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## Dreaming white

Racial overtones make Winter Formal slogan controversial

**Kate McCall**  
**Sylvia Lesisz**  
The Carroll News

John Carroll University's Winter Formal theme received a mixed response last week, prompting an apology from the Student Union Programming Board and the Office of Student Activities.

According to a statement made by SUPB and the Winter Formal Committee, the Winter Formal theme "I'm Dreaming of a White Cleveland," was not meant to be offensive or insensitive.

The statement read, "We now realize the negative impact this had on members of our community. We admit we made a mistake and sincerely apologize for the insensitivity that we demonstrated through using this theme."

According to SUPB, the theme was based on the popular Bing Crosby song, "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas."

Freshman Dan Zust did not see the problem of the word being changed from "Christmas" to "Cleveland."

"I think that you are only being racist if you think about it in a certain way," he said.

Director of Student Activities Lisa Ramsey said that there is no specific process of getting official approval of themes, but advisors are present to help students through the entire process.

Ramsey stressed that if anything is seen to be controversial it is brought to the students' attention and dealt with proactively and appropriately.

She said that the decision to change the Winter Formal theme came when junior Molly Delaney, the Student Union executive vice president, talked to her and said some students had been offended by the theme.

"I talked to some of the planners of the event to determine what course of action to take," said Ramsey. "We decided we needed to cease the distribution of all promotional items that contained the theme and issue an apology to the community."

In order to prevent this situation from arising again, Ramsey said that SUPB must work hard on educating student leaders and staff to be more sensitive to racial issues and to think through things in a more deliberate way.

"There has to be work done to help students and others understand the difference between intent and impact in situations like this," she said.

Ramsey also believes there needs to be deliberate steps taken to ensure a diverse perspective is represented and heard on planning boards, and throughout the University.

During the officer transition weekend training session in January for the new Student Union, SUPB and Greek leaders, Ramsey said that a case study will be done using this situation.

She said, "This will not only help students become more sensitive and open-minded, but also help prevent this sort of blunder from happening in the future."

Ramsey said that SUPB and the Office of Student Activities sincerely apologizes for what happened, and is committed to learning more about how they can make sure it does not happen again.

"Unfortunately, we reside in a world where political correctness takes the place of genuine compassion for one another," she said.

Rather than see people as equals, we actually draw distinctions between people in an attempt to consider them," she said.

## SU bill to limit the field

**Max Flessner**  
**Kate McCall**  
Campus Editors

The Student Union Senate passed a bill forcing students to get written approval from the dean of students before they can run for the Senate or Executive Board.

Vice President of Business Affairs Mike Dietz cast the tie breaking vote in favor of the bill. Normally, the tie-breaking vote goes to the Executive Vice President, Molly Delaney, but she was not in attendance.

Previously, a potential candidate for the SU Executive Board or Senate did not need approval from the dean of students to run. However, the dean did reserve the right,

if sanctions called for it, to prohibit a student from holding office.

"As an Executive Board, we presented this bill and when we did, we evaluated several scenarios. The dean of students has the power to stop a person from being in office, so why can we not just have a clause preventing them from running in the first place?" said Dietz.

Class of 2009 Senator Alex Lendrum disagreed with Dietz. "I think that giving final say to the dean of students has inherent problems. What would constitute severe enough disciplinary standing is not outlined in the bill itself. It largely leaves the decision up to the judgment of one administrator," he said.

Lendrum also raised the point that the passing of this bill gives the administration too much power. "I cannot see any reason why we should give the sole responsibility of having final say in the composition of membership of these student representative organizations to a non-student administrator," he said.

Current 2009 Class President Pat McDermott said, "the dean is the only person who can review a student's records." This would mean that the dean of students is the only person with the capacity to evaluate a potential candidate.

McDermott does admit, "there is some grey area. Obviously you don't want to hand a great deal of power to the administration."

If a sitting senator or executive board member is cited under the University's disciplinary code while sitting in office their case will not be heard by the Dean of Students but rather by the Judicial Hearing Board.

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## UH council passes landlord bill

**Kate McCall**  
Campus Editor

Living off campus will now hold more responsibility for John Carroll University students. The University Heights City Council passed four ordinances on November 19 that will allow for heavier fines and penalties on both landlords and renters who are labeled as nuisances.

Junior Executive Vice President Molly Delaney addressed the mayor and Council. Delaney pointed out many of the positive things JCU students do to help the community, such as Footprints for Fatima and Through the Eyes of a Child.

However, Delaney was upset by The Sun Press article that quoted Mayor Rothschild as

"While this ordinance is aimed at (John) Carroll tenants, it goes for everyone."

— Beryl Rothschild  
UH Mayor

\*\*Quoted in The Sun Press

saying "while this ordinance is aimed at (John) Carroll tenants, it goes for everyone."

In a previous City Council meeting, Mayor Rothschild was quoted as having said that the ordinance is for everyone and not specifically intended for JCU students.

Delaney said to be lied to is, "not only unethical, but demeaning. Some students do abuse the rules, and are the ones that give us a bad image."

She suggested that the students this ordinance is aimed at and those are not should be separated.

Mayor Rothschild responded and said that currently, a "communications agreement" with JCU and the city is being worked on,

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# Campus Calendar

Friday, December 7

## JCU Hockey Game

The John Carroll University hockey team will play Bowling Green State University at the Gilmour Academy Ice Rink at 8:10 p.m. The first 100 people in attendance will receive free T-shirts.

## Pi Mu Epsilon Meeting

Pi Mu Epsilon will be holding its last meeting of the semester at 3 p.m. in the Math Conference Room. They will be hosting a Christmas party during the meeting and will hold elections for next semester.

Saturday, December 8

## Christmas Carroll Eve

JCU's Annual Christmas Carroll Eve will take place tonight. Events include a concert in Kulas Auditorium at 7:30 p.m., a Christmas reading on the Quad of "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas" by Dr. Seuss, caroling with Rhapsody Blue and the Tree Lighting by Fr. Robert Niehoff before Mass. Mass will take place at 11 p.m. at Gesu Church. The Midnight Feast will occur after Mass in Schott Dining Hall.

## Quiet Hours

The residence halls will mandate 24 hour quiet hours beginning at 1 a.m. to allow students to prepare for finals.

Friday, December 14

## Dining and Residence Halls

The Dining Hall will close today after lunch. The residence halls will close tonight at 7 p.m. for winter break and re-open at 4 p.m. on Saturday, January 12. The Dining Hall will re-open on Sunday, January 13 for dinner.

Saturday, December 15

## Men's Basketball Game

The JCU men's basketball team will play Ohio Northern at 2 p.m. in the DeCarlo Varsity Center.

Monday, December 17

## Fair Trade Products

Today is the last day order Fair Trade Products before Christmas. They will be available for pick-up by Wednesday, December 19. For more information, please contact Scott (szimmerman10@jcu.edu) or Natalie (nterry10@jcu.edu).

Friday, January 4

## R.A. Reference Forms

Resident Assistant reference forms are due today at 5 p.m. to the Residence Life Office located in the Student Center.

- Compiled by Caitlin Huey-Burns

# JCU students robbed on S. Belvoir

## Robbery was one of four or five that happened on Nov. 20

**Matt Mihalich**  
Staff Reporter

Three John Carroll University students were robbed of several possessions that included a wallet, cell phone and camera while walking down South Belvoir Blvd. towards campus late at night on Tuesday, November 20.

The robbery occurred on the corner of South Belvoir and Fairmount Blvd.

The suspects were reported to have a gun, but the JCU victims were unharmed.

Police are investigating a robbery spree that may be related.

Robberies happened in Cleveland Heights, Shaker Heights and Beachwood.

Although no robberies occurred on campus or within campus jurisdiction, JCU Campus Safety Services were contacted because the three victims attend JCU.

While most of the campus had gone home for Thanksgiving break earlier that Tuesday, the three victims remained on campus.

They used the RTA for transportation to an event downtown.

Around 10:50 p.m., they were returning from the event and on the walk back to JCU's campus were stopped in Shaker Heights, just feet from the University Heights city limit.

CSS Chief Timothy Peppard is confident that the robbers will be caught and the case will be solved.

"I don't have all the details, but the police department has identified a suspect in this case."

"There's a decent likelihood that the people involved will be apprehended," he said.

Peppard has been in contact with detectives from the Shaker Heights and Cleveland Heights Police Departments.

He said that in due time they will apprehend the individuals.

"[The robberies are] bad news, terrible situation, but I believe the people involved in this will be subsequently arrested and prosecuted," said Peppard.

"They'll eventually get every-



**Three JCU students were robbed on the corner of South Belvoir and Fairmount while walking back from the RTA at night on Nov. 20.**

one."

Peppard said that in the series of four to five robberies that night in the greater Cleveland area, police made some immediate arrests.

Not all of the suspects in the cases have been identified or arrested, but according to Peppard the process will take time to finalize and complete everything.

"The people responsible for this are lying low right now," he said.

Peppard said the JCU students who were robbed acted appropriately in such a drastic situation.

He said, "If somebody wants your possessions you give them your possessions."

Peppard added, "You always tell people to travel in groups, and in this particular case they did things reasonably correct."

Peppard advises that in a possible dangerous situation, it is wise to travel with a number of people. He was surprised that the suspects were so bold in approaching a group.

## How to stay safe when walking outside at night:

- Walk in well-lit areas.
- Walk with a large group of people. The more people you are with, the less likely someone is to attack or rob you.
- If you are approached, immediately give the person(s) the possessions they want.
- Immediately call CSS at (216) 397-4600.



### November 19, 2007

Criminal mischief was reported when a bulletin board was torn down in Campion Hall at 9:56 a.m.

### November 19, 2007

Damage to a window on the ground floor of the Campion Hall lounge was reported at 11:50 p.m.

## Campus Safety Log

### November 25, 2007

A digital camera was reported missing at 10:31 p.m.

### November 26, 2007

Money was reported stolen from Sutowski Hall at 11:51 a.m.

### November 28, 2007

A suspicious situation was reported in one of the residence halls when an unidentified person entered a room, touched a resident's leg and left. The report was documented at 6:10 a.m.

### November 29, 2007

It was reported that the flag in the Quad was taken down and beer cans were put in its place at 6:50 a.m.

### November 29, 2007

Vandalism was reported in the Pacelli Lounge at 7 p.m.

### December 1, 2007

The Campion elevator bar was reported torn down at 8:06 a.m.

### December 2, 2007

A fire alarm was pulled on the third floor of Campion Hall at 3:32 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.

## Holiday cheer spread to youngsters

**Cassandra Larson**  
Staff Reporter

The John Carroll University community welcomed 85 children on Saturday to share in the magic of the holiday season.

Through the Eyes of a Child is an annual event in which children are able to participate in crafts, listen to a story, decorate cookies, watch a play, take a picture with Santa Claus and enjoy a Christmas lunch.

These children are paired up with a JCU student for the afternoon, and the students give them a present from the child's Christmas wish list at the end of the day.

Through the Eyes of a Child is sponsored through Circle K, a service-oriented student organization. This is the 13<sup>th</sup> year that JCU has put on the program.

Over 150 JCU students donated their time and efforts to create a special Christmas experience for the second and third grade students of Buhner Elementary in Cleveland.

"I feel that this is an important event for JCU students because it's

a chance for us to give back to our local community," said junior Doug Walton, president of Circle K.

"Many of these children might not have the opportunity to have a nice Christmas celebration, so we try to provide that for them," he said.

Through the Eyes of a Child received a positive response from the JCU community, as more students show interest in the event each year.

JCU students are given the opportunity to reach out as a role model and friend to a young inner-city child.

"I made the decision to participate because I thought of my five-year-old sister, and how much she would love something like Through the Eyes of a Child," said junior Erin Borger.

Borger was one of Santa's elves during the four hour event.

"The idea of making a child's day by buying them a small gift and hanging out with them for a few hours was enough motivation for me," she said.

Several student organizations also participated in Through the Eyes of a Child, including Delta Tau Delta and Alpha Kappa Psi.

Junior Ryan Schoonmaker ran one of the activities with fellow members of Christian Life Communities.

"I helped the children create a reindeer out of clothes pins, googly-eyes, pipe cleaners and ribbons," said Schoonmaker.

"I really enjoyed being able to be with all of the children and just talk to them about their day, Christmas and sing Christmas songs with them," he added.

Through the Eyes of a Child is one of the many events on campus that allows students to embody the full meaning of the Christmas spirit.

"Christmas time brings about a sense of compassion and giving, something very evident here at John Carroll through events like Through the Eyes of a Child," said Borger.

She added, "My advice to all is to keep your Christmas heart open all year round."

### From DEAN, p.1

The Hearing Board has the ability to review a single instance which violates the disciplinary code but the

dean of students remains the only person to have the ability to access student records.

This bill will take affect for next

year's elections, but sitting Senators and Executive Board members next semester will be subject to Judicial Board review.

### What does the new Student Union bill mean for JCU students?

-Previously, a student did not need approval from the Dean of Students to run for office at JCU.

-A student now must get a letter signed by the dean of students saying that he or she is in good disciplinary standing before he or she can run for the Executive Board or the Senate.

-Before the bill was passed, students already were subject to a review of their academic standing to approve their candidacy.

- Another bill concerning current Executive Board members and Senators was also passed. This bill states that if any sitting Senator or Executive Board member has disciplinary action brought against them, a case to determine if he or she will remain in office will go before the Student Union Hearing Board.

- The only person who has access to student disciplinary records is the dean of students.

### From PASSED, p.1

and will help relations between the two groups.

Mayor Rothschild also said that the comments made by The Sun Press are something she can and cannot say are exactly right or wrong, and she can't be accountable for what The Sun Press prints.

One of the ordinances said that the Chief of Police can have a written order be served to the owner of the rental property, tenants of the property and building commissioner if there have been two or more violations within a 12-month period.

Landlords will be subject to having their rental permits revoked by the building department if the distinction of nuisance property is given to his or her property.

