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Student Union run-off

17 percent

New Student Union president decided
by only 521 undergraduate voters

Katie Sheridan
Campus Editor

Junior Matt Hiznay officially became the 87th president of the Student Union on Tuesday by winning a run-off election that only 17 percent of the student body voted in.

Last week, Hiznay received 48 percent of the total votes, but since it was not a majority, he and his closest competitor, junior Amy Marchlen, were required to have a run-off.

This week Hiznay claimed the title with nearly 100 more votes than Marchlen. The percentages were split 59 percent for Hiznay and the other 41 percent for Marchlen.

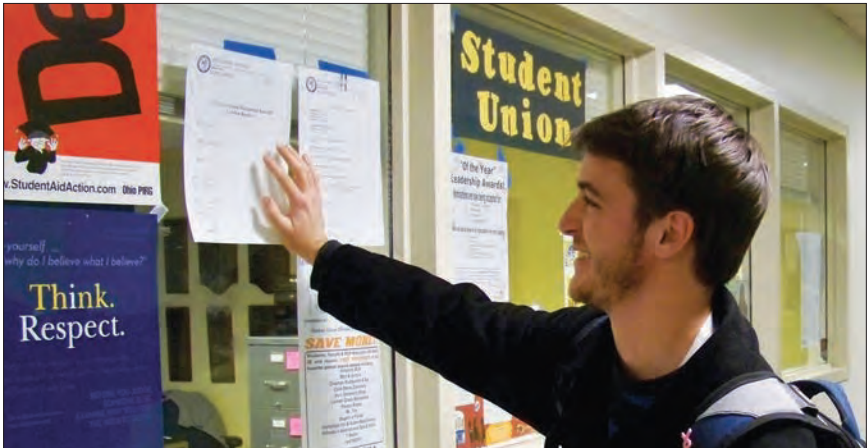
Hiznay is expected to represent the entire campus, despite the fact that he received votes from only 10 percent of the student population.

This week’s low voter turnout came as no surprise. Last week 581 students voted in the presidential election, nearly 19 percent of the student body.

Both Hiznay and opponent Marchlen had expressed concern about the low voter turnout the previous week.

Overall, 521 students voted for the candidates this time around. This is less than one fifth of the

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President-elect Matt Hiznay checks the Student Union window to see the results of the presidential run-off, which ended in his favor. Photo by Mike Spinelli

Continuing Coverage

Failure to report sex crime

Administration’s response

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Katie Sheridan
The Carroll News

Dean of Students Sherri Crahen said John Carroll University administrators had “differences of opinion” over whether the University needed to abide by The Clery Act after they learned that a student was being investigated by local police for a sex crime that happened on campus.

Passed in 1990, The Clery Act is a federal law aimed to inform parents and students about crimes that happen on college campuses. The act requires that campus police maintain a daily crime log, publish an annual crime statistics report and provide

timely warning of any threats to students’ safety.

The Carroll News reported last Thursday that CSS failed to record in the safety log that a sex crime happened on campus last semester. The crime was reported to University Heights Police Department after the father of a 14-year-old girl discovered his daughter had sex with a 20-year-old male JCU student while visiting campus on March 14 and 15, 2008.

“If the accused is one of our students but the victim is not, that is when it gets very tricky,” Crahen told the Student Union at their meeting on Tuesday. “There was never an intention to cover up this

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The Clery Act

A crime is entered into the log when it is reported to the campus police or security department. That is, if a crime is initially reported to a campus security authority other than the campus police or security department, it is not recorded in the crime log unless it is subsequently brought to the attention of the campus police or security department.

- Department of Education



Photo by Mike Spinelli

You’ve been served

Going to the cafeteria is
not going to the grocery store

Caitlin Huey-Burns
Campus Editor

Campus Safety Services was called to the Schott Dining Hall last weekend after a John Carroll University student let a non-student into the dining hall through an illegal entrance and argued with the staff.

CSS asked the student for his side of the story, he was documented, and he was referred to Associate Dean of Students Donna Byrnes to go through the disciplinary system.

Flores said that CSS action was necessary in this instance because the non-student would have been stealing food had the staff not apprehended him. “This puts other students who purchase

a meal plan at a disadvantage,” said Flores. “You wouldn’t do that at a normal restaurant.”

Flores dismissed rumors of students being arrested on the account of taking too much food.

“By no stretch of the imagination would we ever embarrass a student or call the police for that,” said Flores.

Students are under the impression that the cafeteria staff aims to inconvenience them by limiting portions. However, Flores said that “unlimited portions is the biggest misconception students have.”

Students have recently reported concerns about portion sizes administered by cafeteria staff. Emily Hans, assistant

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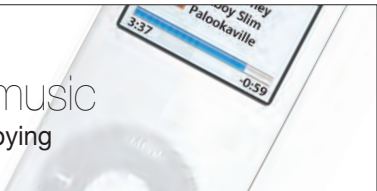
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Campus Briefs

2009 New Student Orientation Leaders

Applications are now available for those interested in becoming 2009 New Student Orientation Leaders. Applications can be found in the Office of Student Activities and the Office of Residence Life from 8:30 a.m to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. They are also available online at: http://www.jcu.edu/reslife/docs/RA_Orientation_selection.pdf. Applications are due on Friday, Nov. 21 at 5 p.m. If you have questions, please contact Kyle O'Dell, Coordinator of Orientation, at orientation@jcu.edu.

Résumé Review Event

The Event Planning Class and the Career Center are sponsoring a résumé review event on Dec. 4 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the O'Dea Room, formerly the Faculty Dining Room, located in the Student Center. Area employers will be available to critique your resume and offer advice. To sign up to attend, please e-mail Bridget May at bmay09@jcu.edu, or sign up in the Atrium or Einstein's the week of Nov. 20 through Nov. 24. Those who wish to attend must register before Nov. 25.

Shopping trip to Grove City Outlets

Greek Life is sponsoring transportation to the Grove City Outlets in Pennsylvania on Nov. 22. Sign up in the Atrium Thursday from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. or Friday from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Students must deposit \$5 that will be returned when they depart for Grove City Outlets. The bus will be leaving at noon and is expected to return at approximately 8:30 p.m. The first 40 spots are guaranteed. However, they will be taking up to 60 names for will-call. If you are on the will-call list then you are not expected to put down a deposit. For questions, contact Chris Lewis at clewis11@jcu.edu or Gretchen Rausch at grausch09@jcu.edu.

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SU seeks students to help with SAF oversight

Meredith Yagelski
Staff Reporter

More students may be added to the Student Activity Fee Allocation Committee in hopes of giving them more control over how their money is spent.

For the past several years, the SAFAC has been operating under three students and three administrators. With the help of John Carroll University junior Shaylyn Mahoney, vice president for business affairs for the Student Union, and Mark McCarthy, vice president for student affairs, the committee is looking to add three more students.

Currently, the committee, comprised of both students and administrators, consists of the vice president for business affairs, the auditor for student organizations, the SUPB vice president for finance, the director of student activities, the director of recreation, and the dean of student development.

The three administrators are also stakeholders, meaning they oversee specific areas that are funded by the Student Activity Fee.

For example, Sandy Howard, a stakeholder, is responsible for overseeing the club sports and fitness center which is funded by the SAF.

The new positions that Mahoney and McCarthy want to add will consist of one senator and two students from the student body.

According to Mahoney, all can-

didates will go through an application and interview process.

They will be chosen by an interview committee, which is yet to be determined and ultimately will be approved by McCarthy.

As for credentials, "We will be looking for dedicated, knowledgeable students that have an interest in communicating with the student body and administrators," said Mahoney.

She said, "I want the John Car-

roll students to feel more comfortable and involved with the Student Activity Fee process."

Starting in the fall of 2009, the SAFAC's main duties will include gathering information from stakeholders about how their SAF money was spent during the previous year.

Based on this information, the committee will discuss whether there needs to be any changes in the amount of money in the SAF and whether it should be increased or decreased. They will also discuss

If any stakeholders present bids requesting more funds, the SAFAC will review the bids and will decide how much each stakeholder will receive.

This method is based on the number and the type of bids and how the money was spent the previous years. Similar to the fall process, the decision of the SAFAC will be presented to the Senate and, if passed, will go on to the vice president for student affairs and then the Board of Trustees.

Adding more students to this process will enable the committee to see the needs of the students better.

"It will be their duty to communicate with the student body and gather information to bring back to the SAFAC. Students will be able to have a voice in the Student Activity Fee allocation process," said Mahoney.

"It is my hope that this coming year, we can get back on our feet and voice our opinions through the SAFAC once again."

SU President Molly Delaney said that these representatives will be able to provide more information to the student body and further ensure that the allocation of all funds is directed back to the students.

"With the recent increase in the fee, it is important that students are well-represented in terms of deciding how that money is spent based upon our needs around campus," said Delaney.

roll students to feel more comfortable and involved with the Student Activity Fee process. In the past year, we were faced with the increase in fees in which the SAFAC had to step back and relinquish our position to the administration."

