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5 Galleons, 3 Knots

WU Plummet to 12th in U.S. News Rankings, Anarchy Ensues

August 18th began like any other idyllic Friday at Washington University. The sun cast a steady glow on the freshly cut grass, the bluebirds and chickadees were chirping, and thousands of construction vehicles plowed new holes in strange places. Then, in the blink of an eye, everything changed: the news was out. Washington University, for the third straight year, had plummeted in the U.S. News rankings. The new ranking was 12, tying it with Cornell, a school of little repute located somewhere near Canada.

The effect on the student body was immediate. Incoherent screams of rage filled the air. Bosco sticks were dropped, mid-bite, onto the ground. Bonfires broke out across campus, fueled by WashU memorabilia and campus bookstore coupons.

Desperate for reassurance, the student body looked to Chancellor Wrighton. "Students, I am aware of the catastrophe that has befallen us, and that many of you are looking for guidance. Unfortunately, I have none to give. In fact, the situation is so dire that I am forced to urge you to abandon your worldly possessions, and flee. Take solace in Fontbonne. Save yourselves," stated Wrighton, before boarding a plane for Princeton with his wife and three Cadillacs.

Lacking leadership and a top 11 ranking, WashU promptly descended into Hobbesian anarchy. The campus has split into feudal territories. Bradley, former beloved Bear's Den employee, proclaimed his new name to be "Genghis Khan" and rules the South 40 with an iron fist, attracting followers with delicious sandwiches and a sense of justice renowned as harsh, but fair.

Belegarth, the campus medieval combat group, has arisen as another campus force. They are engaged in guerrilla warfare with the Bradleyites; but have been consistently undermined by their need to announce their presence with jovial battle songs, and their weapons being



Eager students on the way to MCAT prep

made of foam and light plastic.

The Student Union still maintains a semblance of order on Danforth campus, but their power rapidly weakens as they run out of free t-shirt giveaways. SU heads have issued assurances that they are aware of the drastic nature of the situation, and will address them during a meeting at the Clayton Ritz-Carlton in a month's time. They have promised to deal with only the most pressing matters; citing the problem of dorm doors refusing to open, regardless of how many times people swipe their cards. Meanwhile, bookstore employees, desperate to escape the conflict, have begun selling books at market prices. No one has bothered to report on the status of the art school.

John Hibbleman, Associate Overlord of Admissions, said, "We're just hoping the leadership wars are settled before the next rankings evaluation. Since most of the casualties will be ArtSci students, we figure that we can still ride the Pre-Meds and national sympathy to a top 10 ranking next year."

New Grill Serves Outrage over Lack of Token Cook

Students rushed into the lower level of Mallinckrodt at the beginning of the semester to a startling discovery, something that not even a fancy new paint job and a wall of mirrors could hide: the abomination known as the Latino Grill.

"Where are the Philly dips and cheese steaks!?" lamented sophomore Jason Albrecht. "The line was always so short. Now how am I gonna get my lunch before all the seats are taken? I'm sure as hell not sitting in the bathroom again."

The Latino Grill is serving more than long lines, however. It's serving outrage. "So I see they serve sofrito grilled chicken and smoked queso blanco. But those are Hispanic dishes, and that chef is most definitely not Hispanic," observed junior Molly Cartright. "Come to think of it, he's the same dude who used to make the cheese steaks. And he's not even wearing a sombrero."

Emily Lawson, the Bon Appetit employee responsible for the change, commented, "You guys made us get rid of Taco Bell because it took advantage of the Latinos; now you want us to underpay more Latino guys? For the Harvard of the Midwest, you guys really are a bunch of dumbsh*ts."

Despite Lawson's appeal to reason, students are still insisting the Latino Grill get a Latino chef. Although recent in-

dignation has prompted Bon Appetit to place a clip art picture of a Chihuahua near the station, students like

freshman Parker Smith don't feel that is enough. "If a person dreams of being served mahi mahi with grilled mango-pineapple salsa, that person also dreams of being served by a Latino," wept Smith. "The University has no right to squelch our dreams."

The movement has garnered so much attention that the SWA is considering a sit-in for the cause. "As the Asian Station demonstrated, the quasi-racist move of hiring a token chef imparts both credibility and edibility to the food," insisted Herb Randal, spokesperson for the SWA, "We are fighting for our rights and won't rest until the university resolves this issue - even if they have to indenture a family floating to Florida on a toothbrush."



