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JCU blitzes publicity with a broader marketing plan

Emily Gaffney Editor in Chief

A commercial for the University featuring several JCU students and alumni aired in Pittsburgh during the NFL's NFC Divisional Playoffs on the local Fox affiliate, WPGH-TV.

According to Tonya Strong-Charles,

director of media relations & communications, it was a good deal for the University to buy air time that was still available during the game.

"It was a unique opportunity in Pittsburgh to get our message out to a new audience," said Strong-Charles. "There's been a bit of buzz. A lot of people have seen it and that's what we want."

Assistant Vice President for Integrated Marketing and Communications John Carfagno said JCU is already getting feedback as a result of the commercial.

Traffic to the University's

from the Pittsburgh area since the commercial aired. Carfagno also said there have been emails from alumni who saw it.

Strong-Charles said she has already run into a perspective student from the Pittsburgh area who mentioned he saw the commercial.

Although there is already some positive feedback for JCU since the commercial aired, Carfagno said it would be a couple of weeks before they really know what impact the commercial has had.

"We'll get a better understanding [of the impact] from the survey results of visiting perspective students," he said.

The commercial played during the playoff game was part of the University's most

> widely targeted commercial campaign.

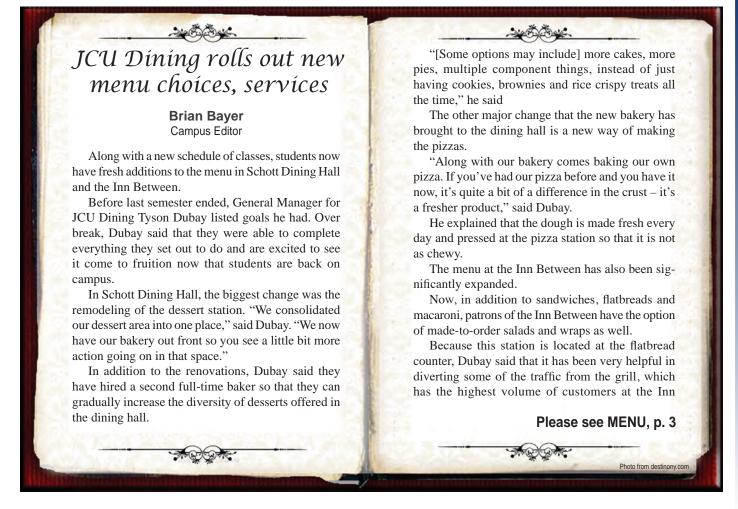
> "[It was] strategic," Carfagno said of the campaign. "We've been concentrating our marketing on Northeast Ohio and Ohio proper. This was a much more concentrated effort to reach to other areas."

This recent campaign targeted areas of high recruitment for JCU, including

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website has increased 7 percent Screenshot of the JCU commercial that aired in neighboring cities.



SUPB unveils new concert

series

Dan Cooney Managing Editor

Student Union Programming Board decided the same old, same old needed to be spiced up a bit.

Instead of bringing a big-name artist to campus for the annual Spring Concert, SUPB's executive board has created the Carroll Spring Series, an on-campus and off-campus string of concerts.

"We decided to change it up," said Cassie Pacer, SUPB's major events coordinator. "We want to satisfy the needs of everyone of various different genres."

In years past, the Spring Concert Committee planned and held the concert in the DeCarlo Varsity Center, coordinating security, ticket sales and gym preparation – among other things – for the event. Past recent acts included T-Pain, Jack's Mannequin, Sean

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Campus Briefs

New BP2BC program introduced

Backpacks to Briefcases (BP2BC) is a new programming series that offers JCU juniors and seniors the opportunity to create a more seamless transition from college to professional life. The series aims to help students develop important life skills that they might not learn in the classroom.

Events include opportunities to network with local alumni, learn about managing your personal finances post college, cooking for yourself and lessons from Emily Post on how to act in a social setting. Students from all majors and disciplines are welcome and encouraged to participate in the series.

This program was put together by the Center for Career Services, the Office of Alumni Relations, the Office of Orientation and Leadership and the Office of Student Activities.

For more information, visit www.jcu.edu/backpacks.

JCU offers Stilwell Scholarships

JCU will award two Charles J. Stilwell scholarships, each \$4000, to undergraduate students who have completed an academic internship during the 2011-2012 academic year and have been recognized by their employers as having provided outstanding performance.

The Charles J. Stilwell Scholarship was established in the Combined Fund of the Cleveland Foundation upon his death in 1972. In May of 1975, this fund was increased substantially by a gift from the trust of Edna D. Stilwell.

Applications for the 2011-2012 scholarships must be submitted by April 20 to Joan Coyne at the Center for Career Services. Any questions may be directed to Coyne at jcoyne@jcu.edu.

SUPB looking forward to a concert series to replace the Spring Concert

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Kingston, Chamillionaire, Minus the Bear and Neon Trees.

However, past concerts held at JCU have been very poorly attended. Only 400 attended in 2010.

This year, SUPB is buying tickets to concerts in Cleveland and providing them to students. More than likely, according to Student Union's Vice President for Programming Taylor Horen, the tickets will be offered at a discounted rate. Students and local bands can also audition to take part

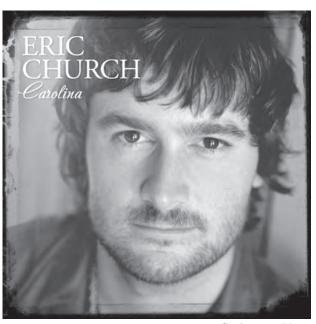


Photo from countryevolution.com

Eric Church's "Love Your Love the Most" album cover.

in on-campus concerts that will take place throughout this semester. And will take place Feb. 6-8.

Pacer said the goal of the new series is to show JCU students Cleveland's downtown life.

"A lot of students don't really ever get the opportunity to get down there," she said. "And then we want to bring Clevelanders to John Carroll."

The concerts SUPB is planning to get tickets for include Eric Church on Feb. 24 at Cleveland State University's Wolstein Center, The Black Keys on March 20 at Quicken Loans Arena and Hot Chelle Rae on April 18 at the House of Blues. SUPB is also trying to get tickets for the Red Hot Chili Peppers

concert on June 2 at Quicken Loans

"We've kind of seen in the past two or three years that what we've been doing isn't working, so we figure, 'why not go down another route?" said Horen. "[We] might as well try it out [and] take advantage of what we have in the area because Cleveland has so many music vendors and venues for great concerts like these [...] And if we can spend our money on tickets for better concerts, we might as well do that."

Horen also cited the experience of going to a concert as a reason for the change.

"When you have it in your school's gym, you can have lights, you can have a lot of people there to try and create the atmosphere," she said, "but I feel like it's better when you're around the public and at a different venue. Just

being able to get off campus and go somewhere kind of helps us out. We don't have to create the atmosphere. It's [to] get people excited [and] whether they like the music or not, they're going to want to go out somewhere."

Junior Elizabeth Sangdahl said she's excited about the change in concert format, particularly the opportunity to see The Black Keys in concert.

"This will be the one concert I really want to go to," she said.

Sangdahl also is in favor of the on-campus concerts. "That could potentially be kind of cool," she said.

Sophomore River Onwudinjo is skeptical of the off-campus idea.

"We don't know what kind of seats they're offering," he said.

SUPB will also provide transportation in some form, either via RTA or a bus, according to Horen.

For more information regarding the series, or to audition for the on-campus part of the program, contact Pacer at cpacer14@jcu.edu.

"We've kind of seen in the past two or three years that what we've been doing isn't working, so we figure, 'why not go down another route?'"

-Taylor Horen
Vice President for
Programming

Celebration of Service award ceremony to recognize 2012 recipients

On Jan. 31 at 4 p.m. in the Muldoon Atrium of the Dolan Center for Science and Technology, the Celebration of Service Award Ceremony will be held to recognize those individuals in the JCU community for their commitment to service and social justice.

The awards to be presented include the Curtis W. Miles Faculty Award which will be given to Gloria Vaquera, the Staff and Administrator Service Award, which will be given to Tom Reilley, and the George B. Sweeney endowed Campion Award, which will be given to sophomores McKenzae Bartels, Julia Blanchard and Maggie Hutchison. All students, faculty and staff are invited to attend.



Photo from CSSA Newsle

McKenzae Bartels, Julia Blanchard and Maggie Hutchison (left). Gloria Vaquera (right).

Office of Admissions reaches out to new cities in neighboring states

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Chicago, Pittsburgh and Toledo, in addition to Cleveland.

Aside from broadening its focus regionally, JCU is changing the way it reaches out to prospective students and their families in other ways as well.

"We were relying too much on print in

northeast Ohio when we needed to be out further with more tools," said Carfagno.

This multimedia plan includes more online advertisements, radio advertisements and television commercials, and keyword buys on Google in which JCU advertisements will appear when certain keywords words are searched.

These new marketing strategies are paid

for by an already set aside annual marketing budget that is divided among various projects. According to Carfagno, new multimedia will probably become a greater part of the overall marketing campaign for the University.

"We've found that when people visit campus they tell us JCU is a well-kept secret. We don't want to be a well-kept secret. We want to be on the tip of peoples' tongues," he said.

Campus Safety Log



January 1, 2012

CSS reported criminal trespassing with two people running behind Hamlin Hall at 1:32 a.m.

January 15, 2012

Student Affairs reported the smell of marijuana in area of Dolan 214 at 12:30 a.m.

January 16, 2012

CSS reported two males and a female wandering campus, suspected of [alcohol] sale to underage students at 3:24 a.m.

These incidents are taken from the files of Campus Safety Services, located in the lower level of the Lombardo Student Center. For more information, contact x1615.

Student Union inaugurates new executive board, lays out new vision for the 2012 academic year

Brian Bayer Campus Editor

In a fully packed Jardine Room on Thursday, Jan. 19, students, faculty, administrators and family members all gathered to celebrate the inauguration of a new Student Union Executive Board.

For the 2012 year, the board will consist of Greg Petsche as the Student Union president and Steven Palmieri as the executive vice president.

After being sworn into office by Pete Hayden, Vice President for Judicial Affairs Joe Hayek swore in the remaining members of the executive board, including Vice President for Business Affairs Charles Trouba, Vice President for Student Organizations Bill Cook, Vice President for Programming Taylor Horen, and Vice President for Communication Lizzie

Former president Rita Rochford gave a departing address thanking her executive board for their support and wishing the incoming executive board the best of luck.

"I am excited that I was able to pass the torch to such a capable leader as Greg Petsche," said Rochford. "I have every confidence in him and his administration to execute their job effectively on behalf of the student body."

Following this, the newly elected officers took their oath of office, pledging to serve their student body to the best of their abilities.

In his inaugural address to the student body, Petsche laid out his vision for his term as president.

One of his top priorities is making the Student Union more accessible to the student body, said Petsche.

"My administration will place a bigger emphasis on student outreach. Every student should feel comfortable to reach out to their Student Union," he said.

