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\$10 and a lifetime of regret

Pre-emptive attack on Wash U. by Emory "an utter failure," says President Bush

Reacting today to the attack on Washington University's campus by Emory students, President Bush called the attack both "irrational and illogical". Bush went on to say that the preemptive attack was so badly planned and executed that he could scarcely think of a poorer example of political strategy in recent history.

"It's really unbelievable," said Bush, "these kids or students or whatever they are, these kid-students from Atlanta, they go to an Ivy-League level school. Yet, even though the invasion was planned almost a year in advance, all they could end up doing was writing something about girls being ugly and George Washington being dead."

The attack, which was a coordinated one on both Wash U. and Emory's campus by Emory's SGA (Student Government Association) was one of the most "meaningless things" our President has ever seen.

"I've been through a lot in my life and I can honestly say this attack was among the most terribly executed I've seen in my lifetime. Why would Emory decide to attack



President Bush, aghast at Emory University's poor planning

Wash U. and launch a fake attack on itself when it could do better things, like watch their football team play?"

Upon being told by Chancellor Wrighton, that in addition to being unfit and unattractive, Emory students were also less intelligent than Wash U. students, the President commenced what can only be described by the Chancellor as "some sort of hissy-fit."

Shortly thereafter, Bush concluded by saying, "If there's one thing I learned about wars, it is that persistence pays off. I would advise Emory students to keep on being persistent, regardless of how stupid the general public thinks their actions are. Do what you believe in, Emory, because without that you have nothing. No, really, without your hopes and aspirations of becoming Wash U., you have nothing left, Emory. You're a really shitty school."

Greeks embrace culture

The Greek community has soundly embraced a refined and pompous culture, modeled after the great traditions of Western Europe, campus sources say. "The success of the new 'Areté' campaign has seen so many changes [in the Greek system] recently," said Karin Johnes, the Director of the Greek Life Office. Areté, a standard that until recently was unbeknownst to most in the Greek community, represents the principles of "excellence, nobility, integrity, character, and unity." The campaign, unveiled during the biannual Social Management Institute arranged by the GLO, has been an impressive success thus far.

"The Social Management Institute used to be a forum for fraternities and sororities to organize various beer-fueled orgies, so we were certainly expecting no less this year," reminisced Johnes. This year, as usual, the GLO began the meeting by explaining new and unrealistic expectations the University had for the Greek Community. But immediately after the lecture, Tau Kappa Epsilon social chair Andrew Feldman excused himself politely and returned minutes later clad in a new and expensive tuxedo, complete with top-hat and cane. "I finally realized that our actions

as a community have denigrated the quintessential university experience," said Feldman in fluent French. "And for that I do apologize and surrender profusely."

Others present also took the message to heart. Wiltshire Mansions, a local golf and country club, has reported tremendous competition in bookings for Greek formals. "I say, those chaps of Zeta Beta Tau sure do know their wines. Over our tenth glass of the finest 1963 Pinot Noir, we discussed politics and the advanced herbology of *cannabis indica*," says principal owner Jonathan Hamberston III.

Both Fraternities and Sororities plan to inaugurate the new spirit during the Loop In Motion festival, a charity event which they are helping to plan this year. Instead of the standard float, IFC has hired 18 Cadillac stretch limousines, one for each fraternity and sorority. Johnes beamed in pride at the effort put into the parade by the Greek Community as a whole. "The impoverished schools in University City will greatly benefit from seeing our privileged students decked out in diamond-studded cufflinks and tiaras," she said. "Hopefully, they will see our 'civilization,' and be impressed enough to leave their straw huts and pursue

careers in manure collection and restaurant waiting." Pi Beta Phi has organized a caviar tasting for all who attend the parade. "While many locals may not appreciate the fine difference between Sevruga and Beluga varieties, a spoonful of the most luxurious of foods will swear you off all else for weeks," explained chapter president Emily Dowden.

The Opening of the Row this year was also quite a delightful surprise for freshmen. "I was expecting to get freakin' wasted and hook up with some drunk chick. You know, the same boring stuff," said freshman Peter Engel. "But instead, they treated us to copious amounts of Cristal and Godiva chocolate. I was hopelessly inebriated. And then I lovingly embraced a most mammiferous young lady, whose name has since slipped my mind. I felt so classy!"