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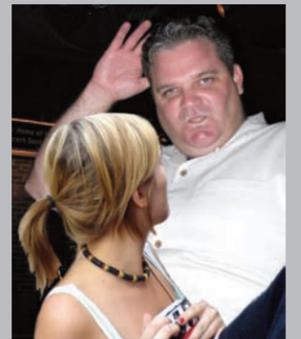
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New life discovered in Whispers keyboards

The computers in Whispers, the study area and coffee bar next to Olin library, host to an endless flow of students throughout the day. These machines also host another creature: new microscopic forms of life. This week, researchers in the Washington University Department of Biology have discovered almost fifteen new life forms in the Whispers' keyboards.

"One day, I noticed some strange growth on my equipment," explained researcher Carlton Jones. "At first, I thought one of the custodians had used one of my test tubes as a bong again, but upon further analysis, I saw something I couldn't identify. I showed it to colleagues in the department, but no one had any idea what they were or how they got there."

Stumped by the new creature's appearance, Jones questioned his staff. "My assistant admitted to playing Literati in Whispers and I tested her on the spot; the creature was all over her hands, along with five different ones." Upon hearing the news that she was carrying these new life forms, Jones' assistant, junior Amanda Gronnes commented, "I guess that explains why

my cat died."

Since the discovery, Carlton and his team have found nine more species. "As far as we know, they are harmless to human beings and most animals. That is, if you count things like crabs and ringworm harmless."

When asked about this new development, Whispers manager Jean Chalivendra responded, "How the [heck] am I supposed to know [anything] goes on with those [things] when I work fifteen hour days and the only time I do get a [nice] break, all the computers are taken by [nice college students] sending Facebook messages and homeless men looking at porn."

Carlton says the research is still too little to determine the origin of these new creatures. "Who knows where that stuff came from?" commented junior John Abbot who then spilled his coffee and a Petri dish of small pox on a keyboard. When asked about the mess he made, Abbot simply added, "What? Why should I deal with this mess? It's not like I own this junk, plus they have people to clean it up for me."

Even Ramón Garcia, custodian responsible for Whispers computer area was uncertain. "I don't know [about their origins], but I do know I'm not responsible," Garcia said while playing Sudoku on a computer during his shift. When asked how often he cleaned the

area, and in particular, the keyboards, he replied, "Sorry, I don't speak English."

Although this breakthrough could get the Department of Biology a building constructed in this century, few expect it to affect the number of students who utilize the Whispers' computers. "Of course I'll keep using the computers," commented senior and frequent Whispers patron Andrea Newart, "So they have weird stuff on them. If I washed my hands after everything strange I touched then I probably wouldn't have gotten herpes freshman year."



Close up of Whispers ecosystem

Freshmen Voice Displeasure with "Adequately Palatial" Liggett-Koenig

Summer construction expanded Liggett-Koenig to lessen the housing crunch, and create comfortable new surroundings for incoming students. Instead, it has come under fierce criticism from the freshmen class for its shoddy construction, and unacceptable décor.

Nedley Plimpton, currently living in Koenig, had several complaints about the study centers. "Whose idea was it to create a a book-lined study room with plush, leather-bound armchairs? It actually smells of rich mahogany in there. Anchorman came out like five years ago, and that joke is so done. What's next? A giant wheel of cheese? Grow up, Washington University." When asked for alternate room ideas, he offered the following suggestions: "How about something that has a real point? A massage center, or a shooting range. Perhaps a vibrant grotto."

In response to such criticisms, a university spokesman said, "We encourage students to recognize that twenty years ago, when we were the 124th best liberal arts institution, students lived in hovels constructed of leaves and paper mache."

However, the statement did little to alleviate students' concerns. A sit-in protest in Brookings is currently underway, protesting the substandard living conditions. Their rallying cry, "Give us bellhops or give us death", has become a catchphrase and popular t-shirt slogan.

Residential life issued a followup in an attempt to defuse the situation, assuring students that the next dorm is modeled on the Vatican, and will feature "gem-encrusted toilets and a hanging garden."

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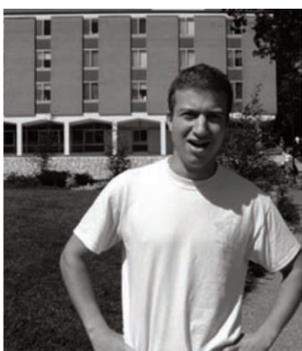
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What do you think?

Recently, *Bón Appétit* made the change to paper cartons in lieu of legitimate tableware to save money. What do you think?



Dexter Bigglesby Masseur

"With the money saved from this, they better buy our way into the top 10."



Mark Wrighton Chancellor

"Irrelevant! I subsist on the flesh of the living."



Dustin Henke Internet Connoisseur

"I just joined the Facebook group 'If this group reaches 100,000, my girlfriend will fuck a carton.'"



DiAngelo Utumbo SWA Member

"I'm not going to rest until those plates get their jobs back, a fair living wage, and bellhops to boot."