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Welcome to the Parent's Perspective..., a newsletter sponsored by the Office of Residential Living. It is our goal to share with you the many exciting opportunities and adventures your sons and daughters are experiencing as proud members of the Washburn family. Each newsletter will provide insights into some of our campus departments and the services they offer.

Technology is an amazing thing and our students are often light-years ahead of our generation. One of the areas I would like to share with you in this issue of the Parent's Perspective is the phenomenon of communication forums such as "Facebook" and "MySpace," "60 Minutes" and "20/20" have aired stories on the online communities and the hazards of these communication sites.

I recently went on myself and registered on "Facebook." Basically, it is an online community for students to post information about themselves. They can post personal information, photos and send messages back and forth to their friends and anyone else who is registered. The reality of the situation is that in most cases anyone can view your student's profile page if they simply type in their full name and do a search.

Many students post addresses, room numbers, schools they are attending and cell phone numbers. All of this places your student at a disadvantage when someone accesses their profile page. One of the most interesting things is that employers are now using "Facebook" and "MySpace" to screen potential candidates. Photos and messages of college exploits have resulted in serious problems for students looking for employment.

Recently several college athletes have lost scholarships due to their escapades posted on these types of communities. Photos of drinking, drug use and inappropriate behavior were brought forth and as a result students were disciplined for their behavior. Cyber communication often lulls people into a false sense of security. Once it is written or posted online anyone can eventually access it if they try hard enough. People can copy statements and photos and save them, and share them with anyone they want.

So what can you do to help your student protect themselves? First of all go online and access "Facebook" and/or "MySpace" and try to find your student. Do you feel comfortable with what is posted? If not, this would be a good starting point for your discussion. Is there too much personal information? Are these photos you would want to hang on your walls at home? Is there posted messages that you are embarrassed to read? If a potential employer got hold of the material posted would it affect your student's professional future? Is your student exercising caution and adult behavior when communicating on an open forum such as these?

Go online and see what the fuss is all about. Then I encourage you to talk with your student and make sure they understand all the implications, and possible dangers, of these online communities.

CALLING ALL  
PARENTS!!!!



## Now available...

Please go to:

<http://www.washburn.edu/services/studentlife/resliving/>

This is the Residential Living website and we now have the parent's subscription option up and running. You will be able to receive notification of upcoming newsletters and review previous editions.

Also, you will be able to submit questions directly to the Director of Residential Living for possible submission in future editions of the "Parent's Perspective" newsletter. If you run into difficulties please just contact me for assistance at:  
[mark.stier@washburn.edu](mailto:mark.stier@washburn.edu)

# Residence Life Positions - Fall 2007

The Residential Living Office employs many full-time and part-time students whose job is to make campus living as educational and enjoyable as possible. This spring we will be interviewing for several resident assistant and community advisor positions. These are students who live in the residence hall and are assigned a particular floor. The resident assistants and community advisors are responsible for helping students adjust to college life. They provide programming, assist with maintenance requests, sit duty and help monitor the community. Each staff member must have a minimum of a 2.5 grade point average. Applications are Due: Feb. 9. These are excellent leadership positions and provide a great opportunity for students interested in getting involved in campus life.

Each RA/CA receives a scholarship for housing and board as well as a monthly salary. These are in high demand positions, so we encourage you to talk to your student and discuss if they are interested in this kind of responsibility. Applications are available on line and in the office of residential living.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us at [mark.stier@washburn.edu](mailto:mark.stier@washburn.edu).

## FUN FACTS ABOUT THE CLASS OF 2010

**Most students entering college this fall were born in 1988**

**“Heeere’s Johnny!” is a scary greeting from Jack Nicholson, not a warm welcome from Ed McMahon.**

**Photographs have always been processed in an hour.**

**They never got a chance to drink 7-Up Gold, Crystal Pepsi or Apple Slice.**

**They never saw Rosanne Roseannadanna live on “Saturday Night Live.**

**They were never tempted by smokeless cigarettes.**

**There have always been night games at Wrigley Field.**

**They haven’t heard a record player.**

**Computers have always suffered from viruses.**

**Televisions have always had cables attached.**

**Who is Phil Donahue?**

**They have suffered through airport security since they were in strollers.**

**They don’t remember when “cut and paste” involved scissors.**

**Wayne Gretzky never play for Edmonton.**

**Most of them do not know how to tie a necktie.**

**They have never had the fun of being thrown into the back of a station wagon with six others.**

**Condoms have always been advertised on televisions.**

**They have always had the right to burn the flag.**

**Dirty dancing has always been acceptable.**

**The Star Ship Enterprise has always looked dated.**

**Black Americans have always been know as African-Americans.**

**Missy Piggy and Kermit have always dwelt in Disneyland.**

**They never saw the shuttle Challenger fly.**

**The Hubble Telescope has always been focused on new frontiers**



## ***Washburn University Career Services*** —

is the link between WU students and employers, whether for part-time, full-time, or internship experiences. We provide FREE assistance with all facets of the job-search process, from résumé development to interview practice to career networking events.

### **Career Services Info Table – “Actv8 Your FREE Career Services Account!”**

Monday, Feb. 5, Main Level, Memorial Union, 10 – 1 p.m.  
Career Services personnel will answer questions and help students register for our database of job/internship seekers and employers, one of the main ways we help link students and employers.

### **Actv8 Your Résumé!**

Wednesday, Feb. 7, Henderson 112, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.  
In this one-hour workshop, a career services specialist will help students develop a résumé that employers will NOTICE!

### **Actv8 Your Interview Skills!**

Monday, Feb. 12, Blair Room, Living Learning Center, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

In this one-hour workshop, a Career Services Specialist will help students discover how to address difficult interview questions, how to dress for a professional interview and other tips for interview success!

