



"The end result of Wash U. not having a journalism school"

## Simba's dad trampled by stampede of pre-freshmen



Mufasa, crushed by horde of stampeding pre-frosh

Sorrow filled the animal kingdom yesterday as Mufasa, famed King of the Pridelands, died heroically in an attempt to save his only son from a stampede of spooked pre-freshmen. Since Mufasa's death, Simba's whereabouts are unknown; many believe that he too died in the stampede, although his body has yet to be found. Mufasa's death and Simba's disappearance have left the Pridelands, which stretch from Mudd field to the murky depths of

Fontbonne, without a direct heir to the throne.

Many in the royal family suspect Mufasa's brother Scar, who will inherit the kingdom, of intentionally spooking the herd of pre-freshmen in an attempt to kill Mufasa. The suspicion stems from an alleged connection between Scar and 'The Hyenas,' a group of misfit Fontbonne students who have never been allowed in the Pridelands by Mufasa. 'The Hyenas' were seen loitering

outside of Brookings Hall right before the incident.

One architecture student says he saw them intentionally scare the herd of pre-freshmen.

"There were four full tours leaving Brookings," said Ben Weissman. "The pre-freshmen and their families were packed pretty tight. The Fontbonne kids came up yelling about this year being the most competitive ever for admissions, and I guess they spooked the PFs."

The herd of pre-freshman was seen running through the quad, trampling everything in its way. Ordinary students report being pushed aside by the swarm.

Inexplicably, Simba was in the quad playing when it all happened. He was soon caught in the onslaught.

Mufasa, who was warned of the danger by Scar, ran to rescue his son. In the process, he was *continued on page 2*

## SWA sit-in demands living wage, comfy chairs

The Student Worker Alliance's fight for a living wage continued this week as members staged a sit-in at the University's Admissions Office. However, the stakes were raised yesterday when the SWA added comfortable chairs to its list of demands. Citing the recent increase in the number of protestors, the SWA believes that everyone participating in the sit-in is entitled to a chair.

"Maybe the reason the sit-in isn't working yet is that we're not actually sitting-in. I mean, when you look around, most people are just standing up. I don't even know why I came here," said SWA member Scott Andreas. "Plus, our legs get really really tired after standing for hours on end."

The protestors hope to receive anywhere from 100 to 1,000 chairs by the end of the week. Negotiations between the SWA and Chancellor Wrighton are scheduled for tomorrow. The SWA is determined to include cushions or some other type of padding as part of the deal, but the Chancellor believes folding chairs or stools are good enough.

"We have to compromise, find some middle ground. They can't get both an increased wage and a place to sit, it's one or the other," said Chancellor Wrighton. "We're looking into the feasibility of purchasing all these chairs, and it's clear that cushions will be too expensive. The farthest I'll go is getting those chairs with two big wells molded to fit the contours of someone's butt." The Chancellor then reclined in a throne-like leather armchair and purred contentedly.

Meanwhile, SWA members continue to swarm the admissions office and garner support from students and faculty alike. Protestors wield signs reading everything from "We Won't Quit Until We Sit" to "Give Us Chairs, It's Only Fairs."

Robert McIntire, a spokesperson for the SWA, said "We are adamant in our desire for adequate seating. Sitting down is an inalienable right—you know, life, liberty, and the pursuit of chairs. If the University takes this from us, what next? Sleeping? Breathing? It has to stop here. Sitting down is something that everyone should stand up for."

## Commencement postponed due to scheduling conflict

The Washington University graduation ceremony and all related events will have to be pushed back by a number of days. This means the commencement ceremony, which had been scheduled for May 20 since before the beginning of the 2004-05 school year, will now be held on May 22 at the earliest, but may not take place at all.

The reason for this rescheduling: sixteen-year-old Emma McPherson, sister of Laura McPherson, a WU senior. According to Emma and Laura's mother, Helen, it was recently noticed that WU commencement fell on the same date as Emma's dance recital and would thus have to be rescheduled.