The new ordinance also established that when a third citation has been given to a certain house, a \$250 fine will be issued because of the nuisance activity. For every additional report of a nuisance activity occurring at the house, a \$500 fine will be given.

According to an Nov. 22 article in The Sun Press, "Nuisance activities include alcohol violations, littering, gambling, drugs, health

and safety violations, animal violations and other disturbances of the peace where a citation was issued or someone was arrested."

One significant amendment that the city made to the ordinance after the first reading was dealing with renters who currently live in homes that have received citations before they moved in.

Several JCU students were concerned that although they had not received the citations, previous renters' citations would carry over and be applied to the number of nuisance activities reported at that house.

An amendment was added to the ordinance that said if the landlord could prove the tenants currently living in the house are not the same as those given previous citations, then the building commissioner can waive the prior citations.

As current University Heights Building Commissioner Bill Nadeau said, "You will not have to suffer for another man's sins."

A landlord will have 30 days from the date of the notice to appeal the Police Chief's decision to designate the house a nuisance property. If facts can be seen that prove the nuisance label is not true, then the chief of police can withdraw the

declaration of a nuisance.

However, if the chief denies this request, he will send the appeal to the city's board of zoning appeals.

The ordinances all passed unanimously after a second reading. University Heights Clerk of Council Nancy English explained that while in some cities three readings are required to vote on new legislation, in University Heights it can be passed after only two.

One man, a Shaker Heights resident who rents a property on Warrensville Center Road, said he did not mind the new legislation, but brought up the need for more feedback from all parties involved.

"I'm not really concerned with the higher fee for obtaining a renter's permit, or for the new rules," he said. "However, I think all parties – the University, the city, the students and the neighbors – should be involved and have a dialogue."

He specifically mentioned that the city had no contact with him as a landlord for almost two years.

He received one letter explaining the first increase in obtaining a renter's permit two years ago, and then another letter recently when the new legislation was passed, raising the fee once again.

## Campus Briefs

### Cleveland Clinic Summer Research Program

Applications for research opportunities at the Cleveland Clinic in the summer of 2008 are due by Friday, January 25 at noon. Sophomore and junior Biology, Chemistry, Psychology, Physics, Mathematics and Computer Science majors are encouraged to apply.

Information and applications for Summer 2008 are available on JCU's Web site after following the links. Hard copies are available outside of Dr. Jim Lissemore's office in Dolan W241. For additional information, please contact Jim Lissemore at [jlissemore@jcu.edu](mailto:jlissemore@jcu.edu).

### The JCU Giving Tree

All students are invited to select an ornament from the JCU giving tree and purchase the gift designated on the back. The tree is located in the Lombardo Student Center Atrium.

Snowmen, bells and trees designate small gifts while stars are designed for donations from groups or departments. All gifts will go to the children of the Fatima Family Center. Please return unwrapped gifts to the St. Francis Chapel or to the Campus Ministry Office by December 13th. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Please contact Moira O'Malley at [momalley09@jcu.edu](mailto:momalley09@jcu.edu) for additional information.

### March for Life Sign-Ups

Applications are available to participate in the March for Life in Washington D.C. on Tuesday, January 22. The group will travel to Washington on Monday, January 21 and return in time for classes on Wednesday, January 23. Applications are available after all masses or in the Atrium of the Student Center. For more information, please contact Margaret Phillips at [mphillips09@jcu.edu](mailto:mphillips09@jcu.edu).

### Christmas Around the World

The John Carroll University Language Clubs and the Language Departments are hosting the "Christmas Around the World" event on Friday, December 7 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the O'Malley Center Atrium. Free food will be provided. There will be holiday displays from different countries and a live Mariachi band. All students are welcome to attend.

### Student Union Position Available

The Student Union is searching to fill the position of Coordinator for Organization Development and Communication. This officer assists the vice president for student organizations with expanding different organizations on campus as well as enlarging communication among them. Other duties are included. Please contact Andrea Capasso at [acapasso10@jcu.edu](mailto:acapasso10@jcu.edu) if you are interested or have any questions.

- Compiled by Caitlin Huey-Burns



# 2008 Class Senator Winners

## Class of 2009

\* indicates write-in candidate

Jessica Landis  
- President



Alex Lendrum



Tara Zempel



Gabriel  
Malemud



Natalie Saville\*



Thomas  
Schneck\*



## Class of 2010

Amy Marchlen  
- President



Bill Myers



Jill White



Matt Hiznay



Eric Doremus



Catherine  
Leiber



## Class of 2011

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## McCormick & Schmick's pleases



Photo by Cassandra Larson

McCormick & Schmick's is conveniently located just minutes from campus at Beachwood Place.

### RESTAURANT REVIEW McCormick & Schmick's



Cassandra Larson  
The Carroll News

McCormick and Schmick's, a new seafood restaurant located next to Maggiano's in Beachwood Mall, offers a wide variety of menu selections.

Although the menu features fresh fish from all over the world, there are selections for those who do not eat seafood, as well as vegetarians. This sophisticated yet casual restaurant opened on September 17 and has proved to be a great success.

"The business here at McCormick and Schmick's has been nice and smooth since its opening," said General Manager David Walker.

Walker has been a part of the seafood business for over 20 years and has worked at the Columbus and Cincinnati locations of the restaurant before moving to Cleveland.

"We feature seafood from the Pacific Northwest, particularly our oysters," he said. "These oysters are smaller and more desired

by our customers."

We were greeted instantly at McCormick and Schmick's by a pair of friendly hostesses who instantly made a good impression.

The surrounding décor was both modern and inviting, especially the wooden paneling and booths lining the perimeter of the restaurant. The booths have hunter green velvet curtains on the outside that can be closed if additional privacy is desired.

Large, dome-shaped light fixtures hang from the high ceiling of the restaurant. The beautiful gold, yellow and green chandeliers have a stained-glass design.

The lighting is dim, but the glass window exterior of the restaurant provides natural lighting. Around the restaurant, there were also paintings and photographs of different types of fish and sea landscapes.

Christmas decorations around the restaurant added a special touch, with garland draped on the edge of the booths and Santa caps and scarves on fish statues.

I went to McCormick and Schmick's on a Saturday afternoon around 1:00 p.m. I came with a party of eight, and our waitress handled our large group with ease.

The restaurant was fairly busy, and she was able to meet our needs while serving multiple other customers.

She was able to answer questions about the menu, as well as provide insight on menu selections. She recommended the Steelhead

trout.

I ordered a Spicy Buffalo Chicken Salad, which comes with Bleu Cheese dressing, cucumbers, celery and tomatoes. I requested that my salad not have tomatoes and ranch dressing instead of bleu cheese, and my salad was served to me with the correct accommodations.

The salad was delicious and was the proper lunch-sized portion. The lettuce was fresh, and so were the vegetables. The chicken was cooked to perfection, and the buffalo sauce was not overly spicy.

Lunch prices are very reasonable, with appetizers ranging from \$6.95 to \$12.95, salads ranging from \$8.95 to \$13.95, and entrees ranging from \$6.95 to \$18.95. Mixed green salads were available with entrees for an additional \$1.95. At the end of dinner, servers arrive at the table with an elegant tray of decadent desserts.

McCormick and Schmick's is a restaurant chain that began in Portland, Oregon, and is continuing to grow in the Eastern region of the United States. "Another location will be opening soon in Pittsburgh," Walker said.

McCormick and Schmick's delivers an impeccable presentation, and is appropriate for people of all ages.

The prime location in Beachwood Place makes the restaurant convenient for diners. It is connected to the mall, so Christmas shoppers do not have to walk outside in the cold weather.

If you are looking for a place to have a quick, casual lunch or an evening date, McCormick and Schmick's is able to provide you with an excellent dining experience.

Not only have customers been satisfied with this new restaurant, but the employees as well.

"My favorite aspect of working at McCormick and Schmick's is serving fresh food," our waitress said. "We pride in that."

## Rhapsody Blue winter concert is a hit

### CONCERT REVIEW Rhapsody Blue



Lena Chapin  
Staff Reporter

The seats were filled and girls were swooning, but it wasn't because Justin Timberlake was in town. The crowds turned out in the Dolan Atrium on Nov. 29 to see John Carroll University's own Rhapsody Blue.

The concert opened with guest a Capella group from Case Western Reserve University called Case in Point. The mixed ensemble was formed in 2001 and was the first co-ed group at Case.

Case in Point performed popular songs like John Mayer's "Your Body is a Wonderland" and "Addicted" by Kelly Clarkson. After their rendition of "Hide and Seek" by Imogen Heap, JCU sophomore Julie Marlowe raved, "They did an amazing job. It was better than the recording." The group sang six songs and then cleared the stage for the main event.

When Rhapsody Blue takes the stage the audience never knows exactly what will happen and crowd certainly wasn't prepared for Dan Mizener and Colin Scotese's entrance. Patrick McDermott sang the lead of Eagle-

Eye Cherry's "Save Tonight" and the concert was under way.

The smooth vocal stylings of the guys seemed practically flawless as they sang their set. The group performed some old favorites like "Chasing Cars," "All These Things That I've Done," and "For the Longest Time."

As they traditionally do, the group invited the alumni on stage for the singing of "On Board."

Between songs the group held the crowd comically with their Christmas lists. From these lists the crowd got an inside look at the group's and needs wants, as well as Danny DiRuzza's underwear.

The biggest surprise, however, was the talent of the new additions.

The four new members of Rhapsody Blue bring a lot to the stage. Sophomore Jason Haney impressed with his solo during "Lonesome Road."

Freshman Stephen Crea didn't have much time to shine at the concert, but he makes his presence known in the bass section. Justin Heegan made his Rhapsody Blue debut with not one, but two solos. His powerful voice and snappy attitude was well received as he rocked his way through "Good Ol' A Capella" and "Run-around Sue."

The jam packed concert brought on not only new members, but new songs as well. Besides "Run-around Sue," "Good Ol' A Capella," and "Lonesome Road," which were fresh solos, established members were crooning new solos, too. Senior Chris Austria swooned Rhapsody

Blue sweethearts with the Fray's "Looking After You" and Tom Haren finished the night with the well known and widely loved "Hands Down" by Dashboard Confessional.

Rhapsody Blue member Dan Mizener was particularly taken with "Hands Down."

"It's a newer one that's really dynamic with its crescendos. It's fun to sing," he said.

In order to add the new material fan favorites like "Brown Eyed Girl," "My Girl," and "Hooked on a Feeling" were cut from the set list.

This caused great disappointment for fans who had been gearing up for an entire semester to hear their favorite Rhapsody Blue songs.

When suggesting how to fix this problem many of the female fans responded "They could just sing all night."

The concert was a hit, filling all the seats and the balcony of Dolan, but it did more than entertain.

Before last Thursday all Rhapsody Blue concerts had been free.

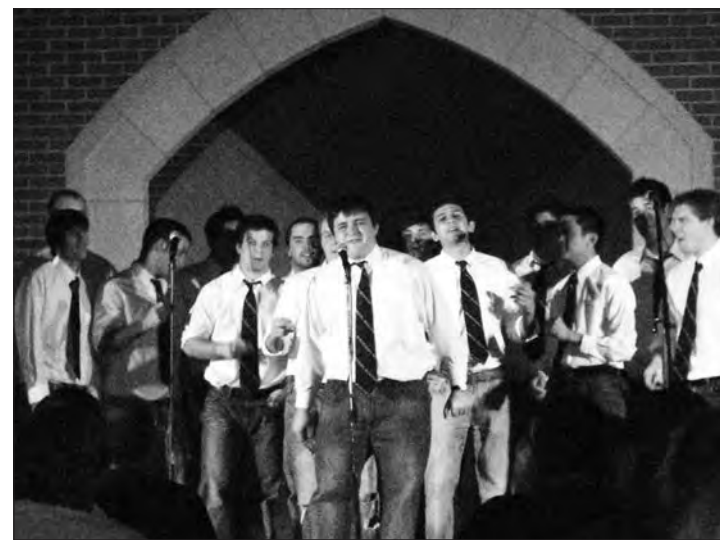


Photo by Lena Chapin

All proceeds from the Rhapsody Blue winter concert will benefit The Labre Project.

Although there was no fee to hear the music this time, the audience was asked to make a donation.

All proceeds from the concert went to The Labre Project at JCU.

The crowd was generous and contributed over \$400 to the cause, allowing for approximately 2,000 people who are currently homeless to be fed.

Between singing, comedy and helping the homeless, the Rhapsody Blue Winter Concert 2007 had everything one could ask for.

Keep a look out for performances at various events throughout the year and "Get On Board" the Rhapsody Blue bandwagon.





Photo by Jenna Lo Castro

Hollywood Shuffle was one of the local bands that performed at the WJCU Blizzard Bash that benefited the Greater Cleveland Hunger Network.

## Blizzard Bash brings warmth this holiday season

Jenna Lo Castro  
Editorial/ OpEd Editor

It may be bitter cold outside, but WJCU knows how to heat things up.

John Carroll University's radio station, hosted the third annual Blizzard Bash at the Marinello Little Theatre on Friday.

The event, which started three years ago as a simple food drive, helped raise money for the Greater Cleveland Hunger Network. WJCU sponsored the fundraiser and provided a night filled with energetic local bands and entertainment.

JCU senior and station manager Chris Hooton originally undertook this year's event with the intention of reinventing it, as well as tweaking some components that had been problematic during last year's bash.

"This year, I wanted a concert stage setting. Originally, I had tried to get Kulas au-

ditorium but the acoustics aren't too great in there and I wanted the best sound possible," Hooton said.

Working relentlessly since mid-October, Hooton attempted to find a better venue and more appealing bands. "I wanted to do local favorites. Last year we had some harder rock but it didn't really fit the genre found at Carroll."

To Hooton's satisfaction, this year's Blizzard Bash play bill included JCU local favorites Tom Haren and Peter Niro, as well as prominent bands such as The Speedbumps and Hollywood Shuffle. "We wanted to do fun bands that do covers. Having solo musicians were a good link with larger bands," he said.