In order to do this, the executive board is planning to put suggestion boxes around campus, and they have already created an online suggestion box on the Student Union website.

Petsche's other major objective this year is the promotion of diversity and inclusion on campus.

He said, "As students in the Jesuit education tradition, it is our mission to be men and women for and with others. We must ensure that John Carroll University is a place where diversity is celebrated, not hidden."

A big part of this mission will be a Diversity and Inclusion Week, for which Vice President for Programming Taylor Horen secured funding.

Petsche said he, Rochford and junior Senator Ryan Zubal have been working with students, faculty and administrators to find new ways to integrate diversity and inclusion into the academic and residential lives of students at JCU.

Among his other goals, Petsche would like to improve JCU's relationship with the 27 other Jesuit universities in the country and the relationship within the University Heights community.

"Our vision is clear and our mission well defined. It's now time to act," said Petsche.



President Petsche delivers his inaugural address.

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This has also helped bring wait times down, especially during their busiest part of the year in the first several weeks of the semester.

"Our first month is usually our crunch month - that's when everybody's back, that's when everybody wants to use their plus points, that's when our nights are the busiest and the lines are the longest," said Dubay.

The salads and wraps are \$6.99, the same price as the grab-and-go salads were last semester. Dubay added, "You can get as much as you want or as little as you want.'

Several students have noticed a price increase in several menu items at the 'Tween, but according to Dubay this is standard for this time of year because food costs as a whole tend

Sysco is the main supplier for JCU Dining for the dining hall and the Inn Between, so they are subject to Sysco's price differences throughout the year.

With late night studying underway, the Inn Between is gearing up their call-ahead takeout option.

In order to better manage the large number of customers and decrease wait time, students now have the option to call in their order 15-30 minutes before they want to pick it up.

Sophomore Tyler Weseling was very upset with the long waits. He said that he waited 40 minutes for his sandwich.

Currently, the system uses only plus points

and Carroll Cash, but eventually they would like to be able to accept credit cards and actual cash, said Dubay.

So far, this service is in its infant stages of development, and JCU Dining is looking to expand their promotions so more students know about it.

Because the program is new, many students have not yet heard about it.

Sophomore Emily Stolfer said, "I would have called ahead. It would make life easier." She said that now that she knows about it she

will probably use it.

Junior Corrin Powell agreed. "I knew about it and I would use it, as long as it's still warm and I don't have to wait."

Not all JCU students have as much faith in the call ahead service.

Junior Pat Burns said, "I have a friend, who for privacy's purposes we'll call Code Red, who ordered his food and stepped out of the Inn Between for 10 minutes. Upon his return [he found] they had cancelled his order. I don't know how the call ahead scenario will work if they can't even take orders face-to-face."

Still other students are skeptical of the service and feel tentative about its potential for

Junior Alyssa Harford said that she hadn't heard about it, but probably wouldn't use it. "Getting it would be a pain in the butt," she

And sophomore Alyssa Singer said, "They don't really make it clear what they offer [for the call ahead service]."

Dubay has plans to make this program more well known around campus, including using the InsideJCU updates, student-texting promotions, and ads in The Carroll News. He also hopes that students will spread the word.

"Hopefully word of mouth [will be the best publicity] because sometimes that's what works the best," Dubay said.

"As soon as you call your order in, it's like you're the next person in line."

Once this has proven to be a successful procedure, Dubay would like to expand this service to include a residence hall delivery feature. He hopes to have this in place by the end of spring or Easter break.

For the delivery service, the menu will probably be modified to include a larger pizza than the flatbreads that they currently sell, said Dubay.

Students interested in calling their orders in to the Inn Between can call 216-397-6293 between Sunday and Thursday from 8 p.m. until midnight.



One of the new wraps offered at the Inn Between.

SUPB hosts Coffeehouse at 9 p.m. in the LSC Atrium.

Thursday

Friday Virtual Amazing Race in the Jardine Room at

11 p.m.

Saturday

Wings/Spa Night from 9-11 p.m. in the Dolan Center for Science and Technology.

Sunday

Celebrate the Student Mass at the Church of the Gesu at 8 p.m.

Monday

Mass in Rodman Chapel at 12:05 p.m.

Wrestling match against the University of Mount Union in the DeCarlo Varsity Center at

7:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Wednesday

Women's Basketball against Heidelberg University in the DeCarlo Varsity Center at 7:30 p.m.

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Stay cool with winter fashions

Winter is far from over, so why not bundle up in something trendy?

Alexandra Higl
The Carroll News

As the temperature begins to fall, the peak of fashion begins to rise.

No more should you trudge across campus in an outfit reminiscent of the winter apparel "A Christmas Story's" Randy was smothered in. Instead, bundle up in something equally as warm as it is fashionable.

Although the new year is a time to start fresh, think twice before throwing out that scarf that you clung to during the autumn months, the oversized sweater from H&M that you basically lived in, or that staple item stitched with faux fur.

Many of the winter fashion trends taking center stage in 2012 are being carried over from the fall.

A classic item for both gals and guys alike that will seemingly never go out of style is the signature pea coat. Although black and navy are colors that will always remain timeless, ladies should be challenged to



step of their element and try a bold color, such as red, to brighten up the dull winter months.

A new trend in coatwear is the increasing popularity of collarless coats. As the name suggests, these coats come without a collar, which makes for a clean and simple look with a vintage attitude.

If you have a favorite beanie hat that you wear religiously, try thinking about a new trend that is slowly circulating around campus. The ever-so-comfy deerstalker hat, lined with real or faux fur. This furry hat hones in on the previous fall trend of fur-lined clothing, while adding a winter flare to the equation.

Deerstalker hats can be purchased from high-end department stores such as Barney's or Nordstrom, or from other stores more accessible to the Ramen-noodle-budget college student" such as H&M, American Eagle Outfitters



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and Forever 21.

Other accessories, which are essential to add to your winter wardrobe, range from fingerless gloves to infinity scarves.

No more should you risk staying warm by removing your gloves in order to reply to a text. Fingerless or hobo gloves provide the means to accomplish tasks while still remaining warm.

Stores such as Target have even begun to sell "texting gloves" as a solution to the "texting outside in the cold dilemma."

For guys, you can never have too much plaid flannel in a winter outfit. Add some durable hiking boots from brands such as Timberland and Red Wing and you have the perfect lumberjack look.

Attention ladies: just because it's frigid outside doesn't mean you can't wear your favorite sum-

Women's

Merona tall

genuine leather

boots

Target:

\$48.99

mer skirt anymore. Add a pair of warm leggings underneath, and your summerwear can become a winter staple.

The 2011 fall fashion legging trend has evolved into a style fit for the bitter morning walks to 8 a.m. class. Sweater tights, which are essentially made from the same knitted material of sweaters available in both solid colors and patterns, and are a warmer alternative to leggings.

Fur vests are another way to warm yourself up without sacrificing your outfit. You can even do some layering and wear it over your coat for extra coziness.

Don't forget about scarves as well. They may seem insignificant, but a clutch scarf can make your entire outfit. For ladies, fur scarves called Snoods have become quite popular. They essentially look like fluffy pink collars. If you have a daring personality, be sure to try these out.

Boots and wintertime will forever go hand and hand. Although the ever-popular UGG boats are still a common trend on campus, knee high boats in black or tan are also hot item hailing from the inspiration of the Chanel runway.

These boots provide a finishing touch to the perfect winter outfit, making the outfit both polished and eye-catching.

Woven plaid shirt Gap: \$26.99



Patterns such as small polka dots, hound's-tooth and hippie-inspired floral prints are expected to take prominence in the coming months of 2012. Feathers too appear dominant on the racks of accessories storewide.

There is no excuse viable to step into the winter months of 2012 freezing and frumpy. Instead, start the new year right by putting your best boot forward and bundling up in something trendy.

The Tim Russert Department of Communication and Theatre Arts

AUDITIONS

Marinello One Act Series

Dates: January 26 (5-7 p.m.), 27 (6-8 p.m.) Show Dates: February 23, 24, 25 (7:30 p.m.), 26 (2 p.m.)

> Auditions for the One Acts are in Marinello Little Theatre Auditions are open to all JCU students, staff and faculty!

EARWIG

By Fraser Macfarline
Directed by Shannon Carroll
Cast requirements: four males/females

Playwriting 101: The Rooftop

Lesson
By Rich Orloff
Directed by Sara Abbott

Cast requirements: three male/females

Soundbites



"E. H. Four. M. Potato shape. Coffee mug shape. Smudge. Middle finger. Smudge. Smudge. The rest are smudges."

> "Parks and Rec's" office doofus Andy Swyer (Chris Pratt) taking an eye exam.

You know it's a good birthday when you fall asleep in a bed covered in BBQ sauce.

Jason Segel, the morning after his birthday, via Twitter.



Pick-Up Line of the week



"Is your last name Gillette? Because you're the best a man can get."

Have a pick-up line you'd like to share with us? E-mail it to bdevictor12@jcu.edu.

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A different kind of addiction

Michael Fassbender proves he is a rising star in 'Shame'



Ben DeVictor Arts & Life Editor

When it comes to the subject of sex addiction, our culture has taken an attitude of humorous deniability. Movies like "Blades of Glory" use the condition as a punch line, while news of Tiger Woods confessing that he has a sex addiction are met with slews of laughter and lines like "Not a bad condition to have, right? HA!"

Steve McQueen's new film, "Shame," which is now playing at Cedar Lee Theater, approaches the subject with a jolting seriousness and shines a light on the horrific consequences of an addiction that is as serious as any other.

Brandon (played by Michael Fassbender of "X-Men: First Class") is a young Manhattan business socialite. He's bright and charming. He has a successful career and owns a fancy downtown apartment. He goes out with co-workers, exercises regularly and has a fondness for classical music. Unfortunately, he also can't go a few hours without being sexually active. Brandon is a sex addict, and the barrier between his two separate lives is slowly deteriorating.

He seeks sex from hookers, random strangers on the subway, and cannot even go a full day at work without pleasuring himself in the bathroom. Things are made all the worse when his sister Sissy (Carey Mulligan), who is equally troubled in a different way, crashes at his place unexpectedly and indefinitely.

If anything needs to be said about "Shame," it's that Michael Fassbender's performance hits it out of the park. His turn



Times are hard for Brandon (Michael Fassbender)

as Brandon is visceral and unapologetic. You will be disgusted with the things Brandon does, yet at the same time sympathize with him. He is a man who is truly lost.

There is a scene in the film where Brandon goes crazier than usual and absolutely hits rock bottom. During these intensely graphic scenes (the film earns its NC-17 rating), Fassbender perfectly conveys the joylessness of Brandon's uncontrollable compulsion. When he cries, you feel a black hole in your stomach.

Less impressive is Carey Mulligan's performance as Sissy. Perhaps it's the fault of the dialogue, but her character is unlikable for most of the film. She makes bizarre decisions and during their squabbles, you will usually find yourself siding with Brandon. Though, when the stakes are high, Mulligan showcases her character's desperation for a human relationship with a lack of subtly the performance requires.