While many have questioned whether the "Areté" campaign has had any actual effect on Greek behavior, Johnes remains resolute. "Though they continue to party, at least now it's with a refined aloofness we can all be proud of. Wine has replaced beer, pipes instead of joints, and Old English instead of slang... Actually, when you think about it, it all comes down to the same stuff."

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Overdose of eighties nostalgia causes freshman to revert to fetal form

When freshman Andrea Taylor returned to her Koenig dorm room to find a fetus sitting at the desk of her roommate Jennifer Perez, initially, she had no idea what to make of what she was seeing. "I was totally scared," says Taylor. "Did a mother somewhere lose her baby and leave it in my dorm? I was really confused." Soon enough, however, once she saw that the fetus was wearing Perez' ALF t-shirt and watching *The Princess Bride* on her laptop, the unfortunate reality of the situation became clear: Perez had overdosed on 1980s nostalgia, and reverted to fetal form.

Her floormates, such as next door neighbor Seth Adams, have been shaken by the change. "It seems like just yesterday that we'd all been hanging out here together, getting hammered to the videos on AlcoholEdu," says Adams. "And now she's not born yet? Honestly, I don't think that people that young are supposed to be drinking." Perez' boyfriend James Kaplan, now attending Tufts University, seemed equally rattled. "I mean, I love her and all," said Kaplan, "But I can't help but feel a little bit uncomfortable with the fact that biologically, she hasn't technically developed into a girl yet." Perez, for her part, has been petitioning Bear's Den and the food court in Mallinckrodt to begin offering placental feeding kiosks.



Jennifer Perez, working on her rhetorical analysis paper for E. Comp

Of course, this transformation didn't occur overnight. For the past several years, Perez had been exposed to greater and greater levels of 1980s nostalgia as the decade's retro revival ascended from the waning '60s and '70s retro movements. What began merely as a reinvigoration of New Wave music slowly began to blossom into VH1's "I Love The '80s" specials, the apparent resurgence of aviator-style sunglasses, and the popularity of '80s-themed movies such as *Donnie Darko* and *Wet Hot American Summer*. Over the past year, the return of 1980s culture seems to have reached a critical mass, as CMJ Magazine reports that as of March 2005, the percentage of music played by

college radio stations that rips off 1980s band The Cure had reached a staggering 58%.

Professor of Biology Richard Newman suggests that he believes why this cultural trend could be problematic. "With all of the political divisiveness and fear of terrorism in modern U.S. culture, I suppose I could see why members of Generation Y would want to regress to an era that they perceived as simpler and happier," says Newman. "Unfortunately, once this starts hitting people that were born in 1987, or 1988, you begin to reach a group that wasn't alive for the majority of the decade that they're feeling nostalgic for. So really, what they're regressing

to is their fetal stage. In Jennifer's case, it just sort of happened to literally occur."

In measures to prevent other freshmen from contracting Fetal Reversion (FR), Washington University administration has banned all 1980s theme parties from campus for the foreseeable future, eliminated VH1 from the campus cable line-up, and requested that professors remove all 1980s history from their class curricula.

The medical school is undergoing frenzied research in an attempt to find a cure, and has experienced mixed results thus far. The most successful technique has been exposing the infected to an unending barrage of current episodes of MTV's *Total Request Live*, but researchers comment that the suicide rate of those undergoing the treatment is "unacceptable."

Class of 2009 sets unfortunate new record

This first semester of the school year for the Class of 2009 started with a note of success and promise. Over 1,000 students turned out to compete in the world's largest game of Simon Says, beating the old world record of approximately 600. What ensued was a wave of excitement through the freshman class, and also a wave of opportunities for Chancellor Wrighton to find his way into the mass media. When asked about the success of the event, Chancellor Wrighton responded, "I think what's most important for us to remember is that this was a group effort; a group effort that would have never happened if it weren't for me and my brilliant planning. I also have a few patents, just in case you didn't know that."

