After nearly a year of planning by many people at the University, it all comes down to this: President George W. Bush debates Sen. John Kerry Oct. 8 at the Athletic Complex.

‘Gold standard’ WUSTL hosts debate

Sen. John Kerry: “I believe America’s best days are ahead of us. I’m an optimist, but we have to make the right choices, to be fiscally responsible and to create the new jobs of the future.... I ask you for the privilege of leading our nation to be stronger at home and respected again in the world.”

President Bush: “We’ve been through a lot together as a country – been through a recession, corporate scandals, war. And yet think about where we are.... We’re on the move.... But our long-term security depends on our deep faith in liberty. And we’ll continue to promote freedom around the world.”

In the end, perhaps the most memorable line from the Oct. 8 presidential debate wasn’t even uttered by a candidate.

In addressing those inside the Field House just before the debate began, Executive Director of the Commission on Presidential Debates (CPD) Janet Brown said, “This campus is the gold standard for debate.”

Washington University was chosen to host a debate for the fourth straight presidential campaign, with three of those showdowns coming to fruition. And this most recent debate — the second of three in the 2004 campaign — was a good indicator of why the University is consistently chosen.

“By saying in my introductory remarks to the audience, an effort like this takes a great number of dedicated people, and the faculty, staff and students of Washington University have my heartfelt thanks for all that they contributed to making this event a huge success,” Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton said. “Under the leadership of Steve Givens, who effectively chaired the steering committee, the University has once again proven that it can do many things well.”

Millions of Americans watched the nationally televised town-hall forum, with many more millions tuning in worldwide.

What they saw was nearly 12 years in the making, from the very first time the University was selected to host a debate. With that much time to practice, it was clear that this was one for the ages.

Complete debate coverage

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Wrighton made his welcoming remarks.

Then, in his opening comments, moderator Charles Gibson of ABC News received perhaps the most applause of the evening when he announced that the Boston Red Sox had won the deciding game of the American League Division Series in dramatic fashion.

Finally, it was on to the debate. Just after 8 p.m. Central time, President George W. Bush and Sen. John Kerry strode into the Field House, which had been transformed into a plush debate site and looked nothing like the home of numerous NCAA Division III national champions.

For more than three weeks, the Athletic Complex had been abuzz with activity, as 20 members of the athletic department gave up their offices, athletic teams “hosted,”...
Bush, Kerry tangle on an array of issues

BY KEVIN M. KLEY

R esponding to the evening's opening question, Sen. John M. Kerry charged that President George W. Bush "didn't find the foot-prints of mass destruction in Iraq, so he's really turned his campaign into a weapon of mass deception." Bush replied bluntly: "I can't see why people think that (Kerry) changes position quite often, because he does." And so the tone was set for the second presidential debate, a 90- minute town-hall forum hosted by the University of Virginia Oct. 8. In answering 18 questions posed by uncommitted Missouri voters, the candidates based their responses on a broad range of issues, including the economy, the security, the economy and deficits, health care and stem-cell research.

Bush repeatedly attempted to paint Kerry as one of Washing- ton's most extreme liberals who, if elected, would create a huge government and raise taxes. "Kerry insisted that Bush had rushed into war and squandered an enormous budget sur- plus on tax cuts for the wealthy.

With each candidate trying to get a word in edgewise and attain the ultimate goal of the round of heated debate, each at times spoke over the other, "This happens, the tickets are given to the University.

The extra tickets came in large batches. water quality. They pulled out the land.

"They're going backwards on the definition for wedands," the Massachusetts senator said. "They're going backwards on the water quality. They pulled out the global warming, declared it dead, didn't even accept the science.

"We're going to be president who believes in science.

"Kerry similarly attacked when the forum turned to the U.S. economy. Kerry discussed his plan to cut taxes for all people and the world would be more dangerous.

"Kerry replied, "The world is more secure today because the president didn't make the right judgment," he added. "The president rushed to war, pushed our allies aside. And Iran is more dangerous today, so is North Korea, with nuclear weapons. "He took his eye off the ball, of Osama bin Laden," Kerry said, "and Hussein that has been propped up with Iraq.