The problem with "Shame" is that while much of its nudity is necessary to the film, some of the scenes involving it are done just for shock value.

There are two scenes especially, that elevate the otherwise very believable brothersister relationship of Brandon and Sissy to just plain bizarre.

McQueen directs with a deserved confidence. Many of the scenes are shot without cuts, giving them a theatrical vibe. There is a stunning scene in which Brandon goes jogging to escape what he would otherwise be doing. The camera follows steadily alongside him for about two minutes. It's a scene that would be brutally dull if filmed another way, but McQueen makes it absolutely beautiful

Unfortunately he often overdoes it, and the results are painfully slow, such as a scene where the audience has to watch Mulligan pretend to be a professional singer for four whole minutes.

On the whole, "Shame" is effective and relevant. Its problem is that its slow pace and refusal to give any resolution is a weakness, not a strength.

Brandon's story ends where it begins, and it's a shame Fassbender wasn't given more to do, more depths to sink to.

Entertainment Calendar

Check out what's happening in Cleveland and campus this week!

1.27 The Werks Live Beachland Ballroom 8 p.m. \$10

1.28 Who's Bad-The Ultimate **Michael Jackson Tribute** House of Blues 10:30 p.m. \$16.50

1.29 The Winter Jam 2012 Cleveland State University's Wolstein Center 6 p.m. \$10

1.30 An Evening with Geena **EJ Thomas Hall** Akron 7:30 p.m. \$8

The Cleveland Orchestra **EJ Thomas Hall** Akron 7:30 p.m. \$47

Swing Dance and Lesson Springvale Ballroom 6:30 p.m. \$8

Midseason TV schedule looks promising

Finally, reruns are over. All your favorite shows are back with brand new episodes. But premiering with them are plenty of brand new midseason shows. These five are the most anticipated of the bunch.

-Compiled by Ben DeVictor

House of Lies (Showtime) Sundays at 10 p.m.

Showtime's new half-hour comedy is centered on a consulting firm that tricks corporate fat cats into overpaying for its services. While many of Showtime's comedies have heavy drama as well, "House of Lies" promises to be all comedy. Don Cheadle and Kristen Bell star, as well has Ben Schwartz, most well-known for his role of Jean Ralphio on "Parks and Rec."



A "Smash" hit

Alcatraz (FOX) Mondays at 9 p.m.

In an alternate history, Alcatraz's prisoners all disappeared decades ago and are suddenly reappearing in San Francisco, putting its citizens in danger. Only three people can stop them. This thriller is everything a Sci-fi fan could want. J.J. Abrams is producing. Seriously, this show has both Hurley from "Lost" (Jorge Garcia), and Dr. Grant from "Jurassic Park" (Sam Neil). What more could you want?

Smash (NBC) Mondays at 10 p.m. starting Feb. 6

"Smash" is NBC's answer to "Glee," and according to the buzz it's getting, it could very well become a rival hit. Produced by Steven Spielberg (who apparently wants to produce everything on TV right now), this musical drama follows the cast and crew of a Broadway musical about the life of Marilyn Monroe and the months before the upcoming opening night. Unlike "Glee," "Smash" will feature all original songs.

Luck (HBO) Sundays at 9 p.m. starting Jan. 29

HBO has been on a roll lately, and "Luck" looks to be no exception. Dustin Hoffman plays a gambling addict who puts all of his money into horse racing. The pilot already had a sneak preview and got rave reviews. It also stars Nick Nolte.



Is Alcatraz the new "Lost?" The Firm (NBC) Thursdays at 10 p.m.

Remember that John Grisham movie with Tom Cruise called "The Firm"? Ever had the urge to see it in TV show form? Well, you're in luck. All six of you. Josh Lucas plays the part made famous by Cruise as he tries to take down the mob.

The River (ABC) Tuesdays at 9 p.m. starting Feb. 7

After the success of FX's "American Horror Story," other networks are jumping on the horror-on-TV bandwagon. "The River" is being written and directed by Oren Peli, also known as the guy who made the massively successful "Paranormal Activity." It follows a research team in the Amazon, and follows a "found footage" format. Bring a change of underpants.



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Mentz's Minute



Sports Editor

How will you remember Joe Paterno?

Jan. 22, 2012. The day former Penn State football head coach Joe Paterno passed away was an unsettling one for many. After being so highly admired and respected for the first 85 plus years of his life, no one would or could have ever foreseen what the last few months of Paterno's life would amount to.

Paterno was a man who did a whole lot of right in his life, but, unfortunately, will likely be remembered and defined by many for one poor decision he made back in March 2002.

Despite what some media members may tell you, Paterno was not a villain. Instead, he was a class act, a well-respected and beloved football coach at one of the premier college football programs in the entire nation for 45 years.

Don't get me wrong: I'm not defending Paterno's lack of action when dealing with the Jerry Sandusky sexual abuse case back in 2002. What I am defending is a man who for 99.9 percent of his life did everything the right way. For 99.9 percent of his life, Paterno was the perfect example of how to do things the right way, both on and off the football field. Rather than being judged for his entire body of exemplary work throughout his life, Paterno will likely be remembered by many for the 0.1 percent of his life in which he wasn't absolutely perfect. That is where the problem lies.

From listening to the people who knew "Joe Pa" best, it seems as if Paterno truly cared about the well-being of the people around him before himself. Was Paterno a bit naive? A bit skeptical? Perhaps. Could he have done more to protect the innocent children affected by the Sandusky case? I think so.

But we shouldn't dwell on the one bad decision he made, no matter how crucial it may have been. If each of us were judged by our worst decisions and defined by our worst moments, none of us would be proud when we looked in the mirror.

Instead, I'll remember Paterno for his entire body of work in his 85 years of life, not just the one mistake he made. Paterno was the epitome of sportsmanship, class, hard work and respect. Those are values and morals that all of us should commend.

However, how you will remember Joe Paterno is your own decision. I know how I'll remember him. If nothing else, Paterno was an inspirational man – at least to

As Joe Paterno said, "Believe deep down in your heart that you're destined to do great things."

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Men's basketball can't defeat Capital University, loses 85-68 Blue Streaks' win streak snapped, team is now 12-4 on the season Regan Sweeney had a career-hig

Dale Armbruster Staff Writer

John Carroll's men's basketball team visited Capital University with a long-standing winning streak on the line.

For the second time in the month of January, the Blue Streaks left a road gym empty-handed as they fell to the Capital Crusaders, 85-68, last Saturday at The Capital Center.

The Blue Streaks fell to the Crusaders for the first time since 2008 in their first road trip since Muskingum snapped a six-year losing skid to the Blue Streaks on Jan. 11. Capital (11-6) took sole possession of first place in the Ohio Athletic Conference with the win, improving to 8-2 in conference play.

Capital came out swinging from the opening tip as they immediately went on a 17-4 run to force JCU coach Mike Moran to take a timeout just six minutes into the contest. In typical Blue Streak style, the team rallied after the huddle and outscored the Crusaders 29-20 for the remainder of the half.

Coming off a team-record nine 3-pointers last season away versus Capital, senior Michael Harnett looked for a repeat performance



Senior Mark Hester (above) goes up for a contested shot as the Blue Streaks fell to Capital University, 85-68.

Saturday. Harnett was off the mark with a last-second triple before the halftime buzzer sounded and the Blue Streaks headed into the locker room with a 37-33 deficit.

He would finish with 11 points on 3-of-7 shooting from behind

Unfortunately for the Blue Streaks, Capital coach Damon Goodwin had his team fired up out of the break. Capital guard Michael Sommer exploded for 13 points during a 15-1 Crusaders run early in the second half. The Blue Streaks had enough energy left to force a 14-4 run with less than 10 minutes remaining, but it was too little, too late.

Ben Jackson led the way for Capital with 19 points, 11 rebounds and three assists. Jackson hit 7-of-8 free throws, pacing a Crusader team that was shooting nearly 75 percent from the charity stripe as a team on the year. Sommer contributed 15 points and seven rebounds on 6-of-8 shooting.

Seniors Corey Shontz and Mark Hester scored 16 points each, with most coming when the game was already out of reach. Freshman

Regan Sweeney had a career-high nine points against Capital at home, and didn't disappoint on the road. Sweeney led the team off the bench with eight points.

Physical play led to late-game fireworks in front of the Capital bench, where Capital guard Kelly Winter was assessed a technical foul for elbowing senior Patrick Sweeney. The foul, combined with the late Capital run, did nothing but send the frenzied near-capacity crowd of 1,014 at The Capital Center into chants of "OAC."

With the loss, the Blue Streaks now hold an overall record of 12-4 on the season, including a 7-3 mark against Ohio Athletic Conference opponents. The Blue Streaks' loss to Capital University marked the first time that JCU has lost to the Crusaders since 2008. Furthermore, the loss also marked only the sixth time in the last four years that JCU has been held under 70 points in a game, a statistic that speaks to the Blue Streaks' high tempo offense.

With only eight games remaining in the regular season, the Blue Streaks will next play on Saturday, Jan. 28 as they play host to the Ohio Northern University Polar Bears at the Tony DeCarlo Varsity Center at 2 p.m.

Women's basketball falls at home to Capital University, 60-52

Spencer German Staff Writer

As most students were settling in for the start of a new semester, it was business as usual for the John Carroll University women's basketball team. The Blue Streaks, who played seven games over the winter break, now turned their attention to a tough Capital Crusaders team.

JCU (6-10, 3-7 OAC) looked to avenge a 71-39 loss against the Capital Crusaders (12-5, 7-3 OAC) from earlier in the year, as now they had to challenge them on their home court at the Tony DeCarlo Varsity Center on Saturday, Jan. 21.

With just under 13 minutes to go in the first half, Capital's Hilary Kuhn knocked down the first 3-pointer of the game for either team, giving the Crusaders a 13-8

As the first half continued it looked as though Capital was startStreaks when they went on a run and increased their lead to 23-15, their largest of the game at that point. However, a strategic timeout called by JCU head coach Kristie Maravalli with 5:43 to go in the first half allowed the resilient Blue Streaks to regroup and respond with a run of their own.

It was sophomore Allie Lustig's big 3-pointer that capped off the JCU rally and cut the Crusaders lead to four points, 28-24, late in the first half of action.

However, Capital responded by ending the half on a short 5-0 run, taking a 33-24 lead into the half.

Spahar's eight points was the Blue Streaks' high at halftime, and it was the team's ability to make nine of its 10 free throws that kept them in the ballgame.

Out of the break, JCU looked to their strong defense to once again keep them in the game.

Soon enough, defense turned ing to pull away from the Blue into offense as back to back 3-point-

ers by seniors Emilee Ritchie and Emily Day brought the game within reach for the Blue Streaks as they trailed 36-31.