Drunk off of the euphoria of triumph and whiteout fumes, the Chancellor decided to go for another world record. After much deliberation and careful thought, he finally decided on setting the record for the world's largest synchronized swimming performance. In order to set this record, the Class of 2009 would need to have at least 738 students complete a synchronized swimming routine that lasts for two minutes. As we all know, the road to success is full of bumps, potholes, and detours that result in

failure. The first setback occurred once Chancellor Wrighton was informed that synchronized swimming is a dance performed in water by a group of people simultaneously. He was shocked to discover that it was not what he originally thought, a mass of people all treading water at once for an extended period of time. When confronted with his misunderstanding, Chancellor Wrighton retorted, "How should I know? It's not like it's an Olympic sport."

The next large problem to overcome was the massive inconvenience of 738 or more students having to learn the choreography for the performance. All hope was lost, until the discovery of the online course, SynchronizedSwimmingEdu. With this simple and convenient system, students could master everything after taking a 7 hour course divided into 3 simple sections: buoyancy, grace and style, and choreography. Some critics said that this was a poor solution, considering students could simply minimize the screen and find other more entertaining things to do while the videos played. In response, Chancellor Wrighton released a statement saying, "I trust that all students will give their full attention

to SynchronizedSwimmingEdu in order to make Washington University a better place." Sucker.

After 3 days of shaky planning and poor communication, approximately 950 students filed into the Athletic Complex. Signs of trouble immediately arose as 150 students refused to surrender their floaties, and therefore were not aloud to participate in the attempt. Freshman Nick Doukas was heard shouting, "You can't stop my dreams of ripping another world record away from a group of Chinese middle schoolers!" Once the riotous water-wingers were cleared away, the scene was set for the attempt. 800 freshmen piled in the pool, and the music was cued.

From the onset, all any bystander could see was a chaotic mass of heads, splashes, and flailing limbs. Within 30 seconds, it was clear that the attempt needed to be aborted. However, the screams of struggling participants and the blaring music prevented the announcement from getting to anyone, and so the aquatic anarchy pressed on and only became worse. Witness Laura Cobb still had a look of shock and disbelief on her face as she cautiously recalled, "It just got
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News in Brief:

Awkward small talk avoided thanks to squirrel

Small talk was avoided yesterday thanks to the help of an unknowing squirrel, sources report. While walking through the quad, Guy Patterson spotted former floormate Aaron Parker and quickly averted his eyes to avoid eye contact and the inevitable small talk that would follow. Thankfully, Guy spotted a squirrel perched on a bench to his immediate left, which allowed him a temporary focus until he passed Parker.

"God, I'm glad I dodged *that* one," laughed Patterson. "I never could stand that guy, and any opportunity that an adorable squirrel would offer to avoid talking to him is a definite plus." Parker, however, saw the event rather differently. "I can't believe that he looked at a fucking *squirrel* to avoid talking to me, like I didn't know what he was doing," said Parker. "That cheap son of a bitch still owes me my refrigerator!"

2009 record

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worse and worse, and no one knew what to do. It wasn't until about 1 minute and 30 seconds into the performance that things started getting still, and it wasn't a good kind of still. When 2 minutes hit, the last few notes of the song played, and by then at least half the participants had drowned. The fact that the chosen song was 'Under the Sea' was no longer cute, but more cruelly ironic."

In the aftermath, hardly any of the participants were saved, mainly due to the fact that the lifeguard on duty at the time was simply a cactus with sunglasses and a whistle. The Guinness Book judges were in shock, and eventually headed over towards Chancellor Wrighton to say a few words and depart. It turns out that although failing to set the synchronized swimming record, the Class of 2009 had managed to set the record for largest mass drowning, a record previously set by a group of Chinese middle-schoolers on a disastrous fieldtrip to an aquarium.

No contact could be made with the Chancellor after the incident, but a campus-wide e-mail was sent by Wrighton shortly after the tragedy saying, "You know, we told you over and over not to eat food within half an hour of the event, but you all just had to get that goddamn Carvery special, didn't you?"