"Emma is very excited about her dance class, and it would break her heart if we missed it," explained Helen. She added that it would be a nice gesture if Laura attended the recital since she does not call her sister enough and that she would "just have to reschedule her little graduation party thing." *continued on page 4*

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## Terrence Sharbo debate escalates

Terrence Sharbo, sophomore in Arts and Sciences and Hurd 3 resident, has been fast asleep and generally unresponsive for the last 15 hours. A debate has arisen amongst his friends over whether or not to wake him up: his suitemates argue that he has

a frisbee game to go to and if he doesn't wake up he'll miss it. His girlfriend, freshman Michelle Shandeling, feels different.

"He's just so tired!" She told a friend. "He pulled two all-nighters to finish his term paper on time. It would be so inhumane to wake him up now. He has every right to wake up completely naturally and nobody can interfere with that."

Many have stated that whether or not he remains asleep is ultimately unimportant. The real question is, does he even want to be woken up?

"If he were awake right now, I'm absolutely confident he'd tell me not to wake him up," bawled Michelle.



Terrence Sharbo sleeps in his Hurd 3 dorm as the rest of campus debates whether or not to wake him up

Support groups on both sides are springing up. Picketers in the Quad carry "Culture of Conscious Awareness" signs while holding hourly clock radio alarm tests. Conversely, those who support Michelle are choosing to remain in bed. Reaction as a whole to Terrence's situation is so widespread, students are leaving notes for suitemates and setting multiple alarm clocks whenever they even think of lying down for a nap.

"God forbid this should ever happen to me!" said architecture student James Winger. "I go to sleep all the time! From now on I'm going to take all the necessary precautions. I suppose all this really stresses the importance of valuing your friends and telling

them what they can do for you before you go to sleep."

The argument is so complicated that it has been handed over to the Congress of the South 40 to decide what to do. Little progress was made,

and Congress declared Terrence's blankets be removed, thus giving him a slight chill. This raised cries of alarm and protest from those supporters still awake. Internal bickering over what has been dubbed "Terrence's Bill" has slowed proceedings further, and half the congress members have gone to bed themselves.

For more information, a webcam has been set up by Michelle to allow supporters to monitor Terrence's condition at [www.keepterranceasleep.com](http://www.keepterranceasleep.com).

## Simba's dad

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trampled, and his body was discovered hours later. Simba's reason for being in the quad remains a mystery.

"I can't fathom why Simba was playing near PFs in the first place" said Zazu, Mufasa's assistant, while preening and settling his feathers. "Those PFs are always getting excited about one small thing or another. If it's not the newly renovated library it's the cost of a meal at center court. If you ask me, which no one seems to do, PFs are too excitable. Simba shouldn't have been there to begin with."

Simba has not been seen since the incident, nor has his body been found, leading some to suspect that he may have left for the distant Saint Louis University out of shame.

Until Simba's return, Scar has been declared ruler of the Pridelands.

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## New library to open for April Welcome, demolition scheduled for May

In anticipation of spring and numerous visitors, notably prospective freshmen, April Welcome planners decided this year a new library would best exemplify the merits of Washington University. Plans for the library to be built around the current Olin Library will not only save space, but will demonstrate the university's willingness for asinine and essentially worthless structural achievements. The new library will come fully equipped with enough computers for each student to use, but with a fifteen minute time limit to ensure that no constructive work can be done. Failure to comply with the time limit results in an automatic computer shutdown, as the monitor flashes "Wr1gh70n OWNS U!!" accompanied by a picture of a semi-nude, wildly gyrating man.

The new library will also feature escalators that revert into slides, for when students need a break

and want to have some fun. Electric fireplaces will be installed for the 'cozy' factor, however, due to an unfortunate design flaw, several slides lead directly into the fireplaces. A university representative who wished to remain nameless stated, "That's what life is, sonny! You try to have fun, you gotta be ready to pay to the price! Have you SEEN Rocky III?"

A mix of racially diverse students that are not only flawless in appearance but budding Broadway stars will be flown in and placed around the library, working diligently, smiling and answering questions with perfect, pearly white teeth. A few potential businesses, restaurants, and brothels have even voiced interest in opening establishments in the tunnel. After April Welcome, the new library will face demolition. Before this process, however, the fancy furniture and accessories within will be generously donated

to Chancellor Wrighton's mansion and select Macy's establishments.