Spahar's layup with a little over 14 minutes to go cut the Crusaders lead to just two points, the closest the score had been since early in the first half.

However, that was as close as the Blue Streaks would get.

Lustig hoped to spark one last rally from her team when she hit another crucial 3-pointer that left her team down 48-45 with just seven minutes to go in the game, but Capital was able to close out the game by hitting a series of free throws. When the final buzzer sounded, the scoreboard read as follows: Capital 60, John Carroll 52.

After a hard fought game, the Blue Streaks valiant defensive effort came up a little short but the team had a lot to be proud of on the day. For starters, the Blue Streaks outrebounded Capital 41-38 and also

made 11 of its 12 free throws.

Coach Maravalli knew her team fought hard the whole game but expressed her disappointment in her team's inability to close out the Crusaders.

"We just need to finish these games," said Maravalli. "You know when you hold an opponent to 60 points, we should be able to fin-

Sophomore Missy Spahar, who leads the Ohio Athletic Conference in rebounds, finished the game with 18 points and 11 rebounds, giving her four double-doubles on the season.

"What I wanted to do was just get in there and get second shot opportunities," said Spahar after the game. "When I did get the rebound I just put it back up, which I think is where most of my points came from."

Next up for JCU is a trip to Ada. Ohio on Saturday, Jan. 28 to take on Ohio Northern University.

hockey goes 1-1 on the weekend, defeats IUP in OT

Zach Mentz Sports Editor

This past weekend, the John Carroll University club hockey team took to the road for yet another lengthy road trip. Despite traveling all the way to Niagara, N.Y. on Friday, Jan. 20 to take on the Niagara University Purple Eagles, the Blue Streaks couldn't quite find the momentum they needed as the Purple Eagles won the game by a decisive score of 6-1.

However, the Blue Streaks would travel to Indiana, Pa. the following day to take on the Indiana University of Pennsylvania Crimson Hawks at the S&T Bank Arena.

The Blue Streaks trailed the Crimson Hawks by a score of 2-0 early in the first period, but the resilience of this squad was evident. Sophomore Louie Morici and junior Jesse Dietrick both netted goals of their own for JCU in the final minutes of the first period, tying the game at two after one period of play.

After JCU allowed another goal to fall behind 3-2, sophomore Danny Potter stepped up and scored his second goal of the weekend to tie the game at three in the second period. From there, the Crimson Hawks recorded back-to-back goals

to give themselves the 5-3 lead late in the second period. Junior Sean Lattal responded with a goal of his own, narrowing the gap to 5-4 for the Blue Streaks late in the second

Less than a minute into the third period, senior Danny Geiger tied the game at five by taking advantage of a two-on-one opportunity. The score would remain tied throughout the remainder of regulation, forcing overtime. From there, freshman Tyler Rhodes proved he has the clutch gene as he scored the game-winning goal in overtime for the Blue Streaks, securing the 6-5 come-from-behind victory.

"That win was huge for us," said Potter. "It was a must-win to keep our chances of going to nationals alive, but we have an even bigger test with West Virginia this Saturday."

With the win, the Blue Streaks now have an overall record of 18-11-0 on the year and are building the momentum they need as they move closer to the postseason.

The next time JCU plays will be Saturday, Jan. 28 at home at the Gilmour Academy Arena as the Blue Streaks play host to the visiting West Virginia University Mountaineers in a battle between division rivals.

Men's and women's swimming and diving weekend round-up

Brendan Gulick Assistant Sports Editor

As the spring semester recently began, so did the spring swimming competitions for both the Blue Streaks men's and women's swimming and diving teams.

After last competing all the way back on Dec. 3, both JCU teams had busy weekends as they competed on both Friday, Jan. 20 and Saturday, Jan. 21. Both teams were at home on Friday as they hosted the Oberlin College Yeomen before traveling to Hiram, Ohio on Saturday to square off against the Hiram College Ter-

Friday against Oberlin, the women's team (5-7-1, 1-2 OAC) needed a late rally to finish in a tie with Oberlin, 107-107.

While struggling in the relay events all afternoon, a strong surge from the Blue Streaks in the 50-meter and 100-meter sprints allowed John Carroll to pull even at the day's end.

Junior Julia Adams, last year's Ohio Athletic Conference 100 and 200 backstroke champion, led the 400-yard medley relay to a win in the evening's final event (4:15.27). Adams also claimed her first victory of 2012 in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:02.71).

John Carroll's men's team (6-5, 2-1 OAC) swam in opposite fashion to their female counterparts on Friday night.

After jumping out to an early lead, the Oberlin Yeoman dominated the long-distance events and swept the 100-meter breaststroke, and the Blue Streaks fell 124-113.

Senior Alex Vereshchagin earned the win in the 50-meter freestyle race to build on a strong senior

In the 200-meter IM, sophomore Nick Holvey (2:06.56), freshman Michael Ian Goggins (2:07.84) and senior Brendan Carey (2:13.55) took the top three spots to give John Carroll their first lead of the meet.

The Blue Streaks led 94-90 with



Senior Brittany Krauth picked up crucial points for the Blue Streaks as she claimed first in the 100-meter individual medley.

three events remaining, Oberlin took the top two slots in the 3-meter diving competition and grabbed a 124-120 advantage.

Despite a win in the 400-meter relay (the meet's final event), the Blue Streaks dropped to .500 on the season with the loss.

Saturday proved a more glorifying day for the Blue and Gold, as both the men's and women's team pulled out wins on the road against the Hiram Terriers.

After the Blue Streaks gave up a commanding lead on Friday night, senior Brittany Krauth helped the Blue Streaks win 12 of 14 events on Saturday at Hiram in a 197-87

The Blue Streaks amassed three 1-2-3 finishes on the evening. Freshman Karyn Adams (29.26), Victoria Watson (29.92) and junior Brittany Bockanic (31.31) dominated the 50-meter freestyle, junior Julia Adams (4:57.74), freshman

Katie Sheffield (5:05.58) and junior Megan Carrig (5:08.17) took the top three slots in the 400-meter freestyle, and the trio of Karyn Adams (32.10), Brittany Krauth (33.65) and junior Maggie Donoghue (34.57) snagged all three top-spots in the 50-meter fly.

With the victory, the women's team continued to stay hot; they have not lost since Nov. 29, 2011.

The men's team avenged their Friday night loss with 191-71 throttling of the Terriers.

Holvey capped off an outstanding weekend with a double-dose of wins in the 100-meter butterfly (1:05.22) and the 100-meter IM.

Vereshchagin swam well for the second straight day, earning a victory in the 100-meter freestyle and finishing third in the 100-meter butterfly.

The Blue Streaks will host crosstown rival Baldwin-Wallace College on Saturday afternoon in the final meet before the OAC Championships next month.

Indoor track and field teams excel at SPIRE North Coast Open

Zach Mentz Sports Editor

After not competing for more than a month due to the lengthy mid-year winter break, both the John Carroll University men's and women's indoor track and field teams competed this past weekend at the SPIRE North Coast Indoor Track and Field Open in Geneva, Ohio. The event took place on Saturday, Jan. 21 and despite being an unscored event, it was evident that the Blue Streaks didn't have much of a problem shaking off the rust as both teams had numerous impressive placings.

On the men's side of the bracket, junior Pat Burns highlighted the day as he finished in fifth place in the one-mile race with an impressive



Junior Pat Burns (above) was one of numerous Blue Streaks to record impressive finishes on the day.

time of 4:22.59. Sophomore Cory Biro and freshman Nick Williams both qualified for the 60-meter hurdles with times of 8.72 and 8.86, respectively. From there, both Biro (fifth) and Williams (10th) would finish in the top 10 of the 60-meter hurdles event. Junior Bill Zaccardelli also recorded a top-10 finish as he placed ninth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 52.01.

On the women's side of the bracket, sophomore Anna Busta (fifth) and freshman Bridget Hanna (sixth) were two of five Blue Streaks to place in the top 10 in the 5,000meter event with times of 18:54.63 and 18:58.87, respectively. Freshman Melissa Vinci (eighth), Rachael Greuber (ninth) and sophomore Lauren DeLuca (10th) rounded out the top 10 for JCU in the 5,000 meter event with respective times of 19:48.94, 20:12.41 and 20:16.11.

Sophomore Gab Kreuz also recorded a top-10 finish on the day as she finished in ninth place in the one-mile run with a time of 5:21.67.

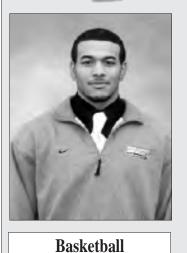
Outside of the distance events,

the Blue Streaks continued to record more impressive finishes. Junior Maureen Creighton took ninth place in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:02.99, while sophomore Nicki Bohrer took fifth place in the 800-meter event with a time of 2:22.68.

In the triple jump event, freshman Danielle Sample placed fifth with a distance of 10.43 meters while senior Cassandra Figueroa finished in eighth with a jump of 9.98 meters.

With numerous competitions coming up on the schedule for both Blue Streaks teams, JCU will next compete this Saturday, Jan. 28 as both teams travel to Marietta, Ohio to compete in the Ohio Athletic Conference Relays in another important conference event.

STREAKS OF THE WEEK



Mark Hester senior

The senior forward scored 16 points on 6-14 shooting from the floor and reeled in 11 rebounds in 27 minutes of action on Saturday as the Blue Streaks fell on the road to the Capital Crusaders, 85-68.



Basketball Missy Spahar

sophomore

Spahar, who currently leads the Ohio Athletic Conference in rebounds and is fourth in scoring, contributed 18 points and 11 rebounds in the Blue Streaks' 60-52 loss at home against the visiting Capital Crusaders.



Swimming & Diving

Brittany Krauth senior

The senior swimmer picked up a crucial win for the Blue Streaks in the 100-meter individual medley event, helping JCU win 12 of the 14 events at Hiram College on Saturday, Jan. 21.



Track & Field

Pat Burns junior

Burns had an impressive finish as he placed fifth in the one-mile run with a time of 4:22.59 while competing at the SPIRE North Coast Indoor Open this past weekend in Geneva, Ohio.



Hockey

Danny Potter sophomore

Potter scored two goals in two games this past weekend, including a crucial, game-tying goal in the second period on Saturday as the Blue Streaks defeated the IUP Crimson Hawks 6-5 in overtime.

Republican race tighter than ever



Republican presidential candidate, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney speaks at National Gypsum Company on Tuesday in Tampa, Fla. The primary in the key battleground state is scheduled for Jan. 31.

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As the new year rolls in and primary season gets underway, the American people begin to learn who the serious contenders for the Republican nomination are. There have already been shifts back and forth.

We saw Mitt Romney hold the early lead, then Rick Perry, Herman Cain, Newt Gingrich and back to Romney. By the end of 2011, the once forceful Perry campaign had been all but dissolved, the Cain campaign was suspended and Romney was easily coasting back into a secure lead.

January 2012 has so far been the most turbulent and fascinating month for the Republican candidates. The first key event was the Iowa caucus, held on Jan. 3.

