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New student fees in '08

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Staff Reporter

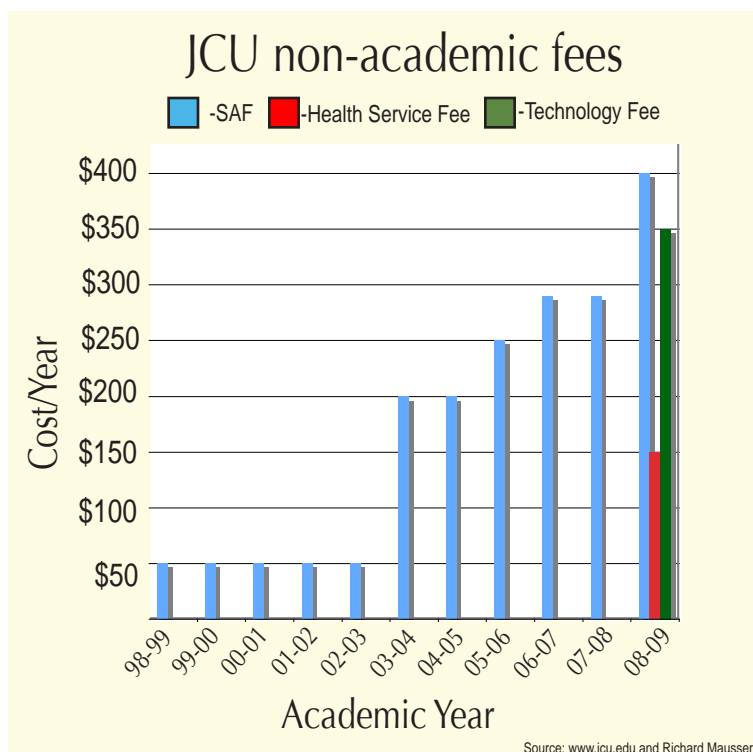
Along with an increase in the cost of tuition and room and board, the 2008-2009 school year will also see a \$110 rise in the Student Activity Fee and the implementation of two new fees.

The SAF will increase from \$290 to \$400 per school year, and a \$150 health service fee and \$350 technology fee will also be charged to students.

JCU's technology-related costs represent an ever-increasing portion of our total operating budget, said Associate Vice President of Finance Richard Mausser.

"With IT-related equipment having an estimated average life of only three to five years, we need to invest nearly one to 1.5 million dollars annually just to maintain the current IT infrastructure. These costs include maintaining wireless and cable networks, Internet, e-mail and classroom labs," he said.

There have also been higher demands for enhanced student



programming on campus, leading to an increase in the SAF. The SAF also covers costs of students meeting spaces, and covered a portion of the recent renovation of the Corbo room.

This cost, as well as the health service and technology fee, are in addition to tuition.

Tuition will increase by 4 percent. Mausser said, "John Car-

roll is a largely tuition-dependent institution. Consequently, any additional money needed to fund operating costs must be raised primarily through increases in tuition."

The cost of full-year room and board will also increase by 1.8 percent. Although the room aspect of the fee would stay the same, the board will be the cause of the increase. This will be boosting the current cost from \$7,790 to \$7,934. The cost of room has remained the same at \$4,206, but the full-year board rate, based on the 14-plus meal plan, will jump from \$3,584 to \$3,728.

This increase in the board rate is necessary for two reasons, according to Mausser. "First, the food and beverage consumer price index for 2007 rose 4.8 percent, the largest increase since 1990," he said. "Second, the University will implement the second phase of ARAMARK's Fresh-Food concept this summer, a dining concept focused on fresh, flexible, made-to-order meals," he added.

The room aspect involves a

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Gunman arrested

Kate McCall
Campus Editor

A 22-year-old man accused of pulling a handgun on two John Carroll University students is now in the custody of the University Heights Police Department, according to Campus Safety Services Chief Timothy Peppard.

Around 3 a.m. Saturday, the two JCU students were in the Belvoir parking lot. According to Peppard, the man, who is not a student at JCU, thought that one of the students had hit his car with her vehicle's door.

Both parties exchanged information, but the man was still upset and then displayed the weapon.

The students immediately reported the incident, said Peppard, and the man was apprehended. "The UHPD was already on-scene when he was caught," said Peppard.

Following his arrest, the man was taken to the UHPD jail. His car was towed from campus, and

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Off-campus purchase might not happen

Natalie Terry
Staff Reporter

The implementation of John Carroll University's master plan and its quest to provide more student parking is raising tensions between the school and University Heights.

Zoning issues are delaying JCU finalizing its purchase of the Temple Emanu El on Green Road. The University planned to use the temple for parking.

Maria Alfaro-Lopez, legal counsel of JCU said, "We put our trust in the city to treat the University and its requests fairly and not arbitrarily." She added that she did not have a good understanding of exactly why the relationship between the two entities is strained.

The future of the growth of JCU is tied to enrollment. Alfaro-Lopez said, "Finances are tied to enrollment and we need to be responsible with our resources."

This responsibility for resources proves to be difficult as plans may be halted for Temple Emanu El.

JCU would like to have approximately 230 parking spots for freshmen and sophomores at the temple, beginning in fall 2008. However, due to zoning problems, University Heights may not allow for overnight parking.

According to Alfaro-Lopez, JCU wants the city "to provide educational facilities in locations for the full development of a university... in a spacious and well-organized environment."

JCU has also asked for tax



Photo by Max Flessner

The sign you see as you enter University Heights claims a strong relationship between JCU and UH.

exemption on several homes on Milford Road, and they would like to demolish the homes for either playfields, an additional parking lot or an additional underground parking structure with playing fields on top.

According to Alfaro-Lopez, without "reasonable cooperation" from University Heights, it is unclear what plans the University will be able to go through with.

Alfaro-Lopez said that this appears to be a long-standing problem that must be remedied. One has to question what activities are causing the city to become so negative with JCU, according to Alfaro-Lopez.

University Heights Mayor Rothschild was unavailable for comment and Law Director Kenneth Fisher did

not immediately respond to phone calls or e-mail.

Walter Stinson, University Heights community coordinator, said, "I think we [University Heights] have enjoyed a good relationship with JCU," and added, "there are a number of issues that JCU and the city should address."

Stinson recommended that JCU facilitate informal discussion outside of the monthly City Council meeting regarding these issues.

In light of JCU's impending master plan, this discussion could produce a healthy, working relationship with University Heights, according to Alfaro-Lopez.

As Alfaro-Lopez said, "We do not want to be antagonistic, we want to work together."

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Four JCU students take the screen

These four students will be shown on the Open Student Television Network. OSTN is based in downtown Cleveland, and features a wide variety of programming from all over the world. Besides John Carroll University, bureaus for OSTN are present at 30 different colleges and universities, including NYU, Harvard, Stanford and Rutgers. Four other OSTN channels are available through a desktop IPTV player only, which allows broadcast media streams. These channels include OSTN News, Film, Events and Sports. JCU students can access the original OSTN from their computers.

Rachel Porter



Year: Junior
Major: Communications
Career ambitions: To host a morning talk show like “Regis and Kelly.”
Best part of being an anchor: Being on set. I love being around all the equipment and learning how everything works and is put together.
How did JCU’s TV studio help? I’ve taken two courses in the studio so far and did some practice runs prior to auditions. Our studio is great.

Robert Duns



Year: Senior
Major: Communications
Career ambitions: To be a broadcast meteorologist.
Best part of being an anchor: For me, the best part is working in a professional studio. We are getting real-world experience on a channel that millions of college students around the world get.
How did JCU’s TV studio help? I spend a lot of time in the studio editing projects and working with the TV-4 group putting together studio shows for our campus cable.

Diana Orabovic



Year: Junior
Major: Communications
Career ambitions: To be a news anchor or morning talk show host.
Best part of being an anchor: Everything! It is a great experience being on camera. When you watch yourself on air there is a learning process; you learn your mannerisms, both good and bad.
How did JCU’s TV studio help? The day before our audition, I went with Lisa Lewis (Media Service Coordinator) to the station and read through TelePrompter scripts.

Sean Fagan



Year: Junior
Major: Communications
Career ambitions: Sports broadcasting, either on air or behind the scenes.
Best part of being an anchor: Watching Robert Duns work his magic on camera. That’s the real privilege.
How did JCU’s TV studio help? The studio has been an great asset to me. Lisa Lewis has been wonderful about letting me use equipment, practicing, etc.

Photos taken by Max Flessner

- Compiled by Max Flessner and Kate McCall

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students actual dorm room and the cost associated with that, whereas the board aspect takes into account, other part of living on campus, mainly the students meal plan.
It is important to know that these changes only affect board rates and tuition.
The introduction of this new concept will assist a significant renovation and upgrade to the existing dining facilities and equipment.
Besides the development of JCU’s dining program, the increase in payments at JCU may lead to more opportunities available for

the students.
“The current master planning process has identified a number of enhancements to the student experience and the campus learning environment that are needed to remain competitive,” said Mausser.
Mausser continued, “The availability of new net tuition dollars will allow these plans to be more readily translated into realities.”
Nearly 60 percent of the University’s operating budget goes towards wages and fringe benefits for faculty, staff and administrators, according to Mausser.
Other major expenses include debt ser-

vice, utilities and insurance, building and grounds maintenance, and library collection materials.
“We pay for a service, and the service is education,” said Kyle Schafer, a junior.
“The service is provided by professors, so why shouldn’t the main portion of the budget go towards them?” said Schafer.
Tuition can also play a factor in determining enrollment at the University.
“Affordability does play a role in a student’s decision to enroll,” said Mausser. “But, cost is only one factor in the overall decision process.”

Since 1981, annual tuition costs at the University have seen a steady increase.
“Like inflation, tuition costs at John Carroll have increased steadily over time. Over the past five years, the average tuition increase has approached 7 percent annually,” said Mausser.
Financial aid has always been available to students who need assistance in covering tuition.
Historically, over 90 percent of students have received some form of institutionally-funded scholarship aid, according to Mausser.

Campus Safety Log



- February 4, 2008**
CSS reported letters from the Rodman Hall sign had been kicked in at 10:18 a.m.

February 4, 2008
A vehicle booted earlier was reported missing from the parking lot at 7:51 p.m.
- February 6, 2008**
A student reported a stolen cell phone in Pacelli Hall at 3:16 p.m.

February 7, 2008
CSS investigated a potential alcohol violation at 8:04 p.m. A fake ID and underage drinking were reported.
- February 8, 2008**
Damage to a table and chair in the lobby of Campion Hall was reported at 2:11 a.m.

February 9, 2008
A student reported a suspicious male in a residence hall at 2:46 a.m. The male was asked to leave twice.
- February 9, 2008**
A broken chair behind Campion Hall was reported at 9:36 p.m.

February 10, 2008
CSS responded to a reported smell of marijuana in Hamlin Hall at 1:08 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.