The SAFAC is responsible for assisting the vice president for student affairs and the Board of Trustees when determining the SAF.

Mahoney said, "It is imperative that students are involved in this process. It is through this belief that the decision was made to add more

whether any stakeholders need to be added, removed or combined with others.

The committee then will present their recommendations to the Senate. If passed, it will go to the vice president for student affairs, who works with the Board of Trustees. Together, they both will make a final decision on any changes.

At the beginning of the spring of 2009 semester, the SAFAC will determine stakeholders' allocations based on the overall amount of the SAF.

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entire undergraduate population at John Carroll University.

Hiznay and Marchlen were disappointed in the voting numbers, but expected this week's total to be even lower.

In fact, Hiznay said, "I'm actually pleased that more than I thought turned out to vote."

For this run-off election all voting was all done online. There were no booths set up for voter convenience. Almost the same amount of people voted this time as did last week.

Marchlen said, "I feel it [voter turn-out] was decent because we had the same amount as last time. I just think it's sad that so few people vote."

This is a testament to Hiznay's platform. He feels that "no longer

is the Student Union regarded as the premier organization of the University."

Hiznay said, "I think the SU is already pretty well known by the students. I think it's more of an invisible organization."

Hiznay hopes to improve this by encouraging students with concerns to attend Senate meetings and e-mail their representatives.

"We need the popular support of the students," said Hiznay.

Marchlen, who is unsure if she'll be returning to the Senate, agreed. She said, "I feel that Student Union doesn't have as big a voice anymore."

While increasing students' interest in the SU is one of Hiznay's biggest concerns, he also wants to install additional bike racks, expand the University's shuttle service, and work with the community.

West Loop Shuttle pilot program begins on Friday

The shuttle will run Friday night, Saturday afternoon and Saturday night.

The shuttle will pick students up every hour from the Belvoir Lot on Friday night beginning at 5:50.

It will make the following stops:

- * Cedar-Lee (Petland)
- * Coventry Rd. North (Huntington Bank)
- * Little Italy (Holy Rosary Church)
- * University Circle

Campus Safety Log



November 4, 2008

A criminal report for someone passing a bad check was filed at 6:54 p.m.

November 6, 2008

A felonious assault was reported at 1:42 p.m.

November 7, 2008

Damage to the set-up in the Dolan Atrium for Latin American Night was reported at 8:07 p.m. Among other damages, 70 balloons were popped.

November 8, 2008

A theft and break-in to a basketball player's locker was reported at 9:58 a.m.

November 8, 2008

A stall was pulled out of the wall in a Murphy Hall men's bathroom at 2:52 a.m.

November 9, 2008

A suspicious situation was reported when people were tearing down the light pole between Murphy and Sutowski halls at 2:52 a.m.

November 10, 2008

A theft of a plant was reported at 9:57 a.m.

November 13, 2008

A fake driver's license in a wallet was found by a JCU van driver and reported at 2:44 p.m.

November 14, 2008

A window in Sutowski Hall was broken when a student threw an apple at it at 3:01 a.m.

November 15, 2008

A Telecommunications harassment was filed at 3:28 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.

JCU addresses financial state

Vice president of finance says student loans will not be harmed by credit crisis

Tim Evanko
The Carroll News

John Carroll University Vice President of Finance Richard Mausser said that government-sponsored student loans will be safe, despite the worsening global economy. Mausser addressed the University's financial state at last week's town hall meeting.

Fears that dried-up credit markets will limit students' abilities to borrow the funds they need to pay tuition have caught Mausser's attention.

Though this is a concern, 90 percent of student loans are attained through government-sponsored student loan programs that will continue to be available amidst the credit crunch.

JCU is investigating creative ways to partner with lenders to ensure that the remaining 10 percent will be able to secure private loans in future months.

“The market has always viewed JCU students as better prepared than many of their peers.”

Richard Mausser
Vice President of Finance

One of the strong incentives for lenders to work with JCU students is the low default risk that the University's students embody.

The fact that most JCU students graduate in only four years and secure solid positions after graduation allows them to pay back their loans on time.

Mausser said that “demand for younger, cheaper employees is a natural effect of job cuts and will

magnify as the baby-boomers move closer to retirement,” a sentiment that has JCU officials optimistic about the future employment prospects of their students.

Mausser reassured the crowd that the University is doing everything it can to make the appropriate adjustments to weather the current economic storm.

JCU is being affected by recessionary conditions, as are all academic institutions.

JCU's endowment is a prime example of the turbulent times. The market value of this portfolio has fallen by 14 percent this year.

The portfolio has, however, outperformed the stock market, in large

part due to a heavy mixture of fixed income instruments, which have retained more value than equity instruments.

JCU is in particularly solid shape when it comes to the repayment of outstanding debts. The University holds only 5 percent of its debt in variable-rate loans.

Interest payments can fluctuate rapidly on these variable-rate loans and many universities have been burned by this phenomenon in recent times.

security. The only question mark here is whether campus security was notified that the police were on campus.”

Crahen made it clear that JCU did know the investigation was going on.

“Did the University know that the police were searching his room? Yes,” said Crahen.

Mark McCarthy, vice president for student affairs, said he is unaware of any specific JCU policy about reporting campus crimes. He was not employed by JCU at the time of the incident.

JCU will solidify its debt footing further on Dec. 1, when all variable rate debt will be converted to low 2.8 percent fixed-rate contracts. In an effort to ensure that enrollment stays consistent amidst a shrinking Northeast Ohio population, JCU is refocusing on keeping local students from emigrating to high-priced East Coast institutions.

According to Mausser, JCU may stand to benefit if students who once opted for the high-priced Ivy League start to find staying closer to home a more affordable option.

“We now employ permanent representatives in the BosWash corridor [East Coast] in an effort to make quality students aware of our University,” said Mausser.

In response to concerns that students may begin to shy away from private institutions as a result of the recession, Mausser said, “It is dangerous to take a short-term approach to education because it serves one for life.”

He feels that students will continue to seek the value of a JCU education and said, “The market has always viewed JCU students as better prepared than many of their peers.”

The University is minimizing tuition rate increases for the 2009-2010 academic year, while also limiting all capital and discretionary spending.

Exact tuition rates will be announced around Thanksgiving.



Richard Mausser, vice president of finance.

Small cuts will be sought across the board, with a key area of emphasis on reducing unnecessary lighting.

Rising natural gas costs have been hedged against through the usage of future delivery contracts that lock in low prices.

The University is also looking to partner with suppliers in an effort to avoid passing increasing consumer goods' costs onto students.

Mausser said, “JCU is driven by its mission as a Jesuit university to offer an education that is accessible to all people and the University will not make cuts in areas that would be detrimental to that philosophy.”

However, Mausser is cautious with the University's finances.

“The administration is taking a carefully thought-out approach to implement budget constraints that will allow John Carroll to sustain itself financially and ensure the quality of student life on-campus,” said Mausser.

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director of dining services, said that some students treat their meal plan like a grocery store.

Access to “to go” containers allows students to stock up massive amounts of lunch meat or bread. Hans, however, argued that one meal swipe constitutes one meal. “Some students have the misconception that they can swipe their card once and fill a container with food to last the weekend.” According to Hans, this “punishes the masses when a student gets two meals for one swipe.”

Flores and Hans agreed that this was the most common abuse of the program, but recognized that only a small faction of students take advantage of the meal plan in this way.

An estimated 2,400 students eat in the cafeteria during the week, and about 1,500 on the weekends, said Flores and Hans. The high volume requires much food preparation and production.

The cafeteria staff completes a production spread sheet after each meal time is complete. As entrées exist on a three-week cycle, the production sheet tracks the history of the product served.

For example, it examines how much chicken was prepared for one meal, how much was taken by diners and how much was left over. The results of this production spread determine the size of the portions served in the future.

Flores said that an entrée, two sides, a salad, soup, bread and a drink constitutes a meal. He said that the staff would never open students' to go containers to moderate how much food someone is taking.

He did, however, stop a student who took 24 hard-boiled eggs at one time. The student said he was maintaining a high protein diet and the hard boiled eggs fit that parameter. Flores told the student that he would be able to make arrangements with the staff to have a separate portion of eggs prepared for him.

Flores and Hans said the staff is more than willing to make food accommodations for students with special food needs if notified ahead of time.

Flores noted a case in which a student body-builder made arrangements with the staff to pick up four chicken breasts from the cafeteria.

“If you are on a blueberry diet. We will accommodate that specific request. We just need to know,” said Flores.

JCU may have violated The Clery Act

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incident.”

JCU may be in violation of The Clery Act by not recording the incident once it became aware of it.

The law states, “[a crime] is not recorded in the crime log unless it is subsequently brought to the attention of campus police or security department.”