### **Actv8 Career Fair SUCCESS!**

Thursday, Feb. 15, Shawnee Room, Memorial Union, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Making successful connections at a Career Fair is an art. In this one-hour session, a career services specialist will help attendees learn how to approach employers at a fair and make positive impressions leading to interviews and jobs.

### **Actv8d Résumé Review!**

Monday, Feb. 19, main level, Memorial Union, 10 – 1 p.m.  
Career Services Specialists will be on hand to do quick reviews of résumés for students planning to attend the Career Fair. Don't miss this excellent opportunity for advice and proofreading of your résumé to help ensure success with employers.

### **19<sup>th</sup> Annual WU CAREER FAIR and Grad Salute!**

Wednesday, Feb. 21 Lee Arena, Petro Allied Health Center, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

More than 100 employers are expected to be in attendance to recruit WU students and alumni for part-time, internship and full-time opportunities. Seniors, be sure to visit the Grad Salute, where you can find all the accoutrements to graduation: announcements, rings, caps and gowns and gifts!

More information is on the Career Services website at [www.washburn.edu/services/career](http://www.washburn.edu/services/career).

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# *Counseling Services*



Help is available!!

Students and parents should know about the kinds of student services available at Washburn University. One service that often is over looked is Counseling Services. Unlike guidance counselors in high school who focus on class selection and college choices, Washburn University offers

counseling for a variety of personal issues that often impact the academic performance of students.

The Counseling Services staff frequently gets calls from parents inquiring about how we may help their student who is stressed or depressed about a variety of issues. We can help if the student will visit our counseling office.

Much is done to inform students about counseling on campus but many times this service is over looked or students are simply not aware of the Counseling Services' office. If you are a parent, grandparent or guardian of a Washburn student, certainly suggest our services if you are concerned about your student.

For more information visit our Web site at [www.washburn.edu/services/ct](http://www.washburn.edu/services/ct) or call 785-670-1450. The Counseling Services office is located in Morgan Hall, room 123.

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**University Hazing Policy** - On April 10, 2002, the Washburn University Board of Regents adopted a new "[Student Conduct Code](#)" that includes a policy on hazing which applies to all registered student organizations.

#### **The policy states:**

Hazing: any action taken or situation created, intentionally, whether on or off University premises or on property owned, leased or operated by a University-recognized organization, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule.

#### **Consent is not a defense.**

In considering a hazing case, it is not a defense that the person subjected to the hazing consented to or acquiesced in the hazing activity. For the purpose of this Code, any activity as described above – upon which the initiation or admission into or affiliation with a University organization is directly or indirectly conditioned or believed by the person to be such a condition to initiation, admission or affiliation – shall be presumed to be a forced activity, the willingness of an individual to participate in such activity notwithstanding."

Each fraternity and sorority at Washburn has adopted its own policy that opposes hazing of students. For more information about a particular chapter's policy, please contact the chapter president and/or chapter advisor directly.



# Multicultural Affairs

The mission of the Multicultural Affairs Office is:

- To promote a campus and community environment to help students succeed academically and socially by using all available resources and services
- To create an environment in which all students, faculty and staff can develop an appreciation for, and understanding of, the various cultures represented at the University

Our office assists students in their overall development as they pursue a course of study and serves any individual or group seeking knowledge, understanding and appreciation for human similarities and differences represented in Washburn University's diverse community. We do this with academic, social, cultural and career-oriented activities and experiences throughout the year.

Several organizations are sponsored by the Multicultural Affairs Office. For more information about these organizations, please contact Multicultural Affairs.

- Washburn Black Student Union (WBSU)
- Hispanic American Leadership Organization (HALO)
- Indigenous Nations Student Association (INSA)
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
- Washburn NACCP Student Chapter
- National Asian American Association Program (NAAAP)

If you have any questions about the Multicultural Affairs Office, please feel free to visit our office (Morgan Hall, room 110), call 785-670-1622 or e-mail us at: [mao@washburn.edu](mailto:mao@washburn.edu). For updated news and information please visit our website at: [www.washburn.edu/mao/](http://www.washburn.edu/mao/)

## INTRAMURAL/RECREATION

Intramural basketball games begin Jan. 16 at the Student Recreation and Wellness Center. There are currently 40 men's teams and 11 women's teams competing for their respective championships.

Other IM activities coming up soon are:

### 8 Ball Tournament:

Entries Due: Wednesday, Jan. 24, 4 p.m.  
Single elimination tournament will be held Jan. 29 - Feb. 16.  
Minimum of four entries required for tournament play.

### Basketball Hot Shot, Free Throw and Three Point Contests:

Entries due: Time of event, just show up and shoot!  
Participate in the SRWC, Jan. 29 - Feb. 1  
Participants need only compete one night during the week.



### Scrabble Tournament:

Entries due: Wednesday, Feb. 14, 4 p.m.  
Single elimination tournament will be held February 19 - March 9.  
Minimum of four entries required for tournament play.



### Rock Wall Climbing Competition:

Entries due: Time of event, just show up and climb!  
Participate in the SRWC, Jan. 29 - Feb. 1.  
Participants need only compete one time during the week.

### Texas Hold'em Tournament:

Entries due: Wednesday, Feb. 28, 4 p.m.  
Tournament date: Week of March 5-11.  
Minimum of four entries required for tournament to be held.



### Group Exercise:

There are 24 group exercise classes scheduled in the Student Recreation and Wellness Center each week. There is everything from yoga to spinning. Classes are taught to accommodate a variety of skill levels.