OMA to be restructured

Office of Multicultural Affairs will work more with student affairs

Andy Johnson
Staff Reporter

Starting next year, the Office of Multicultural Affairs will be able to work more closely and be able to collaborate with the Office of Student Affairs. This will occur when the OMA most likely moves to the D.J. Lombardo Student Center for the 2008-2009 school year.

In an effort to increase diversity, John Carroll University president, the Rev. Robert Niehoff, has decided to restructure the OMA in a way that makes diversity more salient at JCU.

Since his arrival in 2005, Niehoff has been instrumental in providing a voice for the struggle for diversity. In his “Vision, Mission, Core Values and Strategic Initiatives Statement,” Niehoff said that one of his strategic initiatives for the University is to “recruit, enroll, retain and graduate a talented, diverse student body prepared for today’s global reality and committed to learning, leadership and service that will engage the world.”

Currently, the OMA reports to the Academic Vice President’s office, which is down the hall from the OMA’s current location.

However, Niehoff announced last Wednesday that the OMA would be restructured “so that it interacts more closely with student affairs.”

“It is not a matter of right or wrong,” said Vice President for Student Affairs Patrick Rombalski. “It’s just where does it fit best in the president’s mind at JCU,” Rombalski made it clear that OMA operated very well in the academic realm, but would be a better fit within student affairs.

Associate Academic Vice President for Academic Programs and Faculty Diversity, Lauren Bowen, will still represent diversity in the classroom in the academic programs and professors; however, the OMA will be

dealing more with student diversity outside of the classroom.

The mission of the OMA will not change with the restructuring. The OMA’s main mission is to aid students of color in adjusting to a predominantly white community.

About 11 percent of the population at JCU is minorities. OMA helps these students succeed academically.

The OMA advocates for students of color dealing with problems in the classroom or residence halls, provides social outlets both for students of color as well as the entire campus and organizes programs that heighten diversity such as the recent performance by “Nuttin’ but Stringz.”

While the restructuring has not occurred yet, OMA has already been working with student affairs. For example, the OMA staff has attended student affairs meetings, and resident assistants have been trained in areas of diversity, sensitivity and inclusion by OMA.

Janetta Hammock, director of multicultural affairs, said, “I think this move will increase collaboration.”

One improvement has been the appointment of sophomore Erin Smith as the director of diversity initiatives for the Student Union Programming Board.

Smith will serve as a voice for minorities when campus events are planned. The goal, according to Hammock, is to “plan events that all students feel welcome to attend.”

This restructuring will be a long process as plans about specific changes and programs are still being developed.

Rombalski said, “The end goal is that you have a student who graduates from JCU with a clear sense of what inclusive means and how he or she might go promote that in their own community.”

Man pulled a gun on two JCU students early Saturday morning

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the weapon was confiscated. Peppard said that the man was still in jail as of Tuesday morning.

Although no formal charges had been filed, Peppard said he speculates that the man will be charged with carrying a concealed weapon and menacing.

Menacing, said Peppard, “is when a threat is made, and because the weapon was displayed, this charge would apply.”

Peppard also said he assumed the man did not have a permit to carry the handgun, which is illegal in Ohio.

At the time of the incident, three CSS officers were on duty.

However, Peppard said that the amount of officers on duty could vary depending on the time of the day. Currently, CSS has 16 officers on staff.

Some of these are patrol officers, while others are safety officers.

“The difference between a patrol officer and a safety officer is that a patrol officer is a sworn police officer, and a safety officer is not,” said Peppard.

He explained that starting about five years ago, CSS began to phase out safety officers and now only hires sworn police officers for the staff.

Peppard said that he did not think this one incident

reflected the status of safety on campus. “I think this is broader than just safety on campus,” he said. “It is more of a question of why do people choose to carry weapons. Many people don’t carry weapons to use them, but rather because it gives them a certain stature in carrying a weapon.”

Although having a gun pulled on students is the last thing Peppard wants to happen on campus, he said it is a situation that students “can encounter anywhere.”

Having a blue light phone system at JCU for situations like this is brought up frequently, and Peppard said that he did not know if students would use the phone system frequently or properly.

When he worked for the University Circle Police Department, Peppard said that blue light phones were in place, but were eventually taken down because people did not use them for the right reasons, and the police had to respond to many false calls.

“Many students see the blue light phones on other campuses, and think that it would be a good idea for JCU to have them,” said Peppard. “But many people wouldn’t use them, since everyone uses a cell phone.”

Peppard said that students should program the CSS phone number, which is (216) 397-4600, into cell phones, or even put them on speed dial.

Campus Briefs

Beaudry Award Nominations

The Beaudry Award is the only student award given at Commencement. Student, faculty, administrators and staff are invited to nominate seniors based on excellence in leadership, commitment to Christian values, academic achievement and service to the community. Please submit nominations online at <http://www.jcu.edu/beaudry>.

Organic and General Chemistry Study Guides

General and Organic chemistry students will be able to order official American Chemistry Society study guides for their spring semester finals. Organic and General Chemistry guides are available for \$15 and \$21. Those interested may submit their name, course and section number on an envelope with either cash or a check enclosed to Paula Hudach, of the Chemistry Department Secretary by March 7. For more information, contact Meghan Brown, mbrown11@jcu.edu.

Spring Concert Featuring T-Pain

The Student Union and SUPB are sponsoring T-Pain as this year’s performer for the annual spring concert on Friday, March 28 at 7 p.m. in the DeCarlo Varsity Gym. T-Pain recently produced his second album titled, “Epiphany” and may be described as a R&B singer. This year, he was nominated for four Grammy Awards. Tickets are currently on sale for students for \$15. Tickets for the general public will go on sale Monday, March 17 for \$25. For more information, please contact Lisa Ramsey at 216-397-4288 (lramsey@jcu.edu) or Colleen Cavanagh at ccavanagh09@jcu.edu.

Outstanding Student Leader Award

All are invited to nominate seniors for the Outstanding Student Leader Award. This award is designed to recognize those who have made significant contributions to changing the campus culture in a positive way. A letter of nomination should describe how the nominee demonstrates service to the University and/or surrounding community, commitment to leadership and advocacy and promoting a positive image of the University and the student body. Nomination forms are available through the Dean of Students Office and are due at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19.

- Compiled by Caitlin Huey-Burns

CAMPUS CALENDAR: FEB. 14-20							
14	Thursday	15	Friday	16	Saturday	17	Sunday
JCU’s own Sam Brenner and John Hart will perform from 9 to 11 p.m. in the Underground.	Housing Applications are due by 5 p.m. This is the last day students are able to make meal plan changes.	SUPB is sponsoring B Boy Battle, where break dancers from all over the country will compete in a 2-on-2 break dance battle. It will be from 7 to 9 p.m. in the DeCarlo Varsity Gym.	Campus Ministry is offering a Day of Silent Prayer & Reflection at the Jesuit Retreat House from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost is \$20.	Presidents Day	The SUPB meeting will take place at 9 p.m. in the Jardine Room. All are welcome to attend. The weekly Praise and Worship service will take place in the St. Francis Chapel at 9:30 p.m.	Delta Tau Delta Fraternity will sponsor pick-up dodge ball games in the Annex Gym in the Student Center at 9 p.m. All are welcome.	

SPRING BREAK 2008

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2008 Academy Awards nominees are announced



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Sarah Miller
Staff Reporter

With the Hollywood awards season in full swing, the list of nominees for the 80th Academy Awards has finally been announced. This year's honorees represent 19 films in the acting and directing categories alone.

Leading the pack with eight nominations each are "There Will Be Blood" directed by Paul Thomas Anderson and the Coen brothers' "No Country for Old Men." Held annually at the Kodak Theater in Hollywood, the Oscars honor the very best in film in the last year with winners chosen by the members of the board of Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

Comedian Jon Stewart is back for his second stint as host of the event. Stewart drew positive reviews for his hosting duties two years ago and joked to People Magazine, "I'm thrilled to be asked to host the Academy Awards for the second time because, as they say, the third time's a charm."

This year's nominees list is heavy with Oscar first timers like Viggo Mortensen ("Eastern Promises"), Tilda Swinton ("Michael Clayton") and Amy Ryan ("Gone Baby, Gone") as well as mainstays George Clooney ("Michael Clayton") and Cate Blanchett ("Elizabeth: The Golden Age" and "I'm Not There").

Thirteen-year-old Saoirse Ronan ("Atonement") and 20-year-old Ellen Page ("Juno") are the youngest nominees on the ballot. Clevelander Hal Holbrook ("Into The Wild"), who will be 83 by the time the ceremony rolls around on Feb. 24, became the oldest male nominee in Academy history.

As the winners of the Golden Globe and Screen Actors Guild Awards customarily serve as predictors for the Oscars, the front runners for best picture seem to be "No Country for Old Men" and "Atonement," an adaptation of Ian McEwan's acclaimed novel. Javier Bardem is this year's unofficial shoo-in for his supporting role as an assassin in "No Country for Old Men." Julie Christie is the odds-on favorite in the best actress category for her poignant portrayal of a woman stricken with Alzheimers in "Away from Her."

Predictions for the remaining two categories are less certain. The lead actor race is likely between Daniel Day-Lewis as a California oil man in "There Will Be Blood" and Johnny Depp as a murderous barber in Tim Burton's "Sweeney Todd." Supporting actress will probably be either perennial favorite Cate Blanchett for her unique portrayal of Bob Dylan in "I'm Not There" or Cleveland-native Ruby Dee as the family matriarch in "American Gangster."

With the writers strike finally over, all signs are pointing to yet another fabulously glamorous celebration of film.

2008 Oscar Predictions: Staff Picks



Jenna Lo Castro
Editorial & Op/Ed Editor

BEST PICTURE:

"I'm choosing 'Atonement' as my nomination for Best Picture. Screenwriter Christopher Hampton's adaptation is flawless, bringing both the characters and the WWII era to life. Keira Knightly and James McAvoy were made for their roles."



Katie Sheridan
Features Editor

BEST DIRECTOR:

"My choice for best director is Jason Reitman for his work with 'Juno.' He is a young director and many are surprised by the nomination. I feel he should be awarded for his dedication to the sarcastically witty film."



Max Flessner
Campus Editor

BEST ACTOR IN A LEADING ROLE:

"My pick is George Clooney, nominated for his role in 'Michael Clayton,' but he was also on the TV show 'E.R.' One of my friends recently had to use the services provided at an 'E.R.' and they did a lovely job. So, because I support emergency rooms, I support George Clooney."



Kate McCall
Campus Editor

BEST ACTRESS IN A LEADING ROLE:

"This year, I am picking newcomer Ellen Page, who played the title character in 'Juno.' At the young age of 20, she has proven to the critics that she is on her way to elite status in Hollywood."

Bay Village native climbs to the top



Photo courtesy of www.amazon.com

Kate Voegele will perform in Cleveland at the House of Blues on Feb. 19.

CD REVIEW 'Don't look away'



Katie Sheridan
Features Editor

Native of Bay Village, Kate Voegele, is making her mark on the music world with her release of "Don't Look Away." The 21-year-old artist's first full-length album has created quite a stir. Voegele, singer, songwriter, guitarist and pianist, has created a unique style of music with an artistic pop-rock twist.