Adam Goldstein, attorney advocate for the Student Press Law Center, said, “The Clery Act requires that the campus crime log include crimes that are reported to campus

“I don't know if it was a mistake, an oversight or a decision,” he said.

McCarthy added, “Should it have been or could it have been in the crime log? Probably.”

Timothy Peppard, director of CSS, said campus police are sure to alert the student body of potential threats to safety. However, he said he is not sure of how The Clery Act is applicable to this incident.

“I don't know if it's required by law, it might be,” said Peppard of CSS being required to report on-campus crimes that are investigated by UHPD.

“Based on Clery, [students] have a right to know every crime that

happens on campus. I guess the stumbling block was the log because the way it was reported,” he said.

The Clery Act is named in memory of Jeanne Ann Clery, a 19-year-old who was murdered while asleep in her Lehigh University residence hall room in 1986.

Clery's parents led the charge to pass the original “Campus Safety Act” in 1990 after they learned about 38 other violent crimes that happened at Lehigh and had not been disclosed to students.

Schools that do not comply with their disclosure obligations are liable to be fined by the Department of Education or face suspension of student aid programs.

CAMPUS CALENDAR: NOV. 20-NOV. 26

20	Thursday	21	Friday	22	Saturday	23	Sunday	24	Monday	25	Tuesday	26	Wednesday
Kappa Alpha Theta is sponsoring Mr. University at 7 p.m. in the Kulas Auditorium. Tickets are \$2 in advance or \$3 at the door. There will also be raffle prizes.	SUPB is sponsoring an off-campus trip to cosmic bowling. Transportation is provided and the bus will leave at 10 p.m. from the Belvoir curb.	Taste of Carroll will take place at 8 p.m. in the Dolan Atrium. There will be free samples of food from different restaurants within the University Heights area.	The JCU men's and women's swim teams will host a swim clinic in the Johnson Natatorium at 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. The cost is \$8 with a student ID or \$20 otherwise.	Daily mass will take place at 12:05 p.m.	Friday classes will meet today. Residence halls close at 7 p.m.	Thanksgiving Break.							

JCU PROFESSOR JAZZES THINGS UP

Tenured professor, Marc Lynn, opens a fine dining Jazz club in Ohio City

Rachel Szuch
Arts & Life Editor

As a tenured John Carroll University business logistics professor of 22 years, grandfather, musician, former medical researcher and multi-time business owner, Marc Lynn has accomplished a lot over his years. His most recent endeavor was purchasing a run-down bar and turning it into a fine dining Jazz club – in less than a month.

Lynn and his wife, Debra, opened Jazz28 on June 6 of this year after purchasing the venue on Clinton and West 28 Street in Ohio City on May 19. In that short time, they scrambled to redo the once town-tavern. They had to set up the kitchen and plan the menu, buy all of the furnishings, hire the help and do everything else that comes with owning a new restaurant or club.

“It was a very busy time,” said Lynn, who had never owned or even worked in a restaurant. In fact, neither he or his wife had any experience in the dining industry.

“I’ve had six businesses that I’ve started before. I like to start small businesses, not necessarily ones I’m expert in, but I learn a lot and I bring a lot of it back into the classroom. Sometimes we make money, sometimes we lose money,” said Lynn. “I closed my consulting company about five years ago; it was time for me to do something else.”

Although neither of them has much experience in the fine dining business, together, Lynn and his wife did have a good idea of what they were getting into and how to get started.

“We talked to a number of people who had been successful restaurateurs and some who had failed, because I

think that it is just as important to talk to failures as successes. Learn why people go under, as well as why some people got lucky and made it,” Lynn explained. “But the main thing was I wasn’t going to start this business from a restaurateur’s point of view. I hadn’t owned a restaurant, but for 60 years I’ve been eating at restaurants.”

With that idea in mind, the Lynns’ approached Jazz28 from a customer’s point of view. They were unconcerned with whether or not they were to make any money; they just wanted to combine fine dining and great Jazz music to give their patrons something wonderful.

“There are a lot of people that really like jazz or young people that don’t have an opportunity to see really fine entertainment because they can’t afford a \$30 dinner and a \$25 cover. So we’re trying to give them the opportunity to come by and see,” said Lynn, who always has booked talent on Friday and Saturday nights, and occasionally during the week.

And, when there isn’t a booked high-end Jazz performance, Lynn and his wife perform at Jazz28. Marc Lynn plays the guitar and Debra Lynn, an alumna of JCU, handles the vocals.

“I just took the plunge,” said Debra Lynn of her singing career. She began singing after her husband convinced her to give it a try several years ago, and she was right at home singing “At last, my love has come home” in front of a full house at Jazz28.

In addition to playing the guitar, Lynn is classically trained on trombone and plays the trumpet, flute, saxophone and bass. “I worked my way through undergrad playing five nights a week and actually, I left college for a six-month period and went to New York and was working as a professional musician,” Lynn said.

“I quit playing for about 25 years while I was raising a family and teaching here. About four years or so ago, got back into playing and got my wife to sing and started booking us quite frequently,” he said.

With a strong work ethic and a desire to bring great music and fine food to the residents and visitors of Ohio City, Lynn has created something special in Jazz28, a place where seasoned Jazz-enthusiasts and novices alike can enjoy quality cuisine and fantastic music.

Photo by Rachel Szuch

JAZZ28 IS SURE TO PLEASE BOTH YOUR PALATE AND YOUR EYES

Rachel Szuch
Arts & Life Editor

With phenomenal food and professional entertainment, John Carroll University professor Marc Lynn and his wife Debra’s Jazz28 is affordable and unique. The club’s blue-hued décor is reminiscent of the vibrant live Jazz performances that are played there and the elegantly cozy atmosphere is as relaxing as the food is delectable.

Rarely am I able to finish an entire plate, and when I do it’s only because the amazing taste outweighs my ability to stop chewing. For two people who have no restaurant experience, the food served at Jazz28 was delicious and gorgeously presented.

“Anything that looks good or tastes good is because of my wife,” said Lynn.

“I wanted it to be different,” explained Debra Lynn of the diverse menu, which she put together herself. It consists of a variety of traditional dishes with unique twists, like the Bell and Evans Airline Chicken, roasted with Lady apples wrapped in bacon with pureed sweet potatoes and sauteed spinach at \$18, which is the average price of an entree at Jazz28. Lynn promises a discount to anyone who furnishes a JCU ID.

And, in addition to the discount, there’s no cover charge to see the Jazz performances, which go from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on weekdays and from 8 p.m. to midnight on weekends.

Jazz28 also features a full-service bar that seats 12 and additional dining for 40.

Visit Jazz28.com for directions and full menu

Daniel Craig brings emotion to 007

Our reviewers explain why the latest James Bond flick is a hit

Joe Marino
The Carroll News

I’ve always disliked the continuous “James Bond formula.” We always have Bond, a villain seeking global domination, a deceitful female who dies and a nice girl who dies. Where’s the excitement in knowing what’s going to happen?

We know Bond won’t get emotionally attached to the girl, regardless of his sleeping arrangements. We know Bond will defeat the villain, save the world and ride off into the sunset, only to return when some bright Hollywood executive decides to make a sequel. Twenty Bond films and the same type of story playing over and over again... blah.

But in 2006, we were treated with a new James Bond in Daniel Craig for “Casino Royale.”

I remember thinking Daniel Craig near-perfectly encompassed the creator Ian Fleming’s original take on the famed 007 spy.

Bond before Craig was a suave, charming, in-control guy whose female-magnetizing charm often got him in bed with at least two girls per film.

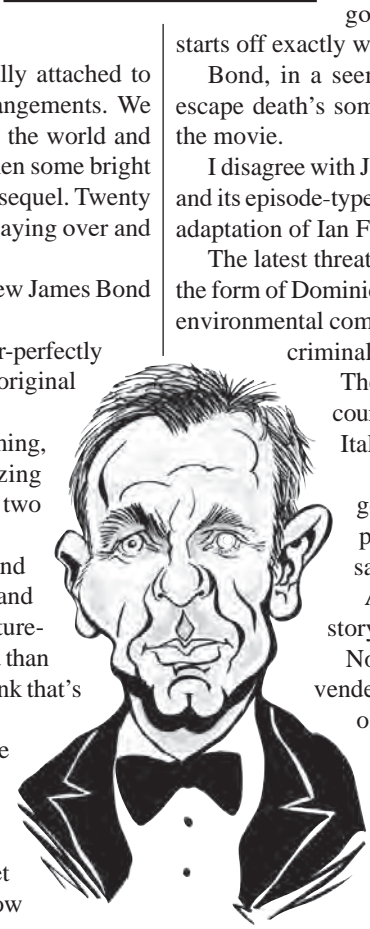
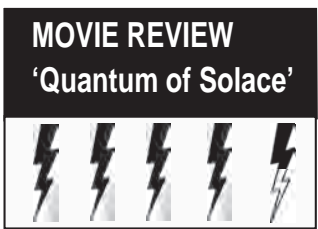
But Craig showed audiences that Bond had more potential. He’s both human and vulnerable. He doesn’t always make picture-perfect decisions. Although better trained than most, he’s just like the rest of us, and I think that’s why he’s a much more appealing Bond.