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"And when I am president, I'm going to do it because we have to." Bush countered, "I'm the first president ever to allow funding federal donations for em- bryonic stem-cell research. I did it because I, too, hope that we'll discover cures from the stem cells and from the research de- rived.

"But I think we've got to be very careful in balancing the ethics and the science." The third and final presiden- tial debate was Oct. 13 at Ari- zona State University. Vice President Dick Cheney and North Carolina Sen. John Edwards squared off Oct. 7 at Case Western Reserve University.

Siteman Cancer Center's Henson part of town hall

BY NEIL SCHONHERR

While more than 200 stu- dents were able to see the debate live, Peru Henson may have had the best view of any University community member. Henson, executive director of development at the Siteman Cancer Center, was among the town-hall participants who sat on the main floor of the de- bate hall.

"The whole experience was fascinating," Henson said. "I felt very privileged to be among the participants."

Henson said she received a phone call from the Gallup Organization Oct. 4. After answering a few questions, she was invited to participate in the town-hall meeting.

"The Gallup organizers asked us to prepare two ques- tions — one for President Bush and the other for Senator Kerry," Henson said. "(Debate moderator) Charlie Gibson reviewed the questions on Oct. 7 and asked a question for each participant." Henson's question did not ask a question during the debate, if she had been given the opportunity, she was going to ask Bush how he plans to revitalize the manu- facturing sector of our na- tion's economy. Her husband works in manufacturing and has thought and come up with a couple of alterna- tives.

"It was clear to me that the topics and areas were thoughtful and serious in for- mal debate," Henson said. "I particularly enjoyed some of the more challenging questions, even if I didn't like or agree with the candidates' answers."

"One benefit of being there at ground level and seeing the anti- dotes that were not caught on camera."

"My number in the lottery was very good," said senior Ellen Feltman, who had spot number 4. "But then I had to wait the whole week, being constantly optimistic that the CPD would release enough tickets.

"She described the experience of being in the debate hall as "amazing." "It is such a different feeling to watch a presidential debate live than it is to watch one on TV," she said. "It was truly amazing." In addition, 50 students got into the debate when the news organizations they were volunteering for gave away seats. All the questions asked by the students were given to students. "I knew historically that the University normally gets around 100 tickets," Cummock said, "so I kind of figured I'd get in."

Even if it was expected, he was thrilled to be in the debate hall. "It was a great experience I'll never- er forget," he said.

For the 2004 presidential de- bate at WUSTL, 100 students ini- tially received tickets into the de- bate hall, and 50 were randomly made it in at the last minute. In 1992, a total of 100 students witnessed the debate live.
Successful debate starts with a team effort

BY NATE SCHORNSHEIN

I t takes the efforts of the entire University community working together to make an event like a presidential debate a success. No one knows that more than Steve Givens.

Givens, assistant to the chancellor, regularly serves as chair of the Presidential Debate Steering Committee. He worked tirelessly for months to bring together all facets of the debate preparations.

By serving as liaison between the Commission on Presidential Debates (CPD) and the University, Givens made sure that WUSTL was doing everything necessary to host a successful debate.

He is quick to credit the entire University for the well-orchestrated event.

"In my mind, the work that goes toward hosting a presidential debate is the perfect analogy to the overall success of the University," Givens said. "It's a microcosm of what it means to bring together all facets of a project."

"The success of the debate is the result of the entire community pulling together to make it possible," he added.

The hard work, the long days and the countless hours put in by many University staff members paid off. Behind the scenes, staff members helped out in many ways — planning and assisting with security, arranging parking, transforming a soccer field into an athletic venue to a debate site, printing background information for organizing student volunteers, and even setting up public networks and other media platforms.

"What I have heard consistently from the media, the campaign staffs and the Commission on Presidential Debates is that they love being here," Givens said. "I hear comments about the friendliness, effectiveness and professionalism of our staff and student volunteers from these people. From those who helped coordinate the media and those who outfitted the Athletic Complex and turned it into a television studio, to our police department and public affairs office, we are considered to be the gold standard by which all other debates are measured."

"That's a credit to the entire community."

Security was a hot topic surrounding this year's debate. University Police Chief Don Strom and his team, in conjunction with safety police forces, the FBI and the Secret Service, met the challenge head on.