WJCU had no problem finding these acts — after learning that the event would be a charity concert, all the bands and musicians became adamant about the cause.

"I'm a DJ at the station and I wanted to do my part to support it. I think Chris Hooton has been an amazing manager just with all the promotion he did with this event," junior Peter Niro explained. "Everyone's great and it's for a great cause. You can't beat that and it's the holiday season so this is really needed right now."

For the past five years, the Kent-based indie rock band The Speedbumps has been touring and playing. However, the band was quick to take time out of its hectic schedule to participate in the Blizzard Bash as the main act.

As lead singer Erik Urycki explained, "We're all about benefits. We're college students and if there's a cause then we'll pretty much do anything."

Known for their ridiculously outlandish stage costumes and catchy cover songs, the fourth band of the night to play was Hol-

lywood Shuffle. JCU graduate and vocalist Ashley Bittel explained that her band does various charity events. "Doing the Blizzard Bash was a no-brainer," she said.

The evening proved to be an ideal example of what the holiday season truly embodies. The event was able to raise money and collect canned goods for the Greater Cleveland Hunger Network.

The organization, which is Cuyahoga County's largest emergency hunger relief program, will use the collected funds and distribute them to families in need.

Although the Blizzard Bash is only three years old and still in its infancy, Hooton has high expectations for the future.

"I think doing an all-day festival with ten or so bands would be amazing. We imagine, if we get a good venue, we could do something similar in the spring to help raise money for the station" said Hooton.

## 'America's real-life hitch' offers valuable dating advice

Emily Wagner  
The Carroll News

The Kulas Auditorium was nearly full Wednesday, Nov. 28 as many students chose to exchange their valuable free hour for advice from the "Dating Doctor."

David Coleman, also known as "America's Real-Life Hitch" offered the John Carroll University community advice about dating and relationships.

Coleman, who originally designed the "Dating Doctor" for Xavier University, has been touring the country for years and is a ten time National Speaker of the Year.

In addition to making hundreds of media appearances on radio and television, Howard Stern considers him to be the number one authority on pick-up lines. With these credentials, it is obvious that JCU students had a lot to learn from him.

Coleman's program required active participation from the audience. He dared the audience with his pick-up line challenge.

Coleman bet the student body that he could complete any pick-up line after only hearing the first half, and that he did.

This portion of the program had the audience roaring with laughter, and that was only the icebreaker.

The main part of the "Dating Doctor's"

"Don't be afraid to date.  
Don't be afraid to love.  
A life lived in fear is a life half lived."

David Coleman  
The Dating Doctor

talk included information on how to be a true friend, who controls the relationship and why, the five stages of a relationship, answered the age-old question of why women go to the bathroom in packs and how to escape the "friend-zone."

Coleman also introduced theories such as the "three eye-contact method," the "five minute find," the "49-71 hour call back law," and "the fat penguin."

One of the most valuable pieces of advice offered to the audience was not to be afraid to be a "fat penguin."

According to Coleman, the theory of the fat penguin is not about appearance but attitude.

Fat penguins are not afraid to break the ice, which is an essential quality when trying to take that first step towards a relationship.

Freshman Libbie Schaffner sees the wisdom in Coleman's fat penguin theory.

"His whole theory on the fat penguin and that the first step of having any kind of a relationship is that you really just need to step up and make the first move.

"In putting yourself out there you are exuding confidence in yourself and also letting others know that you are willing to make personal and emotional attachments," she said.

Coleman promised the audience that his program would cause individuals to change and encouraged them to start every day with a clean slate and no regrets.

"Don't be afraid to date. Don't be afraid to love. A life lived in fear is a life half lived," were Coleman's inspiring words encourag-



Photo courtesy of www.datingdoctor.com

David Coleman spoke to JCU students on Nov. 28.

ing students to take the first steps in gaining control of their love lives.

"Never mistake infatuation with love. Don't write checks your mind and body cannot cash. And the person who loves the other less and tries the least has the most control in the relationship" is the quote Coleman wanted students to remember most from his presentation.

Coleman's advice not only entertained the audience but gave valuable relationship advice for the student body.



## Behind the scenes with John C. Reilly



Photo courtesy of www.the-planets.com

John C. Reilly stars in the upcoming parody, "Walk Hard," as a musician named Dewey Cox. The film will be released on Dec. 21.

Interview by  
Katie Sheridan  
Features Editor

This December John C. Reilly stars in "Walk Hard." In it he plays Dewey Cox, a rock and roll star who sleeps with 411 women, marries three of them, has 22 kids and 14 stepkids. He also tries every drug available. His crazy lifestyle uniquely combines drama and comedy.

**Q: You've played every type of role, what attracts you to different roles?**

A: This one was the music, just general stuff that I haven't done before. If it makes me nervous it's a good sign. I try not to repeat myself, keep people interested.

**Q: What is your favorite project?**

A: Hmm... my favorite project, I have a lot of favorite projects. The one that comes to mind is "Boogy Nights," before people knew what [director] Paul [Thomas Anderson] and I were up to. I was still pretty anonymous as an actor, and there was a lot of improvisation. My favorite projects are the ones I haven't done yet.

**Q: How did your experience in Chicago help you?**

A: I owe everything to my Chicago theater experience. When you learn in Chicago, it is less aggressive or competitive than LA. In Chicago it's more about the group endeavor and a community.

**Q: What was your favorite thing about playing Dewey Cox?**

A: Getting to be a rock star. Even though he was a flawed character, it was a lot of fun playing someone who was so obviously narcissistic or the parts of him that were just clueless about the real world or just a little delusional.

**Q: What was your contribution to the creation of the character?**

A: I had a lot to do with the character because [writers] Jake [Apatow] and Judd [Kasdan] contacted me when they were just in the idea phase and engaged me in what I thought my strengths would be in playing the character. I had a lot of input in this one.

**Q: What do you feel about music?**

A: I grew up in Chicago doing Community Theater and musicals. Music has always been a pretty important part of my life but it just recently became a bigger part in my career. I would have an idea like, it would be so funny if Dewey was only into women's rights because he wanted women to take their bras off. Then they would create something like, "Lady's First." I was really lucky, it was incredible. A rock and roll fantasy.

**Q: Who do you listen to?**

A: Everly Brothers, White Stripes, Anything from the Dre City Label, Johanna Newson – sorta an evolving thing.

**Q: How was it different to have a leading role?**

A: Any character I play is the main character of his life. I don't think that I'm a supporting character. You spend more time on set and more time working on it off set, but that's what I want. As for my face plastered on posters, I'm kind of in denial. I just focus on my job as an actor and looking down the road.

**Q: What is your favorite scene in the movie?**

A: I just sorta fell in love with this character in all the scenes of his life. I really liked the old Dewey. It was fun to be an old fart.

**Q: How did you prepare for role?**

A: I did every drug I could get my hands on and slept with every woman possible (kidding). There was so much to prepare for it was overwhelming. I tried to listen to the music where the guy was at different points in his life so that I would already have an idea where he was. I rehearsed with a band and tried to just get used to being the front man in the band.

**Q: Do you ever worry about offending anyone?**

A: It's all done with a lot of love is the thing as corny as it sounds. I think Johnny Cash would have a good laugh, going through what he did. Seems to me like a lot of musicians have a dark sense of humor.

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Anti-MC / Leroi Da Moor  
Grog Shop  
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\$12

11/16  
Quietdrive/ My American  
Heart/ Just Surrender/  
House Of Fools  
Agora  
7:30 p.m.  
\$10

11/17  
Baby Dayliner / JJ Maga-  
zine / DJ Misterbradley  
The B-Side Liquor Lounge  
9:00 p.m.  
FREE

11/18  
Beats, Rhymes &  
Sneakers -feat. Edotkom  
& Rhyme Royal  
Grog Shop  
7:00 p.m.  
\$10

11/19  
Against Me! with Sage  
Francis/ World Inferno  
Friendship Society/  
Cobra Skulls  
House of Blues  
6:30 p.m.  
\$15

11/22  
The Waterproof Tour  
feat. Vast Aire /  
Copywrite / Karniege /  
Genisis / King Dom  
Grog Shop  
9:00 p.m.  
\$10

**Recent Films:**

- "The Aviator" (2004)
- The Ballad of Ricky Bobby" (2006)
- "Tenacious D in The Pick of Destiny" (2006)
- "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of  
Ricky Bobby" (2006)

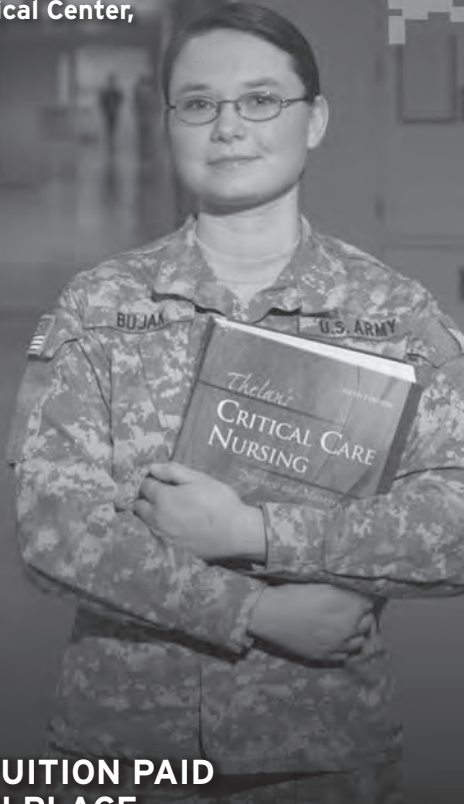
**Upcoming Films:**

- "Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story" (2007)
- "Quebec" (2008) (completed)
- "9" (2008) (filming) (voice)
- "Step Brothers" (2008) (filming)

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## Women's basketball hampered by poor shooting

**Tim Ertle**  
Assistant Sports Editor

A great basketball coach can teach a lot of things – but no coach can teach experience.

The 2007 John Carroll women's basketball roster has only two seniors, Molly Scholla and Abby Baum.

Coach Kristie Maravalli will look to the two seniors to anchor a team that has eight underclassmen on the roster.

John Carroll finished off the 2006-07 season with a record of 10-16 overall.

In the offseason, the young Blue Streak squad was picked to finished 9th in the ten-team Ohio Athletic Conference.

While the pre-season prediction is nothing to brag about, it puts JCU in a position to prove a lot of people wrong.

"We will be in the position to surprise a lot of people," said coach Maravalli.

To kickoff the 2007 campaign, the Blue Streaks headed to western



Senior Molly Scholla, in action against Washington & Jefferson, is one of two seniors on the roster this year.

Pennsylvania to participate in the Penn State-Behrend Tournament.

JCU rebounded from an opening game loss to beat the host, Penn State-Behrend Nittany Lions 77-64 in the consolation game.

JCU fell behind 11-0 after just two minutes against PSU-Behrend, but would not go away easily.

JCU used an 11 point run of their own in the second half to propel them into the lead for good.

Sophomore Whitney Hamilton led the Blue Streaks with 16 points and averaged 13.5 points per game in the tournament.

Her effort was good enough for an all-tournament team nomination.

JCU remained on the road as they traveled to Oberlin where the Blue Streaks rode the coat-tails of a 25-9 first half run to earn a 87-53 victory.

The 34-point margin of victory was the Blue Streaks most decisive victory in six seasons.

Four Blue Streaks scored in double figures in the victory. Sophomore Laura Gruber scored a game-

high 15 points, while fellow sophomore Caitlin Sureck chipped in a double-double, tallying 14 points and 10 rebounds.

The friendly confines of the Tony DeCarlo Center would not be kind to JCU as they dropped their home opener to a hot shooting Washington & Jefferson squad.

Washington & Jefferson shot over 52 percent in the contest while JCU managed a dismal 33 percent as the Presidents ran away with a 79-64 win.

Saturday afternoon, the Blue Streaks traveled to Otterbein for their first OAC contest.

Despite winning the rebound battle 57-33, JCU only shot 35 percent from the floor.

Without being able to score the necessary points, JCU fell to Otterbein 87-79. Junior Rachel Price made five of her eight attempted three-pointers and led the Blue Streaks scorers with 20 points.

The Blue Streaks faced Muskingum yesterday before going on the road Saturday afternoon to battle Capital University.

## JCU SPORTS WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Quick hits from around JCU sports

### Men's Swimming and Diving

- Men's Swimming lost a non-conference match-up with Ohio Wesleyan on December 1 by a score of 118-98.

- Despite winning five events, including two long distance races and the final relay, the Blue Streaks were unable to come away with a win.

- Individual wins came from Tom Barden (1000 Free), Nicholas Grady (500 Free), Max Wilberding (100 Back) and David Essi (1M Diving).

- The Streaks finished the meet strong, with the team of Grady, Wilberding, David Perchinske and Ehren Eschmann winning the 200 Free Relay.

### Women's Swimming and Diving

- Women's Swimming dominated Ohio Wesleyan on December 1, winning 10 events en route to a 131-112 victory over the Bishops.

- The Streaks opened with a victory in the 200 Medley Relay and never let up. Three Blue Streaks won two races each: Heidi Benson (200 and 500 Free), Heather Gilmour (50 and 100 Free)

and Katie Mathews (200 IM and 100 Fly). Benson's time in the 200 Free, 2: 01.94, was a career best for the freshman who has seemingly taken center stage on the team.

- Other individuals victorious in their efforts were Kaitlin Griffin (1000 Free), Kate Slovonc (1M Diving) and Kristen Kovach (100 Breast).

### Ice Hockey

- The hockey team dropped a pair conference to Indiana of Pennsylvania and Washington & Jefferson.

- On Friday, JCU amassed 28 minutes of penalties against IUP in the 6-3 loss.

- JCU failed to rebound on Saturday afternoon, losing to Washington & Jefferson College 4-2.

- Again discipline plagued JCU as the Blue Streaks ran up another 34 minutes of penalties.

- Freshmen Nick Morici (1G, 3A) and Ryan Atkinson and sophomore Zack Skook were the bright spots for JCU as each recorded three points on the weekend.