“Quantum of Solace” starts right where “Royale” left off. James Bond, filled with rage over Vesper’s death, seeks revenge on Dominic Greene (Mathieu Amalric), the mastermind behind a secret organization that even MI6 doesn’t know about. While on a journey filled with some brilliant action scenes, particularly a shooting scene in an opera house, Bond meets Camille (Olga Kurylenko), a feisty female who has her own grudge against Greene.

Kurylenko proves herself as an excellent – although unorthodox – Bond girl. From the kind of Bond girls we’re used to, Kurylenko’s Camille styles herself as the female version of Bond himself, and does it well.

“Solace” stands as the first Bond sequel and not an “episode.” Director Marc Forster uses the extra legroom of a multi-film story arc to more fully develop the Bond we all know, while also showing us a glimpse of Bond we’ve never seen before. Never before has Bond’s emotional state played so key a role in continuing the story.

This film blew me away. We’ve stepped into the world of a superior James Bond. Only time will tell if he’s here to stay.



Daniel Craig plays James Bond in the 22nd 007 film, ‘Quantum of Solace.’

Bond, in a seemingly impossible situation, manages to escape death’s somewhat slippery grips throughout most of the movie.

I disagree with Joe in regards to the “James Bond Formula” and its episode-type characteristics. Unknown to most, the first adaptation of Ian Fleming’s 007 was a TV series.

The latest threat to MI6 and the rest of the world comes in the form of Dominic Greene (Mathieu Amalric), the head of an environmental company which acts as a smoke screen for the criminal organization only known as “Quantum.”

The chase leads Bond, along with his female counterpart Camille (Olga Kurylenko), through Italy, Austria and ends in Bolivia.

Greene attempts to overthrow the current government in Bolivia in hopes of securing parts of the land to carry out “Quantum’s” sadistic plan.

Almost all Bond movies consist of a love story.

Not this one. Bond and Camille both have vendettas against those who killed their loved ones. Bond wants to avenge the murder of his last love, Vesper, in “Royale,” and Camille wants revenge against General Medrano, head of the new Bolivian government.

The two make for a perfect fit. Their motives propel the movie to new heights, and take it above and beyond the usual Bond love story. Audiences could feel Bond’s emotional pain. Craig makes an excellent Bond that audiences are sure to see more of.

It would only be fit to keep that characteristic during the transition from TV to the big screen. It would get ridiculous if the plot continued throughout each movie, and audiences would forget the origins of problems. Only so much can happen at one time.

The episode-style format allows for producers to exhibit their creativity and the versatility that Bond possesses.

The plot was not as developed as I hoped. The action was phenomenal, but the plot seemed to come secondary to Bond’s death-defying stunts. Director Marc Foster could have added more substance and less blood.

The screenplay left audiences with questions as to what “Quantum” was exactly and where it originated. Considering Bond is attempting to take down “Quantum,” the audience should know more about it.

Craig Willert
Movie and Music Critic

Daniel Craig has again captured the hearts of millions of women, and motivated men to get up off the recliner and get in shape.

“Quantum of Solace,” the 22nd film by EON Productions, leads audiences on a wild goose chase. The film uncharacteristically

Such and Szuch

Let’s play the name game



Rachel Szuch
Arts & Life Editor

What is really in a name? This is a question that I have been pondering the last few weeks. A fellow editor mentioned that she would prefer to marry someone with the last name Parker. She felt that, following her own name, it had a nice regal flow.

This made me think of how we choose our relationships and whether or not a person’s name has any affect on said choice.

Take me, for example. A couple of months ago I met a guy named Ben. Unfortunately, my ex’s name is also Ben. This was an immediate turn-off. But I couldn’t figure out how a name could mean so much?

His name has no bearing on who he is; in fact, he didn’t even choose it, so it says nothing about him as a person. Yet it still bothered me.

Just as I had trouble taking the new Ben seriously, I’m sure others have been faced with similar situations. Do you really want to meet a Nathan if you just broke up with one? I doubt it. It just drudges up too many memories.

However, it isn’t just familiar names that can be a turn-off. Some names are just downright odd.

The Plain Dealer did something with this concept not too long ago. They featured unusual names that they had found in Cleveland, like Barb Dwyer. (I’m sure you’re giggling.) Don’t worry, her parents didn’t name her Barb Dwyer; she became a Dwyer after marriage. I personally would have stuck with my maiden name, but that’s just me.

Another name that would throw me is Jesus. Why would a parent give their child so much to live up to? I would imagine that the Jesuses of the world get picked on quite a bit as children. And, God forbid he goes to prison at some point. The headline would read, “Jesus behind bars – holy family is very disappointed.”

How much does your name affect you? While perusing the Web for information on the topic, I found studies that support the belief that a person’s name can direct their entire life.

It has been suggested that baseball players whose names begin with “K” strike out more than those without “K” names. (FYI, “K” is the scorecard symbol for strikeout.)

According to Newsweek.com, a majority of students whose names begin with a “C” or “D” tend to have lower grade point averages than students whose names begin with an “A” or “B”. Well, I wonder how the “R” names score.

I honestly think that this is all probably a fluke or some kind of weird coincidence. I really doubt that something that you had no control over has that much of a bearing on your life.

But, just in case I’m wrong, plan on doing a lot of research before naming your future children!

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Entertainment Calendar

Check out what’s happening in Cleveland this week!

11.22

All Time Low
House of Blues
6 p.m.
\$15

11.23

Fastball
Beachland Ballroom
8 p.m.
\$14

11.25

Jason Mraz
Lakewood Civic Auditorium
8 p.m.
\$15

11.28

Ekoostik Hookah
House of Blues
7 p.m.
\$16-\$25

12.02

Sarah Brightman
Quicken Loans Arena
7:30 p.m.
\$49.50-\$252.00

12.04

Jeremy Enigk
Beachland Ballroom
8:30 p.m.
\$14

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**Is our
obsession
with loud
music slowly
making us
deaf?**

A recent study by audiologists Brian Flagor and Terri Ives found that 80 percent of men and women listen to dangerously loud music. This type of loud music greatly contributes to hearing loss.

● Hearing loss occurs when the tiny hairs within our inner ears are damaged. Once this occurs, they are unable to transfer the sounds going through our ears into our brain. The brain then is unable to interpret the sounds we hear.

● At the current rate, almost one in ten music listeners will go deaf, according to a recent European Union study. Organizations like the EU have begun setting sound limits for products produced in Europe.

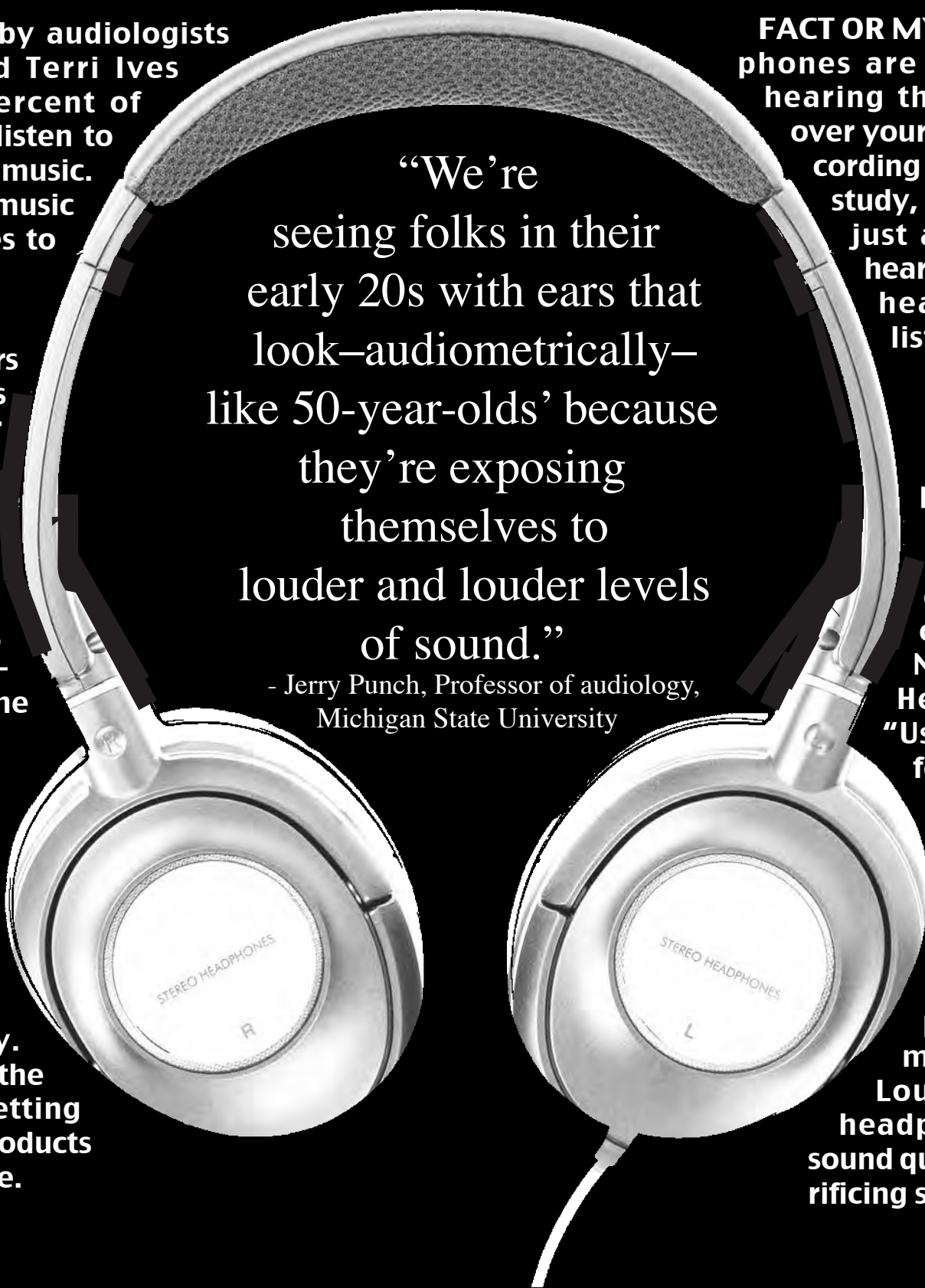
“We’re seeing folks in their early 20s with ears that look—audiometrically—like 50-year-olds’ because they’re exposing themselves to louder and louder levels of sound.”

