
- 5) Bear's Den Express
- 6) Del Taco
- 7) Sweatshop
- 8) White Castle
- 9) George Washington Carvery
- 10) *Something else that sounds good in theory but you get sick of after a week.*
- 11) *The it's-the-taste-not-the-labor-practices-that-influenced-our-decision Indian Grill*



What do you think?

After donating money to found an institute for public service, former Representative Dick Gephardt has been invited to give the commencement speech at graduation and will be presented with an honorary PhD. What do you think?



Sebastian Linton
Communications

"I wish they'd have commencement speakers who are interesting to college students, like Nelly or John Stewart. Dick Gephardt doesn't know the first thing about representing WU students."



Kyle Reichard
Political Science

"Gephardt? Sweet!...He's in the St. Lunatics, right?"



Brady Schuck
PhD candidate

"They're giving him a PhD just for donating money? Damn it! Is my six years of peer-reviewed research worth nothing?"



Isaac Mayers
Comparative Literature

"Hehe, dick."