Slight controversy may delay the creation of the new library, however, as architecture student Chad Wong claims the new library design was stolen from him. After being convinced that his apartment was not under siege by unearthly potato-men, he issued this official statement to *WUnderground*: "Dudes, I definitely created that library design when I was really, really high. Are they building the Jimi Hendrix memorial statue made of Chipitos? That was my favorite part. Hey, want to buy some green?"

Assuming Wong falls asleep and forgets to file charges, the school plans to focus on the demolition of the library in May and on the initiation of "Fall: Get the Fuck off Our Campus," an annual event held every September.

## News in Brief:

### Student offered D1SC0UNT V1AAGRA, C1@L1S!!!!

While checking his campus e-mail account this past Thursday, senior Alex Lundgren was offered "D1SC0UNT V1AAGRA and C1@L1S." "Apparently," said Lundgren, "I don't even need a prescription to buy any of it. I'd pay them, and they would just send it right to me." While he initially questioned the legality of getting name-brand medicines without a prescription in the United States, Lundgren's concerns were quelled by the letter's assurance of "all countriess shiiping." "I don't know what was up with the rest of the text, though. It looked like a bunch of fragments of classic literature stuck together, but none of it really made any sense," he mused. "It was weird."

This is, however, not the first time that Lundgren has received this sort of generous e-mail. In the past, he has also received offers to "ENLLARGGE UR PENIIIS," to give him a free tarot reading, and on one occasion, an offer to temporarily hold a large sum of money in his bank account for the family of a late millionaire in Nigeria.

"I don't know what it is about me as a person that people keep sending me all of these amazing opportunities," he stated, "but whatever it is, keep 'em coming!"

### Free food draws students to otherwise tedious event

The Wash U. Campus Alliance for Tabbies, or WUCAT weekly cat grooming informational, is generally regarded by the campus at large as somewhat eclectic. But Candace, Joy, Mr. Shingles and Scrabby were all shocked when students who had never before attended a meeting began showing up in droves after hearing that free Qdoba would be available. "Mr. Shingles won't come out from under the couch, but it's nice to see so many people here. Next week we're going to have pizza and Coke while we discuss nail trimming techniques," said Candace. "I hope as many people come again, though. It's great to see so many people interested in cats!"

"Cats?" remarked one new WUCAT member around a mouthful of food as he re-entered the line. "Oh, right, cats, I love cats, taste great, where're the drinks?"

### WU freshman nearing record for longest time taken to discover that he's in the wrong class

This upcoming Friday, freshman Joseph Kemp will assume the campus record for the longest time spent before discovering that he's in the wrong class.

"We realized early on that he was going to the wrong class when he'd come to class every day with the textbooks from E Comp 100," said classmate Sara Asari. "We just thought it was funny at first, and we totally meant to tell him that this was a photography class, but when he missed the class withdrawal date, we decided not to tell him and just to root for him to break the wrong class record."

Asari added that she and the rest of Kemp's classmates plan to throw a pizza party in his honor when he breaks the record. Kemp, however, will not be informed of the party, so as not to jeopardize his streak.

### Administration cuts wireless internet for SWA

#### Protesters return to South 40

The Student Worker Alliance's protest for a living wage came to an abrupt halt on Tuesday when university administrators turned off wireless internet access in the Brookings Hall admissions office, where the protestors staged their rally. The administration decided to do so the night before in an attempt to end the protesting.

"The protestors showed a resilience and determination we didn't expect. They lived for days in our office, sleeping on the floor. Many didn't eat for days," said assistant to the chancellor Steve Givens. "We knew we had to hit them where it hurts, by cutting off the one thing they couldn't live without – the Internet."

The protestors' initial response to the cut in service was to rally together. SWA members chanted "Heck No! Even-though-we-can't-check-our-e-mail-while-protesting We Won't Go!" But within hours, their resolve began to falter. Internal divisions began to fracture the group as tensions ran high. Eventually, the protest fizzled.

"I realized I hadn't checked DailyKos in almost three hours," said SWA member Steve Myers from his desk, while posting messages to his own blog. "And it was a Wednesday night, so there was a new South Park episode online. I started to go crazy, thinking of all the information available that I could no longer access."