-Compiled by Sean Fagan

### INTRAMURAL SCOREBOARD

#### Holiday Basketball Tournament

Game Over 32  
Fighting Irish 54

Monstars 41  
PGA Tour 40

Team Murl 67  
Wyld Stallions 20

Paula Goncz 50  
Team Nasty 30

Tom's Peeping Shredders 34  
Bruins 26

#### Volleyball Championships

Co-Ed Recreational Division  
IM Staff 22-25-15  
Team Hulk 25-15-12

Co-Ed Competitive Division  
Team Whoop Kids 25-18-11  
Matt's Team 18-25-15

Women's Division  
Pacelli Playas 29-25  
Pacelli Pulverizers 27-12

## JCU ATHLETICS SCOREBOARD NOV. 20- DEC. 4

### Swimming & Diving

Men  
JCU 98  
Ohio Wesleyan 118

Women  
JCU 131  
Ohio Wesleyan 112

### Wrestling

JCU 3  
Cleveland State 34

RIT Tournament: 6th/14 teams

### Men's Basketball

JCU 57  
Cleveland State 67

JCU 81 OT  
Albion 82

JCU 85  
Otterbein 71

JCU leaders:  
Points- Walsh 64  
Kirbus 42  
Curran 40

Rebounds - Walsh 21  
Smith 17

### Women's Basketball

JCU 87  
Oberlin 53

JCU 64  
W & J 79

JCU 79  
Otterbein 87

JCU leaders:  
Points- Price 36  
Gruber 34  
Hamilton 26

Rebounds - Sureck 27  
Gruber 19



## Wrestling off to up and down start

**Tim Ertle**  
Assistant Sports Editor

When the seven Ohio Athletic Conference coaches cast their ballots for the preseason rankings it was Heidelberg who was at the top of the list. John Carroll University was second on the list.

A lot of teams would be satisfied with a number two ranking, but not the Blue Streaks.

"We definitely have all the respect for Heidelberg – they have a lot of guys returning. Being picked to finish second is not such a bad thing because it definitely gives us something to work for," said senior Adam Pizzurro. "We use it as a motivator every time we practice to know that we don't have the respect that we had a few years ago when we were on top of the OAC."

The Blue Streaks started their quest for respect with a trip to Erie, Pennsylvania for the National Catholic Championship.

JCU was led by a pair of third-place finishes from junior Elie Naoum and senior Steven Bagnowski. The Blue Streaks finished with 57 team points, good for 6th place in the nine team tournament.

Later that week, JCU returned home to the Tony DeCarlo Center to battle neighborhood rival Case Western Reserve.

After an opening match forfeit, Pizzurro won with a 10-2 decision.

Junior Dan Mizener and Bagnowski built on their success from the Catholic Championship as both were victorious again.

JCU would close out the match in terrific fashion as junior Ben Adams and freshman Jim Nemunaitis both recorded first period pins. The pins, coupled with a pair of forfeits, allowed JCU to cruise to a 36-7 victory.

JCU's next match against Cleveland State was a rough one for



Photo courtesy of Sports Information

**Junior Ben Adams recorded JCU's lone victory in a loss to CSU.**

JCU. After dropping the first seven matches, Adams put JCU on the scoreboard.

Adams used takedowns in the first period to establish an early 5-0 lead, finishing strong to the tune of an 8-2 victory.

Adams' victory was responsible for the only points the Blue Streaks could muster on the day as JCU was defeated 34-3 by the Division I Vikings.

"Cleveland State has a really tough team. We were in a couple matches but we ran into problems when we were on the mat," Pizzurro said. "We now have a better idea of what problems we need to address and we have been emphasizing those at practice."

JCU went back on the road as they traveled to compete in the Rochester Institute of Technology Invitational.

The Blue Streaks used a total team effort to take 6th place in the 14-team tournament.

Pizzurro returned to the tournament that he won last year and again led the charge for JCU.

While he did not repeat as champion, Pizzurro did manage a second-

place finish, while Adams stayed hot as the unseeded junior rolled off five consecutive victories to capture third place.

Senior Dominic Spitalieri, seeded fourth in the 141 pound weight class, went 4-1 in the tournament, which earned him a third-place finish.

Another defending champion from last year, and this year's top seed, Mizener placed fourth in the 149 pound class.

Senior Scott Marhofer debuted at 197 pounds and managed to knock off three of the top five seeds en route to his fifth place finish.

Adams is now 2-0 on the young season since he joined the wrestling squad after the completion of his football season. His quick start earned him Ohio Athletic Conference Wrestler of the Week for the first time in his career.

The Blue Streaks, 1-1 in dual meets on the season, will get back to competition when they head to Fort Lauderdale to participate in the Florida Citrus Tournament.

JCU doesn't begin their OAC schedule until the new year when they travel to face Wilmington.

## Two in the box: Let the celebration begin



**Chris Ostrander**  
Sports Editor

It is about time that the NCAA football enters the 21st century.

They still don't have a playoff format as Ohio State and the team that has not been beaten in regulation, LSU, backed into the National Championship. Also, it is somehow illegal for 18-22 year old kids to act their age and celebrate.

While the number is subject to change depending on where you go to school, I'm talking to you Chris Weinke, the fact of the matter is the excessive celebration rule needs to be reviewed.

Now, there is no fine line between celebrating a touchdown on your own and having a full 86-man roster storm the field to celebrate a touchdown, but some leeway should be allowed.

I do agree that college football should prohibit spiking the ball, jumping into the stands or pulling a cell phone from under the uprights,

but what is wrong with a little bit of arm waving?

When you are dealing with rivalries that are well over twice the age of most of the players involved in the actual game, celebrations should be expected. Just this season I witnessed a player record a sack and get up to celebrate his accomplishment only to be flagged 15 yards for excessive celebration.

If he is anything like college students I know, beating his buddies in a video game would incite a larger, more extravagant celebration than what took place on the football field.

The NCAA needs to realize that kids will be kids and they are going to get excited when they score touchdowns, pick off a pass, etc. So relax on the rules a little bit.

Let's say Ohio State returns the opening kickoff of the National Championship back for a touchdown and the return man does not hurt his ankle.

So long as the football is not spiked, there are no lewd gestures made and he does not do the Ickey Shuffle, there should be no flags assessed for his celebration.

Every other college sport allows players to celebrate as they please, short of taunting, with no risk of

an infraction, but football will flag a player for smacking a few fans' hands. Let the players celebrate with the fans a little bit. It's part of the atmosphere.

Look at it this way – some soccer players score a goal and run around the pitch pretending they are an airplane. They do not receive a red card for these antics. However, if Chris Wells scores a touchdown against LSU and runs around the end zone like a Boeing, you better believe that extra point will be pushed back 15 yards.

No one reading this column may live to see college football adopt a playoff format but the athletes we are watching should be able to exercise their right to pump the crowd up after a big play.

Unless Chad Johnson decides to teach a touchdown celebration class at a few schools, college football players will have no material when they reach the pros. I'm pretty sure you will never see Johnson with PhD after his name so something has got to give.

So I urge the NCAA, if they happen across this issue of the CN, to rethink the celebration penalty. Let the kids play a little, Lord knows the NFL won't let them once they graduate.



## Streaks of the Week

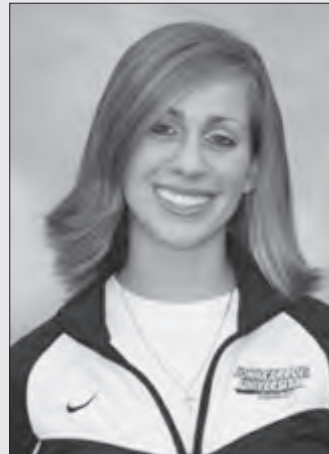


### Men's Basketball



**Terry Walsh**  
senior

- The senior averaged 21.3 points per game to go along with 7 rebounds per game in the Blue Streaks last three games.



### Women's Basketball



**Rachel Price**  
junior

- Recorded 20 points, 6 rebounds, 3 assists in 32 minutes of action against Otterbein.



### Men's Swimming



**Nick Grady**  
freshman

- Won the 500m freestyle race against Ohio Wesleyan. He also finished first as a member of the 200m freestyle team.



### Women's Swimming



**Katie Mathews**  
freshman

- Posted two first place finishes against Ohio Wesleyan by winning the 100m freestyle and the 200m individual medley.



### Wrestling



**Ben Adams**  
junior

- Recorded JCU's lone victory against CSU. Won five consecutive matches at RIT Tournament to claim 3rd place at 184 lbs.



# 2007-2008 MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEW

## Platooning their way to greatness

Chris Ostrander  
Sports Editor

### Terry Walsh G #24 Senior 6'3"

2006-2007 Stats

GP	FG-FGA	%	3FG-3FGA	%	PTS	PPG
31	179-394	.454	67-174	.385	504	16.3

### Derek Smith C/F #45 Senior 6'7"

2006-2007 Stats

GP	FG-FGA	%	3FG-3FGA	%	PTS	PPG
31	63-109	.578	0-3	.439	175	5.6

### John Curran G #20 Senior 6'0"

2006-2007 Stats

GP	FG-FGA	%	3FG-3FGA	%	PTS	PPG
31	62-132	.470	18-41	.439	186	6.0

### Tony DeMichele G #15 Senior 5'11"

2005-2006 Stats

GP	FG-FGA	%	3FG-3FGA	%	PTS	PPG
20	20-43	.465	0-6	.000	51	2.6

### T.J. DiSanto G #12 Sophomore 6'4"

2006-2007 Stats

GP	FG-FGA	%	3FG-3FGA	%	PTS	PPG
31	21-58	.363	8-31	.258	53	1.7

John Carroll University men's basketball team does not follow the traditional standard in basketball. Rather than running a usual sub-package, JCU employs a much different strategy.

When head coach Mike Moran was still in the high school ranks, he began to develop the platoon system. While the system was not in the form it is in today, Moran was in the beginning stages of setting a trend in college basketball.

The platoon system currently used by JCU is, at times, a five-in, five-out system. JCU will substitute all five players on the court for a second set of five players. The substitution can be based on time, scoring or possessions.

"The advantage is fresh legs," Moran said. "We rely on tiring teams and closing games out because of that."

More and more teams are now picking up the platoon system used by JCU, as the ability to play double the usual amount of players gives teams such a large advantage.

Aside from the advantage of more fresh legs waiting on the bench, Moran also cited that practice becomes more competitive due to the increased competition for playing time.

Perhaps the greatest strength of the platoon system comes when other teams attempt to scout JCU.

When scouting a traditional team, a coach would need to prepare for the starting five players plus two or three bench players. When preparing for a team that platoons an opposing coach needs to prepare for double that.

"It is so much harder to prepare for the system," Moran said. "You need to prepare for 10-12 players. Instead of needing to know the tendencies and style of one player you need to know the tendencies and styles of two players."

The use of the platoon system has been sustained upon the success that JCU has had while running it. In the 2003-2004 season JCU reached the Final Four. Since the Final Four appearance JCU has made two Sweet Sixteen appearances.

"We are proud of the accomplishments we have had under the system," Moran said. "We are not proud of the label but that [the system] has worked for us."

The label Moran spoke of was that of the pioneer of the platoon system. While JCU is indeed the forerunner of the system the success the team has had is why coach Moran continues to use the system.

"We base ourselves off wins, losses and championships. If we were sub par the system would change," Moran said.

Another advantage of the system is that the team is not hurt by a large number of graduating seniors.

JCU lost seven players from last season, four to graduation. However, JCU has seven players returning who appeared in over 17 games in 2006-2007.

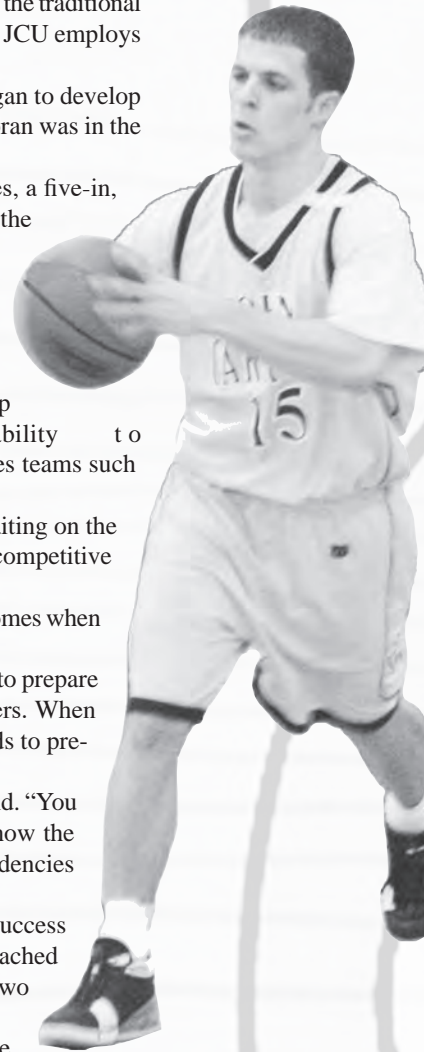
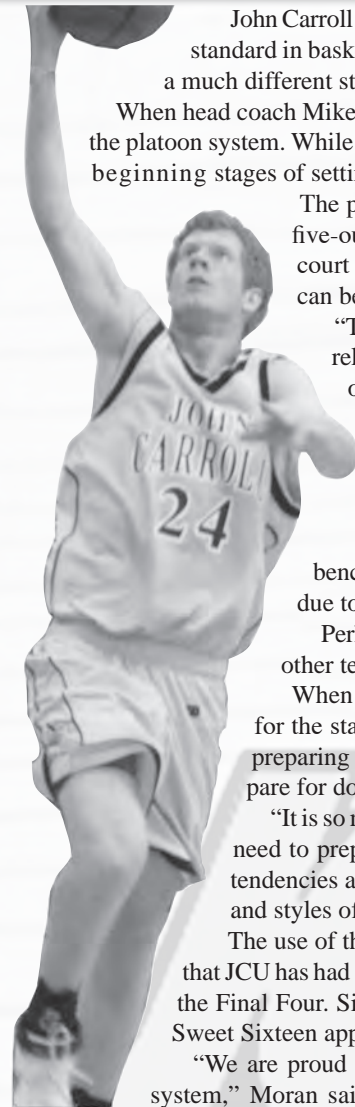
This season, JCU returns seniors Tony DeMichele, John Curran, Derek Smith and All-American candidate Terry Walsh. Sophomores T.J. DiSanto, Rudy Kirbus and Travis Zajac will be crucial this season as they return for their second season with the Blue Streaks.