"I don't think there are any drastic changes between this debate and the one in 2000," Strom said. "If anything, we are better prepared, having been through it four years ago."

"We've had a great partnership with the St. Louis County Police Department and law enforcement throughout the region, and I think we are all better prepared by the experience of having been through it, not only in 2000, but also in planning for the 1992 and 1996 debates as well."

The staff of Facilities Planning and Management contributed much to preparing the Athletic Complex for the debate, working closely with the athletic department and a host of other University departments.

"We hired all the contractors who had to modify the HVAC, build the many platforms for the media, prepare the media center and carpet the debate hall and campaign work spaces," said Ralph Thomas, associate vice chancellor of facilities planning and management. "We also assisted with power generation, miles of wiring throughout the building and made sure all the systems worked perfectly."

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"The Athletic Complex closed Sept. 30 as debate preparations heated up. In order to accommodate the construction and wiring, many varsity sports were enshrined, ethernet to meet media needs such as preparing press kits, briefing reporters and managing the media filing center. They also promoted the University's debate and political experts, fielded inquiries from the media outlets and documented the debate through photos and video.

In addition, the staff created and updated the debate Web site and collateral materials, produced and installed many signage items, had to move the parking map in a press box at the stadium and at the Athletic Complex; and oversaw student design of the creation of debate posters, T-shirts, pins and other items.

"There's no way to begin a list of all the people involved because no one knows that more than the University," Givens said. "We were just too many people who have given their time, energy and talent to make this all happen."

He said the key administrative officer of the debate was Steve G. Rakers, manager of capital projects in facilities planning. M. Fredric Vollman, vice chancellor for public affairs; Andy Janis, managing editor; Ruth Leicht, vice chancellor for public affairs; Steve Wiese, network systems engineering manager; Stephanie Kuntzman, coordinator for community service and women's programs; Sue Hornick, director of the Office of Student Activities; Elizabeth Lukas, information specialist; The Career Center; Gloria Richman, executive assistant in the chancellor's office; Sue Nickrent-McMurtry, an assistant vice chancellor, and director of public affairs and special projects; and Kathy Biddle, assistant vice chancellor and executive director of University Communications; Schaeff and Strom.

Givens said there were also many key, but perhaps unsung, people who were extremely important to the success of the debate including Maryann Simon Benson, assistant vice chancellor and executive director of publications; Mike Farms, assistant manager in maintenance administration; Linda Specker, accounting manager; Alisa Kutter, executive director of resource management; Craig Hager, manager of FOIS work area services; Steve Wiese, network systems engineering manager; Stephanie Kuntzman, coordinator for community service and women's programs; Sue Hornick, director of the Office of Student Activities; Elizabeth Lukas, information specialist; The Career Center; Gloria Richman, executive assistant in the chancellor's office; Sue Nickrent-McMurtry, director of common space management in events services; Barbara Ren, director of major events and special projects; and Lisa Underwood, manager of parking and transportation services.

"My role is simple because of all these people," Givens said. "They did an amazing job."

Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton appreciates the hard work of the entire staff.

"The debate was a wonderful opportunity for our students, faculty and alumni," Wrighton said. "It was just very gratifying to see the efforts of student and faculty volunteers and staff members who helped make it such a successful event."
Enormous effort transforms Athletic Complex

BY DIANE DUKE WILLIAMS

The University had a history of working closely with local, state and federal law-enforcement officers, both with the previous debates and with various disaster-preparedness drills. For the entire week of the debate, officers on bikes watched a watchful eye on the Hilltop. Others were stationed at various points throughout the Hilltop.

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Security plan comes off without a hitch

BY ANDY GLENDENHAN

Despite the fact that the University had been picking to host three previous debates, Chief of University Public Safety Don Strauss didn’t have a little advance scouting when it came to time to implement the security plan, time around.

Strauss and several of his security colleagues boarded the campaign’s first presidential debate plane on Sept. 26, to see how certain aspects were handled given tighter security requirements, Miami’s forces numbered about 3,500 for the event.

As it turns out, Strauss and his colleagues were already ahead of the game.

There was anything, the plan we had been put together for.

“You can’t put anything in stone because things can change on a moment’s notice,” Strauss said. “We have to be flexible.”