As a newcomer, Voegele had something to prove. Although she had a couple demos, this was her first attempt at an album. Fans would agree that she definitely hit the mark. "Don't Look Away," produced in May of 2006, sounds professional, as though produced by a veteran artist. Freshman Kelsey Downing said, "I like her style. Voegele sounds like a new age Jewel."

Her mature sound could be accredited to her years of dedication. As a child, with a musician father, she was captivated by the sounds of Carole King, James Taylor, Joni Mitchell and Eric Clapton. At age 15 she began writing her own songs.

According to Myspace Records, Voegele said, "It's my personal goal to continue the standard set by those before me." Voegele is appreciative of the musicians who spoke to her with their music and hopes to be the same for

others. Voegele went on to say, "For me, it's just so important that the true musical talent and passion for the songs be there."

Her passion shows in her 13 song album. Voegele describes the album's opening track, "Chicago" as, "a metaphorical representation of any kind of escape, about just needing to get away." The song's closing line, "I'll be on the seven o'clock to Chicago," references escaping to Chicago but could apply to any city. Ironically, "Only Fooling Myself" encourages listeners to deal with their problems instead of hiding from them.

The CD addresses different themes and musical styles. Songs include everything from "Wish You Were Here," an acoustic ballad composed with the addition of accordion and mandolin, to "Kindly Unspoken" a piano based song.

Several tracks have made a more notable debut. "Facing Up" was featured on MTV's "The Hills." MTV's "Newport Harbor" and Lifetime's movie "Custody" debuted "It's Only Life."

Voegele also recently entered the acting world. She played Mia, a talented but overlooked band member, in "One Tree Hill." As the show's band was scripted to lose their leading character, Jason, played by Kevin Federline, Voegele, was able to step up. "One Tree Hill" allowed her to perform her first hit, "Only Fooling Myself."

Voegele still remains classified as new talent, but she is no novice to the trade. She has shared the stage with Dave Matthews, Counting Crows, the Wreckers, Howie Day, John Mellencamp and Jamie Cullum. Voegele is also recognizable for her performances at Farm-Aid concerts. She took home the Pop Song of the Year award from the New York Songwriters' Circle for "Only Fooling Myself."

Voegele is expected to perform in Cleveland in the Cambridge Room at the House of Blues on Feb. 19. She will also be in Ohio on Feb. 16 and 17, at Frankies in Toledo and The Balcony in Oxford, respectively. More information can be found on her Web site, www.myspace.com/katevoegele.

As her record climbs the iTunes chart, currently listed as No. 4, listeners are encouraged to check out her original style. The CD can be purchased on her Web site for \$10.



Photo courtesy of Julie

The cast of 2008 production of 'The Vagina Monologues' performed in front of a packed Marinello Little Theater on Feb. 8 and 9.

'The Vagina Monologues' entertain and educate

PLAY REVIEW

'The Vagina Monologues'



Kerry Keyes
Staff Reporter

Although "The Vagina Monologues" is commonly the cause of controversy, this past weekend it proved to be a hit among students at John Carroll University.

For the seventh year in a row, a group of JCU students took on the bold task of putting on the production for a two night run in the Marinello Little Theater. The audience packed the theater with standing room only on both the Friday and Saturday night performances.

Having never seen "The Vagina Monologues," I was not quite sure what to expect. I was honestly quite skeptical about the whole situation. However, by the time intermission came, my skepticism had turned into appreciation.

These women did an excellent job portraying characters ranging from a 72-year-old woman who had never experienced an orgasm to the women of Bosnia who are victims of rape.

The play, by womens rights activist, Eve Ensler, has a unique structure. Made up of various monologues, each one has a short introduction and then is performed by its own character.

Also, between a few of the monologues, the audience learns a new "vagina fact." For example, in several states it is illegal to sell vibrators, but the sale of guns is perfectly legal. The punch line to follow this fact—"We have yet to hear of a mass murder committed

with a vibrator."

Ensler created "The Vagina Monologues" by compiling interviews from women of all ages, all with different personal stories to tell.

All of the performances were quite impressive; however, one that I found particularly humorous was senior Beth Wall's portrayal of, "The Woman Who Loved to Make Vaginas Happy." This is the story of a dominatrix who loved to make women moan. Her performance actually included demonstrations of the array of moans she has heard during her many experiences.

On a more serious note, I was impressed with communications professor Karen Gygli's performance of "I Was There in the Room." This is Ensler's own story of how she was present in the room when her granddaughter was born.

Also, junior Georgia Michael did an excellent job telling the story of a woman who was

sexually assaulted as a child, but as she grew up, explored her orientation and was eventually "healed" by a sexual encounter with an older woman.

"The Vagina Monologues" is infamous for the controversy it causes. However, it discussed a lot of important issues. That is why many of the cast members feel it is necessary to do a show like this.

Junior Samantha Cocco said, "I know that there is a lot of controversy surrounding what we do and I hope people have come to terms with it and see why we think this production is important."

The proceeds from the show are also going towards a good cause. The show is benefiting a certain program at the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center that provides legal support for the women who are victims.

Overall, "The Vagina Monologues" provides an evening of quality entertainment and very useful information.

Check out what's happening this week:

2/14

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2/15

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2/16

WJCU Radiothon 2008
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2/17

Black & Blue Art Exhibit
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1point618gallery
8:00 a.m - 5 p.m.
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2/18

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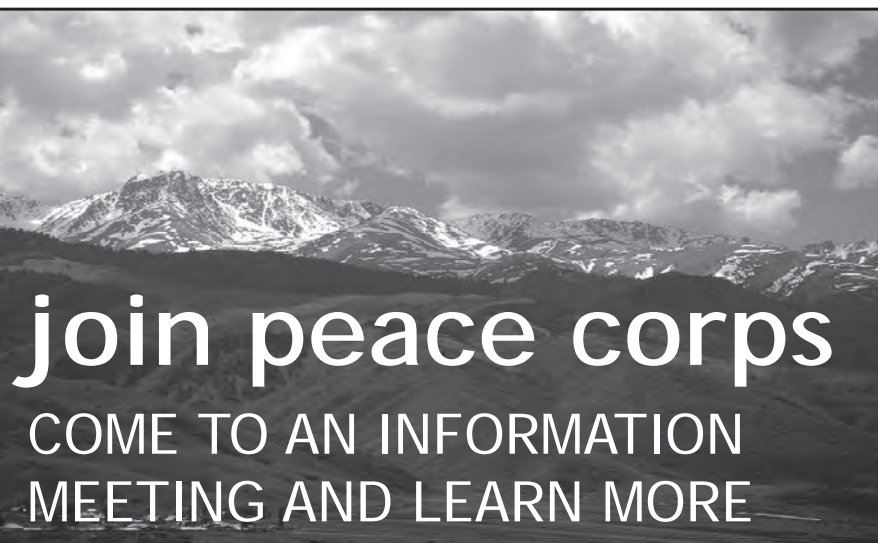
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Features

Cadets today, leaders tomorrow

Reserve Officer Training Corps prepares students to be leaders and officers in the United States military

Christopher Haering
The Carroll News

Students have probably seen select peers marching around campus and repelling down a rope tied between two trees in the Quad. But how much do any of us actually know about the ROTC program here at John Carroll University?

The Reserve Officer Training Corps was established under Woodrow Wilson and the National Defense Act of 1916, but was quickly put on hold because of the onslaught of World War I.

With the inception of this new program, its graduates have played a crucial role in many world crises including Pearl Harbor and the Korean Conflict. After World War II, the number of cadets rose substantially as a surge of nationalism swept the country.

Thousands of ROTC reserve troops have been called into action and asked to do their patriotic duty.

JCU decided to make its own contribution to the reserve forces in 1950 and has since successfully trained over 1,800 recruits and sent 150 soldiers across the world.

All JCU students are aware of the intense core requirements that are mandatory for graduation, but little are aware that from 1951 to 1969, taking a basic ROTC class was required for graduation.

As the times changed and war became less of a threat, students were awarded the option of either taking one basic ROTC or two semesters worth of physical education.

It later became apparent that this system was outdated and needed to be modified. In 1973, it became solely optional to pursue a class in the ROTC. Another revolutionary step was made when JCU accepted the first woman into their program.

It was at that point in time that JCU became a leader in the community's military science program. Along with other schools like Baldwin-Wallace and Case Western, the ROTC program has contributed much to the legacy of military science.

ROTC offers an entirely new way to experience college life. While offering scholarships and a unique experience, students can participate in training exercises that teach them organization and teamwork. They undertake in field training that prepares them for future service to the American armed services. They also participate in weekend excursions providing students with real-life experience.

Junior Heather Gilmore, a cadet, said, "One of the benefits of ROTC is the opportunities that are available to you as a college student. So many doors are opened up to you being a member of a program that teaches and encourages leadership."

All of the functions that are sponsored serve their educational purpose, but the ROTC is not all work and no play. Several of the activities give students a time to relax, have some fun and take their mind off of the academic courses that they are taking.

Paintball and physical exercises are just two of the dual functioning activities promoted by JCU's ROTC program. Paintball tournaments teach students about military fire and survival methods while maintaining a safe and entertaining environment. Physical exertion, teamwork and strength training are, in turn, provided by various opportunities. However, the cadets rely on one another.

"We all have each others back... It doesn't matter if it's help on some homework or a ride out to Target, we are always there for each other," said sophomore Steve Branch.

With the annual Military Ball rapidly approaching, the almost 75 students currently enrolled in the 2007-2008 military science program are to be given a chance to celebrate their accomplishments of the year and to collaborate with their colleagues.

Providing student participants with essential leadership and management experience that will follow them throughout their lives, the ROTC is another defining program of JCU's academic and diverse institution.

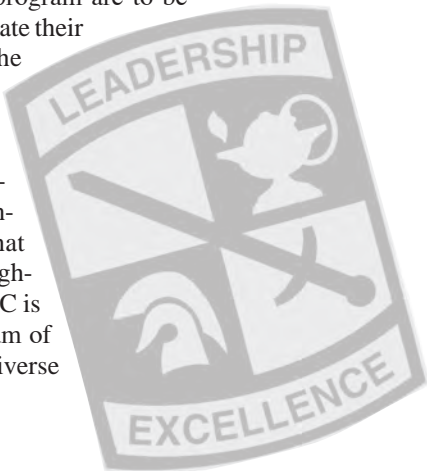


Photo courtesy of JCU ROTC

ROTC cadets practice marksmanship. JCU has been contributing to the reserve forces since 1950.



Photo courtesy of JCU ROTC

Army battalion joins together for training in intramural gym.