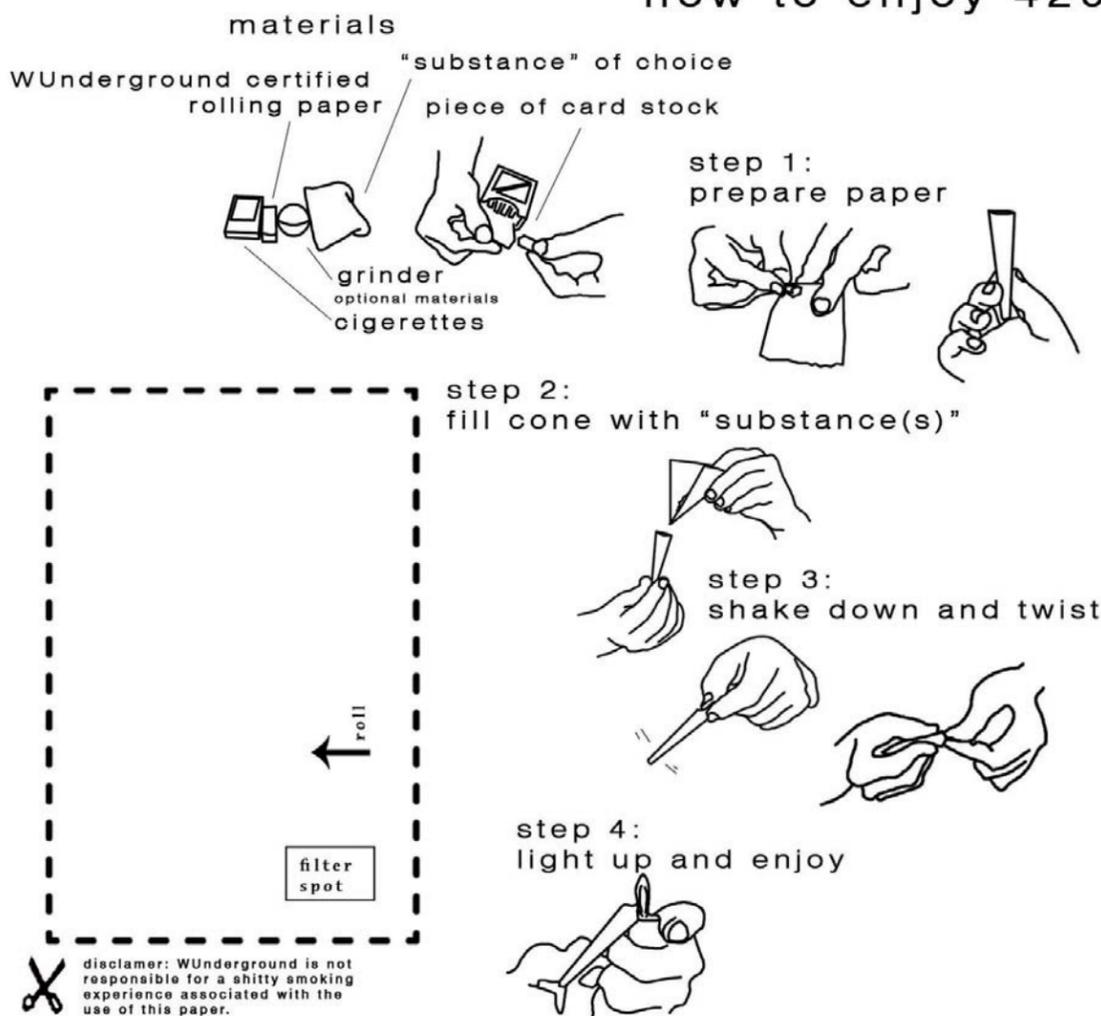
Added Megan Chavez, another SWA member, "My brain wanted to stay and protest, but my heart wasn't in it. I kept thinking of all the new e-mails in my inbox."

Throughout the protest, SWA members had access to the web through their laptops and wireless internet. While they weren't marching or rallying, many were plugged in.

The administrators behind the decision celebrated their victory last night.

"We won," said Chancellor Wrighton. "No more damned protests, and no more damned living wage demands! Now we can go back to underpaying and oppressing our workers, like we should have been all along."