He walked away feeling confident that was the case.

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Coaches, office conferences, rooms, classrooms and hallways were transformed into campaign debate commission offices.

Many ethnic personnel worked throughout the day, practices “around the debate” and at sites handled “at the last minute.”

They gave reporters their take on who won the debate and why.

This year, security focused on monitoring of the candidates’ homes.

In 2000, John M. Schaal, director of athletics, said the two chairs used by Bush and then-Vice President Al Gore mysteriously disappeared after the debate. After the University let the campus and broader University community know it was a serious offense, the chair reappeared on a loading dock near Mallinckrodt Student Center.

The Recreational Gymnasium became the media filing center, and with 170 tables placed end-to-end for the more than 1,500 journalists covering the event, there was little room for error.

The holding rooms for Kerry and Bush each contained a basketball court and a pen. Did they stay?

Let’s just say candidates will do just about anything to score a few points with voters.
More than 1,500 journalists descend on University

By KIM LEYDIG

Demonstrators assembling outside of debate venue

By EVAN RHEA

International reporters soak up political scene

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PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE 2004
Oct. 15, 2004

A dreary, drizzling morning set the stage for more than 1,500 journalists from around the globe who traveled to the University of Missouri at St. Louis to cover the Oct. 8 presidential debate.

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Demonstrators representing both major parties attempt to convince the bustling area where advocates for modes of expression abounded.

Forsyth boulevards, before and during the presidential debate.

Around 5:30 p.m., the pro-Bush presence in the area, "excited to be here," said Meraz, who is covering the debate for ABC, "I'm also impressed with how beautiful Washington University is," Karube said. "It's been a wonderful experience. Everything has been running very smoothly." It was a day as much of drama, the demonstrators remained well-organized and running smoothly.

In Iraq from Baghdad was the most intense story in the world. A convoy ofuce of tables running the width of the gym.

"It's really exciting to be here," said reporter Jerry Koenig, who is covering the debate for ABC, "It's a great opportunity to engage in the issues and learn about the candidates." Koenig is covering the debate for ABC.

Behind "spin alley" — the area.

Cobb of the Green Party and Michael Badnarik of the Libertarian Party featured a woman made up as a pro-Bush presence in the area, "It's exciting to be here," said Meraz, who is covering the debate for ABC.

Many were eyeing the Boston Red Sox-Anaheim Angels baseball playoff game. A loud cheer erupted minutes before the debate, when the Red Sox nabbed an 8-6 series-clinching victory.

Bus supporters line the fence at the north side of the public viewing area. Overall, demonstrators were peaceful in their approach, and there were no major incidents.

To depict the brutality Bush supporters followed allegorical have encountered in China, the group featured a woman made up to look like a torture victim while a man dressed as a Chinese policeman gripped her by her hair.

Some Bush backers came dressed at fly-flops to demonstrate their belief that John Kerry goes back and forth on his views points.

A woman in a black dress and veil wore a sign reading "Iraq War Widow." The "quip" tactics that have been so prominent in this campaign season were abundant at the public viewing area.

"Someone from Bush's advance team called from the White House wanting to make sure there was a pro-Bush presence in the area," said Sue Nickrent-McAulay, the University's director of event services. "Both campaigns called about this." In response to an e-mail campaign to boost the pro-Bush presence, a large number of the president's supporters streamed into the debate.

Around 3:50 p.m., the pro-Bush and pro-Kerry groups were shooting at each other across an open space reserved for Fallen Fools — who, undaunted, continued their meditations. Just across Big Bend, amid the autumn colors of Northmoor Park, the "08" group, a loose coalition of groups protesting against the limits of a two-party system, held their own demonstrations. These featured folk and hip-hop musical performances, and speeches by presidential candidates David Cobb of the Green Party and Michael Badnisk of the Libertarian Party.

Cobb and Badnisk later participated in a picket parade from Lindell Boulevard, stopping traffic and yelling along with their supporters.

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TOP: Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton and his wife, Risa Zwerling Wrighton, greet President George W. Bush upon his arrival Oct. 8 at the Athletic Complex.

ABOVE: Welcoming Sen. John Kerry to the University are (from left) Student Union President David Ader, Graduate Professional Council President Amy Block and the Wrightons.