Walsh, who averaged 16.3 points per game last year, will be pivotal to JCU if they hope to advance past the Sweet Sixteen this season. Kirbus, who averaged over seven points per game last year, will draw attention away from Walsh at forward.

Another key offensive player for JCU will be Curran. Among players who saw the majority of time last season he led JCU with a .439 three-point shooting percentage.

JCU is off to a 3-2 start after taking the Albright College Wyndham Tip-Off Tournament to start the year. Walsh hit a buzzer beater in order to lift JCU to victory in the championship game as Smith and Kirbus joined him on the All-Tournament team.

JCU traveled to Muskingum yesterday and will return home to face Capital on Saturday, tip off is scheduled for 2:00 p.m.



BLUE STREAKS

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# WHAT'S IN STORE

ENVIRONMENTAL ENERGY

MEDICAL BREAKTHROUGHS

## ENVIRONMENT

Our society will continue to value and harness the power of green energy and technology, according to the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. Just as John Carroll University has opted to take on more green energy initiatives such as recycling, other universities and cities will follow. Wind energy will also continue to be cultivated with plans for increased use in the New England and Mid-Atlantic states.



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## MEDICINE



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The Cleveland Clinic predicts major medical strides and innovations for 2008. Among them, an implanted device restoring the control of limb movements for people with impacted or impaired nervous system injuries, an influenza vaccine for children and cartilage products engineered for joints.

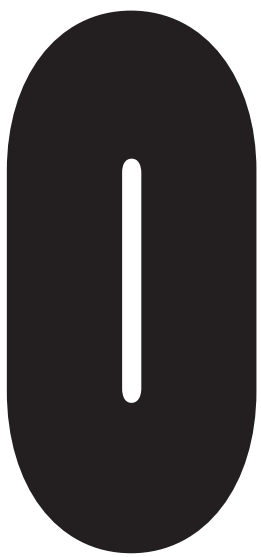
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# FOR 2008?

A STAGNANT ECONOMY  
A FRESH POLITICAL SCENE

## U.S. ECONOMY



An annual study recently released by the University of Michigan predicted that the U.S. economy will avoid a recession despite the low value of the dollar, a slumping home market and rising oil prices. Unemployment is speculated to rise in 2008, though it may decrease in 2009. The report found that overall growth will be a stagnant 2.1 percent which is down from this year's 2.9 percent growth rate.

### Subprime fallout clouding prospects

World growth is slowing but will remain solid, supported by the strong momentum of major emerging markets such as China and India.

(annual percent change)

	2005	2006	Projected	
			2007	2008
World output	4.8	5.4	5.2	4.8
United States	3.1	2.9	1.9	1.9
Euro area	1.5	2.8	2.5	2.1
Germany	0.8	2.9	2.4	2.0
Japan	1.9	2.2	2.0	1.7
Africa	5.6	5.6	5.7	6.5
China	10.4	11.1	11.5	10.0
India	9.0	9.7	8.9	8.4

Source: IMF, *World Economic Outlook*, October 2007.

Note: Real effective exchange rates are assumed to remain constant at the levels prevailing during August 22-September 19, 2007.

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## POLITICS



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The 2008 presidential election is already heated with both Republicans and Democrats slinging political mud at one another. Current polls in Iowa indicated a dead heat between Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama in the Democratic primary. The Republican primary is also closely contested with Mitt Romney, Rudy Giuliani and Mike Huckabee leading in the polls. The war in Iraq continues to be unfavorable while Iranian tensions climb. Unprecedented healthcare and college costs are also on the minds of Americans unlike any other time in political history.



## Brad's Journal

And that's a wrap on  
Fall Semester – thank  
God.



**Brad Michael Negulescu**  
World News Editor

You would think that after a much needed two week hiatus from The Carroll News, someone with my superior intellect would come back with another ingenious column. However, I am completely swamped with school work so I will take this opportunity simply to vent about pretty much anything I want. Let's begin with Christmas shall we? If I can even still call it that.

I love this time of year; with beautiful lights everywhere, the smell of ginger bread houses cooking in the oven, the prospect of getting gifts from loved ones, and most importantly, the litany of complaints from the politically correct crowd. Remember kids, this year, Christmas trees will be referred to as Holiday trees and Menorahs are now holiday candle holders. Also, Santa should be banned because his being fat and all is a bad message to send to little kids. Let's just hope your local Santa doesn't run into Chris Hanson and Dateline this holiday season.

What else? Oh, I know what else drives me nuts – global warming. Well not the actual warming part, but the people who claim it exists. Al Gore Won the Nobel Peace Prize for his movie about the subject, unfortunately the Nobel people did not get the memo that global warming has absolutely zilch to do with peace. Gore actually beat out an elderly woman who saved thousands of children from certain death in Nazi concentration camps during World War II. I'm sure she was thrilled.

But of course, the decision wasn't political. I mean honestly, if the world was heating up, why is that such a bad thing? Have you people been outside lately? It's freezing! Seventy degree weather in December sounds pretty good to me. Not to mention we would all save a fortune on traveling to warm places during the winter. Furthermore, if the ice caps melt and the oceans rise, that just means we're closer to the beach. By the way, Al Gore traveled to receive his Nobel Prize on a private jet, and those don't pollute the air or anything.

Speaking of politics, I watched the Republican YouTube debate last week on CNN. That's right, I have no life. Not surprisingly, the Clinton News Network, or the Commie News Network, or Crappy News Network, which ever you prefer, did not disappoint. This debate was for Republicans to make up their minds on which primary candidate they want to vote for next year, so naturally CNN decided to go out of their way to let Democrats ask many of the questions.

In fact, a retired Army general, who turned out to be gay, asked about the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy in his video question. After the candidates answered it, the moderator of the debate, Anderson Cooper, turned to the audience where, you guess it, the general was seated. Cooper asked the man if the candidates had sufficiently answered his question, and of course the man said they hadn't. Afterwards, some research showed that this man was actually working for Hillary Clinton.

So, CNN paid for a Democrat working for a Democrat to fly from California to Florida to attend and ask a question at a debate of Republicans for Republicans. But Fox News is the most biased cable news channel – duh. By the way, the Democrats have boycotted debating on Fox News because they are total cowards.

Lastly, I want to talk a little bit about the situation in Sudan with the teacher who named a teddy bear Muhammed and was actually jailed for it. If that wasn't bad enough, there were mass protests in the country asking for this poor woman to be executed! I mean you have got to be kidding me. It is stupidity like this that breeds hatred and racism. Remember a year ago when large numbers of Muslims went crazy because of an editorial cartoon? Now, thousands of them took to the street to demand the death of a good woman who is in their country to teach their children because of the name she gave to a stuffed animal. Luckily this story had a happy ending as she was pardoned by the Sudanese president, but the situation still illustrates that some areas on this planet have some serious issues.

Alright, on that note I am going to call it a semester. But I want to thank everyone who has read my column. I especially want to thank those who wrote letters to the paper about me (see Op-Ed). Even though many of you write about how stupid I am, and occasionally use profanity to do so, it means a lot to know you care enough to write in. Thanks again. Have a great and safe break everyone and I'll see you in January.

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## Musharraf to end emergency rule



Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf addresses his nation announcing the end to emergency rule

**Nick Buzzy**  
The Carroll News

Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf said last Thursday he would end the state of emergency next month, after domestic and international pressure to restore normal government ahead of general elections this January.

"I'm fully determined that the emergency will be lifted on December 16," Musharraf said in an address to the nation on the day of his inauguration as a civilian president. This is his second five-year term.

The Washington Post reports thousands of opposing politicians and lawyers were detained under emergency laws, the independent media was shutdown and sporadic anti-Musharraf protests were curbed by baton-wielding police.

The United States, Pakistan's biggest ally in the West, has called for an end to emergency rule, fearful that instability will undermine the fight against al-Qaeda and the struggle against the Taliban in neighboring Afghanistan.

However, ending emergency

rule will not necessarily make life easier for Musharraf. He still faces widespread resentment at home, and the January vote will likely install a legislature that could propose impeachment.

The United States will keep the pressure on him to attack Islamist militancy. Yet by quitting as chief of the army, which brought him to power in a military coup in 1999, he has cut himself off from his main power base, according to The Associated Press.

Former prime minister Nawaz Sharif returned on Sunday and another old rival, Benazir Bhutto, came back last month. Musharraf deposed Sharif in 1999 in a bloodless military coup and forced the two-time premier abroad a year later.

According to The New York Times, Musharraf said Bhutto and Sharif had now been given a "level playing field" and urged them and other politicians not to boycott the election.

Sharif and Bhutto, also a former prime minister, argued the vote could not be free and fair if held

under emergency powers.

Musharraf served as military ruler from 1999 until June 2001 when he took over for the then president. Musharraf just recently retired from the army. The Pakistani Parliament later endorsed him as president.

He won re-election in a vote by legislators on Oct. 6. He soon suspended the constitution, declared emergency rule and removed the Supreme Court to block opposition legal challenges to him winning the presidency again while still a serving officer.

"I think it is an exceeding difficult country to police and over which to maintain control," said Sven Dubie, professor in the Department of History at John Carroll University.

Sharif said Musharraf's presidency was illegitimate and wants the Supreme Court judges he removed to be restored and allowed to rule.

Musharraf, who cited rising militancy when he imposed the emergency, believes the military has stopped the spread of terrorism from remote tribal lands on the Afghan border towards urban cities.

## Murdered student also Internet porn star

**Lauren Harris**  
The Carroll News

Wichita, Kansas has been in the national spotlight recently after a story broke of a missing Butler Community College student. The search for the student, 18-year-old Emily Sander, came to an end after police found her body about 50 miles east of the town El Dorado, according to Fox News. Sander was last seen on November 23 leaving a bar with 24-year old Israel Mireles.

A bedspread was found near the body from the hotel room Mireles was staying in and blood was found in his room. Mireles' whereabouts are currently unknown, as well as his 16-year-old pregnant girlfriend. Investigators believe she is with Mireles at this time.

According to MSNBC, a rental car Mireles was driving was found abandoned in Vernon, Texas, where the suspect has relatives. Police Chief Tom Boren expressed frustrations while dealing with the Mireles family. He said, "We got no information from them at all and very little cooperation."

But what has added a new twist



AP Photo



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**Student Emily Sander was found dead just east of El Dorado, Texas. Israel Mireles (right) is the primary suspect in the murder.**

to the story is the possible secret life Sander had been living before her tragic death. According to MSNBC, nude photos of the student appeared on her popular adult Web site.

Ryan Lewis, a junior at John Carroll University, said, "It's really tragic that she died so young, she had her whole life ahead of her. Although people have the freedom to do what they want, I think she could have found another way to make money."

Family and close friends were not happy to hear the news of what

she was doing. According to The Associated Press, Sander's then boyfriend, 20-year-old Michael McAllister, broke up with her as a result.

Police do not believe that Sander's involvement in Internet pornography had any connection to her disappearance. The results of Sander's autopsy and cause of her death have been sealed and police cannot release information at this time. Sander's body was returned to her family and funeral arrangements are underway.



## President Bush goes after Mid-East peace

Leaders from around the Middle East converged on Annapolis for peace summit

Nick Alberstadt  
The Carroll News

Almost 60 years to the day that the United Nations announced the partition of the Holy Land into Arab and Jewish states, the leaders of Israel and Palestine met to discuss peace.

Along with President George Bush, and representatives from Arab nations, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas convened in Annapolis to work out a peaceful solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict, according to The Associated Press.

Though the conference did not result in the binding agreement that some had hoped for, Abbas and Olmert did commit themselves to negotiating a peace treaty by 2008.

In order to end the 60 year conflict, both sides pledged cooperation in resolving the issues that have been at the center of the argument.

According to The New York Times, this includes setting the borders of the Palestinian state, removal of Israeli settlements from the West Bank, the status of Jerusalem and the fate of Palestinian refugees who left or were forced out of Israel.

Despite its lack of specific details, the agreement is seen as an historic opportunity to end one of the most bitter conflicts in an already devastated region of the world.

"I am not making an overstatement," began Abbas, "if I say that our region stands at a crossroad that separates two historical phases: pre-Annapolis phase and post-Annapolis phase."

The major accomplishment of the conference was the public vow by Bush to oversee peace talks that the United States has not pursued in seven years, according to The AP.

"I wouldn't be standing here if I didn't believe that peace was possible," the president said.



Israeli Prime Minister Olmert (left), President Bush (middle) and Palestinian President Abbas (right) greet reporters at the White House last week

The conference was well-attended, with 44 nations gathering for the talks. Key Middle Eastern nations such as Saudi Arabia and Israel's neighbor Syria were in attendance, lending credence to the talks.

One significant nation not on the list of invitees was Iran. Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad rebuked Arab nations, including Iranian ally Syria, for attending the conference, according to The AP. The meeting also led to protests by over 100,000 people in the Gaza Strip.

Many see the agreement as a favorable outcome to the conference. Mona Debaz, professor of political science at John Carroll University, said the Annapolis Conference "achieved more than expected," and the most significant part is the influence of the United States as a "judge of compliance" with the agreement.

All parties involved also realize that this

is but the beginning of a long and painful process. "We want peace," Prime Minister Olmert said. "We demand an end to terror, an end to incitement and to hatred.

"We are prepared to make a painful compromise, rife with risks, in order to realize these aspirations." Even Prince Saud al-Faisal, foreign minister of Saudi Arabia, with whom Israel has no diplomatic ties, and who refused to shake Prime Minister Olmert's hand, recognized the importance of the agreement. "A great deal is riding on the success or failure of this undertaking," he said. "The Arab-Israeli conflict has caused too much pain and suffering and too many lives have been lost."