At first, front-runner Romney appeared proved to be the favorite, which initially proved to be true. Claiming a difference of eight votes, the former Massachusetts governor was closely beaten by Rick Santorum. Santorum, 53, a former Senator from Pennsylvania, was generally the favorite among those who espouse socially conservative values.

The Romney camp generally brushed this close call aside as meaningless and went on to the New Hampshire primary. For all of the candidates, this was considered the essential first victory.

As each candidate went through the state to make their cases heard, the voters were deciding for themselves. By the end of the night, Romney could claim a comfortable, though not resounding, victory.

Heading into South Carolina, a number of questions arose regarding Romney's front-runner status. Some wondered whether his Mormon faith or the fact that he governed one of the most liberal states in the Union would be acceptable.

Gov. Rick Perry of Texas hoped that socially conservative South Carolina could revive his candidacy after a severe thrashing in Iowa and New Hampshire. But poor opinion polls convinced him to dropout and throw his support to Newt Gingrich. With Perry out, Romney and the former Speaker of the House found themselves representing opposite ends of the spectrum. Aside from Romney's battles, Gingrich had obstacles of his own.

Questions regarding his relationship with Freddie Mac and his controversial personal life appeared as though it could have been troublesome. In the end, South Carolinians decided that Gingrich was their man and gave him 40 percent, followed by 27.8 percent for Romney. In the primary that should have been the deciding factor for the Republican nomination, the nominee was still open for the choosing.

Florida is the next big stop on the campaign trail, scheduled for Jan. 31. As expected, both Gingrich and Romney will be in a stark battle for victory. In many ways, it is a clear split as indicated by The Wall Street Journal. There was pressure from the Gingrich camp to perform more debates, which is considered to be his specialty. Monday night allowed Floridians to get a better idea of the men that they would be voting for.

Romney was reluctant to this option but agreed, according to The New York Times. The former Massachusetts governor hoped that the current housing crisis in the state would make room for negative feedback towards Gingrich following his stint with Freddie Mac.

Meanwhile, Gingrich continued to hammer away at Romney's moderate record. However way the campaign goes, it can be noted that a victory in Florida would be vital for both candidates. Unlike South Carolina, Florida is a winner-take-all primary. Thus, according to The Wall Street Journal, winning is essential.

So gathering all of this, one question is, what does this mean for the general election? Recent polls have shown that Romney holds a slight edge over Obama, while the president leads Gingrich in the fall. If this is the case, Republicans may want to decide whether ideology or victory is more important.



THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Do you think that online piracy needs to be regulated by the government? If yes, to what degree?

Go online at www.jcunews.com to vote in the poll, and check out the next issue to see the results.

WORD FOR WORD

"When I told my team to shoot first and ask questions later, the intent wasn't that they would shoot civilians, it was that they would not hesitate in the face of the enemy."

 Staff Sgt. Frank Wuterich in a statement before his sentencing for pleading guilty to the killing of two dozen unarmed Iraqis in 2005. Wuterich walked away with no jail time Tuesday. (The Associated Press)

"Tax reform should follow the Buffett rule: If you make more than \$1 million a year, you should not pay less than 30 percent in taxes."

 President Obama, during his State of the Union Address on Tuesday (The Chicago Tribune)

- Compiled by Michael Reiser

ELECTION 2012

Gallup GOP tracking poll

Mitt Romney	27%
Newt Gingrich	31%
Ron Paul	12%
Rick Santorum	12%
Other	3%

Romney vs. Obama (Projection)

Obama	50%
Romney	48%

Gingrich vs. Obama (Projection)

Obama	50%
Gingrich	48%

As of Jan. 24, gallup.com

Amidst ridicule, SOPA/PIPA shelved by leadership

Shannon Parker The Carroll News

The Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA/ HR), and its Senate counter part, the Protect IP Act (PIPA/ S.968), were both shelved Friday. Those specific pieces of legislation may be dead but Congress has not given up on the issue

Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, Lamar Smith released a written statement of Friday saying, "It is clear that we need to revisit the approach on how best to address the problem of foreign thieves."

PIPA was introduced to the Senate last May, and quickly made its way out of the Judiciary Committee with unanimous approval.

SOPA, the House's version of the legislation, which was introduced much later on Oct. 25, combined S.968, with the lesser known S.978, the Commercial Felony Streaming

Act.

All three pieces of legislation were aimed at strengthening the protections afforded to intellectual property, and making it easier to prosecute people who violate those rights through use of the Internet.

Originally enjoying the support of major media companies such as Time Warner, the legislation continues to be backed by organizations such as the Entertainment Software Association and Creative Coalition.

The bill began to pick up a lot of criticism from tech companies and websites.

Wikipedia and Reddit blacked out on Jan. 18, while Google, Avaaz.org and Fight for the Future circulated "anti-SOPA" petitions.

Google's petition claimed that the legislation would slow the U.S.'s economic growth and lead to the type of censorship that is observed in countries like China.

The American reaction to the possible censoring of Web content is drawing mocking

responses from Chinese Internet users.

In an article on newser.com, a Chinese micro-blogger is quoted as saying "We blocked it out here years ago. Where are our hugs?"

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said, "There is no reason that the legitimate issues raised by many about this bill cannot be resolved."

There is already a replacement bill. The Online Protection and Enforcement of Digital Trade Act, which was proposed the same day as the internet blackout, is backed by a bipartisan coalition of senators and House members.

The bill is believed to offer more protections to companies that are accused of contributing to copyright infringement over the web

This was a point of considerable concern over the wording of the SOPA, the open Congress summary of the bill reads, "The DoJ [Department of Justice] or the copyright owner would be able to commence a legal action against any site they deem to have "only limited purpose or use other than infringement."

The DoJ would be allowed to demand that search engines, social networking sites and domain name services block access to the targeted site.

It would also make unauthorized Web streaming of copyrighted content a felony with a possible penalty up to five years in prison.

Even though SOPA and PIPA have officially been shelved, and there is already a replacement bill that would seem to satisfy the objections of many of the anti-piracy critics, it does not mean that we will not be seeing them again, and soon.

Reid ended his statement on PIPA with a hint of hope, that he remained "optimistic that we can reach a compromise in the coming weeks." The Carroll News



Turkish prime minister calls French bill on Armenian genocide 'racist'

The Turkish prime minister has said a bill passed by the French parliament on the mass killing of Armenians under Ottoman rule is "racist." Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan told the Turkish parliament in Ankara that the bill "murdered freedom of thought." French President Nicolas Sarkozy is expected to sign the bill into law before the end of February. Armenia says that up to 1.5 million people died in 1915-16 as the Ottoman Empire split. Turkey, which rejects the term "genocide," has said the number of deaths was much smaller. Defenders of the bill point out that it covers all acts of genocide. "This is a racist and discriminatory approach and if you cannot see this, then you are deaf to the footsteps of fascism in Europe," Erdogan said Tuesday, a day after the bill was adopted by the French Senate. (BBC)

Insurgents raid anti-terrorism police captain's home in Iraq, at least 19 killed

At least 19 people were killed in Iraq on Tuesday as insurgents targeted day laborers, government workers and an anti-terrorism police captain amid a continuing surge of violence, according to security officials. At least 80 people were injured, the officials said. In the attack on the captain, gunmen stormed the home of Hassan Abdulla al-Timimi in the Abu Ghraib area, west of Baghdad, killing him, his wife and their three children, said Col. Sabah al-Falahi, a local police commander. After leaving the house, the insurgents set off two explosions, injuring four of Timimi's neighbors, Falahi said. The attacks come amid a political crisis that has virtually paralyzed the government in the wake of the U.S. troop departure last month. (The Washington Post)





Workers observe major oil slick oozing from Italian cruise ship wreck

Salvage and rescue workers reported the first sign of a significant contaminant slick beginning to ooze from the partly submerged Costa Concordia on Tuesday as divers recovered the sodden body of the 16th victim from the Jan. 13 shipwreck. The precise origin of the slick was unclear but Italian officials said absorbent booms placed around the 950foot hull and beyond were trapping it. Smit, a Dutch salvage company, has been hired to extract the ship's half million gallons of fuel, which has become a pressing priority to avoid an environmental disaster from the shipwreck. (The New York Times)

Rep. Giffords to resign to focus on recovery



Rep. Gabrielle Giffords (D-Ariz.), center, tours the Gabrielle Giffords Family Assistance Center, one of her favorite charities. Giffords announced Sunday that she would resign from Congress this week to focus on her recovery.

Rita Rochford

Staff Reporter

In an effort to place a greater emphasis on her health, Gabrielle Giffords has announced her decision to resign from Congress.

Giffords, a moderate Democratic congresswoman from Arizona, was the victim of an assassination attempt in Tucson, on

She survived a gunshot wound to the head and very narrowly escaped with her life, but was critically wounded.

However, one of her staffers, a 9-year-old girl and a federal judge were not as lucky.

The shooting claimed their lives along with three others, and another 13 people were wounded.

At the time of the shooting, Giffords was in her third term in Congress, just narrowly defeating her Republican opponent and was one of only a few Democrats to withstand the tea party's sweep of several seats in Congress.

After a remarkable recovery from a coma, she made a surprise return to Congress and stunned those in attendance when she appeared for the first time since the attack to vote in favor of raising the debt ceiling.

In response to this return, her colleagues met her with a standing ovation to show their support and admiration for Giffords' inspirational example.

Nancy Pelosi even responded to this by saying, Giffords "went above and beyond the call of duty." In light of her recent comeback, she was predicted as the heavy favorite to win in the 2012 election cycle.

Her announcement was followed by statements from President Obama and Vice President Biden indicating their support and respect for Giffords' work as a congresswoman and her decision to focus on her health.

Therefore, her announcement to resign this past Sunday left many Democrats concerned over losing this seat to a Republican not only in the special election required to fill this vacancy, but also in the general election this November.

She consulted with many political advisors, but ultimately this decision resulted heavily from a personal choice. In a short video posted to various social media sites directed towards her constituents, Giffords explained her decision to resign and her appreciation to the people of Arizona for trusting her with their voices and giving her time to recover.

She also hinted at the possibility of returning to Congress at some point in the future.

As it stands now, Arizona law requires a special election to be called by Gov. Jan Brewer, presumably sometime in April.

Historically, Giffords' district, the 8th district in southeast Arizona, is known for electing moderates from either major party. Some are optimistic that Giffords' husband and former astronaut, Capt. Mark Kelly will decide to run, but those close to the family like the chairman of Giffords' campaign, Michael McNulty, indicate that he is not interested and Kelly himself has publicly dismissed the idea.

Among those in the Republican Party who have expressed an interest in running for this now open seat include state Senator Frank Antenori and a sports broadcaster,

Giffords will resign from the House of Representatives this week, but only after she attended President Obama's last State of the Union before the 2012 election.

To finish what she started, on Monday prior to her resignation, she also joined survivors from the Jan. 8 shooting rampage that disrupted her Congress on Your Corner meet-and-greet.