BELOW: (From left) Kathryn Fahlund, Lisa Kohn and Annie Mehlman share a laugh while working the Students for Choice booth at the Rock the Vote event Oct. 9 in Brooking Quadrangle. The event aimed to educate and motivate voters to be more politically active.

BOTTOM: The exhibit American Presidents: Life Portraits — featuring the only complete collection of American presidential oil portraits by one artist, Chas Fagan — was housed in the Athletic Complex.

With Graham Chapel standing sentinel, the bright lights of the MSNBC set draw students to

After the intense 90-minute debate, the mood lightened considerably as many of the 140 town
CNN's Paul Begala and Tucker Carlson (lower right corner) provide one of the most lighthearted moments during debate week when, having co-hosted an edition of Crossfire from Beaumont Pavilion in Brookings Quadrangle, they crowd-surf through a pack of jubilant students.

Kerry economic adviser Roger Altman (left) and Bush economic adviser Todd Buchholz square off in a "debate before the debate" the morning of Oct. 8 in Lee Auditorium at the Missouri History Museum. The event was co-sponsored by the Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy in Arts & Sciences.

Janet Brown, executive director of the Commission on Presidential Debates, welcomes moderator Charles Gibson of ABC News to the floor of the debate hall.

Flags from the exhibit The Flag & America’s Presidential Campaigns adorn the walls of the media filling center.

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MSNBC's Chris Matthews — who, days before, had been the keynote speaker at the University's Founders Day event — interviews WUSTL students to get their reactions to the presidential debate.

Steven S. Smith, Ph.D. (left), and William A. Peck, M.D., talk at the "Health-Care Challenges Facing the Nation" forum Oct. 7 at the Eric P. Newman Education Center. Peck, the Alan A. and Edith L. Wolff Distinguished Professor of Medicine and director of the Center for Health Policy in the Olin School of Business, organized the conference. Smith is the Kate M. Gregg Professor of Social Sciences and director of the Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy in Arts & Sciences, which co-sponsored the event along with the Center for Health Policy and the Brookings Institute in Washington, D.C. For more on the conference, read the Oct. 22 Record.
Frenzied ‘spin alley’ offers colorful coverage

BY KIM LEITOG

Even before the second debate between President George W. Bush and Sen. John Kerry came to a close, the political cycle started spinning.

Campaign staffs in navy suits, stressed segment producers and high-profile television anchors began maneuvering into the fast-paced, frenzied place known as “spin alley.” They seek out aids for the spin doctors to try to tell the media how they should interpret the evening’s debate — and to claim victory for their respective candidates.

Dozens of campaign workers held giant sticks decorated with the name of their spinmer and followed that person as he or she worked the room — the Recreational Gymnasium in the Athletic Complex, which was transformed into a bustling media filling center housing more than 5,500 journalists from across the globe.

Throughout the debate, overhear from both parties hustled handouts on every issue, slamming the other candidates rhetoric and responses and hyping up the drama for an impending mantra of spin alley.

A sense of urgency surrounded this debate of the atmosphere of spin alley reflected that notion, with the reporters jumping at every opportunity to tell their partisan views to the microphones of willing reporters.

The talks ranged from the traditional — former Sen. Jean Carnahan, D-Mo., and Bush campaign senior adviser Karen Hughes — to the more unconventional — actor and Bush advocate Ron Silver and correspondent Ed Humes from The Daily Show With Jon Stewart on Comedy Central, who, while lying on the floor, screamed to the masses, “Everybody’s bhink, Wake up people!”

While the debate was only 90 minutes long, the art of spin alley had been playing out for the cameramen all day and lasted long into the night.

The debate was still going on when Silver and New York Gov. George Pataki headed downstairs from their bleacher seats to offer their takes.

“The president did a really good job of controlling the debate,” said Hughes. “We need him for more years,” Pataki said. “The American people can see that the president cares deeply about the American people.”

Missouri gubernatorial candidate Claire McCaskill, however, was quick to offer a different view.

“The president doesn’t see that the people are hurting economically,” McCaskill told local reporters. “He sees things through tinted glasses. He’s not going to give us four more years of the same.”