"There's quite a lot that separates us," Olmert said. "Nevertheless, there is also a great deal that we share."

If this agreement is to come to fruition, all parties will have to focus on those things that they share.

## College to make students use and pay for cell phones

Lauren Goodson  
The Carroll News

A new requirement will demand students of Montclair State University in New Jersey to carry a cell phone at all times. Not only is the cell phone required, but students are also responsible for paying \$420 for it. The yearly bill will be added on to every student's tuition bill, according to The Associated Press.

The downside to the plan is that it only allows 50 peak voice minutes per month. The upside however allows unlimited text messaging, unlimited campus-based data usage, and student activated emergency GPS tracking.

The GPS tracking is to allow a sense of security for everyone, especially after recent kidnappings and shootings at other universities. These particular GPS cell phones specifically for students are the products of the first program of its kind in the country.

"What it does is allow students to have an extra pair or group of people watching over them when they're going from one location to another," Montclair Police Department Chief Paul Cell told CBS News.

This new requirement of student paid cell phones is the first of its kind. Some students have told sources that they like the idea of the cell phones because it makes them feel safe. Other students are frustrated with the additional high cost because they already have a hard enough time paying for school.

"While I suppose most students already do have cell phones, making it mandatory would discriminate against students who are poor and cannot afford to pay a monthly tab for a cell. It's like insisting students have computers. Some universities just provide a laptop to every freshman," said Richard Hendrickson, professor of communications and theatre arts at John Carroll University.

Many students are curious as to why they have to pay for the mandatory cell phone if the University is really concerned about their safety. They feel if safety were really the university's main concern, then they should be picking up the tab.

Montclair State University is the first to enact such a unique safety precaution such as this one. It may be because MSU is New Jersey's second largest and fastest-growing university.

At other schools, however, such as Kean and Princeton, students can register their cell phones and e-mails and receive instant alerts in case of trouble for free. Although many are for the constant communication idea, some people, such as professors, are very much against it, according to The AP.

"The contemporary American obsession with constant availability is neurotic; I would think an institution of higher learning would want to foster a focused life rather than one so dissipated," said Sheila McGinn, professor of Biblical Studies & Early Christianity at John Carroll University. Some students feel that the cell phones are just there too put a little extra cash in a couple businesses' pockets.

"Frankly, I think it's a scam," Gennaro Esposito, 20, a senior told nj.com, a Web site about everything New Jersey.

The Web site says that the service is Sprint/Nextel, with added gizmos provided by Rave Wireless, a company specializing in attracting a college audience.

The profits that anyone is actually making off of the required GPS cell phones is unknown to the public.

Many are curious to see whether or not students will actually abide by the requirement and carry the cell phones with them at all times. To make the phone a little more attractive to the students, since the GPS factor might bother them some, Montclair State wants to bundle in campus e-mail and other applications with the device.

## Man with fake bomb walks into Clinton office

Campaign volunteers held hostage in N.H. while man demands to talk with Hillary

Meghan Wolf  
Staff Reporter

A man walked into a Hillary Clinton campaign office in New Hampshire saying he was armed with explosives. It turned out it was only road flares.

"A man has just walked into the Clinton office, opened his coat and showed us a bomb strapped to his chest with duct tape," said Lettie Tzizik, who witnessed the release of a woman, accompanied by her child, from the storefront campaign office of Sen. Hillary Clinton in Rochester, N.H.

It was the site of the suspense that lasted all Friday afternoon, as Leeland Eisenberg held those in the building hostage with a bomb threat.

The episode began a little after 1 p.m. on November 30, when Eisenberg entered the office and said that he wanted to speak with Clinton, according to The Associated Press.

He took off his jacket and revealed what he then claimed was a bomb, and then detained hostages by ordering them onto the floor. He released a woman with a baby.

The FBI and the Secret Service, as well as several police forces and SWAT teams, came onto the scene, according to The Associated Press.

Sharpshooters and a tactical bomb squad unit were also placed near the office, and buildings within close range such as businesses, other campaign offices, and even an elementary school, were evacuated.

More hostages were released as time went on and finally, right after the last one was allowed to walk out, Eisenberg surrendered. He came out of the building, turned over the device that he had said was a bomb, and was

immediately surrounded by the SWAT teams and handcuffed, according to The AP.

The "bomb" turned out to be a device made of road flares procured from a hardware store at the direction of his 20-year-old stepson, Benjamin Warren. Eisenberg, having been prohibited from driving due to a previous DUI offense, took a cab to get the flares the same day that he held up the campaign office.

"He never talked about building any kind of bomb or anything like that," said Warren. "All he said to me was he was feeling depressed, and he was going to do something the next day to ensure he would be in the hospital by Friday night."

The suspect reportedly did the crime as a way to get into the hospital. Eisenberg, who suffers from schizophrenia, had been seeking care from a local hospital in the time that led up to the incident. Having been turned away, Eisenberg later saw a campaign advertisement and thought that Clinton could help him.

According to his ex-wife, Eisenberg, who has assumed a series of aliases in the past, has long suffered delusions that there is a chip implanted in his head.

The Boston Globe identified Eisenberg as a recipient of payments from the 2003 settlement with the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston for being a victim of sexual abuse from the clergy. In 1999 and 2000, he was treated as a sex offender at Bridgewater State Hospital.

Having been previously charged with counts of stalking and drunk driving, Eisenberg now has bigger charges to face.

He is being held at the Stratford Correctional Center awaiting a court date for the charges of kidnapping, the use of false explosives, and criminal threatening. Conviction of

these may result in up to 42 years in prison.

Sen. Clinton and former President Bill Clinton cancelled all public appearances upon hearing news of the hostage holdup.

Security measures for both were increased, and when Sen. Clinton met with all the released hostages and their families in Portsmouth on Friday night, she was surrounded by local police.

"I want to thank them for their professionalism and their extraordinary work today," said Clinton. "We're immensely relieved that this has ended peacefully."

Although the hostages were safely evacuated, concerns have arisen over the state of security in campaign offices. The issue over whether small-town campaigning will be restricted from here on in remains, given the limited security that has allowed voters to have access to information through campaign offices.

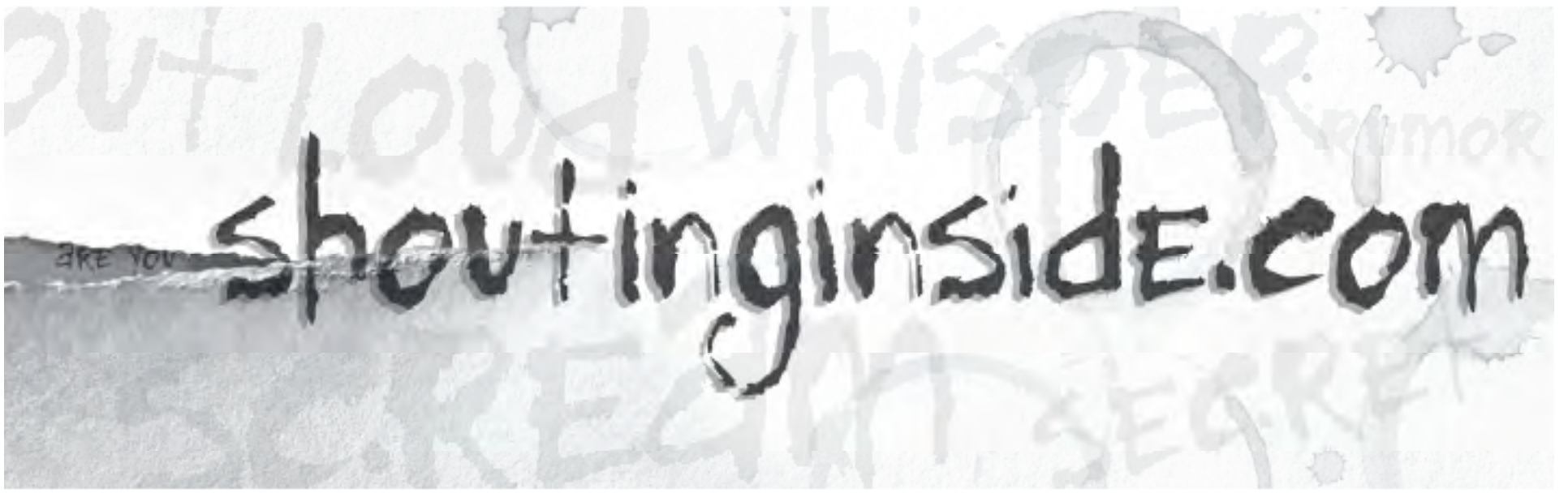
Sen. Clinton, being the former First Lady of the United States, has lifelong protection from the Secret Service.

"They [the candidates] need to balance opposites. They want to be accessible to the people, but they want to be protected," said Sara Schiavoni, a political science professor at John Carroll University. "The question is, if one candidate has Secret Service protection, should all?"

Sen. Barack Obama, another Democrat hopeful, also has Secret Service protection. Although assaults on campaign offices are rare, this is not the first that has ever happened.

Attacks have occurred on the campaign offices for other politicians, including Jimmy Carter, George H.W. Bush, Loretta Sanchez and Jesse Ventura, according to The AP.





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## Editorial

### Candidacy approval

The Student Union passed legislation that would require candidates to receive written approval from the dean of students before they can run for a student government position. The SU should revoke this legislation because it gives the administration more power over who can serve in the student government and diminishes the power of the student body.

The bill does not specify what would and would not constitute the dean from withholding her approval for a candidate. This creates a frightening precedent for administrative oversight of student activities.

It is the responsibility of the student body to elect their leaders. Therefore, the SU should have faith in the student body to choose the best candidates for each position.

They are overstepping their bounds by limiting the pool of competition.

If the SU still finds it necessary for a student to gain approval to run, they need to specifically outline what violations would constitute the dean not approving a candidate.

The point of the SU is to be the voice of the students to the administration. Allowing the administration to decide who can and cannot run destroys this purpose.

The lack of competition of this year's senate races shows how counterproductive this legislation really is.

The SU should be working to transfer more power from administrators to the student body. This legislation does the exact opposite.

The Student Union is a self-proclaimed student-run organization. Now it is student run, as long the administration approves. Running this so-called background check on students also creates a bias that allows only certain individuals to run and discourages other qualified individuals.



## Editorial

### Winter formal mistake

There is no reason to believe the decision to have the theme for Winter Formal be "I'm Dreaming of a White Cleveland" was intended to be hurtful. The theme was based off of Bing Crosby's "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas."

However, financial and racial problems were created because of this poor judgement.

This controversy led to the themed merchandise, mugs and ice scrapers, to be thrown out. A financial issue arose because the money used to pay for those items was wasted. That money came from the Student Activity Fee, and, even if it is at the cost of programming, it is the responsibility of SUPB to refund that money back to the students.

The student body should not have to pay for this mistake.

The choice to make this slogan the theme of the Winter Formal hurt the student body on two levels—the clearest level is the racial implications. JCU prides itself on making a large effort to diversify the student body.

Choosing a controversial theme like this only undermines the mission of the University. It only reinforces the perception that John Carroll University is not diverse.

Fortunately, as seen in the mass e-mail that was sent out to the student body, the SUPB and Winter Formal Committee are looking for ways to try to prevent a problem like this from occurring.

The University prides itself on diversity but this choice was poor representation of that. Although SUPB did not intend to create this racial implication, the simple aspect of common sense in deciding a theme was apparently overlooked.

## NOTABLE QUOTABLE



“It's times like this that all of us struggle to find meaning in life.”

-NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, on the death of Washington Redskin's star Sean Taylor.

## HIT & miss

**Hit:** Winter break in eight days **Hit/miss:** Steelers beat Cincinnati **Hit:** Grilled chicken in the cafeteria **Hit:** Christmas at Carroll festivities **miss:** Finals next week **Hit:** Snow **Hit:** WJCU Blizzard Bash **miss:** Lack of promotion for Senate elections **Hit:** Midnight feast this Saturday **Hit:** Men's basketball wins against Otterbein **miss:** Browns controversial call during game against the Cardinals **miss:** Death of Sean Taylor **Hit:** Through the Eyes of a Child **miss:** Winter formal slogan **Hit:** Christmas Around the World in the Atrium tomorrow **Hit:** Christmas songs on the radio **Hit:** Fair Trade holiday sale **miss:** Last CN of the semester **Hit:** Broadway stagehands strike ends **Hit:** Mistletoe **Hit:** Kwanzaa, Christmas and Hanukkah **Hit:** Mall sales **miss:** Black ice **miss:** The mall during the holiday season **Hit:** Stephen Kellogg and the Sixers **Hit:** The bra turns 100 years old

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## OUR VIEW

## Anticipating the holiday season

## Staff Commentary



**Katie Sheridan**  
Features Editor

People have started counting down the days until Christmas, but according to the grocery stores and Target, that holiday started over a month ago.

By now we should be getting out our red hearts and cupids because Valentine's Day is only a few months away.

By the time Valentine's Day is here you better start thinking about where you're going to hide the Easter eggs. It is ridiculous. Forget Christmahanukwanzakah soon we'll have Hallothankmas.

If you're Catholic, and I'll assume most readers at a Jesuit school

are, the rush of the holiday season often bypasses what the Catholic dioceses cherish.

Catholics are supposed to take part in Advent, the season of awaiting. We are, of course, waiting the big After-Christmas Sale, a time to make memories and get great deals.

This is obviously not the meaning of Christmas. I'm sure everyone has been taught that Christmas is a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ our Savior, and I am just reiterating the fact. Advent comes from a Latin word for an "arrival" or a "coming."

While for Christians it means the coming of Jesus it really applies to all faiths. As long as you celebrate something in the month of December, you are in fact waiting.

The Jewish faith awaits their celebration of Hanukkah, which translated means "dedication" or "consecration."