Giffords departs with a message that with each day she is improving and her hope that her colleagues will work in cooperation with one another.

REISER'S **EDGE**



Michael Reiser World News Editor

The same old song and dance

I'm bored.

So bored in fact that to write a column that has to do with American politics has become nearly impossible for me in this current political climate.

"How can that be, Mike, with the Republican nomination race in full swing, and the president's address to the nation on Tuesday?"

Well, frankly, I don't care because I know what's going to be said and how it's going to be reported.

American politics are not only being killed by a steady shift towards ideological polarization, but also by the increasing dramatics of both sides, detracting from the real issues, in order to get elected.

Over break, I stayed away from the news for a week because I wanted to see if I would miss anything by abstaining from the race for the nomination and Obama's defense of his presidential post.

Unsurprisingly, nothing major happened. (I'll give Rick Santorum's victory in Iowa some credence as "surprising," but because it didn't mean much for his place in the polls, I won't count it.) I am not saying news has to be entertaining, but rather the opposite.

When reading a column by David Brooks in The New York Times, he made a very notable point about America's true problem -"the interplay of economic and social forces." Brooks claims the "idiocy of our current political debate is that neither side seems capable of talking about [this interplay]."

Everything being reported today has to do with how much Mitt Romney pays in taxes, or how Newt Gingrich doesn't care about family values, or that Obama is going to run the country into the ground with his overspending, overregulated federal government. It's literally the same thing week in and week out.

What aspiring politicians lately have failed to point out is what the problem actually is.

Brooks makes a noble stab at what the root is of this economic stagnancy we have experienced in recent years, and acknowledges why nothing is being done about it.

"Most of the Republican candidates talk as if all that is needed is more capitalism. But lighter regulation and lower taxes won't, on their own, help [the economic system], Brooks said in his column.

The candidates talk about this like it's an easy, quick fix. But rather than having this all-encompassing view on how we can get out of this situation, lets take off our conservative glasses for a second and look at the issues themselves for what they are.

Don't worry Democrats, there's something wrong with you, too. "Democrats, meanwhile, have shifted their emphasis from lifting up the poor to pounding down the rich," said Brooks. "[They instead] embrace the pseudo-populist Occupy Wall Street hokum — the opiate of the educated classes." We should be focusing on what our president is doing before we make any impromptu accusations against anyone for the mired economy.

There is no quick fix to this problem. Political discussions will probably be arguing about the same economic problem four years from now because people will say anything to simply get re-elected.

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New CEO at BlackBerry's RIM

Andrew Martin
The Carroll News

According to The New York Times, market analysts met with the newly crowned chief executive of Research in Motion, Thorsten Heins, on Monday.

The purpose of the meeting was to introduce himself and the company agenda going forward after a shake up within the company that created the BlackBerry.

Mike Lazaridis and Jim Balsillie resigned their positions earlier this week as co-chief executives of RIM, although they still remain on the board of directors.

There was also troubling news for RIM and its shareholders with an 8.5 percent drop in stock price.

Even with this disconcerting data from the market, Heins has confidence in the



New CEO of Research in Motion, Thorsten Heins. Investors were unhappy with the lack of change in company strategy under the previous leadership.

future of the company.

Heins moved to RIM approximately four years ago from Siemens. According to MorningStar, "Siemens is a diversified global manufacturer operating in three sectors: industry energy and health care. 54 percent of revenue comes from the industrial segment, which features Simens automation and drive technologies."

He was a chief technology officer and his expertise will be put to test to try to change the direction in which RIM is heading.

Before taking the title of chief executive at RIM, he held the position of co-chief operating officer at the BlackBerry company.

It would seem a daunting task for a company in contention for market share in the smart phone business to compete with the likes of Apple and its iPhone.

The market share numbers do not lie. RIM once boasted an American market share of above 50 percent and now claims under 10 percent.

Despite these grim figures, the current CEO believes the company still shows continued growth and profitability in the electronics market.

Shareholders became irritated with the shortening market share and lack of profits being earned by the former co-CEOs, Lazaridis and Balsillie.

RIM is searching for a new direction and Heins believes he has what it takes to maximize its shareholders wealth.

However, the address from Heins this week did not win too many believers in the future of Research in Motion.

His apparent refusal to admit that any drastic changes must be made at this moment to the company's strategy was puzzling to shareholders and analysts alike.

Heins backed the work of the former CEOs and attempted to put faith in the new phones with the BlackBerry 10 operating system to contribute to the well-being of the company.

The BlackBerry 10 operating system and new line of phones has been in development and hit a number of delays over the past year.

By the time this new RIM product line hits shelves near the end of 2012, it will have been about five years later than the appearance of the first iPhone.

RIM also tried its hand at the tablet computer, dubbed the PlayBook.

This could be labeled a failure as it is now selling for below its manufacturing cost

Heins still holds confidence in his company and its past products saying, "We are still very, very convinced that this was the right path to go,"

"Now, were there bumps in the road? Sure, but with the kind of growth we had it is not uncommon to hit bumps in the road."

Many saw this stance as a way of communicating that the attitude of the company would remain the same, even with the change of CEO.

History has shown that companies who change their CEO usually change their strategy to meet the needs of the shareholders. Shareholders want to know that a change is being put in place to stop the decline of profit.

The recent drop in stock price is just one indicator of a market full of investors unsure of the future of RIM and its ability to continue to compete.

RIM is not the only company facing difficulties in this economy. Earnings reports of public companies declaring loss of profits and under performing estimated earnings has been a reoccurring theme for the beginning of 2012.

If this trend continues, the financial markets will continue to face volatility and inevitably, a tough future.

PAT DOWN



Patrick Perkins Finance Editor

Welcome back John Carroll community! I want to take this time to give you a formal introduction to the newly crafted finance page and your first ever finance editor.

The creation of the finance page gave way midway through our first semester of the 2011-2012 school year and is continuing to grow each week.

The obvious purpose of the page is to offer the JCU community another resource to stay up-to-date with current business events. The more in-depth purpose is to provide a worldwide, well-rounded, statistically factual, and easy-tounderstand page that incorporates the expertise of John Carroll faculty as often as possible.

Topics will cover areas such as investments, corporate finance, personal finance, political issues, economic analysis, legal corporate issues and much more.

As you know, my name is Patrick Perkins. I am from the west side of Cleveland and lived there for my entire life. I am currently persuing a degree in finance and am set to graduate in May 2012.

My background in finance include an internship with the United Bank of Switzerland as well as this position as the finance editor of The Carroll News.

The Carroll News is now looking to fill a few more positions with the finance section of the paper. If you are interested, please contact The Carroll News to inquire about the position.

As a writer for the finance section, you will gain an abundance of knowledge on the current business world. This can also become a valuable asset for those of you who are looking to build your resume.

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Leroy Brooks, whose teaching interests include domestic and global corporate finance and investments topics.

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Romney and Gingrich focus on economy at GOP debate

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On Monday, Jan. 23, the Republican candidates met in Tampa, Fla. for the GOP

With Newt Gingrich's recent win in South Carolina, the divide between the Republican front-runner Mitt Romney and his competitors seems to be coming to an end.

As the debate started focusing on the economy the candidates were asked to discuss their ideas of economic reform including taxes, unemployment and the struggling housing market.

With Romney's tax summary for 2010 going public, he was asked to discuss his

During the debate, he stated that the first thing that had to be done was to lower the corporate tax rate from a high of 35 percent to a constant 25 percent. He thinks that the current tax code is too complex and should be reshaped with lower taxes and a broader base, creating a "pro-growth" tax policy.

If there is a presidential candidate that has substantial knowledge of taxes policy, Romney may be the man.

According to The Wall Street Journal, "GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney paid a 14 percent effective income tax rate

in 2010 after making \$3 million in taxdeductible charitable donations and drawing most of his income from investments, according to a summary of Romney's 2010 tax form provided by his campaign."

How? Mitt Romney previously was the co-owner of Bain Capital, a private equity firm. A private equity firm lends money to failing companies to help them get back on their feet. Through his success here, he was successfully able to accumulate tax-deferred funds in several ways.

When Romney's personal tax situation came up in conversation, he openly states that he paid all the legal taxes required of him, coming out to \$3 million, about 15 percent of his \$21.7 million income.

According to WSJ, Romney said, "I pay all the taxes that are legally required, not a dollar more [...] I'm proud of the fact that I pay a lot of taxes."

When Gingrich was asked to comment on Romney's tax plan, he agrees with this "Mitt Romney Flat Tax," which proposes a constant rate of 15 percent.

Next, the unemployment rate was brought into the debate and Romney once again became the main speaker.

He talks about his experience with Bain Capital and how he created thousands of jobs across a variety of industries.

In Staples alone, he has created

89,000 jobs at both entry and mid-level positions.

Finally, the conversation turned to the struggling housing market, especially the housing market in Florida, which is currently the worst in the country.

Romney said the first thing you have to do to help home owners is to get the government out of the situation, mainly because they started the mess in the first place.

Next, he said you have to help people receive more flexibility from their banks, specifically by repealing Dodd-Frank.

Romney believes Dodd-Frank has made it harder for banks to renegotiate loans.

Finally, he stated America simply must create more jobs. With 9 percent unemployment in the state of Florida it is impossible to expect the housing market to turn around until more jobs are created.

The economic portion of the debate was mostly split up between Romney supporting his ideas on changes to the U.S. economy and trying to stunt his new threat, Gingrich.

While Romney has been leading the pulls for the majority of 2012, Gingrich's momentum has obviously put some pressure on him to not only make his position more clear, but also question the integrity of the candidates around him.







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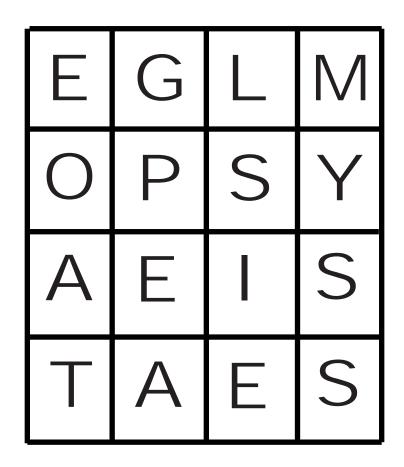
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Boggle Board of the week

Try to find as many three or more letter words as possible. The words must only use a single letter on the Boggle board once and all letters in the word must be connected horizontally, vertically or diagonally.



#Randomfacts

The coldest place in North America: is Snag, in the Yukon Territory of Canada. The area had a recorded temperature of -81.4 degrees on Feb. 3, 1947.

The world's largest snowflake was 38 centimeters wide and 20 centimeters thick. It was found at Fort Keogh, Montana on Jan. 28, 1887.

Antarctica is the coldest place on earth with the coldest reported temperature being -129 degrees.