She also slipped in a little campaigning of her own. “George Bush is all the way to St. Louis to debate, but Mo. people don’t really say a lot, she said of his opponent.

The biggest crowd flocked around Sean Hannity of FOX News, who drew reporters — and dozens of sumer young Republicans — to see how many cookies one could use the cookie-buying contest being held at Ursa’s.

After the debate, students flocked toward Graham Chapel to see Mo. Roca, correspondent for the Comedy Central’s Daily Show With Jon Stewart and author of All the President’s Men.”

Bush as the winner.

Several students felt both candidates performed well and the faceoff ended in a draw. Of course, as a barometer of sorts, one could use the cookie-buying contest held at Ursa’s and several other campus eateries to see how many cookies emblazoned with donkeys or elephants had been sold. (The tally as of Nov. 11 was 659 donks vs. 407 elephants.)

But, after 40 minutes, police officers in full riot gear blocked their passage at Forsyth Boulevard, where some young Republicans were chanting “four more years” and asserting Bush as the winner.

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Ralph Nader’s and Hughes’ spins on the debate couldn’t have been more opposite, both Republican and Democratic spin doctors share a common goal: analy-zing and reiterating their can- didate’s positions and debunking their opponent’s views.

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And, of course, declaring their candidate the winner.
Faculty weigh in on issues discussed, or not

By Teri Nappier

Lybeck Hall was the site of a pre-debate town hall meeting held by the William Greenleaf Eliot Society, the largest alumni association at Washington University, which drew a packed room of about 90 people. The panel consisted of Paul Rothstein, Ph.D., associate professor of economics; Andy Sobel, Ph.D., associate professor of political science; Murray Weidenbaum, Ph.D., the Edward Mallinckrodt Distinguished University Professor of economics and the honoree of the William Greenleaf Eliot Society; and John pavement, Ph.D., associate professor of education in Arts & Sciences.

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"What struck me about the debate was the fact that virtually nothing was mentioned regarding the vexing matter of public education in poverty or on the edge of poverty," said James W. Davis, Ph.D., chairman of the Political Science Department in Arts & Sciences. "The issue was not simply not mentioned, but was actually denigrated, both by the candidates and the audience listened for the first time."

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John Danforth to give major policy address at WUSTL

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The football team held meetings in the recreation hall, while SBC Communications Inc. used two other courts for work-space and phone services. Four additional courts were used by the campaigns as various work spaces.

Some coaches lost their offices for candidate situations and holding rooms, while the weight rooms were used as the town-hall participants’ holding room.

"It is a challenge to have the entire complex taken away for the entire debate," said T.J. Sheltton, assistant athletics director and head of facilities, operations, and director of facilities operations. "It is a challenge to have the entire complex taken away for the entire debate." As would be expected, security was tight. Secret Service agents patrolled the grounds around the clock, and a secure perimeter was set up around the plaza in front of the Athletic Complex. Much preparation work had been done since Nov. 7, when the University — along with sponsors A.G. Edwards, Bank of America, BJC Healthcare and Emerson — announced it was holding a debate.