Generals that graduated from ROTC:

- Gen. Fred Weyland, *University of California, Berkeley*
- Gen. Peter Schoomker, *University of Wyoming*
- Gen. George Casey, *Georgetown University*
- Gen. George Decker, *Lafayette College*
- Gen. Gordon Sullivan, *Norwich University*

Former ROTC cadets include:

- Colin Powell, former U.S. secretary of state
- Sam Walton, founder of Wal-Mart
- James Earl Jones, actor
- Patrick Murphy, U.S. Representative
- Nancy J. Currie, NASA astronaut

- Information courtesy of the Princeton Review

Reeves receives George C. Marshall Award

Prestigious award given to best all-around ROTC cadet, senior Andrew Reeves

Interview by
Katie Sheridan
Features Editor

Q: When did you first get involved in ROTC?

A: I first looked into ROTC during my junior year of high school. I was visited by a recruiter, but I knew I was going to college and not directly into the army. He mentioned ROTC and started my research. I was interviewing at schools and made a point to schedule appointments with the ROTC departments. After the interviews, I was sold that it was what I wanted to do.

Q: Why did you decide to join ROTC?

A: I decided to join ROTC for a few reasons. First, I wanted to do something a little different. I've always been a leader and athlete and thought ROTC to be a good fit. I figured it couldn't hurt when I decided to look for a job in the civilian sector, to have military experience. Lastly, the scholarships are incredible. Who wouldn't want to go to college absolutely free of charge, if the Army offers the things you want to do in life already?

Q: Did you expect to win this award?

A: No, I did not expect it. I hoped that I was in the running, because I knew the honor it bestowed. But, I am by no means the only one deserving of this opportunity.

Q: How do you feel about this honor?

A: I'm excited and honored. It gives me the sense that I've accomplished something in my years at John Carroll. I'm looking forward to the opportunity to meet other cadets like myself from around the country as well as meeting some very important people, both in the military and the government at the conference. Previous guests have included secretaries of defense, state and even the president himself.

Q: How does your family feel about it?

A: Anytime I receive recognition, my parents are ecstatic, my mother especially. They've always been extremely supportive and were sure to relay news of the award to my extended family.

Q: How do you feel that being a part of ROTC has changed your life?

A: ROTC has enabled me to further my leadership capabilities, it has helped me maintain good physical fitness and has given me a number of opportunities not available to everyone. I've made parachute jumps out of a C-130 Aircraft, handled a number of advanced weapons and formed friendships that will last a lifetime.

Q: What are your plans after graduation?

A: I've got about nine months of training ahead of me before I make it to my Unit. I report to Fort Knox, KY to be a Squad Tactical Officer for the Leader's Training Course. This is followed by more training, but I'll spare you all the Army acronyms and military terms. I'll be commissioned a Quartermaster Officer in charge of supply and logistics. I've got four years to serve and we'll see where life takes me from there. I may stay in, I may get out.

Previous Winners Include:

- Shane Slater - 2001
- Catie Wentz - 2002
- Gary Papp - 2003
- Matt Weybrecht - 2004
- Brendan Wentz - 2005
- Randy Pace - 2006
- Ryan Martz - 2007

Information courtesy LTC McCluskey

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Terrific trio fuels Blue Streaks winning ways

Tim Ertle
Assistant Sports Editor

Christmas came a little early for the John Carroll women's basketball squad this year when the team picked up freshman transfer Lee Jennings from Bowling Green State University at the end of the first semester.

Jennings stands 5 feet 7 inches and her position is guard – the same size and position of two Blue Streaks already on the roster, junior Rachel Price and sophomore Whitney Hamilton.

The addition of Jennings created a bit of a log jam at the guard position, so head coach Kristie Maravalli decided to implement a three-guard system in order to get her best players on the floor.

The new system would start Hamilton, Jennings and Price at the guard positions, usually pairing them with sophomore Caitlin Sureck and junior Erin Zahariev in

the frontcourt.

John Carroll was 2-4 overall and 0-2 in the OAC on Dec. 15 when Jennings made her debut for the Blue Streaks.

"The way I like to put it, [Lee] was the last piece of our puzzle," said coach Maravalli. "She came in and the transition was seamless. That isn't always the case – especially with someone that is a Division I talent."

Since implementing the three-guard system, JCU has run their record to 13-8 overall and 8-6 in the Ohio Athletic Conference.

Their OAC record has them in a three-way tie for fourth place with Capital and Otterbein.

When looking at the success of the team, it is clear that it all starts for the Blue Streaks with those three guards. Price, Jennings and Hamilton are the top three scorers on the team, respectively. Jennings leads the team with a 15.4 points per game average.

"Lee does a great job of handling the point guard spot," said Maravalli. "Our turnovers have almost decreased by half since she joined us."

Jennings agreed that the transition to JCU has been virtually seamless.

"I feel really comfortable here," Jennings said. "Everyone has been really nice with me coming in and helping me

out a lot. I think we've bonded pretty well."

She couldn't have been more comfortable when she scored the game-winning basket with 1.7 seconds left against Wilmington.

"I think that Lee's arrival really pushed me," Price said.

"She's so talented, so it inspired me to play even more to my potential."

Price does a little bit of everything for the Blue Streaks. She is the team's second leading scorer and has the confidence of her teammates.

"I think Rachel's money," Jennings said. "Every time she shoots it, I think it's going in."

While Price is more than capable at the offensive end, it may be her defense for which she is best known. Price has 43 steals to her name this year, fifth most in the OAC.

"Without a doubt, on the defensive end, she is our go-to person," Maravalli said of Price.

Backcourt mate Whitney Hamilton paid her the ultimate compliment, calling the junior the leader of the team.

"[Rachael] always tries to make sure we're doing ok," Hamilton said. "She's very talkative so she

is always making sure we're all right".

That's high praise when it comes from Hamilton, a member of the team who also has impressive numbers. She is averaging 9.5 points per game.

"Whitney does a great job and is very versatile," Maravalli said. "She can put the ball on the floor and she's a real nice three-point shot as well."

Aside from the 9.5 points per game and 3.3 rebounds per game, a lot of what Whitney Hamilton does may not have been evident from reading a box score.

"When I think of Whitney, I know she's always going to give her best effort," Jennings said. "She is going to do what is best for the team and she always makes the right decisions out there."

"If we just keep getting better every day, and keep working hard in practice and working hard in games, we can be one of the best teams in the conference," Jennings said.

After three years of playing with JCU, Price notes that this is the most talented team she has been a part of.

Coach Maravalli, now in her ninth year in charge of the program, has seen a lot of good teams in this league. Each year, her goal remains the same.

"Our goal, as always, is to win an OAC championship," Maravalli said. "This year, our conference is just crazy."

The one thing working against JCU is the inexperienced core.

"We're such a young team and that's a bit of a disadvantage," Maravalli said. "We just played Ohio Northern and they had four seniors and two juniors that have been playing together for the last three years. With Lee, we've been together for seven weeks.

We need to mature a little quicker than a lot of our competitors."

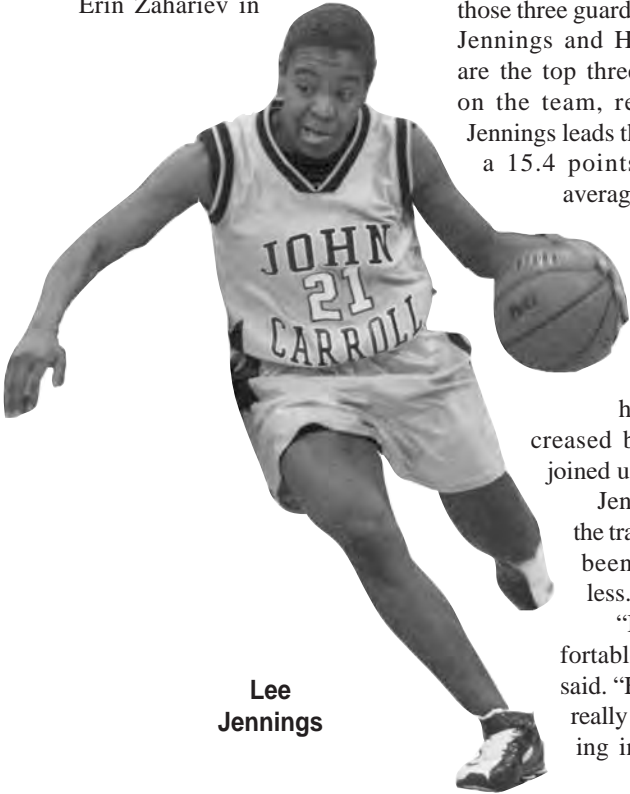
With just over a week left in the regular season and the OAC tournament approaching, not many teams are going to be eager to play the Blue Streaks and their quick lineup.

"If we were playing against us, I would be a little scared about that because all three of them can put up huge numbers at any point," Maravalli said. "I really believe we have the fastest backcourt in the conference."

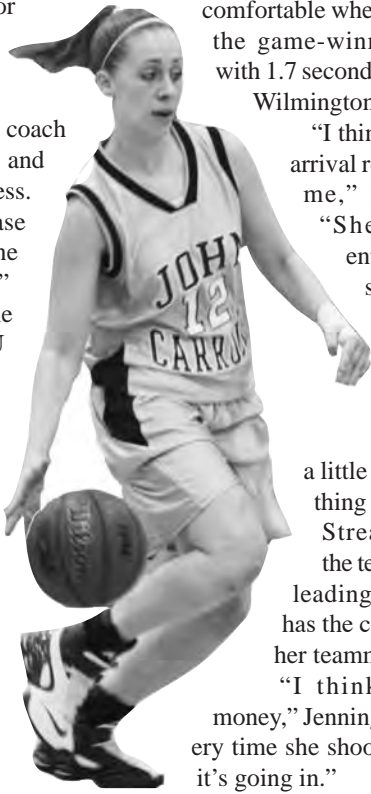
The triple threat is most deadly on the offensive side of the ball.

"It just puts a lot of pressure on them defensively," Maravalli said. "You can see by our scoring figures on any given night that whoever they focus on, the other two seem to have big nights."

Lucky for her, she doesn't have to prepare to go against this lineup.



Lee Jennings



Rachael Price



Whitney Hamilton

JCU Scouting Report

Lee Jennings
#21

Rachael Price
#12

Whitney Hamilton
#20

Points: 15.4 ppg

Points: 11.8 ppg

Points: 9.5 ppg

Assists: 51 season total

Assists: 48 season total

Assists: 40 season total

Rebounds: 74 season total

Steals: 43 - Fifth in OAC

Steals: 24 season total

FG Pct.: 91-211 (43 percent)

FG Pct.: 85-213 (34 percent)

FG Pct.: 82-210 (39 percent)

FT Pct.: 45-83 (54 percent)

FT Pct.: 42-52 (80 percent)
Fifth in OAC

FT Pct.: 22-33 (67 percent)

3PT Pct.: 4-21 (19 percent)

3PT Pct.: 36-108 (33 percent)

3PT Pct.: 14-52 (27 percent)

Foul-ridden loss continues skid

Charlie Duggan
Staff Reporter

In what has been a never-ending rollercoaster season for the John Carroll University men's basketball team, the Blue Streaks took a big hit this past week with two critical conference losses.