The Blizzard of 1918 was a bad one for Ohio in January 1918. Temperatures dropped from 30 degrees to -15 degrees in eight hours and winds reached over 60 mph. Snowfall was reported to be 10 to 15 inches but drifts of 10 to 15 feet covered houses, vehicles, and trains.

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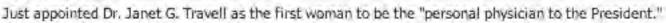
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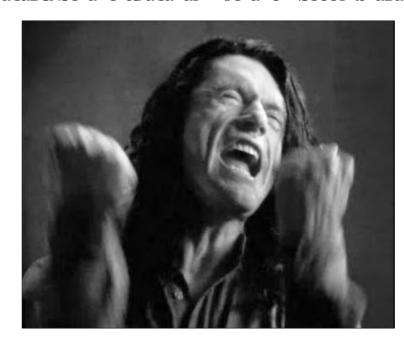
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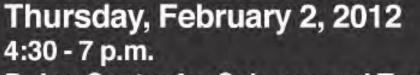
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Editorial

Dining diversity

JCU Dining has made several changes to the campus food services this semester. Efforts have been made to improve food quality and freshness while increasing the variety of options.

In Schott Dining Hall, a new bakery and dessert station has been added and an additional baker hired. This will increase the variety of desserts available throughout the day. The bakery will also make fresh pizza dough each day which improves the quality of the product.

The Inn Between has expanded its menu to include madeto-order salads and wraps. This not only gives students a larger variety of ordering options but hopefully will divert orders to different stations at the 'Tween and hopefully decrease waiting times. A call-ahead ordering option has been added to additionally decrease waiting times for students.

Despite these efforts, students are still frustrated with the time it takes for an order to be completed. Additionally, prices have gone up at the Inn Between. These factors play a huge role in the number of students who will to take their business there, especially once their plus points run out.

The call ahead option should be more widely advertised as many students do not know of this possibility yet. To avoid price increases, efforts should be made to obtain new sources for ingredients.

Though great improvements have been made, the fundamental aspects of the dining service, like efficiency and cost need to be improved before JCU Dining adds anything else to its plate.

Editorial

Spring concert extravaganza

This semester, the Student Union Programming Board is taking a new approach to the annual Spring Concert. Instead of having a singular concert on campus, there will be a series of concerts at different locations around Cleveland.

This is a great idea and improvement on the past.

In the past, the Spring Concert has not drawn as much attendance and SUPB even made the concert free last year in an attempt to increase the number of attendees.

Tickets to regularly scheduled tour concerts will be purchased and sold (most likely at a discounted rate) to JCU students. This will give students the opportunity to see highly popular bands that would otherwise be too expensive to bring to JCU.

Since the concerts will be off campus and include the general public along with JCU students, the atmosphere of the concerts are likely to be much more enthusiastic and less restricted. The locations are larger and will ensure higher quality seating and sound quality than the on-campus varsity gym.

The University will also be providing transportation to the concerts which makes getting to the concerts much more safe and accessible.

Since there are so many options, students might have to be selective with the acts they see, as a student's budget tends to be limited.

There will also be on-campus performances by local and student bands. Having this variety of concerts will cater to the different musical tastes of students and boost interest and attendance. It will also give students many opportunities to see a concert if personal scheduling conflicts should come up.

This new approach to the Spring Concert greatly improves upon the past options. Enthusiasm and anticipation is already noticeable among the student and participation is bound to blow past numbers out of the water.



NOTABLE QUOTABLE



"One showed up at the airport in Hawaii, and they shot it ... It's the first ever in Hawaii and they shot it!"

- Denver Holt, director of the Owl Research Institute, on the recent spike in white owl sightings.

HIT & miss

Hit: The new semester miss: School work returns Hit: The first issue of The Carroll News this semester miss: Tucson, Ariz. school district bans Shakespeare's "The Tempest" and books on Mexican-American history Hit: The European Union adopts an import ban against Iran to protest the nation's efforts to enrich uranium. miss: Legendary football coach, Joe Paterno, dies Hit/miss: The New York Giants and New England Patriots are to face off at the Super Bowl Hit/miss: Super Bowl commercials miss: Actor Tracy Morgan collapses at the Sundance Film Festival Hit: New dessert bar in the dining hall miss: Increased prices at the Inn Between Hit/miss: PIPA and SOPA online anti-piracy bills miss: U.S. postage increases Hit: Refilled plus points to spend at The Cubby miss: Earthquake in Youngstown over break Hit: Presidential debates miss: Trying to pick the best candidate miss: Realizing there aren't any

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OURVIEW



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So here we go again, another election with an open field of candidates. For one side, the choice is pretty clear, the Democrats will nominate President Barack Obama. Then there will be the Republicans, who are obviously the opposition party and must select a candidate to their liking. Once this process is complete, the Republican nominee goes on to face President Obama in the general election. It is a typical American political story that has yet to have an ending.

Personally, I identify and am registered with the Republican Party. My preference is not solely based on ideology (though it is not entirely obsolete), but also on what I feel to be a better track record. Hailing from an East Coast state, the corruption and big machinery of the Democratic Party is rather abhorrent. The few times Republicans have held statewide office in this region, it has been for the better (Chris Christie and George Pataki, to name a few). One may ask, how was it that these great leaders could be elected into office? The way I see it, this was because the party South Carolina primary displayed

Moderately profane

realized the need for a pragmatic approach and selected the candidate who had the best chance for victory. On the national level, however, I am afraid that this approach is lacking within the party.

Barack Obama has been in office for a little over three years. Personally, I believe that he has performed a terrible job in office. Of course, he has not achieved anything as president during his tenure, which would disqualify him from being labeled as a good or bad president in my opinion. It appears as though he thoroughly wishes to be the most effective do nothing president in recent history. While his administration may be one for the record books, it is not one that the American people need for four more years.

At first, Republicans seemed to be opening up. They had a Mormon and former Massachusetts governor as their front-runner. Mitt Romney is by no means a conservative. He is a bull's-eye moderate right on the ideological dart board, and that is perfectly acceptable. Romney is conservative on the two dominant issues of the race, fiscal and foreign policy. As a result of this, Romney has held the slight edge over the president in recent polls. Why is this? It is because the crucial independent voters can accept him as a candidate.

Unfortunately, last Saturday's

some bleak colors. After adhering to fears that "a moderate" would be the Republican nominee if Romney won, South Carolinians granted Newt Gingrich 40 percent of the vote. I find this to be rather absurd on a few accounts, but the fact that Gingrich has a weaker national standing than Romney in the polls doesn't leave much to the imagination. Let's face facts, conservatives can talk all they want about social issues, but at the end of the day, the unemployed swing voter will not be concerned with whom he/she can marry. So why is Gingrich better for the Republican Party just because he proclaims himself to be a "conservative"?

A typical answer lately has been that he evokes the policies of Reagan. That rhetoric may sound good on the surface, but we must remember that Reagan ran for president over 30 years ago. Times have changed, and the "Great Communicator" would have known better than anyone pragmatism was key to victory, which enabled him to govern effectively.

So in effect, the Republican Party has to realize that fundamental ideology is not always beneficial. The best candidate must be backed. This year, like it or not, Romney's the guy. If Gingrich wins the nomination, I have a feeling it will be another four years of a useless Democratic administration.

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Cooney Meets World:



Dan Cooney Managing Editor

I am not a member of the Penn State family, but I grew up in Pennsylvania so I have some idea of what the school and its football team mean to people who live there. I'm also a Penn State fan, to some

Joe Paterno was someone I admired because of his longevity at the helm of Penn State football and his strong character. He seemed to be the model of what college sports was all about.

Check that – he seemed to be the model of what college sports should be about.

Winning was important and Joe did it a lot, eventually becoming the most victorious head football coach in Division I history with 409 victories over his 46-year tenure at Penn State. But academics, building better men and graduating players were the most significant goals for Joe. Penn State consistently held high player graduation rates among the nation's largest universities.

He did a lot for Penn State and college football. I guess I would even say that he did it "the right way," to steal a line that has been

But in early November, the nation turned its eyes to Happy Valley with the indictment of former defensive coordinator Jerry Sandusky on sex crime charges. The stories were harder to read with each passing day. Eventually, the school's board of trustees felt they had no option but to fire, among others, its legendary head football coach. Questions over Joe's ability to take control of his team during the scandal and whether he sufficiently fulfilled his moral obligation were part of the reason the board dismissed him.

People's raw anger and sadness came out. We saw a riot break out

on national TV. More questions kept being asked, and the answers were - and still are - few and far between.

The memory and

lessons of JoePa

The dust has settled a bit, so it's time to take a step back and ask, "What if?"

What if Joe Paterno had actually done more? What if he had followed up with his bosses to see what was being done? What if he refused to keep this issue in-house?

What has unfolded in the last few months is incredibly unfortunate ... and could have been significantly minimized or prevented altogether.

This is a lesson for all of us. When we see something wrong, we have an obligation to ourselves and to others around us to speak up. If something isn't being done, then we have to be the driving forces for change. Our Jesuit education here at John Carroll teaches us this very thing, to be "men and women for others."

We saw men lose their reputations and careers for failing to use their power to do the right thing. And, ultimately, while players and fans lose a coach, the victims and their families have lost much more. Pray for them and for all victims of abuse.

Joe Paterno made a grave error in judgment by not following the matter past informing his bosses. We're all human beings. We're all imperfect. Everyone makes mistakes, some with a bigger impact than others. But that by no means excuses his actions, or - in this case his inaction.

Right now, though, it's time to let the judging be done by someone greater than all of us. Keep in mind the turbulent last few months, but don't let them completely define what Joe did throughout his 85 years

Rest in peace, JoePa.

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Wonderword: What does maelstrom mean?



"A type of surgery or medical operation."

Dan Shea, sophomore



"A powerful whirlpool."

Kim Shaw, Inn Between employee



"Something that a wizard casts."

James Kercher, sophomore

maelstrom: a destructive whirlpool which rapidly sucks in objects



Brian Bayer Campus Editor

As the cold winter winds blow across the lake and chap our frostbitten faces, I am comforted by one thing my beard. At first I wasn't really a big fan, but I must admit, it's growing on me. (Get it?)

Anyway, I have received a lot of feedback on this new addition to my face, and I'd like to take some time to share my thoughts.

Men, this part is for you.

In the days of yore, there were two distinct gender roles: man and woman. The men went out and labored in the fields to provide for their families, while the women stayed home and cared for the homestead, the children and the kinfolk.

The Bayer Necessities: Beard thoughts

dards of society have changed, and we live in a much more liberating and progressive world, where men aren't the only ones driving pickup trucks and wielding power tools.

However, this can result in an identity crisis - how, then, can we define ourselves as men? The answer is in the scruff.

Occasionally, we must don a little furriness to assert our true masculinity. This comes in many forms, so make sure you choose the one that suits vou best.

Famous styles include the muttonchops (a good replacement for earmuffs), the goatee (a stylish yet simple choice for beginners), the creeper stache (if you drive an unmarked, windowless van) or the full beard (for best results, don't trim and move into the mountains to hunt with the wolves).

