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The Choice Is Yours

From recreating medieval moments to throwing frisbees

Do you yearn to play Go, the Japanese board game? Are you interested in learning more about the Society for Creative Anarchism? Do you like awake at nights pondering frisbee maneuvers? If so, Washington University has a student organization just for you. In a recent Office of Student Activities brochure, titled "Student Involvement: The Choice Is Yours," more than 200 student organizations in nine categories are listed, including special interest groups. Greek organizations, community service organizations, sports and recreation clubs, and academic and professional organizations. Among the groups featured are the Go Club, where club members meet just to play the board game Go; the Society for Creative Anarchism, dedicated to recreating the medieval time period; and frisbee lovers, Centrifugal Force — Washington’s frisbee club.

There’s also The Juggling Club, Students for International Meditation, and for frisbee lovers, Centrifugal Force — Washington’s frisbee club.

So far this fall, SU has acknowledged more than 140 student groups in three categories: open (118), selective (24) and mutually exclusive (5). Open groups are accessible to the entire student body. Selective organizations choose their members through a selection process such as accepting applications or holding auditions. All members of mutually exclusive groups must hold certain beliefs that are specified in their organization’s constitution. Most of the mutually exclusive groups are religious organizations.

The list of SU-affiliated groups is constantly growing. Selective and mutually exclusive groups only receive SU funds when they sponsor activities open to everyone. Open groups generally receive funds for operating expenses and activities as well.

Members of the St. Louis community, as well as Washington faculty and staff, may participate in many of the student groups affiliated with SU and the student activities office.

In the last year and a half, students have organized several groups concerned with sexism, women’s issues and male/female relationships, says Sara Sugerman, director of student activities. She cites the recent birth of Students Against Sexism, Committee on Women’s Concerns and Committee Organized to Educate About Sexism (C.O.E.D.S.). The Women’s Resource Center and Women’s Caucus also are enjoying increased popularity.

A unique aspect of the new groups is that the members are making an extra effort to get men involved, notes Sugerman. “This is very different from the groups that evolved in the 1960s and 1970s, when the women often wanted to limit their involvement to women.”

Sugerman says other popular groups include political organizations like Action Against Apartheid, and those that are musically inclined, such as the Airband Steering Committee.

A sampling of Washington’s more unique student groups are featured below:

- Every Monday night, the Washington University Go Club meets at Six International House to play Go, a Japanese board game played with black and white stones. The object of the game is to secure as much territory on the board as possible, says Washington senior Jason D. Taff, club president. "It’s sort of like the board is a metal and you’re building a fence," he says. The group has approximately 12 members, and about eight attend each meeting. At least four games are played simultaneously every week. Only two participants can play a game. The club became affiliated with SU in 1985.

- Taff says, to his knowledge, the University’s organization is the only Go club in St. Louis. The group comprises both undergraduate and graduate students. During the American Go Association’s Midwestern tournament this past May in Kansas City, Mo., Taff and fellow Go Club member Bob Merritt tied for second in the lower division. Muny P. Soriou, a Washington alumnus and Go Club member, placed third in the top division.

As its meeting locale implies, the Go Club has a district international flavor: "We’ve had players from China, Taiwan, and even a player from Sweden," notes Taff. "Six House is a neat place to play. We keep a library of beginning and advanced books there so we can study the game. We all study the game — just like people study chess. Besides, new players show up at our meetings, and everyone is very eager for people to learn the game."

During a club meeting, which lasts between three to four hours, members get exposed to a variety of playing styles. "It’s a very friendly atmosphere," says Taff, a linguistics and mathematics major. "A lot of the players are math and computer science majors. Go is a nice change of pace for us because it requires you to be inventive and creative — not just mathematical. The forms and shapes that show up on the board are very aesthetic."

Taff says Go was originally developed by the Chinese and the Japanese later adopted the game. "Go is very big in Japan — much bigger than chess is here," he notes. "There are professional Go players in Japan who make their living by competing in tournaments." He says Go, which dates back to ancient China, is the oldest game in the world that is still played in its original form.