- Jerry Punch, Professor of audiology,
Michigan State University

FACT OR MYTH: In-ear headphones are worse for your hearing than headphones over your head. **MYTH** - According to the Flagor-Ives study, in-ear pieces are just as dangerous to hearing loss as normal headphones when listened to at high levels.

● Still, some experts such as Professor James Bridges of the Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks said, “Use [headphones] for no more than an hour or two and don’t push them too far into your ears.”

● New and safer products hit the market every day. LoudEnough brand headphones maintain sound quality without sacrificing safety.



What can I do? Experts Say...

Northwestern University experts have been advocating the “60/60” rule. This rule states that individuals should not listen to music louder than 60 percent maximum capacity of their listening device.

“Just giving a time out to some of your listening is quite helpful.”

- Richard Salvi, the University of Buffalo’s Center for Hearing & Deafness

ACCESS GRANTED

A JCU faculty member and administrator have recently been awarded research and program grants from various organizations. The funding will be spent on projects both inside and outside the classroom.

Sherri Crahen

Dean of Students



Bob Seeholzer
Features Editor

Jeffrey Johansen

Chair of the biology department



photos by Bob Seeholzer

Dean of Students Sherri Crahen received a \$300,000 award from the U.S. Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women to fund a three-year project in order to develop and strengthen programs that address issues of violence against women.

Crahen applied with the assistance of a grant writer and went through the Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women, which focuses on the prevention and response to stalking, dating assault, sexual assault and rape.

The main use of the funding will be to hire a full-time program coordinator devoted to this cause. Crahen said that once a person had been hired, he or she would work together with the two sexual assault groups on campus, Every Two Minutes and One in Four, to help educate the student body about prevention and response.

Another goal is to establish a hotline for students to call who have a concern about stalking, dating violence, sexual assault and domestic violence.

Crahen will collaborate with local agencies and police departments in efforts to educate the surrounding community. Education about prevention and response is very important, according to Crahen.

"None of us are naïve enough to think that nothing can happen, so it's important to have coordinated resources for students if something does," she said.

Some of the funding will go towards updating the University's Web site by adding more information and resources for the students.

"We would update the current Web site to add information that currently isn't there, such as information about stalking, dating violence, etc. The funding will actually pay for a Web designer to create these pages and to also help us think about how else we might want to use technology to educate students, such as Facebook or Myspace," said Crahen.

Additionally, a portion of the grant will be spent on training in both the prevention and response to these crises. Resident Assistants, campus police and administrators are positions being considered for the training.

Funds will be used to create a campus "Resource Center on Violence Against Women" in the University Counseling Center. The Resource Center will implement comprehensive and ongoing free education about violence against women.

Jeffrey Johansen, chair of the biology department, was awarded \$400,000 from the National Science Foundation. The funding is part of a new multi-year grant for the study of the biodiversity of the terrestrial cyanobacteria in Chile's Atacama Desert.

He applied to the National Science Foundation for the grant last year. It was a slow process.

"The review process takes almost six months. I was told of intent to fund in the summer, but the grant came through officially in September," he said.

The money will be used to take trips to the Atacama Desert in Chile to collect soil samples that will be processed back here.

"The grant supports undergraduate summer research internships for the next three years. It also supports two graduate students in their research," said Johnson.

He added that he will apply for supplemental funding in February so that he can bring undergraduate students with him to Chile in May 2009.

Among other things, the grant will go towards a collaboration with a Chilean scientist who will actually come to John Carroll University this summer to study with a laboratory group.

"Her name is Iris Pereira from Universidad de Talca, and she will be working on isolation and identification of some subset of the cyanobacteria we collect," Johansen said.

Other foreign professors will also contribute in the research. Lorgio Aguilera of Universidad de La Serena will be assisting with collection trips in Chile. A German collaborator by the name of Thomas Friedl from the University of Goettingen will also be involved. He and his students will be doing the Denaturing Gradient Gel Electrophoresis on soil samples to give a molecular snapshot of how many cyanobacteria are present in the samples.

Johansen also expects to recruit students from foreign countries to come to JCU to work on the project.

"I have students in Mexico, Czech Republic and Russia right now that I am talking to about the project," he said.

He added that this research will enrich both the undergraduate and graduate programs in the biology department.

Grant money awarded to students too

-Bryan Mauk, a 2008 JCU graduate, received the 2008 William E. Simon Fellowship for Noble Purpose, which included a \$40,000 cash grant. The Intercollegiate Studies Institute established the grant to support college seniors who are dedicated to pursuing lives that will benefit their fellow men and women.

-Last year, a student research team from Worcester Polytechnic Institute worked to improve community relations between a coal-burning power plant company and villagers in rural Thailand. This year, that team was selected from among 40 other nominees as a top winner in the Forum on Education Abroad's prestigious Undergraduate Research Award competition. The Forum's Undergraduate Research Award is a national competition that recognizes only the most outstanding work done by students as part of their education abroad program. The award will be given at a February 2009 ceremony in Portland, Ore. and the entire WPI team will attend the ceremony.

Student Speakout:

What would you do on campus with the money from a grant?

"Renovate Murphy, that is, if there are grants large enough to afford that much construction."

-Eric Benzino, sophomore

"Build an underground tunnel system and provide hotel-style maid services in the dorms."

-Sarah Showalter, sophomore

"Kick out Aramark and bring back Parkhurst or any other food company."

-Pat Bloomstine, senior

"I'd implement Club Slamball and have a Slamball court built."

-Megan Lutz, freshman

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Football team ends season on sour note

Sean Fagan
Staff Reporter

Despite posting ten unanswered fourth quarter points to send the game into overtime, the John Carroll University Blue Streaks fell 20-17 in overtime against the Otterbein Cardinals.

With the loss, the Blue Streaks finish the season at 5-5, 4-5 in the Ohio Athletic Conference.

For the seniors, this game signaled the end of their careers. Entering this game with a record of 5-4, the senior class wanted to leave their mark at JCU by knocking off the No. 14 team in the country.

JCU almost pulled off the upset in overtime.

After holding the Cardinals to a field goal on their overtime possession, backup quarterback Jeff Javorek, playing for injured senior Mark Petruziello, was sacked and fumbled, ending the game and any hope for a Blue Streaks comeback.

"It's really sweeter than it is bitter," said senior co-captain Matt Harmon. "It's unfortunate it ended like that, but I'm proud to say that I got one more chance to play with the guys."

Not lost in the outcome was a

superb effort by the defense. Led by standout seniors Derek Buell, Michael Netting and Carlo Melaragno.

Buell had 18 tackles and Netting chipped in 15 stops of his own. Melaragno moved into second place all time on the JCU interception list when he came up with his 14th career pick in the fourth quarter.

The defense authored one of its finest performances of the season as they held an Otterbein team that averaged over 40 points per game to just 20 points.

They also forced three turnovers in the fourth quarter to afford the offense chance after chance to score.

One of these scoring opportunities would come after the defense pinned the Otterbein offense deep in their own zone. With less than six minutes to play, the fierce elements helped turn the tide for the Blue Streaks.