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## Commencement

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After a brief conversation with Helen, Chancellor Mark Wrighton agreed to officially reschedule the commencement ceremony, despite the inconvenience that it would cause in terms of hotel bookings and flight reschedulings. Explained Wrighton: "Emma's been excited about her family coming to see her dance all month, and as Mrs. McPherson explained to me on the phone, she is not Superwoman, and thus she cannot be in two places at once."

Many students, including Laura, have protested the postponement. According to Laura, this act is indicative of a general trend of unjust favoritism that has been present in the McPherson family since Emma's birth in 1988. "I got straight A's on my report card last semester and didn't get so much as a pat on the back," explained Laura. "But Mom and Dad gave Emma a new car for getting an 'A' in AP Biology!"

"I love both of my daughters equally," replied Helen, "With the state of grade inflation, anyone can get a 4.0 GPA in college. Furthermore, Wash U. commencement simply isn't as important as Emma's recital. I know Wash U. is regarded as an elite university now, but that elite status comes from the classes of 2007 and 2008. The admissions standards and overall expectations of the class of 2005 were fairly low by comparison, so graduation really isn't that big of an accomplishment."

No replacement graduation date has yet been agreed upon. If no decision is made in the near future, commencement will be canceled and diplomas will be received by mail.

## Check out my penis!



Harold Schmidt

Hi! I realize that recently, there's been an increased amount of campus discourse focused on the actions of non-student visitors to the library, and I'd just like to put in my two cents on the issue. You kids at Wash U. have a beautiful campus. *Beautiful.* Not to mention your academics! Obviously, being one of the top schools in the nation, your library is going to have a lot of great books, journals, and classic films to offer. And while the computer stations can get filled pretty quickly, some of us don't have computers, or at least such quick connections at home. At times, yes, even local personality Beatle Bob has been seen using the resources at Olin! And sometimes, the library is just a great place for other reasons, too. Excuse me for a second. Hey you! Yeah, you! C'mere, I've got something of vital importance to reveal to you. Ta-da! It's my genitals! How about *that*, eh? Ha ha.

Yes, Olin Library truly is a great resource for local residents, as well as students. As you're aware, the Washington University and St. Louis communities can unfortunately be a bit cut off from one another at times. So in addition, Olin is a great place for those concerned to experience the campus environment and get a feel for what our neighbors, this upcoming generation of bright minds, care about, what they think, and what they plan on doing for the world in the future. Pardon me for a moment. Psst. Over here. You in the green shirt. I want to show you something...I want to show you *how I'm hung!* Wave hello, little guy! You've got a visitor! Hey, where are you going?

And you're right, yes, in addition, I myself also like to visit the library to expose myself. So why do I do it, you might be asking? Well, it's sort of hard to explain. There are a number of reasons and psychological aspects to it, but let me see if I can summarize it all. I think that, primarily, I'd have to say that it stems from a personal desire to go up to strangers in the main Wash U. library, and then unexpectedly show them my penis. That's pretty much it, right there. So just remember, Wash U., sometimes people from outside of campus might like to come to your library, but they're nothing to be afraid of. So if you see one of us around, all we really ask for is a friendly "hello." And a firm handshake.

### Top 10... You Make Wash. U...

- 1) Rich
- 2) Inebriated
- 3) Fat
- 4) Waste paper
- 5) Worth \$31,000 a year
- 6) Make national headlines for drunken tomfoolery
- 7) Ashamed
- 8) Violate the flier posting policy
- 9) Oppress its workers



## What do you think?

Each year, Thurtene participants are criticized for spending more money on their facades than they donate to charity. What do you think?



Dustin McCoy  
Environmental Studies

"I don't understand why everyone tries to bring the frats down. They donate thousands of gallons of beer each year to thirsty students. Isn't that enough?"



Ryan Tobias  
Chemistry

"What these statistics overlook is the inestimable pleasure people derive from giant plywood and acrylic paint monstrosities."



Tom Carlson  
Finance

"Give these guys a break. The fraternities are involved in St. Louis area charities helping out all year long. Surely they deserve one weekend to throw a little party and have some fun."



Evan Wolcott  
Psychology

"Heh heh heh, you said 'clit-icized.' ...Oh, wait, no you didn't."