- Anne P. Reynolds wants to set the record straight. Members of the Society for Creative Anarchism are connected to their houses to anyone who was not involved in the agreement between 30 Jewish families and the Wharton School and lecturer in law at the University of Pennsylvania. He is the University of Pennsylvania. He is chairman of the College of Arts and Sciences (CSAS) Award for

Racial bias and the law is focus of two-day conference

A. Leon Higginbotham Jr., circuit judge of the U. S. Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit, will present an Assembly of Federal District Judges, Sept. 29, in Graham Chapel. The lecture, titled "Racial and the American legal process," is free and open to the public.

Higginbotham’s talk is part of a two-day conference titled “Individual Freedom and Governmental Power: The State Action Doctrine of Shelley vs. Kraemer.” Several law professors will present papers at the conference, which is based on the legal doctrine resulting from the Shelley vs. Kraemer case.

The conference, free and open to the public, is sponsored by the School of Law. All conference events, with the exception of the talk, are in the School of Law. All conference events, with the exception of the talk, are in the School of Cultural Life, room 316, Mudd Hall. Appointed to his present position in 1977 by President Carter, Higginbotham previously served as a commissioned officer in the Federal Bureau of Justice, Free and open to the public.

Burleton Wheeler named interim dean of Library Services

Burton M. Wheeler, Ph.D., professor of English and religious studies, has been named chairman of the Washington University Libraries, according to Ralph E. Morrow, Ph.D., acting provost of the University.

Wheeler, who also chairs the University’s Committee on Religious Studies, was dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Washington University from 1966-1978. A member of the University faculty since 1956, he served as assistant dean of the Department of English, 1966-1962.

Wheeler was chairman of the search committee for the Gloria M. Goldman Professor of Jewish History at the University. He chaired the Washington University Library Council from 1980-1982.

A specialist in 19th- and 20th-century literature with an emphasis on fiction, Wheeler has written numerous articles and book reviews on literary and religious themes. He is the recipient of several awards, including the Distinguished Faculty Award during the 1972 Founders Day ceremo

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Washington University's goal is to raise $43,100,000 this fall for the campaign. The United Way's annual fund-raising campaign is under way: "We can make a real difference in this year's campaign if each of us will respond in a positive and generous way to this important community effort," said Bob Franklin, the University's campaign chairman.

"Together with countless thousands of volunteers, the services provided through our gifts improve the quality of life enjoyed by each of us. By combining the needs of many agencies into one annual appeal, total fund-raising costs are minimized and resources can be utilized more efficiently," said Franklin, manager of accounts payable.

The United Way's Campaign Y and Central Institute for the Deaf receive funding from the United Way.

As part of the St. Louis campaign goal, special funding will be designated for agencies providing services in four priority areas: homelessness, abused, teen pregnancy, and teen alcohol and drug abuse.

All gift information is confidential. Contributions are tax deductible and may be designated as payroll deductions.

While the goal is ambitious, I am confident that we will succeed in reaching it and in providing assistance to many people in the greater St. Louis area," said Chancellor William H. Danforth, chairman of the United Way campaign.

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David M. Becker, J.D., professor of law, has received the first Alumni Distinguished Teaching Award from the University's Law Alumni Association for demonstrating "exceptional dedication to effective teaching," according to Larry Birdsey, past president of the association. Becker received a medal and a $1,000 prize in a speech, titled "Judicial Immunity: Are You at Risk?" at the annual Judicial Conference of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit. He also spoke at the American Bar Association's annual meeting in Toronto on "Antitrust and Trade Associations Communications." He will serve as chair of the University Judicial Board for the upcoming academic year. Michael Greenfield, J.D., professor of law, also will be a member of the board.

Ronald N. Van Fleet II, director of admissions at an independent school, has been elected president of Midwest Alliance of School Law Admissions (MAALA), an organization comprised of law school admissions professionals from seven states. Van Fleet was elected president during MAALA's annual meeting, which was held in Dallas, Texas. Van Fleet's objectives of the organization are to help members provide accurate information to individuals interested in attending law school, plan and facilitate cooperative recruiting efforts, increase opportunities for minorities and the economically disadvantaged to attend law school, and inform members about changes in financing a legal education.