A high snap to Cardinal punter B.J. Wanninger was mishandled near the goal line.

Wanninger, unable to get a kick off, ran the ball up to the line of scrimmage before being shoved out of bounds.

The JCU offense took control at the Otterbein 22-yard line and ended



Photo courtesy of Sports Information

Junior Nick Spahar entered the Otterbein game with two catches all season. He had five for 47 yards and a touchdown on Saturday.

three quarters of frustration when Javorek took a head-first leap into the end zone from four yards out. A Josiah Kedzior extra point tied the game at 17.

"We had a couple trips down there and didn't score," said Javorek. "So as soon as I got outside and saw I had just one man to beat,

I knew I had to sell out and get to the end zone at all costs."

Javorek finished the game 5-for-9 with 46 yards passing in relief duty to go along with his rushing touchdown.

Perhaps because it was Senior Day, the Blue Streaks utilized two seniors, running back Tyler Ging-

rich and fullback Matt Harmon in more traditional roles in the ground game.

On their second drive of the game, JCU hit pay dirt when Petruziello found junior tight end Nick Spahar in the back of the end zone from 12 yards out to open up the scoring.

The Cardinals would respond twice in the second quarter when quarterback Jack Rafferty found Dan Gendron for a pair of scores. Coupled with a then-ineffective JCU offensive attack, it seemed the Streaks were stuck in a rut before a Kedzior field goal and Javorek's touchdown in the fourth.

Despite ending the Class of 2009's season on a four-game losing streak, head coach Regis Scafe said there is nothing to be ashamed of.

"I'm very proud of the way we took a playoff team right down to the wire in the second half," said Scafe. "The way these kids played and battled made me very happy."

Scafe was extremely proud of his seniors, but also excited about what he saw from the younger guys.

"We've got a lot of kids leaving, but it just means more people will need to be ready to step up next season," said Scafe.

For two JCU seniors, football broadcasting careers come to an end

Over the past four years, Fagan and Pitts have been the voice of JCU athletics

Matt Huml
The Carroll News

On Saturday, when the football season came to an end, so did the John Carroll University football broadcasting careers of Sean Fagan and Sam Pitts.

Between the two of them, they have combined to broadcast a vast majority of the JCU sporting events over the past four years, including football, men's and women's basketball, swimming, baseball, softball and volleyball.

Whether broadcasting games over the Internet in Webcast format or on 88.7 FM WJCU, the duo have come to be known as the "voices of JCU sports."

Pitts, a senior accounting major from Rochester, N.Y., started his sports broadcasting career in high school. While doing morning announcements, he would give scores and highlights from the previous night's sporting events. He affectionately became known as Sam "The Sports Man" Pitts.

Fagan, a senior communications major from Pittsburgh, Pa., began broadcasting basketball games for St. Vincent College as a senior in high school when the college was on Christmas Break.

Growing up in the Pittsburgh area, Fagan became a huge fan of Penguins radio announcer Mike Lange, and his love of sports broadcasting flourished.

Just as they took different routes to get to JCU four years ago, they will travel down two different roads again come graduation.

Pitts will not waste any time pursuing his career in accounting, as he will begin taking graduate



Photo by Mike Spinelli

Seniors Sam Pitts, standing, and Sean Fagan called their final football game on Saturday as they broadcasted the JCU vs. Otterbein game.

classes in the MBA program at JCU while interning with a local accounting firm. Fagan hopes to pursue his love of sports broadcasting, but said, "Jobs are hard to come by in this field and I will go wherever the work will take me."

Coming into college, both Fagan and Pitts had an extreme passion for sports, but were unsure of what they would do with their passion.

Both Fagan and Pitts found an outlet when JCU Sports Information Director Chris Wenzler introduced the two freshmen to live Internet sports broadcasting.

In addition, the two started working in Wenzler's office and created a friendship that will carry far beyond graduation.

As head of the Sports Information Department, Wenzler is

routinely looking for passionate students every year to help in his department.

He was introduced to an extremely passionate student in Fagan back in 2005.

Fagan was so passionate about working in the Sports Information Department that he volunteered his services during his freshman and sophomore years before getting on the payroll last year.

Wenzler noted that passion about their craft was what made Fagan and Pitts excel at broadcasting.

Wenzler pointed out that it isn't easy to talk about nothing for three hours, so the two spend plenty of time preparing for one game.

Aside from the time spent preparing to broadcast a game, the two travel to road games with the team.

For instance, they can leave Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. for an away football game and not returning home until 7 p.m.

These two young men have broadcast many different games, but a few will always stick out in their memories.

"We were playing at Ohio Northern 2007, it was Homecoming and parent's weekend for them, and the place was packed," said Fagan.

Pitts added that "any" John Carroll vs. Baldwin-Wallace football game "is always a great game with a second-to-none atmosphere."

Throughout these four years, Pitts and Fagan have forged a friendship that will not end with graduation.

When they depart, Fagan can say farewell to Pitts the same way he ends every broadcast: "Goodnight, God bless, Let's get outta here".

Fagan's Favorites

Favorite sports team:
Pittsburgh Penguins

Favorite announcer:
Mike Lange (Hockey)

Favorite sport to broadcast:
Football

If he could broadcast any sporting event, it would be:
FIFA World Cup

Pitts' Preferences

Favorite sports team:
Dallas Cowboys

Favorite announcer:
Marv Albert (Basketball, Football, Hockey)

Favorite sport to broadcast:
Basketball

If he could broadcast any sporting event, it would be:
Super Bowl

Fall sports wrap up

Eleven JCU athletes earn All-Ohio Athletic Conference honors

Football

2008 Record: 5-5

Highlight: On Oct. 18, Capital University came to University Heights ranked No. 9 in the country. They didn't leave that way after JCU defeated them 13-3 in the annual night game.

While the JCU offense managed just 103 total yards in the game, the tough Blue Streak defense rose to the occasion by forcing nine Crusader turnovers.

The win moved JCU up to 27th in the d3football.com poll.

In their own words: "Our expectations coming into this season were very high, and record wise, we didn't meet them as a team. It was frustrating because we made a lot of mistakes that cost us games."
- Doug Mayer

OAC Honors: Football season ends later than the other fall sports, so the awards will be passed out in the next week. Linebackers Michael Nettleing and Derek Buell are expected to pick up some hardware.



Junior running back Mark Elsaessar, shown here in the victory over Heidelberg, was an offensive spark for the Blue Streaks. He averaged 4.5 yards per carry and scored two touchdowns.



Senior Dan DiRuzza was the Blue Streaks top finisher in four of his seven races this season.

Men's Cross Country

Best finish in 2008: 11th place

Highlight: In their last meet before the start of the OAC season, the men's cross country team had their best showing of the year when they finished 11th out of 23 teams at the Wilmington Invitational on Oct. 17.

Three Blue Streaks placed in the top 60 individuals competing, led by senior Dan DiRuzza who finished in 36th place.

In their own words: "We had a strong season, especially given the youth on the team. Through their performances this year, the younger guys and the returning runners showed they have a lot of potential and can be very successful in the coming years. I think the success and experience from this season can be used to achieve the goals we have set as a team. We had a good season, but I think the next few years will be even better."
- Nick Habursky



Senior Mike Pinter, top right, fights for a loose ball, demonstrating the grit and determination of the Blue Streaks defense. The defense allowed 1.22 goals per game, second best among OAC teams.

Men's Soccer

2008 Record: 9-6-3

Highlight: After falling in their OAC opener to Capital University, the men's soccer team responded by making a great run in conference play.

After the 4-0 setback to the Crusaders, JCU outscored their opponents 11-4 over their next eight games, compiling a 5-1-2 record over that stretch to propel themselves into second place in the OAC.

During that stretch, the JCU defense recorded five shut outs.

In their own words: "The soccer season was very up and down. Even when we were winning it felt like we could have played a lot better. I truly feel that we could have competed with any team in the nation if we would have just played to our fullest potential."
- Louis Kastelic

OAC Honors: Freshman Jacob Milli and seniors Louis Kastelic and Scott McKinney were named to the second team. Junior Matt DeMarchi was named honorable mention.

As the snow begins to cover the ground, it's a sign that we can close the books on the 2008 fall sports seasons at John Carroll University. What a successful season it was. Eleven Blue Streak athletes have already earned All-Ohio Athletic Conference honors. When the postseason football awards are announced in the next week, a few more JCU athletes could add their names to that list. The fall athletes started working in the summer heat long before classes started and their hard work definitely paid off. Here's a look at some of the highlights that occurred in the past few months:



Sophomore Meredith McDiarmid was named to the All-OAC second team. She was tenth in the conference in hitting percentage and had the fifth most assists in the conference.

Volleyball

2008 Record: 18-12

Highlight: Over a two-day span, Sept. 12-13, at the Case Western Reserve University Tournament, the Blue Streaks dominated the competition.

JCU turned away all four of their opponents in straight sets, winning every match by a score of 3-0.