Wednesday, Feb. 6, JCU hosted the annual "White-Out" as Mount Union came to town. Unfortunately for the Blue Streaks, many of the players were forced to watch the game from the bench.

Five players got into foul trouble in the first half. A foul called on freshman Maurice Haynes II put Mount Union in the double bonus with 6:30 left in the first half. Despite their struggles and a late run by the Purple Raiders, JCU found themselves only down four at the half.

However, Mount Union carried that momentum into the second half, starting with a 9-0 run. JCU went the first three minutes of the half without scoring and picked up four more fouls.

The Blue Streaks finally found a spark and used a 21-9 run to pull within five points with just over five minutes remaining. However, the Purple Raiders managed to keep JCU at bay and held on for a 70-65 victory.

Four Blue Streaks finished with four fouls on the night. JCU was called for 28 personal fouls in the game.

Sophomore Rudy Kirbus led JCU with 22 points and senior Terry Walsh recorded a double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds. The 65 points was the lowest output by JCU all season.

On Saturday, the Blue Streaks traveled to Ohio Northern looking to gain momentum in the OAC.

However, JCU would again



Photo courtesy of Sports Information

Senior Terry Walsh reacts after receiving his third personal foul against Mount Union. He finished with four personal fouls.

dig a hole too big to climb out of. ONU scored the final 17 points of the first half and took a 50-31 lead into the half.

Haynes, along with Walsh and Kirbus, helped lead a furious comeback that cut the lead to 82-77 with two minutes remaining. However, it was not enough and JCU fell 90-81.

Haynes finished the game with a career high of 27 points, while Walsh and Kirbus had 26 and 14 respectively.

The Blue Streaks next opponent is Heidelberg, the team that handed JCU its worse loss of the season.

While the back-to-back losses were a setback for the Blue Streaks, head coach Mike Moran noted that there is one aspect of JCU's game that needs to change.

"Our on-ball defense has to get better," Moran said. "That's something we haven't done well as a team and individually the past few games. To put it simply, we need to 'D' up."

JCU's seniors have been key in

bringing the team together, something that has not been wasted on Moran.

"It's been a joy to coach this team and watch them continue to come together during the season," Moran said. "We've been spoiled with just classy seniors that have meant so much to the development of the younger guys."

Perhaps the best example of JCU's senior leadership is Terry Walsh. He was selected to the 2008 ESPN the Magazine Academic All-District IV team.

Walsh carries a 3.66 GPA along with his 17.8 points per game and 7 rebounds per game.

"Put it this way, if he was running for office right now I would be his campaign manager," Moran said of Walsh.

After senior night yesterday, JCU has three remaining games on the road before the conference tournament. If Walsh has a productive campaign he should lead the Blue Streaks to another successful post-season.

JCU ATHLETICS SCOREBOARD

FEB. 13 - FEB. 19

Men's Basketball

JCU	65
Mount Union	70

JCU	81
Ohio Northern	90

JCU leaders -
Points -

Walsh	40
Kirbus	36
Haynes	33

Rebounds -

Walsh	10
Haynes	8
Smith	8

Women's Basketball

JCU	61
Mount Union	51

JCU	76
Ohio Northern	79

JCU leaders -
Points -

Jennings	33
Hamilton	27
Price	21
Sureck	21

Rebounds -
Sureck

12

Track & Field

Men -
Kevin McPeck
1st place shot put
Jason Czerwinski
5,000 meter - 2nd place

Women -
Michelle Grossman
800 meter - 1st place
Emily Tillmaand
1,000 meter - 1st place

Hockey

JCU	2
Niagara	5

JCU Leaders -
Goals -

Stanley	1
Fawks	1

Wrestling

JCU	33
Mount Union	9

STREAKS OF THE WEEK



Men's Basketball



Terry Walsh
senior

- Tallied 14 points and 4 rebounds against Mount Union. He followed that with 26 points and 6 rebounds against Ohio Northern.



Women's Basketball



Whitney Hamilton
sophomore

- Scored in double figures in back-to-back games, recording 10 against Mount Union and 16 against Ohio Northern.



Hockey



James Stanley
sophomore

- Had a primary assist and scored JCU's second goal against Niagara. His two points led JCU in the game.



Wrestling



Jim Nemunaitis
sophomore

- Recorded a takedown with one second left in the 197-pound match to earn a 3-2 victory.



Men's Track



Dan DiRuzza
senior

- Won 800-meter run by 26 hundredths of a second. Also was a member of the 4 x 400 relay team that finished in 5th place.

Split drops JCU a spot in standings

Lauren Harris
The Carroll News

The Cardiac Kids are right here at John Carroll University. The women's basketball team brought heart-throbbing excitement in this week's match-ups.

The first contest, held on Feb. 6 at rival Mount Union, resulted in a 61-51 victory and a successful sweep of the Purple Raiders.

The Blue Streaks forced Mount Union to turn over the ball 21 times while committing just nine turnovers the whole game.

Freshman Lee Jennings led the team with 15 points. The victory marked their tenth win in the last 12 games.

Saturday marked a great game and a greater cause at the DeCarlo Varsity Center as fans, members of the athletic department and players supported survivors of breast cancer and honored their memory on "Think Pink" Day.

After several lead changes throughout the second half and foul trouble, Ohio Northern was able to pull off a 79-76 victory.

ONU senior Jenny Markle, the top three-point shooter in Division III, hit two pivotal three-pointers late in the game. The second basket gave ONU a 77-72 lead.

Junior Rachael Price made a basket to pull JCU within one with seconds remaining, but a quick foul led to two clutch free-throws by ONU's Emily Culbertson.

As JCU regained possession, a last attempt shot by sophomore Whitney Hamilton just missed as time ran out.

"We needed to make more shots and not send the other team to the line as much as we did," said head coach Kristie Maravalli. "If we had



Photo courtesy of Sports Information

Junior Alex D'Amico contributed nine points Saturday vs. ONU.

made 75 percent of our free-throws we probably would have won the game."

However, Maravalli was extremely positive in what JCU gained from Saturday's game.

"We needed to play good team basketball and I think we did," said Maravalli. "I couldn't ask for much more. It was just one of those games that came down to the last second and unfortunately we fell short today."

Despite the loss, JCU received excellent effort from many players. Jennings and Price each scored 18 points and Hamilton contributed 16 points.

Junior Alex D'Amico scored nine points off the bench. She was the highest scoring bench player.

"We had a problem with some

offensive rebounds," Jennings said. "We weren't hitting our box outs so that led to some second chance opportunities. It was a tough loss to deal with, but some things just didn't go our way."

The Blue Streaks now stand at 13-8 overall and 8-6 in the Ohio Athletic Conference, currently tying them with Capital for a fifth place standing, heading into the final regular season games.

If JCU can battle back into fourth place they will be able to host a home OAC tournament game, a key advantage come tournament time.

The women have their next two games on the road before returning home to play Baldwin-Wallace College, currently ranked no. 1 in the conference. JCU beat B-W 80-73 in Berea on Jan 16.

JCU Athletics Weekly Roundup

Men's Track & Field

- Senior Danny DiRuzza won the 800-meter run by 26 hundredths of a second.

- Senior Kevin McPeck won his third shot-put title of the indoor season. McPeck's throw of 14.90 meters was .27 of a meter better than the second place finisher.

- Senior Jason Czerwinski finished in second place in his 5,000-meter race. Junior Nick Habursky finished fifth.

- Junior Raj Arasu finished in fourth place in the 300-meter run.

- Senior Brett Cumbo finished fourth in the one-mile run.

- Sophomore Victor Cianci finished fifth in the 500-meter run.

- The duo of freshman David Hickey and sophomore RK Glover tied for fourth in the high jump.

Women's Track & Field

- Freshman Michelle Grossman won her first collegiate title by winning the 800-meter.

- Sophomore Lauren Baldarelli finished in third place behind Grossman.

- Sophomore Emily Tillmaand won her first indoor track race in the 1,000-meter.

- Sophomore Lauren Stayer and freshman Alexa Schuele finished in third and fourth place respectively in the 1,000-meter.

- Baldarelli placed third and Tillmaand fourth in the one-mile run.

- Freshman Kelly Grieve finished in third place in the 5,000-meter run.

- Grossman, Baldarelli, Ryann Smith and Schuele -- placed second in the 4 x 400 relay.

- Freshman Rachel Widman ran 7.61 in the 55-meter dash to finish fifth.

Ice Hockey

- John Carroll played two back and forth periods against Niagara on Saturday before eventually falling 5-2.

- Freshman Ryan Fawks had a shot from sophomore James Stanley glance off his leg and in the net for JCU's first goal in the first period.

- Stanley would get credit for JCU's second goal on a 2-on-1 with freshman Nick Morici. Morici gave Stanley a pass on

the back door and Stanley put the puck into the empty net. The goal was Stanley's eighth of the year.

- JCU was severely outshot, as sophomore Nick Fabrizio turned aside 38 of 43 shots on the night.

- JCU will be playing their final two games of the season at home this week. Both games are against Toledo.

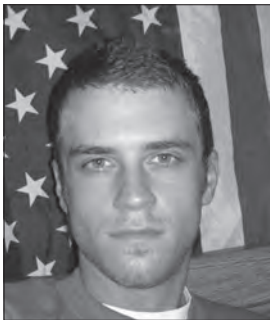
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Brad's Journal

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Brad Michael Negulescu
World News Editor

It is no secret around political circles that hardcore conservatives and John McCain don't have a very good relationship. Metaphorically speaking, if the far-right were a tuxedo, McCain would be a pair of brown shoes. McCain has been known as a maverick, which means that he has on numerous occasions, gone against his party and sided with Democrats on important issues.

For example, he teamed up with Democrat Sen. Russ Feingold to pass a bill that Conservatives hated on campaign finance reform. McCain was also instrumental in what became known as the McCain-Kennedy bill on immigration. Many Republicans felt this gave amnesty to people illegally in our country. And, John McCain voted against President Bush's tax cuts in both 2001 and 2003.

Regardless of those issues, I will strongly support John McCain against whichever Democrat is eventually nominated. Why? First of all, John McCain has more experience both in life and in politics than Hillary Clinton and Barack Hussein Obama combined. McCain is a graduate of the Naval Academy and then served in the Navy for 23 years.

He served in Vietnam as a Navy pilot and was shot down in 1967 and was captured. McCain was a Prisoner of War until 1973 at the now famous or infamous, "Hanoi Hilton" where he was tortured, having his arms broken and being repeatedly tortured. And liberals complain about waterboarding, give me a break. After the war, McCain was awarded the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross and a Purple Heart. Neither Clinton nor Obama ever served in the military. In 1982, McCain was elected to the House of Representatives and was then elected into the Senate in 1986 succeeding Barry Goldwater in Arizona. His experience in Congress more than doubles that of Obama and Clinton combined.