WILD performer Lil Jon appalled by campus' "drunken debauchery"

Hip-hop artist Lil Jon's visit to Washington University was marred this past weekend due to what he called, "a despicable and disrespectful display of drunken debauchery." At the semi-annual WILD festival, students sported cheap imitation "crunk goblets" (as seen in many of the rapper's music videos) and poorly knitted fake dreadlocks, like those of sophomore Mansoor Mahmood, while being especially loud and raucous.

"The whole scene was repulsive," Lil Jon said, shaking his head while sipping chardonnay in his bathrobe during an interview with WUnderground, "Drunk on liquor and high on marijuana all the time is no way to go through life."

But then is Lil Jon a hypocrite? "What I portray is simply a character, a false persona. I am a Shakespearean-trained actor, not a drunken womanizer with a few catchphrases."

When asked to "just say it," Lil Jon refused, adding, "You and all of your Dave Chappelle-watching friends can just go fuck yourselves!"

Quantum theory proves you're an idiot

A decade old theorem was proved yesterday in your Physical Chemistry class, as Professor Schaeffer showed that you are in fact too stupid to understand quantum theory. The proof came in your inability to solve the Schrödinger equation for even the simplest of particle systems. More difficult quantum problems will be even more beyond your tiny reach.

"Quantum mechanics is really amazing," said Professor Schaeffer. "We can use it to describe the behavior of atoms, electrons, and waves...and by 'we,' I mean 'I'; in your case, all we can do is show that you should have stuck to finger-painting and Introductory Geology."

Quantum theory was first developed around the beginning of the twentieth century by people whose IQ is probably double yours. It developed as a patchwork of theorems and axioms discovered from experiments in which classical mechanics failed to explain natural phenomena. One theorem, formerly unproven, was that your small mental capabilities would never understand quantum theory.

"I'm happy we've finally proven that theory," said Schaeffer. "Now on to stationary states. This lecture

will be approximately an hour, with brief pauses as I laugh at your plight."

Student succeeds at being offended by Student Life article

The residents of Dauten 2 were all smiles last Friday night, as they celebrated a milestone for floormate Joseph Bavington. In Friday morning's edition of Student Life, Bavington had spotted a headline that used a sans-serif font that he believed reflected poorly on the a cappella troupe covered in the article, thereby getting successfully offended by something in Student Life for the tenth time since entering Washington University.

"It's a great feeling," said Bavington. "I've been scouring Student Life since its first issue of the semester came out, trying to find content that could be misinterpreted for something I find upsetting, and I did it, I finally did it: number ten!" So does Bavington intend to continue his streak? "Of course! There will always be more text for me to read too much into, and I intend to continue launching ad hominem attacks against freshman-penned editorials well into grad school. I mean, after all, everyone's got to find an extracurricular, right?"

WUnderground writer a prophet

Many students that returned to Wash U. expecting to find the kosher delicacies of the Kosher Cart were surprised and shocked to hear that the University had removed the food stand from Mallinckrodt Center. Some students then noted, with even greater surprise, that WUnderground had already reported on such a possibility last semester, in their March issue.

The WUnderground staff was also absolutely flabbergasted by this development. As the chances of this being a mere coincidence is far too unlikely, WUnderground staff quickly managed to formulate two theories to explain this situation.

The first theory was that the Washington University administration holds WUnderground in high regard. It seemed possible that the administration considered WUnderground the definitive source of information on campus, as well as the most precise representation of student opinion. However, this theory was quickly deserted, as

WUnderground staff realized that the concept of the administration paying attention to student sentiment is absolutely ludicrous.

The second theory amongst WUnderground staff was that the author responsible for the "Kick the Kosher Cart" article has the precognitive ability to see into the future. The reporter in question is one Cassandra Roberts, a sophomore majoring in Ancient Studies. When confronted with this theory, Roberts made no attempt to deny it. "Of course I knew that this was going to happen!" Roberts explained, "Why else do you think I wrote the article?"

Roberts further explained that she has been making predictions since the beginning of her freshman year, and provided WUnderground with a long list of predictions. On the list were various major occurrences on campus last year, such as the stolen Student Life papers incident, the living wage sit-in, and the 8:00 p.m. fire alarm in Mudd on February 18th.