If your gal is giving you trouble, you have two choices: 1) Tell her to read the bottom half of this column. Or, 2) Use one of the following months

Fortunately, these misogynist stan- as an excuse to grow your beard - No ment. And that statement is: I am who my own beard to gain strength in my Shave November, Decembeard/Don't Shave December, Jesus-beard January, Facial Hair February, Mustache March, etc.

> She can use these months to adjust to the beard. And once she is comfortable, gents, there's really no reason to shave it off.

> > Ladies, this part is for you.

You see, I have discussed beards at great length with my fellow gentlemen, and we have come to some very important conclusions regarding the face fur.

While the beard might not be a pillowy soft surface, it symbolizes a man's spirit. In the words of a good friend (and noted mustachio), "a true woman may not like the beard, but at least she can appreciate that it gives her man strength."

No man grows a beard because he thinks it will look good. I mean, think about that – the only reason a person would grow a beard to look good is if their face underneath is ugly. No, a man grows his beard to make a stateI am, and I have the right to be me. If your man has a beard, you should be proud that you have a guy who is confident enough with who he is to have a beard.

Granted, it might feel like you're kissing a squirrel's back; for that we apologize. But think about how it feels for us - it's like having a squirrel on our face at all times. So we can empathize.

But at the end of the day, it does give us some type of strength. In the story of Samson and Delilah, scripture explains that Samson would lose his strength without his hair.

If you don't believe me, then let me offer this list of historical notables who sported mighty beards: God, Jesus, the Dos Equis most interesting man in the world, Bob Noll, my aunt Alice, Charles Darwin, Zeus, Chuck Norris, Santa Claus, Conan O'Brien, Billy Mays, Hagrid and of course Zach Galifianakis.

This year, going into the track season, I am looking forward to using races. I think it will work magic for me in two ways.

First of all, I think that it will intimidate the heck out of my opponents. Let's be serious - how would you feel if a mountain man pulled up next to you in a grueling test of physical endurance? My point exactly.

And secondly, I have found personal strength with my beard. In cold weather, it protects me from the snow, just like a buffalo's fur coat. I have learned how to truly harness my inner-animal and I simply can't wait to unleash it on the track.

But guys, you can choose any reason you want to grow a beard. Are you an athlete? Grow a beard. Are you an intellectual? Grow a beard. Are you straight? Grow a beard. Are you gay? Grow a beard. Do you have homework? Grow a beard.

The list goes on, but the message is simple: Beard on, my fellow men.

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The Op/Ed Top Ten: January joys

- 1. Jesus beard January
- 2. The Sundance Film Festival
- 3. The Super Bowl
- 4. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 5. Snow
- 6. Chinese/lunar New Year
- 7. Out-of-place spring weather
- 8. Buying books for the new semester
- 9. New Year's resolutions
- 10. Reverting to bad college habits

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Nick's Knack: Back to the present



Nick Wojtasik Editorial & Op/Ed Editor

There is a lot in the world that sucks. Quite often this stuff can get us down. Maybe your leg just broke, your grades could be bad or perhaps you're sad about Iran enriching uranium. In both cases, it is understandable to wonder why these things happen. Why did you jump off that roof? Why aren't you good at school? Why do nuclear weapons exist at all?

I have done my fair share of questioning things. Most of my close friends can attest that when the cause of every conceivable grievance is questioned, I trace the cause back to the agricultural revolution and blame the advancement of civilization. Yeah, it's true.

I have a set of fairly anachronistic skills. In the past, I would have been a fairly successful huntergatherer, foot messenger or philosopher. However, hunting and gathering have been replaced by the food industry, motor vehicles and airplanes have been invented and my "original" thoughts have already been thought by others. This realization has been the cause of much depressive sulking.

The recent Woody Allen film "Midnight in Paris" has its main character, Gil, facing a similar situation. He believes that the golden age was Paris in the 1920s and lives a nostalgic life which, as Gil's foe points out, "[is] denial of the painful present [...] it's a flaw in the romantic imagination of those people who find it difficult to cope with the present." As harsh as this is, it's true.

Over Winter Break I had a revelation similar that Gil has at the end of the film: You can romanticize the past and wallow in the unfortunate timing of our life infinitely. That will only hold you back and prevent you from living a fulfilling life.

Looking for a solution? It's as simple as looking at the present and focusing your energy on doing what you can right now. Sure, accidents do happen and there are times when we are blameless for the bad things that happen. Dwelling on these as "acts of fate" only ensures your stagnancy in a demoralized state. Bob Dylan's timeless lyrics have it right, "It ain't no use to sit and wonder why, babe. It don't matter anyhow [...] Don't think twice, it's

For the sake of strengthening my argument, let's say we DO live in the days of the prehistoric huntergatherer. Those who sat around, feeling bad about things, died. People would kill them because they appeared to be weak, easy prey, or they would starve from waiting for their food to come to them instead of going hunting for it.

Empower yourself! Take responsibility for your own life instead of leaving it in the hands of your environment. If you sit around and wait for opportunity to come around, chances are you'll never reach your full potential; make opportunities.

"But things in the world are so incredibly wrong," you might say. "Why do we have to live amidst so much wrong?" You're right, a lot of things are disgustingly horrible in the world. Chances are no one is going to want to revert back to a life of hunting and gathering so not everything can be immediately solved. But, there are small things that can be done every day to change the world inch by inch.

Tucker Max, renowned for his reproachable jackassery and sexual exploits, may not be the best role model for humanity. However, his approach to life is something most of us can learn from. He takes life by the horns and lives the life he wants to live, he is the person he wants to be and finds a way to come out on top of nearly every situation, no matter how doomed it seems.

I've entered this semester with a revitalized outlook on life. No longer will I allow myself to be too severely weakened and defeated by happenings. I'm going to be proactive and reinstate myself into a state of winningness. I will win at every opportunity, even in the face of adversity. Maybe you can't completely change the world but, at the very least, you can change your life.

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Graciously Gaffney:



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I realized a couple of things over Winter Break. First, I realized this is my last semester of college (hopefully ever). It's not as though I haven't known for some time the Spring 2012 semester would be my final semester or that I will be graduating in May.

It became much less abstract and much more real to me, however, while home on break. At all of the family holiday functions or when I would run into a family friend, everyone asked me about my senior year in college. The popular question was, "Are you excited to be graduating?"

It's a simple question, right? To be honest, I really don't know how I feel about this being my last semester. (This is the second thing I've realized.) When the idea of leaving my bubble that is John Carroll was an abstract thought – something that would eventually happen someday – it was exciting.

Now what?

It became more real and a little scarier as I was buying my last set of books and unpacking from winter break for the last time. It became scarier because immediately after asking if I'm excited to be graduating, everyone asks, "So what are you doing after you graduate?"

My answer may be the same as many of my fellow seniors: not a clue. It's this unknown that scares me most. I have no idea what I will be doing after May or where I will be. I'm someone who likes to have a plan. Although I'm good about adapting to last-minute changes, new environments and new personalities (at least I think so), I like to have some sort of idea about what I'm doing.

I do know a few things I won't be doing. I began applying for jobs over break and have already received my first rejection. Oh, well. It was a long-shot job anyway but it confirms my fears that it will not be an easy task finding a job I like. My parents keep reminding me that I won't get my dream job right away (which I know), but I would like to find something that at least interests

and stimulates me.

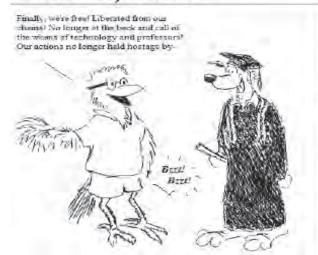
I also know I won't be attending graduate or law school (at least not now). Post-graduate education is something I could accomplish and would squelch this fear of the unknown after graduation. Although school is something I do fairly well, I have a feeling similar to the one I had at the end of high school: I'm ready to move on to something new and different.

In fact, this is exactly how I felt toward the end of my senior year of high school. I was afraid because I didn't know exactly what my life would be like next, but I was excited for the adventure. So while I will most likely feel anxious for the rest of the semester, I've decided to embrace the adventure and the challenge that the "unknown" presents. I could be doing anything after graduation.

Who knows where I'll be next fall? I may be somewhere awesome. I may be on my parents' couch. Now, isn't that exciting?

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Almost Free by Kath Duncan





Alumni Corner

Written by Bridget Fitzgerald '10, Carroll News Alumna

Chicago-area alumnus Bill Burke may have said it best: "You can take alumni from 1957 through 2014 and they talk like they have known each other for years."

Attending my first "12 Blue Streaks for Dinner" event in Chicago sponsored by the JCU Student Alumni Association was a true example of this. We walked into the meal as new faces and walked out with new friends.

The students in attendance realized the word "alumni" does not mean "old," in fact it represents "new." Current students included Alex Furth, Alyssa Singer, Joe Cahill, Billy O'Brien, Matthew Hoyt, Michael Hager, Michael Hulseman and Sean Hulseman. Alumni included Suzie Shoup, Bill Burke, Dick Murphy, me and the gracious hosts Paul and Patrice Hulseman.

Like these students, I am sure you have been reminded 100 times that your years in college will go by "so fast" and have heard the never ending stories of "In my day..." It does not make the time fly any less fast, nor does it make the stories any less meaningful. My intent is to express to each student, of every class, that there is an instant connection when current and past John Carroll students meet, and those connections can be invaluable now and throughout life.

As a past Carroll News writer and admissions tour guide, I enjoyed interacting with current and potential students. I learned quickly from personal experience the real value of being a John Carroll alumna. The idea of "Once a Blue Streak, always a Blue Streak" has opened many opportunities for me to meet and interact with extremely successful people. I was able to intern at NBC 5 Chicago and after that, with NBC's "Today Show." As a member of the JCU Chicago Alumni Chapter Leadership Committee, I now have the privilege of meeting incoming students and families, welcoming

back current students and inviting all to partake in Chicago chapter events and programs.

Whether you are an athlete, serve in campus ministry or explored age-old myths of the John Carroll campus, alumni love to hear about your college experience now. This alumni column encourages students to be active in the Alumni Association, but I also hope to inspire you to begin that activity now. Alumni chapters exist and are being established in various cities across the country, including Cleveland.

Carroll alumni are currently searching for students to hire as interns at their respective companies. Countless alumni check in with the JCU website, or follow news on Facebook to learn of the many successes of today's students. I invite you to familiarize yourself now with the many new faces of the John Carroll community. Your relationship with John Carroll truly does last a lifetime.

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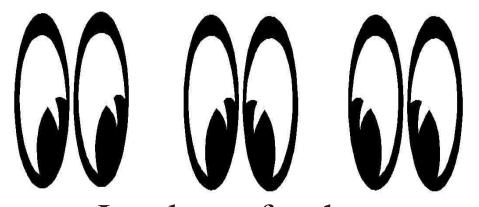
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