As I mentioned earlier, John McCain has been on the wrong side of some issues, but he has been on the right side of many more. Although he voted against the Bush tax cuts, he has pledged to make them permanent if elected. Sen. McCain has voted with the president on almost all of the domestic anti-terror measures put into place by the Bush Administration, including the Patriot Act. He also has a solid Pro-Life voting record during his time as an elected official. And, most importantly, McCain has been a hawk on foreign policy. He was instrumental in implementing the "surge" strategy in Iraq that has led to significant gains in stability in that country over the past year. Unlike the Democrats, McCain understands the threat of Islamic terrorism and says he will stay on the offense against the terrorists instead of pulling a Clinton or Obama and retreating in defeat. McCain also has a personal stake in the war efforts because his son James is in the Marine Corps and has done a tour of duty in Iraq.

Nevertheless, John McCain is not perfect. If it is perfection you are looking for in a candidate, I'm afraid that will be an endless search. I have plenty of disagreements with McCain on some rather large issues, but the alternative to him is totally unacceptable. Luckily, we have about eight months until the election, which means that Sen. McCain will have time to appeal to the conservative base of the Republican Party.

Regardless, all Republicans, moderate and conservative, must consolidate around our party's nominee, because even with a united party, winning this year will be an uphill battle. Even history is against us. It is very rare for a party to retain the White House after a two-term president.

The reality is that John McCain gives the Grand Old Party the best chance of holding on to power in this country at a time when strength, leadership and experience are paramount. His ability to attract independent voters, and even some Democrats, is almost unmatched by any other candidate of the GOP. One must remember that the Republican Party has always been considered a big tent. We are not only the party of Ronald Reagan and George W. Bush, but also of Teddy Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln.

With that said, I sincerely hope that many conservatives will stop thinking with their hearts and start using their heads so they will realize just what this country will look like under a President Obama, or worse yet, and God forbid, another President Clinton.



Barack Obama addresses a huge crowd in Virginia on Feb. 10, two days before the primary.

Obama sweeps weekend primaries

Huckabee wins Kansas and Louisiana in Republican races

Meghan Wolf
Staff Reporter

"Today, the voters from the West Coast to the Gulf Coast to the heart of America, stood up to say, 'Yes we can,'" said Sen. Barack Obama, addressing an applauding crowd at the Democratic party's annual Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner.

Obama had a reason to celebrate – the weekend had spelled out his victory in the primaries over fellow senator and high-running Democrat Hillary Clinton. Even in Maine, where he had been running behind Clinton in the polls, and where a snowstorm that occurred was expected to hinder voter turnout, he secured victory, according to The Associated Press.

All the while, he gained an increased number of national delegates momentum to bring up the speed of his campaign.

"It's very good for Obama, and he was expected to win, but obviously, he needed to meet those expectations," said Larry Schwab, a political science professor at John Carroll University. "It was generally felt that Clinton had a small lead, and his [Obama's] victories cut into that lead."

Obama and Clinton have consistently been going neck-and-neck in Democratic primaries, but now Obama is developing a more distinct advantage. In addition to the four states he won, there also came victory in the U.S. Virgin Islands, bringing his weekend wins to a total of five, according to the AP.

Out of 12 states that held caucuses in lieu of primaries, he won 11. He also gained a strong amount

of support among areas dense with African-American voters.

On the same day that Clinton lost Maine to Obama, her campaign manager, Patti Solis Doyle, stepped down. Solis Doyle was replaced by Maggie Williams, a senior campaign adviser.

"I have been proud to manage this campaign, and prouder still to call Hillary my friend for more than sixteen years," Solis Doyle wrote in an e-mail sent to the Clinton campaign. "I know that she will make a great president. This has already been the longest presidential campaign in the history of our nation, and one that has required enormous sacrifices from all of us and our families."

Solis Doyle said that she is confident in Williams' ability to manage the campaign, and that she herself will now serve as a senior campaign adviser. Clinton's deputy campaign manager, Mike Henry, resigned on Tuesday night. That same night, Hillary Clinton lost three more races to Barack Obama.

In the Republican race, former governor of Arkansas Mike Huckabee scraped up a few wins that undermined the status of Sen. John McCain, according to the AP.

He won the Kansas caucuses and gained 60 percent of the state's vote to McCain's 24 percent. He also won the Louisiana primary and added 36 delegates to his previous total of 234.

Although Huckabee's wins have not been enough to edge McCain out of the top spot, the losses for the Arizona senator were an embarrassment.

However, McCain remained

insistent in his campaign's security, saying that it was still doing well, but needed more work and more energy in its conservative base.

"We are doing fine," McCain said, according to FOX News. "We have 700 some close to 800 delegates. And the last time I checked, Gov. Huckabee has very few."

Huckabee, despite his recent victories, is mathematically incapable of winning the party's nomination. However, he said that he will remain in the race until McCain wins 1,191 delegates, enough to secure his victory in the party.

McCain already has an established reputation in the race, and Huckabee's rivalry against him will ensure media attention on the Republicans until primary nomination is secure.

President Bush commented on the current presidential race, having previously withheld from such.

He said that Huckabee was "a good, solid conservative person," despite Huckabee's previously saying that the Bush administration has an "arrogant bunker mentality."



Bush referred to McCain as a "true conservative," saying that there is also more convincing needed to be done to ensure solid Republican backing for his campaign, according to the AP.

In spite of his losses, McCain's standing in the election is decidedly secure with the GOP, and he is certain that Huckabee's victories have not set him back too severely.



When discussing the rivalry at an Annapolis news conference, McCain said, "It's pretty clear that we won." McCain also swept the three GOP races Tuesday night.

The Potomac Primaries



Virginia

District of Columbia

Maryland

MSNBC reporter suspended for saying the Clintons are ‘pimping out’ their daughter

Hillary Clinton calls comments offensive, threatens to boycott debates

Diamond Summers

Staff Reporter

Comments made last week by an MSNBC anchor about Chelsea Clinton could cause her mother to boycott future debates held by the network, according to The New York Times.

While filling in as a guest-host for Tucker Carlson, David Shuster discussed the 27-year-old’s role in her mother’s campaign when he asked, “Doesn’t it seem as if Chelsea is sort of being pimped out in some weird sort of way?”

The statement pertained to Chelsea’s active support for her mother through rallying up superdelegates.

Shuster’s view on Chelsea’s support was that she was able to call and rally up superdelegates for her mother, but refused to talk to the press.

The Clinton campaign did not take Shuster’s comment lightly, saying the comment was degrading and disrespectful. The campaign raised the possibility of backing out of the planned MSNBC debate which is scheduled for Feb 26 in Cleveland, according to The Washington Post.

Richard Hendrickson, a John Carroll University communications professor, said, “The network has suspended him and his career is in serious trouble. But, Mrs. Clinton shouldn’t punish a whole network – the network that brings us professionals like Tim Russert – because of one idiot’s Imus-like remark. I hope the people of Cleveland still get a chance to see the candidates debating issues first-hand.”

Although many Clevelanders may feel that the network should not be punished, Shuster’s comment was not the first questionable one made by an MSNBC member. Last month,



NBC Anchor David Shuster made the remark while substituting for Tucker Carlson on his program on Feb. 7.

MSNBC host Chris Matthews equated Hillary Clinton’s success to her husband’s well-known infidelity with Monica Lewinsky. Matthew’s comment was followed up by an apology, but it was still a comment that threw dirt at the Clintons.

“Reporters are supposed to report what others say, and avoid descriptions that show a bias,” Matthews said. “But now that news is available from so many sources via the Internet, journalists have become ‘authenticators’ and not simply ‘gatekeepers.’”

According to The New York Times, in a statement via e-mail, Jeremy Gaines, MSNBC’s vice president for media relations, called Shuster’s language “irresponsible and

inappropriate” and said that he had “extended an apology to the Clinton family.” According to Gaines, NBC News takes these matters seriously, and offers their sincere regrets to the Clintons for the remarks.

As for the debate that is scheduled to take place at Cleveland State University on Feb. 26, Hillary Clinton’s participation continues to be up in the air as discussions between MSNBC and the Clinton campaign continue.

The Cleveland debate would be the last time the top two Democratic candidates get to debate face-to-face before both Ohio and Texas go to the polls on March 4. Both states will be crucial in the Democratic race.

Pentagon seeks death penalty for 9/11 terrorists

Al-Qaeda in Iraq believed to be in ‘extraordinary crisis’

Brad Michael Negulescu

World News Editor

The Pentagon announced Monday it was charging six detainees at Guantanamo Bay with murder and war crimes in connection with the Sept. 11 attacks. Officials said they’ll seek the death penalty in what would be the first trials under the terrorism-era military tribunal system, according to The Associated Press.

The most famous of the six men is Khalid Sheikh Mohammed. Mohammed is the self-proclaimed mastermind behind the 9/11 attacks. It was his idea to use airliners as weapons against American civilian targets. Khalid Sheikh Mohammed was captured by the United States in 2003 and has been in American custody ever since.

He is one of only three al-Qaeda detainees to be waterboarded by U.S. intelligence agents according to the CIA. Mohammed is currently being held at the Guantanamo Bay detention center in Cuba.

The other five men being charged are: Mohammed al-Qahtani, the man officials have labeled the 20th hijacker; Ramzi Binalshibh, said to have been the main intermediary between the hijackers and leaders of Al Qaeda; Ali Abd al-Aziz Ali, also known as Ammar al-Baluchi, who has been identified as Mohammed’s lieutenant for the 2001 operation; al-Baluchi’s assistant, Mustafa Ahmad al-Hawsawi; and Waleed bin Attash, a detainee known as Khallad, who investigators say selected and trained some of the hijackers, according to the AP.

“The decision to seek the death penalty is in keeping with the administration’s declared intent to hold the perpetrators of the 9/11 attacks fully accountable,” said Sven Dubie, professor of history at John Carroll University. “However, by seeking to impose the maximum penalty, they have all but guaranteed the process will be long, complex and fraught with peril given its severity, it invariably invites a more rigorous judicial process than crimes with lesser charges.”

White House press secretary Dana Perino said that President Bush had no role in the decision to seek the death penalty. “Obviously, 9/11 was a defining moment in our history,” she said, “and a defining moment in the global war on terror. And this judicial process is the next step in that story. The president is sure that the military is going to follow through in a way that the Congress said they should.”

Turning to Iraq, recent documents found in Iraq suggest that al-Qaeda in that country face an “extraordinary crisis,” according to the AP. Last year’s mass defection of ordinary Sunnis from al-Qaeda to the U.S. military “created panic, fear and the unwillingness to fight,” in the group, according to the document. The terrorist group’s security structure suffered “total collapse.”

These are the words not of al-Qaeda’s enemies, but of one of its own leaders in Anbar province — once the group’s stronghold. They were set down last summer in a 39-page letter seized during a U.S. raid on an al-Qaeda base near Samarra in November, according to The UK Times Online. U.S. intelligence officials cautioned, however, that the documents were snapshots of two small areas and that al-Qaeda was far from a spent force, according to The UK Times Online.

Autopsy reveals overdose killed Heath Ledger

Craig Willert

The Carroll News

After weeks of waiting, authorities in New York City finally released what they believe killed actor Heath Ledger. Autopsy results from a Feb. 6 test showed that Ledger’s death was proven accidental.