Sophomore Meredith McDiarmid and junior MaryEileen Dalton were both named to the all-tournament team for their efforts.

In their own words: "Our team came in this year committed to make a huge run in the OAC tournament, but our season ended up a little short.

We are very proud of our record, which reached an all-time high since 2001 with 18 wins, which wouldn't have been possible without all the hard work from the 16 girls and coaches."

- Meredith McDiarmid

OAC Honors: McDiarmid was named second team All-OAC.

Women's Soccer

2008 Record: 11-5-4

Highlight: From the time the Blue Streaks women's soccer team started their season on Aug. 30, they didn't allow a goal for more than three weeks.

In a span that covered five games, JCU outscored their opponents 16-0 while getting out of the gates 4-0-1 to start their season.

The team scored 12 goals against Culver-Stockton College, a school record for goals scored in a single game.

In their own words: "We definitely improved from last year. We had the best record that we have had in the last couple of seasons. When I look back I'll have no regrets because I know we played well, we played hard and we played together."
- Michelle Zrebiec

OAC Honors: Junior Caitlyn Walton was named to the All-OAC first team, while freshman Bridget Adams and senior Michelle Zrebiec earned All-OAC second team honors.



Senior goalie Michelle Zrebiec was named to the All-OAC second time after a superb 2008 season that saw her go 10-3-3. She had eight shut outs this year, giving her 16 for her career.

Women's Cross Country

Best finish in 2008: First place (twice)

Highlight: For the second time during the season, the women's cross country team captured first place, narrowly edging out host Wilmington College on Oct. 17.

Their first victory came when there were just four teams in the field. This time, the Blue Streaks were best of the 24 teams competing.

Sophomore Melissa Thorne and junior Tricia Doherty both finished in the top ten individually to lead JCU.

In their own words: "I feel that we had a very good season. Our team was very competitive this year and it felt good running for a team that could go out there and compete at almost every meet."
- Melissa Thorne

OAC Honors: Sophomore Melissa Thorne and juniors Tricia Doherty and Emily Tillmaand each earned All-OAC status by placing in the top 18 at the OAC Championships.



Junior Emily Tillmaand was one of three JCU women cross country runners to earn All-OAC honors. As a team, JCU came in fourth place at this year's OAC Cross Country Championships.

Hubach elects to use her final year of eligibility

Tim Ertle
Sports Editor

In sports, we tend to get caught up in the stardom and the money. We forget why people play the game. John Carroll University basketball player Caitlin Hubach reminds us what sports are all about: playing for a love of the game.

Hubach, 6 foot 1, starred in the post at JCU during the 2002-03, 2004-06 seasons, earning All-OAC honors in her senior season. She only played three seasons of basketball because she missed her sophomore year due to an injured left shoulder sustained in an automobile accident.

She graduated in 2006 with a degree in exercise science and physical therapy. Since graduating, Hubach has continued to stay around the game of basketball by assisting her sister, Meghann, who is the head coach at the alma mater of both sisters, Magnificat High School on Cleveland's west side.

"I was coaching the J.V. team at Magnificat where my sister is the head varsity coach," said Hubach. "They had pretty low numbers the last couple years so I would jump in at practice whenever I could," said Hubach.

Other than playing in practice, Hubach played one winter session at the Westlake Recreation Center,



Photo by Mike Spinelli

After playing only three years of basketball at JCU due to a car accident suffered before her sophomore season, Caitlin Hubach had one year of eligibility remaining. After a two-year hiatus, she's back.

but did not consider the league to be very competitive.

While casually playing, Hubach realized that her skill had not deteriorated.

She returned to JCU this semester for graduate school and is pursuing her Master's Degree in education. She thought about using her final year of eligibility now that she was back in school.

"I missed basketball a lot and I

knew I had that one season just sitting there," said Hubach. I felt like I would've been disappointed if I didn't use it."

After taking time to mull it over, Hubach approached former coach Kristie Maravalli to bring up the possibility of returning to the team.

"She just had a look of shock on her face and was like, 'Yeah you can play,'" said Hubach of her coach's

reaction.

"Then coach was like 'Is this legal?' We both ran up to Gretchen's [Weitbrecht, JCU Associate Athletic Director] office and spelled it out to her, and she said she thought it was allowed," said Hubach. "She checked the next day and discovered that it was legitimate, so five days before the season started I was back on the team."

Maravalli said she thought Hu-

bach was joking when she originally approached her about playing.

"I played golf with her two days earlier in the JCU intramural golf outing and she didn't mention a word about coming back and playing basketball," she said.

Maravalli said she never had any hesitation about allowing Hubach back on the team, and she knew that Hubach could contribute to the team if she did decide to come back.

"I knew she had been playing in a local league with some of our former college players so she was already in shape," said Maravalli. "And with her coaching and all, she never really left the game altogether. I figured she would be able to pick it up quickly — and she has."

After this season is over, Hubach can turn all of her attention back to her academics.

"In May, I'll graduate and I'll have a teaching license for [Physical Education] in grades kindergarten through 12," she said. "I'm going to look for a teaching job, hopefully in Ohio for the time being. I'd love to coach basketball again; that'd be great."

If Hubach does get back into coaching after her playing days end, she would be extremely lucky to coach players who play the game for the same reason she did: a love of the game.

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Five things you should know this week



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Pirates!

Pirates hijacked a Saudi Arabian crude oil carrier transporting \$100 million worth of oil and anchored it off the coast of Somalia on Monday. Pirates aboard are demanding a \$10 million ransom for the ship's return. The hijacking is one of many that has occurred in recent months.

McCain not giving up

After heightened speculation that his 2008 presidential loss would be his last campaign, Sen. John McCain has announced that he will return in 2010 to run again for his Arizona Senate seat, which he was elected to originally in 1986.

Stevens out

The longest-serving Senate Republican, Ted Stevens lost his bid for a seventh term when he trailed his opponent, Anchorage Mayor Mark Begich, by 3,724 votes on Tuesday. Before the election, 85-year-old Stevens was convicted of seven felonies, which very well could have led to his loss.

Cuba making more friends

Chinese President Hu Jintao visited Cuba on Tuesday, delivering millions of dollars in aid and a promise of future trade relations with the U.S. sanctioned country.

Billionaire faces problems

Dallas Mavericks owner, billionaire Mark Cuban is being charged with insider trading by the SEC after he sold his stake in a Canadian Internet search engine and allegedly avoided \$750,000 in losses.

Compiled by Mike Zurn



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Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, left, testifies in front of the House Services Financial Committee on Capitol Hill with Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, right, on Tuesday.

Financial bailout lacking oversight

Sean Webster
The Carroll News

About seven weeks ago, Congress passed the \$700 billion financial bailout with the assurance that Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, who would be in charge of administering the bailout money, would be monitored by multiple layers of oversight.

However, both Congress and President George W. Bush failed to quickly fill key oversight positions, allowing Paulson to spend the first \$290 billion virtually unchecked.

The bailout was designed to alleviate the financial crisis by increasing both investor confidence and the amount of money that banks are willing to lend.

Paulson originally planned on using the bailout money to purchase the troubled assets of financial institutions.

However, only days after the bailout's passage, he decided instead to invest the money directly into the financial institutions, a strategy implemented by many European governments.

While this approach results in the partial nationalization of the financial industry, it gives the financial institutions that receive bailout money much more control over how it is spent.

Although Paulson planned on returning to his original strategy, which is the one Congress passed earlier last month, he said last

Wednesday that he now intends to keep the current approach.

Paulson also announced his desire to widen the scope of the bailout to include non-bank financial institutions, such as GE Capital, which make loans, but do not accept deposits.

This move would allow bailout funds, which have thus far mostly failed to impact the frozen credit markets, to be used to directly help consumers.

But concerns have arisen over whether bailout money has been misused by financial firms to indirectly fund payments of CEO bonuses and compensations. Due to a lack of oversight, these concerns have gone unaddressed.

John Carroll University economics professor Jack Soper believes this lack of oversight is mostly a result of Congress' reluctance to take responsibility of the matter.

"The problem is that the term 'oversight' is a non-operational phrase ... Congress doesn't know who should supervise the bailout or how, but if it starts to go wrong you can bet that they'll raise hell," Soper said.

Despite the call for political oversight, Soper also noted that it could be damaging in a political economy governed not by science, but by politics.

"In this type of setting, markets work better than political oversight," he said.

Last Friday, Bush finally nominated Neil Barofsky, a federal prosecutor from New York City, as special inspector general of the bailout.

If confirmed by the Senate, Barofsky must review all transactions involved with the bailout and give details on the individuals or companies involved with each transaction. According to the original legislation, he must also release a report on the state of the bailout within 60 days of being confirmed.

The first three members of a five-member congressional oversight panel were also appointed on Friday by congressional Democratic leaders.

The remaining two members, which will be chosen by the Republican Party, have yet to be appointed.