Jews anticipate the commemoration of the "miracle of the container of oil."

According to the story tradition, there was only enough consecrated

oil to allow the eternal light to burn in the temple for one day; instead it burned for eight. . The holiday celebrates their faith in this miracle.

Similarly, many African Americans await a time they call Kwanzaa to celebrate their heritage. It is a non-religious holiday that celebrates family and community in addition to culture. It runs from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1. Even those who simply love the man in the big red suit are awaiting his arrival.

No matter the religion, faith or celebration, at this time of year everyone is essentially taking part in the season of advent.

The point is that it is a season, not just day, so while I may be angered at the red and green M&Ms next to the Halloween candy, Christmas is a time of year.

Christmas is the time when we have no school work to worry about, we are surrounded by the ones we love, and we sing Christmas songs until we're sick of them.

You have had plenty of warning, Christmas is coming, so say hello to friends you know, and make the most of this advent season.

Lo Castro's  
Lowdown

**Jenna Lo Castro**  
Editorial & Op/Ed Editor

Gettin' the  
word on:*Fearless Fashion  
Faux Pas*

The holiday season is upon us and you know what that means. Chilly weather, tidings of good cheer, and half-naked girls.

No, you did not misread. For some inexplicable reason I've noticed that the coming of frigid temperatures somehow biologically propels girls to continue to wear clothing items only fit for models living in Southern California in July.

But what really presents itself as a true anomaly in this situation is a girl's ability to pair summer clothing items with winter clothing items. It's as if girls somehow justify wearing their blue jean skirts by sporting ugg boots as well. Who the hell cares if your upper thighs and knees are cold? Your toes will stay perfectly toasty in your \$150 sheep skin! And I thought people who went on "Survivor" were crazy for battling the elements. Forget sleeping in torrential downpour and freezing temperatures—these people have nothing on 19-year-old, fashion conscious females.

Or males either, for that case. Let me explain.

Last week in one of my classes, we were doing group discussions. I noticed that a guy in my group was wearing sweatpants, a sweatshirt, a heavy winter jacket and sandals. Now if you burrowed outside of your dorm room and went to any of your classes last week, you would remember that it was pretty blistery out and there were accompanying abrasive winds from good ol' Lake Erie.

And this kid was wearing sandals. So naturally, I asked him when he thought was the appropriate time of the winter season to start wearing heavy, warm shoes. And he replied, "Oh, when it starts snowing." When it starts snowing? So obviously this

means that it could be 35 degrees out with 70 mph winds and rainy sleet and you could probably find this kid walking across the Quad in sandals. I really wonder what his parents are like.

In fact, I'd like to meet them and ask them if they are the ones responsible for their son's asinine thought process.

But why harp on one fashion faux pas when there are enough jhorts (Ask a male if you don't know what these are) and Canadian tuxedos on campus to fill Rupaul's whole closet?

Seeing as how I'm only allowed a certain amount of space for this wonderful Lowdown, I've created a list of fashion blunders that I have seen sported around campus:

1. Camo or hunting jackets
2. Uberconservative T-shirts that deal with the confederate flag, G Dubs or anti-immigration themes.
3. Girls who wear sweats but seemingly had enough time to do their makeup flawlessly.
4. Sweatbands or wristbands—Worn by the students who apparently break a sweat walking from Dolan to the AD.
5. Sunglasses—OK, I know Cleveland is sunny at some points, but unless you're albino or have ultra sensitive eyes, I doubt you need sunglasses for your five-minute walk to the OC.
6. Socks with sandals—enough said.

And the list goes on...If you or someone you know has been a victim of any of the aforementioned fashion faux pas I suggest getting to the nearest TV and watching an episode of, "What Not to Wear." Hopefully that will entice you to burn your wardrobe.

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## Wonderword

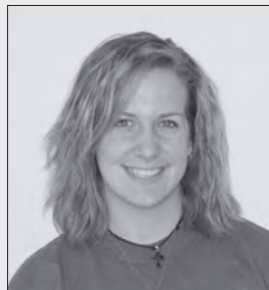
## What does raffish mean?



"Something ridiculous that comes out of Andrew Rafferty's mouth."  
**Sarah Zalas & Will Barger,**  
juniors



"Of, or related to, the musical stylings of Raffi."  
**Joe Gehring,**  
grad student



"The word to describe a fish going to a rave."  
**Teresa Kaschak,**  
junior

Raffish means cheaply or showily vulgar in appearance or nature.

—Compiled by Jenna Lo Castro

## You're wrong, I'm Rafferty: The argument about debate



**Andrew Rafferty**  
Managing Editor

Secret societies exist at colleges across the country that love printing stuff and then arguing about the stuff they printed.

The more widely used term for these societies is "debate teams." There is one at this school, and from what I hear they're pretty good. After a semester of debate class,

I walked away with one feeling towards this academic endeavor—respect.

I call them secret societies because few really understand what debate is or what debaters do. I've been taking the class for the last four months and I still don't know.

For a small time I was a part of the debate community. It's a community that had previously shunned me, or maybe I shunned it, one of the two.

Anyway, on Sunday my partner, Kate McCall, and I went into our class tournament with victory on our minds. To be more accurate, I wanted to win, she just wanted to do a good job.

Chatter was high inside debate

circles that the Rafferty/McCall team could make some noise in the tourney. But did we have enough firepower to knock off to top seed?

We did not, losing our first debate of the day.

Afterwards we did some major damage, winning three straight. Finishing with a 3-1 record, some debate analysts had us ranked as high as the second best team in the tournament.

I learned a lot at that debate tournament. First off, don't try to bribe the judges, rarely will it work. The judge actually viewed my one-dollar bribe as an insult.

Secondly, debate is kind of addictive. Once you start you want to win. Even if you think you would

not care, I'm telling you that you would. It's natural, instincts take over, and you want to destroy your opponent. The biggest win of the day came over Illinois State. It was a must win just out of principle. We needed to make a statement that said Ohio is better than Illinois. In a close decision, we took the prize, ending my debate career on a historic victory.

Debate is like a never-ending research project. You find some evidence that supports your argument; then you find thousands more that support your argument.

After that, you need to find evidence totally contradicting all that other stuff you found. That is why debate teams carry around a

ridiculous amount of paper.

I don't want to discourage future debaters from doing it, but I realized pretty quickly that if you want to be good you have to work hard. You also have to be smart, readily able to think on your feet. To top it off, you need to be able to read fast.

It's not just reading fast, it's more like orally vomiting words. The varsity debaters talk faster than I thought it was possible for humans to speak. It's impressively scary.

Debate is arguably the most demanding extracurricular activity in college, though I wouldn't recommend debating them about it.

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## Your VIEW

*Letter to the Editor***Losing the true meaning**Carrie Huszczo  
Class of 2004

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I am a long time staff member here at JCU, and I was told to just let this go, but this recent occurrence on campus has just affected me so much that I need to say something about it.

I'm sure I will offend someone out there, but I will risk that.

A recent fsa e-mail states that Brittany Kregiel & Sara Martin are apologizing for being insensitive on the theme they chose for the Winter Formal, "I'm Dreaming of a White Cleveland." Give me a break!

I sent them an e-mail and asked why they are apologizing? Sara

said she was told that it offended some people.

Am I naïve to think that they actually were referring to one of the most well known Christmas songs ever, "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas?"

Does this mean we should ban this song from all media because it is going to offend someone to say WHITE?

Should we rename it: "I'm Dreaming of a multi-colored Christmas?"

It just seems to lose its meaning of the magical beauty of a white "snowy" Christmas.

I printed out the apology that the girls supposedly wrote and asked students working at the mail center for their thoughts.

Maybe they are also naïve, but they thought that the theme was referring to white as in SNOW! I feel so bad that these young women needed to go through this unnecessarily.

It seems that someone just needs to stir things up or they aren't happy.

Maybe we shouldn't speak at all, because God knows someone, somewhere and sometime are going to be OFFENDED.

I speak for a lot of others who feel this is really far fetched to bring this type of thing into the light on the defense of political correctness.

Everyone has a right to their own opinion, but come on folks, we all have to lighten up a bit, and carefully choose our disagreements.

## *Paying it Forward: College Republicans*

### Clubs and groups share how their organizations contribute to the JCU community

Perhaps a few of you might remember the giant 20-foot elephant that graced last year's Homecoming parade, and was parked proudly in front of Shula Stadium for this year's Homecoming street fair. This elephant has become the "mascot" of the JCU College Republicans.

The club was resurrected two years ago by current John Carroll University CR president, junior Christina Stickan, after the club's year-long hiatus. Stickan, along with officers Anne Nicholson '09, Leo Govoni '09, and Jessica Grassi '09, have participated in phone banking for candidates, literature drops, political rallies, voter registration and recently participated in the American's for Prosperity Seminar in Washington, D.C.

Another project the club is most proud of is their involvement in the Phone Card for the Troops Project, in affiliation with the Cuyahoga County Republican Party.

Over one million minutes of phone cards have been sent to soldiers across the globe through this project. International phone cards are sent to the troops in holiday cards that are hand made by the JCU CR's and then sent overseas

to all soldiers who request them, no matter what their political party affiliation.

Stickan is also an officer in both the Young Republican Club of the Cuyahoga County and State of Ohio Republican Party.

She is quite enthusiastic about the group and believes this is an exciting time to be involved in the political process, especially as a member of the Republican Party. It's a wide open primary race with many good candidates.

Stickan noted it was good to see a political balance on the JCU campus. Leo Govoni, the club's treasurer said, "Participation in the political process makes my political science courses that much more meaningful. Ohio is going to be at the center of the next election."

Anne Nicholson, the club's vice-president currently attending The Washington Center in Washington D.C. this semester said, "I value my vote as the most important responsibility I have as a citizen. Our club brings our ideals to the campus to foster the kind of discussion which will prompt people to vote."

Jessica Grassi the club's Treasurer said, "Our troops have sacri-

ficed and died to preserve the right to vote as one of our most cherished rights as citizens, and these troops are still making that sacrifice. We honor them when we exercise our right to vote."

Stickan said that the JCU Republican Club plans to become even more active in campus activities. Our University promotes a free exchange of ideas. It teaches us to be articulate and well reasoned in the expression of our ideas, and to be passionate in our beliefs.

She noted that too many young people have a cynical ideas about politics, and the JCU Republican Club wants to change that attitude into a force for positive change. "If you stay on the sidelines during the election, then you've lost the opportunity to make a difference. A hand full of votes can decide it all."

Remember what JCU Alum Tim Russert (Class of '72 and Meet the Press Moderator) said about the last political race, ---- "Ohio, Ohio, Ohio." Stickan and her club members think that will ring true again in 2008, and they intend to have a front row seat when it happens!

-College Republicans

The semester may be winding down, but that doesn't mean acts of kindness are too!  
Submissions are being taken for "Paying it Forward."  
Write a 500-600 word piece that describes your good deeds.  
Email it to [jcunews@jcu.edu](mailto:jcunews@jcu.edu)

# Hol(e)y Pair of Socks

"TO LAUGH, TO THINK AND TO BE  
MOVED TO TEARS"

**Adam & Jason Sockel**  
The Carroll News

*It's as if each year it grows,  
It's like you feel it in your toe  
And on and on your Carol goes,  
Harvesting love among your  
woes...*

Mom's got a thing for snowmen.

Walk down the stairs Christmas Eve morning and you immediately enter her Winter Wonderland. Frosty kicks back on the couch, warms your cocoa mug, offers a cookie, cautions that the weather outside is frightful and illuminates an otherwise dim mantel.

He is as much a part of this day as the Jolly guy or the baby lying in the manger. Your family probably has Holiday traditions. Snowmen, in many ways, are ours.

*There's no such thing as strangers when a stranger says, "Hello."*

The truth is harsh. Christmas has become more price tag than good will; call it store bought benevolence. Even those with the best of intentions tend to get caught in the commercialized web. People wander through the season devoid of purpose, meaning or worse yet, any feeling.

They've come to believe that buying or receiving the shiniest box defines Christmas spirit. The lights are a facade, the music is for show and the traditions just keep the family happy. Lucky for us, we had Grandpa.

Around 4 p.m., Grandpa would walk in the door bundled in his trench coat and derby hat and proclaim, "Heeeeyyyy bud!" This began the race to receive the first Christmas hug. Win or lose, it didn't matter; he always had enough room for both of us.

He'd make his "Irish Coffee," sit down to some Green Pea Soup with the extended family and when the time came, he'd sit in his chair and pass out the presents, never taking one for himself. We'd ask him why he never wanted something of his

own to open, but he never felt the need to answer.

The first Christmas Eve without him was the hardest. Getting presents wasn't the same, there was something missing. That must have been when it hit us; this season is about something much bigger than wrapping paper and boxes.

To this day we drink his beloved Peach Schnapps, even though it tastes like cough syrup, and we keep his chair in the corner where he liked it.

By letting us learn on our own why he never asked for gifts, he's given us the greatest present of all, understanding. We may cry at midnight Mass because we miss him being there. And we may curse his name while choking down that God awful pea soup, but we rest easy knowing he's always with us, sitting in that chair watching. And giving us the present we unknowingly gave him all those years.

*Any light you see can be a star, it just depends on how you look at it.*

Each Christmas Eve morning, we trek through the masses in search of the perfect "something." This "something" has been cute, rustic, witty or nostalgic, but if something has been one thing, it's always been a snowman.

It started out as something small; a plush doll here, an ornament there and maybe a wall hanging for the kitchen. Each year the snowmen seem to multiply and Mom gets another chance to tell us we've gone overboard, but this is why we love the season so much.

It's not about the presents. It's not about the big sales, the small packages or having a month off of school. It's about family, friends and the feeling that only comes once a year.

It's about pea soup and midnight Mass, it's about Grandpa and his chair. It's about tradition. But mostly, it's about the look on mom's face and the tears in her eyes when we pull those snowmen from behind our backs. You see, Mom's got a thing for snowmen.