According to New York City medical examiner’s office, the death was an accidental “abuse of prescription medications.” The autopsy showed Ledger had six drugs in his system at the time of his death, including two pain killers, three anti-anxiety medications and a sleep aid, according to The New York Times.

At the scene, there was no suicide note found, illegal drugs or any signs of foul play, according to the police.

The Perth, Australia, native was found unresponsive in his SoHo apartment by his masseuse and housekeeper with prescription sleeping pills on the nightstand next to the bed. Ledger was 28-years-old.

After hearing of the drugs found in Ledger’s body, NYU Medical Center psychiatrist Dr. Vatsal G. Thakkar said in a statement, “Six different sedative drugs in Heath Ledger’s system show something was amiss. Whether that was in taking combinations of drugs without proper medical guidance or sloppy prescribing, it was an unfortunate situation and with a tragic outcome.”

The “Brokeback Mountain” star left behind a two-year-old daughter, Matilda. Actress Michelle Williams is Matilda’s mother and Ledger’s former girlfriend.



AP Photo

Former fiancée and “Brokeback Mountain” co-star Michelle Williams, left, and sister Kate Ledger arrive at a memorial service for the late Hollywood actor Heath Ledger in, Australia, on Feb. 9

In an interview prior to his death, David “The Mossman” Moss of Fox 8 in Cleveland asked Ledger about Matilda. The actor eerily responded by saying, “You also look a death differently. It’s like a Catch-22. I feel good about dying now because I feel like I’m alive in her.” He continued to say that he also feels that he needs to be here for her. This was one of Heath Ledger’s last interviews prior to his death.

John Carroll University students had a wide range of reactions concerning the news

of Ledger’s death.

“It’s a really bad loss for the movie industry. He was such a big talent at such a young age,” said sophomore Joseph Toohey.

Sophomore Andrew Merchant added, “I was shocked to hear it was drug-related because he was such a well-respected actor and man.”

Ledger’s last movie, “The Dark Knight” is scheduled to be released on July 18

Ledger’s final movie, “The Dark Knight,” is still expected to be released on time despite the inability of Ledger to provide voiceovers for his character. The movie is scheduled to be released July 18.

Heath Ledger was a veteran of the motion picture industry.

He starred in successful movies such as “10 Things I Hate About You,” “The Patriot,” and “A Knight’s Tale.”

Ledger was nominated for an Academy Award in 2005 in the category of “Best Actor in a Leading Role” for his portrayal of a gay cowboy in the critically acclaimed “Brokeback Mountain.”

He also won two MTV Movie Awards, according to the AP.

Editorial

JCU safety concerns

Last weekend, a man pulled a gun on two John Carroll University students in the Belvoir parking lot.

Although the culprit was apprehended a short time after, this incident marks just one of the several ongoing crimes that have happened on the JCU campus. The administration and Campus Safety Services need to seriously consider taking a proactive approach in finding ways to prevent these crimes from continuing.

Since 2003, there have been suggestions about implementing the blue light phones around campus. However, this idea continues to be tabled under the idea that buying the technology wouldn't be economical.

Also, it has been argued that blue light phones make the campus look dangerous – but students being robbed and having guns pulled on them is a much bigger danger.

With the increasing incidents on campus, the administration needs to consider this a major priority. Rather than spending money on improving the social life on campus, administrators need find ways to protect students.

Rather than reacting to these situations, administrators must find a way to prevent them from happening.

Another way to protect students and prevent these crimes from happening would be having more security working at any given time. Currently, CSS employs 16 safety/patrol officers, but only has a handful working at a time. By increasing the security, CSS can execute more patrol rounds and can have a bigger scope on situations happening around campus.

Although stopping crime indoors may be difficult, the administration has the ability to stop it from happening outdoors. By offering this type of safety, we can keep our campus safer and make students feel confident in knowing that there's help if needed.

Editorial

City represses growth

John Carroll University and University Heights continue to have problems. The city is resistant about the University's efforts to expand. Residents are failing to recognize the school as an asset.

The University's administration has been working on the master plan as well as other projects, like additional parking areas and playing fields. But, the city's residents continue to resist the school's progress, citing expansion as an encroachment on their neighborhoods.

University Heights City Council needs to realize that a handful of residents don't make up the majority opinion and should support University endeavors.

While it's clear that there have been minor misunderstandings with off-campus students that have angered residents, these situations are only a small population of the student body.

The school is the biggest employer, as well as the largest generator of income taxes. Without the school, the city would be unable to comfortably support itself. Also, the University hosts events and entertainment that allow the community to come together.

If JCU is unable to grow and expand, it cannot accommodate more students. And without more students, it cannot increase revenue. School administrators have been working tirelessly to find ways to communicate effectively with the city. Until the city is willing to realize that the University needs to reinvent itself and produce a competitive and up to date campus, there will continue to run into problems.



Cartoon by Shane Gullette

NOTABLE QUOTABLE



"This is about discipline and hard work, and you don't get to just do your drugs and go on stage and get rewarded."

-Music veteran Natalie Cole, on Amy Winehouse taking home four Grammy Awards.

HIT & miss

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OURVIEW

Interning for the “Late Show” with Dave

Staff Commentary



Anne McCarthy
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Last semester, instead of grinding away at lectures, keggers, babysitting and finals, I had the opportunity to be an intern with one of the most famous late-night talk show hosts, David Letterman. Working at “The Late Show” was an experience unmatched to this point in my life.

At “Late Show” I worked as a production intern. It was an incredible experience, with highlights ranging from talking to Dave in the hallway each week, to nearly plowing over Jude Law while racing down the stairs. Then there was seeing Slash change into his leather pants and seeing far more of Slash than I ever would’ve liked to see. I also enjoyed having the paparazzi

take my picture several times, confusing me for a celebrity (a common mistake) when I would go in and out of the stage door. Once, I had to tell Faith Hill to move so I could get through to deliver a tape to Dave’s dressing room. I even got to be on TV for an intern-jumping stunt, which led to a smile/wave/hi relationship instigated by Jake Gyllenhaal, which we currently share together.

As a production intern, the majority of the work was far from glamorous. Unfortunately, it didn’t require me to fraternize with rock stars and celebs all day long. My days prior to the writers strike were often spent going on McDonald’s runs for the show’s writers and editors, delivering tapes to the writers, and, the bane of my existence – the dusty, cramped tape stock closet where I toiled away taking inventory and nearly killed myself several times moving boxes that were stacked sky-high.

At last, there was my favorite job requirement – taking a copy of the show tape to Dave’s office at the end of each day.

In early November, the writers strike reared its ugly head. It was

nice at first, not having to run around all day.

Then reality set in that the strike was not going to be settled anytime soon. So, the last two months of the internship were spent reading magazines in the research room, taking extra long lunch breaks with intern friends and watching movies in the conference room.

The writers did host a get-together in a coffee shop and explained everything to us lowly interns, and discussed how they became writers on the show, which was pretty cool. We even got to march the picket lines around Manhattan, which led to sightings of SNL-ers Seth Meyers, Andy Samberg and Tina Fey, and actors Robin Williams and Tim Robbins.

Well, I hope you’ve enjoyed this insider perspective of the “Late Show” and the now-over writers strike, despite it being shameless self-promotion.

As my best friend David Letterman likes to say, “There is no off position on the genius switch.” And, judging by the caliber of this commentary, I’m sure you would agree. (Post Script: I’m available for article signings).

Lo Castro’s Lowdown

Gettin’ the word on:

Flashbacks to racism
circa 1963



Jenna Lo Castro
Editorial & Op/Ed Editor

Love may be in the air across the country. But I think it’s lacking on the John Carroll campus.

Two weeks ago, I witnessed an act that not only disgusted me, but made me once again re-evaluate the type of plagued society we live in.

While enjoying a much-needed Thursday night out at Malloy’s in Coventry with some friends, a white JCU student called a fellow black student a vile six-lettered epitaph followed by some other choice words.

What ensued was a situation that brought photographic snapshots of the Civil Rights Era rushing into my brain – people fighting, punching, screaming and swearing.

The riot was eventually broken up after the assistance of bouncers and police and the crowd disintegrated.

But what lingered were bloody mouths, broken spirits and a wave of shock that left me and others questioning the historical strides made against these types of situations only 40 years prior.

This instance illustrates the essence of a racial war that’s still raging.

I am not only embarrassed for our University, but utterly revolted by the individual who made this comment. This wasn’t just a typical drunken fight – it was a fight that was fueled by discriminative remarks. For an academic institution that prides itself on our diversity and embracing different people, this one student significantly tarnished its good name.

He is not a man doing service for others, he is a man destroying the fellowship of humanity and disrespecting a movement that had attempted to break the chains of racism.

However, even in this bleak situ-

ation, a light radiated. I can proudly say that when this fight broke out, many of those directly involved, as well as complete strangers, attempted to stop the violence.

Other Carroll students tried peacefully to influence their peers into putting their fists down. And, probably what was the most moving for me to witness, was how the black student responded when the situation happened.

His courage and dignity to peacefully walk away from the situation proved him to be the most reserved and strongest one of all.

If all men could embody the strength this student exemplified that night, the world would be just a little bit more peaceful.

Maybe I sound like I’m standing on top of a soap box, but the situation that occurred is one that shouldn’t have happened in the first place. Had the student never made that remark, the fight would have been something of unimportance. It also would have been something that many people would have let go or forgotten soon after that night.

What remains of this situation is the disheartening reminder that 40 years later we are still making efforts to achieve what Martin Luther King, Jr. set out to accomplish.

I can only hope that the young man who made that vulgar comment learns from this situation that if anyone is the minority, he is.

He’s the one who believes that racist comments are still acceptable and that people are going to tolerate it.

Minus a couple of setbacks, I have faith that our generation is going to be the one that makes a conscious effort to end situations like this.

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The Why? Files

by Casey N. Kindle



You’re wrong, I’m Rafferty: Anyone interested in hiring me?



Andrew Rafferty
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I sent my agent to the Career Fair last week to get me a job. I don’t need to go down there with employers running all around Dolan throwing money at me. If they want to get to me, they can talk to my agent.

I don’t get out of bed for anything less than a one million dollar signing bonus.

I have a confession, I don’t really have an agent. I went to the Career Fair in person. I had high expectations, in fact, I had planned to have dropped out of school by now because I had found a career. The fact that I’m writing this shows that did not happen.

Instead, I found the “Career Fair,” like most other things on this campus, is mis-labeled. It’s more like an “internship” fair, or the “I’m going to blow you off but in a polite manner” fair.

But really, for someone like me (a non-business major), it was better than I thought. My biggest disappointment was that The Plain Dealer didn’t hire me as a full-time columnist on the spot. Apparently,

the guy hasn’t read my work, for if he had, I’m sure the outcome would have been different.

Also, as a junior I was surprised to find I was too old for some internships. Take, for example, the Secret Service. Once I told the guy I was a junior he said thanks but no thanks, only sophomores need apply.