"We knew we could do this. We knew we could do this," Gore said. "We knew we could do this. We knew we could do this." The events held in the complex included the town hall meeting, a 6 p.m. Oct. 27 & 28, Wohl Center, Friedel Field House. The 18 rows of tables in the complex included the town hall meeting, a 6 p.m. Oct. 27 & 28, Wohl Center, Friedel Field House. The 18 rows of tables in the complex included the town hall meeting, a 6 p.m. Oct. 27 & 28, Wohl Center, Friedel Field House. The 18 rows of tables in the complex included the town hall meeting, a 6 p.m. Oct. 27 & 28, Wohl Center, Friedel Field House. The 18 rows of tables in the complex included the town hall meeting, a 6 p.m. Oct. 27 & 28, Wohl Center, Friedel Field House. The 18 rows of tables in the complex included the town hall meeting, a 6 p.m. Oct. 27 & 28, Wohl Center, Friedel Field House. The 18 rows of tables in the complex included the town hall meeting, a 6 p.m. Oct. 27 & 28, Wohl Center, Friedel Field House. The 18 rows of tables in the complex included the town hall meeting, a 6 p.m. Oct. 27 & 28, Wohl Center, Friedel Field House. The 18 rows of tables in the complex included the town hall meeting, a 6 p.m. Oct. 27 & 28, Wohl Center, Friedel Field House. The 18 rows of tables in the complex included the town hall meeting, a 6 p.m. Oct. 27 & 28, Wohl Center, Friedel Field House. The 18 rows of tables in the complex included the town hall meeting, a 6 p.m. Oct. 27 & 28, Wohl Center, Friedel Field House. The 18 rows of tables in the complex included the town hall meeting, a 6 p.m. Oct. 27 & 28, Wohl Center, Friedel Field House. The 18 rows of tables in the complex included the town hall meeting, a 6 p.m. Oct. 27 & 28, Wohl Center, Friedel Field House. The 18 rows of tables in the complex included the town hall meeting, a 6 p.m. Oct. 27 & 28, Wohl Center, Friedel Field House. The 18 rows of tables in the complex included the town hall meeting, a 6 p.m. Oct. 27 & 28, Wohl Center, Friedel Field House. The 18 rows of tables in the complex included the town hall meeting, a 6 p.m. Oct. 27 & 28, Wohl Center, Friedel Field House. The 18 rows of tables in the complex included the town hall meeting, a 6 p.m. Oct. 27 & 28, Wohl Center, Friedel Field House. The 18 rows of tables in the complex included the town hall meeting, a 6 p.m. Oct. 27 & 28, Wohl Center, Friedel Field House. The 18 rows of tables in the complex included the town hall meeting, a 6 p.m. Oct. 27 & 28, Wohl Center, Friedel Field House.
Campus exhibits evoke both interest & emotion

BILLY KAPEL

Bill Kapel's hearty laugh broke Erin Library's quiet as he looked at a photo of President Lyndon B. Johnson playfully pulling on the ears of one of his pet dogs.

"Johnson got his tail in a crack," said that one," he said. The caption on the prize-winning photo, taken by Marilyn Johnson in 1964, said, "Johnson claimed that the ear-pulling and subsequent yipping was harmless, and actually did the dogs good." Kapel, an Ethics, alumna Helen (Griffiths) Kaiser (1951 and 1986), was clearly enjoying seeing the traveling show of 60 prize-winning photographs of U.S. presidents from Franklin D. Roosevelt to George W. Bush. "We recognize lots of these photos," she said.

The exhibit, The Presidential Image: 60 Years of the Best in White House Photography, featured archival images from Pictures of the Year International and the University of Miami's School of Journalism and the University of Miami's School of Communication, Sponsored by MSNBC, Fulfill and National Geographic. The exhibit opened Sept. 15 at this year's three presidential debates.

Viewers' favorites included both serious and less-known images. Scott Nichols, who was visiting campus with his daughter, Allison, a high-school senior in Westchester, Pa., and prospective University student, liked Susan Biddle's 1997 image of Bill Clinton playing "Heartbreak Hotel" on his saxophone. So did University junior Erika Sampson, who said, "I like how that shows the president with their hair down." Kapel, a political science major and a bio medical research associate, said he liked Frank Cancellare's 1972 image of Richard Nixon sharing a toast with Chinese Premier Chou En-Lai. "Because Nixon didn't help the U.S. and China open up to each other, which allowed me to come study in the States." Another exhibit in Olm Li brary's presidential Debates at Washington University, which opens tomorrow, from the 1992 and 2000 debates at the University, will run until Nov. 3.

On Oct. 4, 5, student volunteers led about 90 groups of at least 10 people through the exhibit, where two other exhibits were housed.

The teams of 16 included historically important American flags attracted many, such as a group of fifth-grade girls from One Lady of Lourdes School in Clayton. One girl bubbled, "Oh, I look at the flags!" Another asked, "Are these original or copies?" Flags in the exhibit, The Flag & America's Presidential Cam paigns, were from the private collection of University alumni Louise Venings (1972) and Ben Zaritz (1972). The exhibit was sponsored by C-SPAN and the White House Historical Association. Prompted by a mother challenging her son to name many of them some sports players and all American flags — rooted to search accompanying biographical sketches for at least one new, interesting fact about each.