M. Fredric Volkman, associate vice chancellor and dean of public relations, has been appointed to the Commission on Public Relations of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU). The commission provides advice to the association's board of directors and recommends policy positions on issues surrounding the public awareness of higher education. The commission comprises independent college presidents, representatives of associations of independent colleges and experts in the field of public relations. With a membership of more than 800 colleges and universities, NAICU is the largest and oldest representative organization of independent institutions in the nation.

Gregory Claeyss, Ph.D., associate professor of history, gave a paper on "Overseas Socialism Revisited" to a conference on "Utopianism and Communist Societies," held in Edinburgh. He also chaired a session on "19th-century American communists.

Rebecca Halik, a doctoral candidate in Spanish and comparative literature, delivered a paper titled "Misia Senora: The Search for the Feminine" at the fifth annual Wichita University Conference on Foreign Literature.

E. Thomas Sullivan, J.D., professor of law and Julian Harens of the University of Florida School of Law, co-authored a treatise, titled Under- standing Antitrust and Its Economic Implications, which has been published recently. The book takes a "judicial" approach to the subject with a speech, titled "Judicial Immunity: Are You at Risk?" at the annual Judicial Conference of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit. He also spoke at the American Bar Association's annual meeting in Toronto on "Antitrust and Trade Associations Communications.

Social work opens fall lecture series

Recognizing people at risk for suicide with chronic illnesses are two of the topics to be covered during fall colloquium series sponsored by the George Warren Brown School of Social Work.

The lectures, which are free and open to the public, will be held in the Brown Hall lounge. The series opens Thursday, Sept. 29, at 1:10 p.m. with Harriette McDade, a professor of social work at Howard University, discussing "Demographic Changes in Black Families Over the Past 15 Years: Implications for Practice.

The other lectures are: "Politics in Health Care," Max Pepper, M.D., professor and chairman of the Department of Community Medicine at St. Louis University, at 1:10 p.m. Oct. 6; "Children in Out of Home Placement: A National Disgrace," Rosemary Sarri, professor of social work, University of Michigan, at 1:10 p.m. Oct. 15; "Who Is at Risk for Suicide?" Lee Judy, executive director, Life Crisis Services Inc., at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 19, "Women in Administration," Sarah Austin, director, McAir Business Team, McDonnell Douglas, at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 2; and "Family Coping With Chronic Illness: Implications for Practice," Wendy Austadner, Ph.D., assistant professor of social work, Washington University, at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 30.

For more information, call 889-6606.
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Friday, Sept. 23
11 a.m. Parade at Wold Center parking lot Fraternity Row.

4:30 p.m. Tailgate party at Atlantic Complex parking lot. Fraternity Row.

5:30 p.m. 1 a.m. Kick off to the Homecoming Dance, a fireworks display, visible from Francis Field.

Wednesday, Sept. 28
4 p.m. Diabetic Alliance, a group dedicated to addressing the unique needs and problems of diabetics at WU, will hold its

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SCA), who occasionally are seen on campus wearing armor and medieval garb, "are engaged in making fun of funny clothes," Reynolds says. A senior electrical engineering major who has been president of the group for two years, John C. Bollinger is the 1988-89 president.

The purpose of SCA, which became a SU affiliate in 1978, is to recreate the medieval time period (900-1600 A.D.). In addition to sporting medieval gear to achieve their goal, SCA members may participate in various guided activities, such as making armor, making clothes, and dance.

SCA is "really a history group in a lot of ways, but it's history focused on the medieval culture — rather than names and dates," notes Reynolds. "It's not for everybody. You have to be interested in the Middle Ages and the history."

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CELEBRANT

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11 a.m. Homecoming Art Exhibit, "An Education for the Second Millennium," Walter T. Mason, presenter. Sponsored by the University Department of Education, WU Alumni and The Graduate Center.

4 p.m. Dept. of Anthropology Colloquium, "We Were Binkle Bopa! A Poetics of social identity," Michael DeFeo, prof., University, Indiana University. Sponsored by the University Department of Anthropology and WU Alumni.

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