*The Carroll  
News wishes you  
a happy and safe  
holiday season*



## YourVIEW

## Letters to the Editor

**Beauty is pain? Really?**

Sam Cocco  
Class of 2009  
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I was very disappointed in the way the young women of John Carroll portrayed themselves in the Features spread titled Beauty is Pain in last week's Carroll News.

We, in Western cultures, are so quick to judge the ancient Chinese practice of foot binding, and yet, as the article clearly shows, glorify the beauty practices of our own culture based upon the same exact theory of being defined by how we look.

I had to re-read the article before I could believe that I was reading the words, "fashion and style define the person you are," a quote directly from one of our students.

Is the worth of women today honestly dependent upon how we look? Is this all we amount to? What about how we raise children and maintain families, how we are leaders in government and business, how we have fought tooth-and-nail in the past century to obtain rights that are equal to those of men, and how we have proved that we deserve these rights?

Why would fashion, style, and beauty, of all things, define us?

I'm not saying I've never worn make-up or put on a pair of heels, but working at the Recreation Desk on Thursday nights has convinced me to do so in moderation, after watching brigades of young women, made-up like clowns, stumble past in 5-inch heels like those featured in the article.

Forget the future problems these heels will cause for their feet, ankles, knees and backs – these girls are in pain NOW, and they look pretty ridiculous. Is it beautiful and trendy to hardly be able to walk and endure hours of pain and blisters?

The point I'm trying to make to the women of John Carroll is that there are so many ways to be defined that don't involve beauty or fashion, and they're relatively pain-free.

Try being defined by being included in the 1 percent of the world that is working towards or has a college degree; by being a woman with the possibility of a career and a full life in front of her; or by just being confident with who you are every once in a while, free of heels, make-up, hairspray, tight clothes, and low-rise jeans you can't bend over in – by being beautiful in a different kind of way.

**9/11 discrepancies**

Michael Krause  
Class of 2011  
John Carroll University

Could the World News Editor be any more biased? When he mentions "Loose Change" was made by a couple of younger guys is the reader supposed to be weary or something? Besides, the film-makers are even older than he is. The editor then has the audacity to think that he knows exactly what went down

on September 11, 2001, by saying that Dylan Avery, Korey Rowe and Jason Bermas "think they have the conspiracy all figured out."

As the World News Editor mentioned the "hundred of witnesses" that have testified to seeing a plane go into the Pentagon, I am certain there were many witnesses that heard explosions (as a result of a controlled demolition) go on in the World Trade Center. The "debate" between two of the guys from "Loose Change" and two guys from "Popular Mechanics" is pretty cool, and it can be seen at youtube.com/watch?v=stVmEmJ666M.

The fella's from "Loose Change" are very convincing and you can tell they've done some research in their day. Keep in mind that "Loose Change: 1st Edition" and "Loose Change: 2nd Edition" are rough drafts. Go watch the trailer for the soon-to-be-released "Loose Change: Final Cut" at loosechange911.com and you'll more than likely get goose bumps.

To Brad Michael Negulescu: What makes you think that you have 9/11 all figured out? Sure, anyone can do some research, but could you have at least suggested that people watch it with an open-mind? I'm assuming you didn't, like many of my friends didn't, either. Sure, some of the suggestions made in "Loose Change" are questionable, like the cell phones not working at high altitudes, but you failed to mention the eyewitness accounts of those who were at the scene of the crime, who did hear and feel bombs go off.

People like the World News Editor drive me crazy. Being open-minded does not mean I lack common-sense. Just because 9/11 Truth-seekers think our own government was behind the attacks, doesn't mean that we think "everything is America's fault." I would like everyone reading this to wait until the "Final Cut" has been leaked to the net before coming to your own conclusion. And please, watch with an open mind.

**Disgusted by torture debate**

Ilya Batikov  
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I found myself disgusted and angered after reading Brad Negulescu's "The torture debate tortures me" column in the November 15 issue of The Carroll News. Negulescu's column was rife with inaccuracies and distortions so pervasive that I am surprised he didn't just outright copy and paste the information from Sean Hannity's blog.

Several of Negulescu's assertions, in particular, deserve to be examined and corrected.

Negulescu suggests that because detainees in Guantanamo bay "do not wear a uniform and do not fight for a legitimate entity," therefore "they have zero legal rights according to the Geneva Conventions."

This is a gross misreading of the third and fourth Geneva Conventions, to which the U.S. is a signa-

tory. International law, contrary to the policies of the current administration, does not decree a designation of "enemy combatant."

Because of this, the Geneva Convention considers all captured persons Prisoners of War, Civilians, or Medical Personnel. The oft-cited International Committee of the Red Cross commentary on the Fourth Geneva Conventions states:

"Every person in enemy hands must have some status under international law: he is either a prisoner of war and, as such, covered by the Third Convention, a civilian covered by the Fourth Convention, [or] a member of the medical personnel of the armed forces who is covered by the First Convention."

The Supreme Court has made illegal the Bush administration's policies of submitting captured persons to closed military tribunals in Guantanamo.

More shocking, however, is Negulescu's morally bankrupt belief that waterboarding, a practice that a number of experts and human rights groups have denounced as a form of harrowing physical torture, somehow equates to a visit to the dentist or "excessive tickling."

In a recent Washington Post article, Malcolm Nance, a counterterrorism expert and former Navy instructor, called the practice a "long-standing form of torture used by history's most brutal governments." Furthermore, Article 32 of the Geneva Convention explicitly bans "physical suffering."

Perhaps indicative of the stance previous U.S. administrations took toward waterboarding, history buffs might recall that in 1947, the U.S. charged a Japanese officer, Mr. Asano, with war crimes for waterboarding an American civilian. If the Japanese action amounted to war crimes, what makes the U.S. morally and legally right in waterboarding our enemies?

Even if one was to accept the government's argument that pressing circumstances, such as scenarios of 'ticking-bomb' urgency, legitimates some forms of torture, the government should provide full transparency over the methods it uses, and advocates of state-sanctioned torture should realize full well the harsh realities of these proceedings. Our society stands to lose a great deal of moral credibility when individuals like Brad Negulescu minimize and obscure the legal and ethical realities of the treatment of Guantanamo detainees.

Perhaps next time, Mr. Negulescu should think twice before printing such nonsense in this paper.

**Spring Concert dismay**

Jon Stoltman  
Class of 2009  
John Carroll University

So the Spring Concert bands are up and being a sort of "music chauvinist" there is something to be said of the selections. The motto of this year is apparently that it will not be a "no name" band and that we have a choice. Hurrah!

Now, let's consider the validity of this statement. The "no name" band part of it seems to stand up, ostensibly. Though I have never heard of Taylor Swift, I credit that to my not listening to country music. T-Pain, is definitely well known, at least recently, with the release of such mesmerizing, lyrical masterpieces as "Bartender," "Buy U a Drank," and "I'm N Luv (Wit a Stripper)" but we John Carroll students don't listen to that kind of music so it isn't likely to happen. In terms of musical excellence the same thing can be said about Plain White T's, with their summer smash "Hey There Delilah," we have heard of them, well done committee, but why? Because there's one hit song came out last week. To give a musical analogy, bringing Plain White T's is like bringing Eiffel 65 after Blue became a "hit." At least with them, the Spring Concert committee couldn't possibly mess up the free T-shirts they give away, that's a lay-up.

O.A.R. a good band, well no. Chances they will come: doubtful. They play Ohio State and aren't touring right now, so unless the Spring Concert committee knows something I don't (in this instance extremely possible) they will not be coming here. Drop Kick Murphy's too niche, good luck getting people to that one.

I think with this list it is pretty clear that hearing of an artist does not qualify a group of college students wanting to see them.

It is interesting to note that when I seem to offer some suggestions I always get, band prices thrown in my face. For example how about the White Stripes? "They cost 200,000 dollars." I don't know what that means.

Interestingly though, they can recall that kind of information at will but when asked, "Ok how much did Lifehouse cost? How much do these bands cost?" Crickets. Fine. So we got to choose this time, which is the same as last time, I think. Choosing this time around means to do so in the two days before Thanksgiving break, when the campus was dead, I would love to see those numbers. There is something noticeably lacking from this whole article. Facts. I do not have the numbers for who showed up to Spring Concert last year.

I also do not have any numbers in terms of band costs. These are two seemingly fatal flaws of this piece, but consider this, how many people reading this think the numbers for last year are even printable, or how many people think that the bands being offered cost way less than what I suggested?

Spring Concert Committee you can go ahead and check the "recognizable" box for all of them, but should that be the main qualifier in selecting potential artists, why not their actual artistry. That's all I am calling for. A pretty easy equation to follow. Unreasonable, apparently, again.

**Winter Formal apology**

Peter Topa  
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It gave me great pleasure to read the apology letter the Student Union Program Board e-mailed to the John

Carroll Community regarding the title of the winter formal. This is not because I found the theme to be racially inclined and I felt an apology due, but merely the nature of it all. I find it hilarious that the SUPB, while carefully choosing the theme as to not offend any race, religion, or culture (I imagine that is why they substituted Cleveland for Christmas, though I may very well be wrong), ended up doing the opposite— probably tenfold worse than if they would have kept Christmas in the title. However, this letter is not to criticize the SUPB, but rather criticize society as a whole, in this never ending world of political correctness.

I am not sure of the exact date, and I don't think anyone really knows when we (Christian-ISH people, as many of us don't practice the faith except on selfish holidays, i.e. Christmas—I'm one of them) first began to tip-toe around our words and felt it necessary to say "I'm sorry," for celebrating Christmas. It started to get bad around five years ago, when I saw a commercial on T.V. that substituted "Merry Christmas" for "Happy Holidays." It didn't really bother me, I just thought it to be rather odd. As this Christmas season approaches, I find myself getting frustrated with the utter stupidity of people trying to be politically correct. First off, if the SUPB was in fact actively trying not to offend anyone, I just want to know why. The students, faculty, and staff know that this is a Jesuit campus, and everyone willingly attends or works here anyway. If a person is going to get offended by the celebration of any religious holidays than they probably shouldn't be here— it's just too much of a hassle.

Another incident that really angered me happened with a large home repair store (Lowe's, Home Depot, Sears—I'm not really sure). In its catalogue it marked the Christmas trees it was selling as "Holiday Trees." Now who in their right mind thought of that advertising campaign? I wonder if they considered advertising menorahs as "festive candle holders" or the Kikombe cha Umoja (symbolic cup of unity when celebrating Kwanzaa) as "Friendship Cups." Now don't go and jump the gun and assume I'm ignorant or a bigot. I have no problems with any race or religion. If I've offended anyone, I really don't care, because I haven't written anything wrong. If people are offended about meaningless miniscule things then it's really their own problem. People have to realize its okay to relax and start looking for reasons to celebrate life rather than condemn people who are enjoying theirs. With that said, enjoy your break and have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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House for sale behind Murphy Hall on Lalemant! 3brdms, 1.5 baths, w/ finished basement. Ample parking includes 2 car garage. Great location- easy walk to campus! Currently owned by JCU alum. Call Audra Fullerman w/ Century 21, Best Service @ 216-337-1295

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Cleveland Heights (near Coventry) (Available Dec) 2 BR/1BA (1st floor), with basement, patio and garage, water+sewer included. \$725+one month deposit. Appliances include refrigerator, oven, washer/dryer. Call Rollie at (216)233-5795 or email creamtop@aol.com

Beautiful home for rent. One mile from JCU. Four bedrooms, 1.5 bath, freshly painted, new carpets, Refinished hardwood floors, washer, dryer, refrigerator, and oven included. Great location. Please call Nina @ 216.773.1305

University Hts / South Euclid. 4-5-6 Bedroom houses available. Colony Rd, Saybrook Rd & Bushnell Rd (4 Bedrooms), Groveland Rd (5 BR) & Okalona (2 unit/ 6 Bedrooms) plenty of parking, newer appliances, washers and dryers, AC, and bars. Only a few blocks and within walking distance from campus! DON'T WAIT, ACT FAST! Leases to begin in June. Call Anthony at (216) 374-7164.

Available June 2008 5-10 person house 5 minutes from JCU. Call 216.402.9653 For more information.

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"Marotta's" in Cleveland Heights has the following positions available: servers, host/hostesses, bussers, dishwashers, line cooks, and pizza makers. Apply in person 5-6pm Monday -Thursday or email resume to info@marottas.com NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

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Experienced, responsible, nurturing caregiver needed for infant and 3 yr old in Shaker Heights. Must have reliable transportation. Flexible hours, mostly evenings - \$10/hr. Email Ann at annermalone@yahoo.com.

BABYSITTER NEEDED for Saturday nights, occasional weekday afternoons. Eastside home with three young kids. Must have experience and references. I have always used JCU students and have been happy! Call Cyndi @ (440) 542-1895.

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Enthusiastic and detail-oriented individual wanted for Administrative Assistant position at Pilates/Gyrotonic studio in Fairmount Circle. Flexible hours. Please e-mail info@inspiralmotion.com for more information.

Babysitter wanted in Beachwood: Thursday and Saturday evenings. 2 kids, 1 dog. Must have own transportation, fun and energetic. Call Jen: 216-310-3947.

Part time babysitter wanted for one child, age 10, after school in my Shaker Heights home, near Fairmount/Green. M-F 3-6PM. Occasionally additional hours if you desire. Must have own transportation. Call Carolyn @ 216.831.0901.

A Beachwood business has an excellent opportunity for someone who would like learn about and work in the home medical equipment industry. Responsibilities include monitoring, servicing, and delivering home medical equipment to our patients residing in the Cleveland Area. The position offers flexible hours working approximately 15 to 20 hours per week. Please contact Mr. Kahn at 216 292-4406.

Babysitter(s) needed for eight-year-old girl. Occasional afternoons and evenings. One minute walk from JCU dorms. Please call 216-691-3813

Child Care Wanted 3-6 pm, M-F, non-smoker, must drive Shaker 518-588-3656 lv msg

Need person to drive our high school student one-way from Shaker Heights High School to extra-curricular activity about 15 minutes away. \$12.00/day-M-R. Call 216-561-0885.

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