I don’t want an internship with the Secret Service, but their table looked pretty cool so I talked to them. To me, it sounded like I was told, “You’re too smart for an internship here.”

But really, I think it was racial profiling. White people have screwed up the country enough, they don’t need any more of us in Washington. If I had told him I

was a sophomore, he would have responded, “Sorry, we’re looking for juniors.”

My favorite conversation went something like, “Hi, I’m Andrew Rafferty, I was wondering if you had any internship opportunities.”

The perspective employer replied, “You’ll find everything you need to know in this pamphlet.”

I say thank you, hand her my resume, and ask if she would like some writing clips. She said “nope” and I walked away knowing I had just wasted my time.

It was great that I gave out so many resumes, but afterwards I left a little confused. I can’t remember if I am supposed to

call them or if they are going to call me. Maybe they want an e-mail, I don’t know.

Maybe they want something in Braille. My God, I don’t know Braille!

Should I send a Morse Code? Wait, I don’t know that either. Will they look down upon me for sending a letter because I’m wasting paper?

So, if there are any perspective employers out there looking to hire an intelligent, reliable and experienced young man, shoot me an e-mail or some kind of smoke signal.

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YOURVIEW

*Letters to the Editor***Penis Dialogues**

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Last week, I walked through the atrium while some women were selling tickets for the “Vagina Monologues.”

As soon as I passed the table, I overheard one of the women say that I should go to the showing. While I’m not sure she meant for me to hear it, I took the advice to heart and went to the Marinello Theatre Saturday night.

Upon my arrival I happened to hear a cast member say, “What the [expletive deleted] is Dan doing here?” Now, regardless of these conflicting impressions, I sat through the “Vagina Monologues” and found myself seriously enlightened. I applaud the women that participated in this event through acting, producing, writing and planning. I saw the entire event as a great success and one of the more educating experiences of my career at John Carroll.

It has caused me to examine my own sexual identity and my plight, as a man, to experience my own sexual freedom in this society. It is for this reason that I am planning on writing and casting a play called “The Penis Dialogues” to help men like me experience the kind of freedom I witnessed Saturday night.

With the aid of a panel of men, I would attempt to create a series of dialogues that address the struggles and pressures men have to deal with every day. Men should be able to stand tall and proud in the midst of sexual oppression, waving their flags of confidence without the risk of shame or embarrassment. It is my goal that “The Penis Dialogues” will educate and empower men and if I can accomplish a fraction of what “The Vagina Monologues” did, I will have succeeded.

Fair Trade fairness

Kevin Henderson
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As someone who had the privilege to live in El Salvador this past summer with the coffee farmers for Equal Exchange, the largest and oldest seller of Fair Trade coffee in the United States, I have to point out some serious errors in Beisel’s “How fair is the world of Fair Trade?” article.

First, the Fair Trade Labeling Organization is simply an organization that sets international fair trade standards and approves worker cooperatives for placing the fair trade label on that co-op’s products.

It does not act as middleman, nor does it produce products.

The worker cooperatives produce and export their own products, effectively eliminating the “middleman” and making the product more cost efficient.

Second, the small farms that produce Fair Trade coffee are obligated to Fair Trade wage and working condition standards when dealing with seasonal employees.

In order to be certified by the FLO, farms must abolish hiring seasonal employees within one year of certification and offer permanent written contracts. However, since these are small farmers, the practice of hiring seasonal employees is incredibly rare to begin with.

The FLO’s purpose is to improve working conditions and make democratic working environments. To do this, the FLO certifies cooperatives. Cooperatives are groups of workers that collectively own the land and means of production.

Finally, Beisel comments that “Fair Trade products lack economic vitality.” In reality, Fair Trade produces more stable, vital markets because Fair Trade sellers in the

United States promise long-term relationships to the farmers they work with. Because coffee prices are constantly fluctuating in the markets, coffee farmers often live in constant fear that the price will drop too low or that the organization buying their coffee will drop them for a different farm. This is not so with Fair Trade.

Fair Trade farmers know they will have a constant source of income, and the consumer knows he or she will always have quality, shade-grown coffee. I have seen all this with my own eyes. It works. I urge coffee drinkers everywhere to continue enjoying their favorite Fair Trade blend, guilt-free, knowing they are truly making an impact on the lives of farmers around the globe.

Election year challenge

Chris Wenzler
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In the next several months, there will be plenty of issues that divide us as a campus and a nation. Look at the issues we must face: politics, the environment, abortion, the concept of feminism, and perhaps, most divisive of all, Derek Anderson vs. Brady Quinn. As passionate as we all can be about what side we are on, and perhaps even more passionate we all can be about what side we are not on, I would like to issue a challenge to the John Carroll community based on this type of passion seen in other issues.

I am talking about 100 percent passionate participation in the 2008 Relay For Life.

Last year, for the first time in my 21 years spent on this University Heights campus did I see the University community pull together on such a wide scale for a common cause. See, the thing about cancer is that it cuts across all demographics.

You can be liberal or conservative, Catholic or Jewish, old or young, rich or poor, and any color under the rainbow. It will not matter.

Cancer is going to find you.

Maybe not YOU specifically, but someone you know.

Someone in your family, someone in your circle of friends. It’s the six degrees of separation in its most painful and wretched incarnation.

I issue the challenge to every student, every staff member, every administrator and every faculty member. Whether you are part-time, full-time, undergraduate or graduate, making minimum wage or six figures. This is a cause that can unite us as a campus. I urge everyone to join the Relay for Life.

It was great to see so many letters to the editor either for or against a column dedicated to the meaning of feminism. It is tremendous to see the support behind presidential politics. It is wonderful that so many people can dress in Scarlet and Gray on BCS Championship Game day.

But what about seeing an entire campus devote one weekend in April to the Power of Purple? What about seeing the 2008 Relay for Life exceed both monetary and participatory numbers from the 2007 Relay that was the #1 ranked college relay in the nation last year. My personal motivation is simple.

Cancer is personal. My wife’s family has had historical issues with this disease. I have lost a grandfather to cancer. I have known too many people such as Casey Goetz and John Bednar who have had to deal with the reality of cancer in recent years and had to deal with the aftermath of what cancer can do to a family.

And, if it ever happened to me, I’d pray to God there were campuses like John Carroll University who would be out there fighting for me I can assure you.

This is the challenge I put forth to my fellow John Carroll University community members. One hundred percent participation in the 2008 John Carroll University Relay for Life. If you can’t physically participate, donate your time and your money to the Relay. Regardless of your role, get involved.

I look forward to seeing everyone on April 26 and 27, 2008.

A “Fair” Trade analysis

Anthony Miranda
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Exaltations to Colin Beisel for his brave and honest piece about the Fair Trade industry. It’s refreshing to hear a factual analysis of Fair Trade instead of the trite emotional appeal that is so popular on campus.

Beisel clearly lays out the detriments of Fair Trade; how the industry doesn’t guarantee fair wages to the workers themselves but only to the local organizations.

Should we be supporting a cause that supplies seven times the demand? I shudder at the inefficiency. Hopefully, this article will promote a fair discussion that is grounded in intellectual discernment of the facts and not the ideological emotionalism that is rampant on campus.

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*Paying it Forward:
Campus Ministry trip***A group of JCU students share their experiences of visiting a sweatshop in Nicaragua**

Try to imagine the process that went into making your North Face jacket. Perhaps you envision a large overheated garment factory in some remote part of China where workers are sewing away in harsh conditions to meet the day’s quota. Your image would not be far fetched from what twelve John Carroll students encountered over winter break as they travelled to Nicaragua to study the issues of trade, including sweatshop labor.

Over 1,500 workers were compressed into a factory no bigger than two lengths of the Tony DeCarlo Varsity Center. The scorching sun found its way into the building, not through any windows, but through the lonely doors found at the front of the building.

As soon as the John Carroll group stepped inside the factory, silence broke out amongst the

students.

“I felt like an outsider that had just intruded in a completely different world,” recalls freshman participant Molly Gradowski, “As I walked through the aisles, all I saw were hundreds of eyes glaring at me. Those eyes immediately went back to work on their garments, knowing well that if they did not fill the day’s quota, they would face severe consequences like blistering verbal abuse and pay cuts to name a few.” While walking through the aisles of the sweatshop looking at the Nautica swimwear being made for the upcoming summer, a sense of heartache filled the air.

“All I could think about it was how I have one of those North Face jackets they were making, or how those clothes they were sewing were going to be in our stores,” said senior leader Alison Cyperski. “You

have to realize that they are people too. Sure, they are people that need money, but they are people that do not deserve to be treated the way they are. No one does.”

After a tour of the Free Trade sweatshop, the group gathered in a busy alley way to meet with Union Leaders and Workers from Free Trade Zones. One Union worker in particular, Pedro Ortega, presented some staggering statistics as he challenged us for change. “It roughly costs about 90 cents to make a North Face jacket that you pay \$60 for,” Ortega informed us. “It’s the corporations that are making all that money in between, making it worse off for both the workers and the consumers.”

And despite all of the workers’ long hours and physical labor, they are only being paid a mere two dollars a day. Yes, you heard right,

two dollars a day, for a 40 to 50 hour week.

So what does this mean for us as consumers? Should we stop buying apparel made in these sweatshops? While the chances of every consumer boycotting North Face products are unlikely, Ortega said it’s not the right answer anyway. “If you don’t buy the clothing then we are out of work” he said. However, there are some things that you as a consumer can do to help.

Junior participant Mandi Kulwicki states, “What we can do is make others aware of the situation and try to get these companies to be socially responsible.” And while it may seem like nothing to be picky with your choice of clothing, Cyperski challenges you to think again. “Start shopping with a little bit more of a conscious,” she says. “If you see a shirt that has a little bit of a snag

in it, do not put it back because it is not perfect.” One way the group affected the Nicaraguan people was by instilling a sense of hope for the future. “Physically being in Nicaragua showed the workers that Americans are standing in solidarity with them,” commented Rudyk. “Now the challenge for the group comes in the form of educating the community.

Freshman participant Jose Juarez added, “Talking about our experiences with other people, especially the right people, will make a difference not only here at John Carroll, but in the world.”

For more information on the sweatshop labor witnessed in Nicaragua, check out the window display case by Einstein Bros.

*-Erin Berger, President of
Alpha Sigma Nu*

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House for Rent - 3205 Oak Road (Mayfield/Lee), Cleveland Heights - Large 5 bedroom, 2 bath with fenced yard, front porch, all appliances plus washer/dryer. \$1350/month. Call Debbie at 216-402-5627.

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Two family house for rent. Five bedrooms on one side & four on the other side. Very close to campus. Carroll students surrounding. Available now!! Call Sam (440) 669-9996.

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

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Downstairs unit at 13726 Cedar Road for rent. 5 bedrooms, 2 full bath. Off-street parking. Free WiFi. Near JCU campus and very close to shopping. Please call Dan Lindner to schedule an appointment. (216) 374-5220.

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