Since the Kosher Cart revelation, both WUnderground and Roberts have gained immense credibility. "I always thought that it was just a joke," said junior Alex LeBeau. "But now? I am so totally believing everything written in WUnderground from now on."

When asked for predictions on this coming year, Roberts had this to say: "Well, I gotta save some for the next issue of the WUnderground, you know?" Eventually Roberts relented, and agreed to give out a small sample list of predictions.

"During this year, the follow events will definitely occur: Someone will fail a class. Bear's Den will miss a day of operations. A member of the faculty will give a speech to students about academic integrity. EST will receive an alcohol related emergency call. It will rain."

OPINIONS

Point Counter-point: Orientation of Washington statue inappropriate



Zach Collier

Okay, am I the only one who has had this experience: after wasting a beautiful day in the basement of the library trying to commit several textbooks of useless facts to memory, you finally decide that it is in the interest of your

own mental health to call it quits for the night. So you walk out of the library, and what do you see? George Washington's ass, glowing in the moonlight. That's right, the university's message to its lucky undergraduates is, "we've decided to buy a statue so that the prospective students can admire it as they walk by on tours. But if you're a regular student leaving Olin, you can kiss its ass."

Perhaps it was simply an oversight by the architects not to realize that they were situating the statue so that it had its back to the vast majority of viewers. Not that I would have expected a shred of professionalism from the great minds that thought up the gothic parking garages by

Small Group (such prestige!) But I think something more insidious is to blame. This is an excellent metaphor for the administration's obvious neglect for its students, to whom they turn their backs. Only the cold-hearted Mark Wrighton could have thought up such a cruelly poetic gesture.

I suggest that we students campaign to have the statue turned around, or at least to replace it with something more symmetrical. Perhaps there was a set of siamese twins in the university's history?

Do you not appreciate the historical significance of this ass?



Todd Anderson

You should show some more respect. Instead of whining about "oh, the statue is backwards; I'm a big baby!" you should stop and

think about the greatness of this ass which is your PRIVILEGE to look at every day. Anyone with even a beginner's understanding of that ass and the history behind it would be proud to gaze upon it while leaving the library. It's the ass of a man who fought bravely for your right to study your own ass off seven days a week, instead of having to hunt for buffalo and live in some goddamn igloo.

When the Nazis were storming the beaches at the Bay of Pigs, did Washington sit around thinking, "If they made a statue of me, what angle would it have to be placed at so that it would face the most

people?" HELL NO! He and his proud American ass crossed the Delaware, and together they made the world safe for democracy. When the rest of the founders wanted Washington to become king, did he think to himself, "Hmmm... if I ever turned my back on a subject, they might be offended by my ass?" Of course not, moron. He went ahead and took the job, because it was the right thing to do. Maybe you should go learn some American history instead of using up space with your unintelligent ramblings.

Top 10... Lessons learned over the summer

- 1) George Lucas still can't write for shit
- 2) Napoleon Dynamite quotes are no longer a surefire icebreaker
- 3) Parents, dog are usually unwilling to be "second man" in Beirut tournament
- 4) You don't know the history of psychiatry. Tom Cruise does.
- 5) Pot not an essential part of the nutrition pyramid
- 6) The weatherman meant it
- 7) Internships are much less permissive about drinking and downloading porn while doing work
- 8) SNAPE KILLS DUMBLEDORE
- 9) Parents still just don't understand

What do you think?

Last March, Emory's student government formed a "Department of War" to renew their rivalry with Wash U., hoping to encourage school spirit. This past month, Emory students stepped up their efforts, defacing the South 40 underpass. What do you think?



Albert Fitzsimmons
Economics

"Well, it looks like Emory really needed a way to counter student apathy. And we're apathetic about their crusade against apathy. So everybody wins."



Jeremy Taylor
Business

"Whatever happened to the good old days of college rivalries, when students just beat the living hell out of one another at football games?"



Mark Wrighton
Chancellor

"My thought is, after all of the high profile vomiting and defecating of last year, petty bickering would actually be a refreshingly tasteful way to publicize our Washington University name."



Horace Jacobs
Philosophy

"Please tell me that this is going to lead to privileged suburbanite Wash U. and Emory students hilariously self-identifying with their respective local rappers."