This panel is primarily responsible for examining the impact of the bailout on the financial markets and for monitoring Paulson's use of authority.

The panel was supposed to issue a report on the bailout 30 days after it began. However, because Congress has taken so long to appoint its members, it has already missed this deadline.

Many also suspect that a more detailed account of the financial regulatory process, due from the panel by Jan. 20, the day President-elect Barack Obama takes office, will also be late.

On Tuesday, Paulson answered bailout questions saying:

- The Bush administration will find ways to provide mortgage assistance to struggling homeowners.
- The bailout should not be used to provide assistance to the struggling U.S. auto industry.
- The initial \$350 billion installment was not enough as evidenced by continued worsening of economic conditions.
- The current situation mandates that the bailout be adapted to changing market conditions and adjusted accordingly.

Rome is Zurning



Mike Zurn

World News Editor

Bail me out

Everyone get in line! You may soon be eligible for a government bailout. I've hired a lobbyist and I am good to go. I suggest you do the same because the government might be starting a money handout free-for-all. Now mind you, this is money that the government does not have—\$12 trillion debt, anyone? Not to worry though; they'll just print more.

Ever since the bailout of the U.S. banking industry, struggling companies have been getting in line to lobby for governmental assistance.

Recently, members of the U.S. auto industry, including Ford, General Motors and Chrysler, lined up outside Capitol Hill to ask for \$25 billion. They are telling Congress that if they do not receive financial assistance, their multi-billion dollar operations will go under.

Not to sound inconsiderate, but cry me a river. The reason why these CEOs get paid the insane amount of money they do is because it is their job to handle and solve crisis, so deal with it. This is capitalism, people. Businesses that are failing are failing for a reason.

Apparently, extremely high operational costs are not being offset by the demand for their product. Blame it on what you want, economic conditions, poor managerial decisions or powerful unions. Regardless, governmental leaders should understand that situations similar to this arise in business all the time.

Why don't the auto giants do what every other struggling business has to do? That is, craft and execute a strategy that will make consumers want their products. I know, that would make too much sense and require too much effort on management's part.

According to the executives, however, the current situation is not their fault. The blame rests with the current financial turmoil. This is laughable. Even before the credit crisis, each one of these manufacturers was combating bankruptcy. Additionally, what industry is not struggling during this economic catastrophe? I am pretty sure the auto industry is not the only one.

Let's assume that the U.S. does bailout the auto makers. Do you think that we are going to see any changes in their strategies or operations? Absolutely not. They will remain dominated by the United Auto Workers union and will continue failing to compete with more efficient companies like Toyota. Throwing money at this situation only serves to place a band-aid on a wound.

Furthermore, any arguments using their size as a justification for a bailout are dangerous. Simply put, they would set future precedent that any corporation big enough to affect the economy is eligible for governmental assistance.

Not to mention, the established precedent would definitely be real fair for the small businesses that have to succeed on their own, without massive investments. If they are struggling, tough luck for them. I have credit cards and student loan debt, where is my bailout?

The fact is that competing markets require companies adapt to changing conditions or risk extinction. Competition is the essence of capitalism, plain and simple. But who knows? Maybe we are just heading toward corporate socialism.

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Electoral realignment now a possibility

How the results of the elections may have shifted the political landscape

Kevin Grande
The Carroll News

After 12 years of Republican presidents, Franklin Roosevelt emerged victorious in 1932, marking a shift in the American electorate. Roosevelt's presidency went on to change the political map for several decades.

John Carroll University political science professor Larry Schwab explained the circumstances in which the Democratic Party dominated the electoral landscape.

"Democrats had a huge majority...They almost had twice as many people identify themselves as Democrats than Republicans," he said.

The 2006 and 2008 elections serve as the end of Republican party domination of politics that began in the 1970s.

According to Schwab, 1932 serves as one of the most important elections in the history of the United States. However, he does not regard the recently passed presidential election as that monumental.

"It certainly is historic, with a moderate level of importance," he said.

Schwab points to the 2004 exit polls, which demonstrate roughly that the electorate was split by thirds, one-third claiming to be Democrats, another claiming to be Republicans and the final claiming to be Independents.

Since the spring of 2005, there has been a "significant shift" towards the Democrats in identification. "The Democrats have an advantage of seven to 11 points in identification, and have clearly established themselves as the majority party," said Schwab.

He evidences the large majorities in both houses of Congress and the gains that the Democratic Party made in all geographic regions of the U.S.

Prior to 2004, the Republican Party's strongholds were in the Rocky Mountain West and the South. These strongholds have shifted in the past two election cycles.

"The Democrats strongly hold the Northeast, the Midwest is slightly Republican, the West is slightly Democratic, and the South is still solidly Republican," said Schwab.



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The presidential and congressional elections have possibly given way to a dramatic shift of power that realigned the electorate within the United States.

Despite this southern advantage for Republicans, the Democrats are making gains in the South, in states like Virginia, North Carolina and Florida where the electorate is mostly even.

Even with this shift, Schwab said, "I doubt the Democrats will be able to dominate politics for 40 years like after '32."

In the near future, "The Democrats will be able to have an advantage though," he said. The pattern of history may limit this advantage, especially in regards to 2010.

Over the past 100 years, the party in power of the presidency loses seats in the midterm elections around 90 percent of the time.

Schwab sees this election as more of a break from the Republican domination of politics. Others, like Republican political consultant Karl Rove, disagree, according to the Wall Street Journal.

"It is a tribute to his skills that Mr. Obama, the most liberal member of the U.S. Senate, won in a country that remains center-right. Most pre-election polls and the wiggly exits indicate America remains ideologically stable, with 34 percent of voters saying they

are conservative—unchanged from 2004. Moderates went to 44 percent from 45 percent of the electorate, while liberals went to 22 percent from 21 percent," Rove said.

Schwab disagrees with Rove's suggestion, saying, "I would strongly oppose the argument that the U.S. is center right."

His reason for this claim is that since FDR, Democrats have been trying to extend and defend the New Deal, while the Republicans have been reactionary by trying to move the country away from those policies.

"If not dead center, this country is center left," Schwab said.

Given the current political climate, there is the possibility that the 2008 election served as a realigning one, like that of 1932. Democrats made gains all across the country and solidified their base for several years.

However, Republicans may still make gains in the upcoming midterm elections if the pattern of history follows.

Specifically, in the next round of elections in which President-elect Barack Obama is president, the GOP must gain seats in both the House and the Senate.

Bush opponents pushing for investigations

Jacqueline Wyman
The Carroll News

In 1953, a year after President Harry Truman's final term in office, Congress issued him a subpoena. The former president denied the claim, citing it as unconstitutional. Truman stated that he was still entitled to executive privilege even after his term was over.

This set a new precedent that has allowed his presidential successors to keep the inner workings of their administration secret, even after the end of the term.

This leaves current congressional Democrats, who are preparing to move forward with Bush administration investigations at the end of his term, to wonder whether President George W. Bush will claim executive privilege as well.

Sheldon Whitehouse, Rhode Island Democratic senator, told The New York Times, "The Bush administration overstepped in its exertion of executive privilege, and may very well try to continue to shield information from the American people after it leaves office." Whitehouse sits on two committees investigating Bush policies.

Bush has exercised his executive powers in the past to deny congressional requests for executive branch documents.

This time though, congressional investigators anticipate that the incoming Obama administration will open the records to the public and overrule Bush administration statements of executive privilege, which kept all documents hidden.

The pressure to investigate the Bush administration brings forth hard-hitting political and legal questions.

Incoming presidential-elects have a reason to terminate investigations into their predecessor's term: To protect themselves in the future. In fact, Bush wielded executive privilege in 2001 by rejecting a subpoena by congressional Republicans investigating the Clinton administration.

"Obama is probably reluctant to unleash Congress. He knows it won't be a Democratic Congress forever and by allowing it he will open himself to the same scrutiny," said Daniel Kilbride, John Carroll University history professor.

President-elect Barack Obama has commented about investigations of Bush while campaigning for his own presidency. In April, he told The Philadelphia Daily News that America needed to differentiate "between really dumb policies and policies that rise to the level of criminal activity."

"If crimes have been committed, they should be investigated," Obama said. "I would not want my first term consumed by what was perceived on the part of Republicans as a partisan witch hunt, because I think we've got too many problems we've got to solve."

Three congressional investigations into the Bush administration remain open. These include the role of Bush advisers Karl Rove and Harriet Miers in the firing of eight U.S. attorneys, the prosecution of former Democratic Alabama Gov. Don Siegelman and the torture

of detainees held by U.S. forces.

But even if Obama uses executive privilege against these cases, Congress as well as the courts do not have to back down entirely. Several lawsuits dealing with Bush policies are pending, including an Islamic charity's claim that it was illegally spied on through wiretapping, without warrants.

Not only are Democratic members of Congress openly pleading for the incoming administration to release Bush administration documents, but advocacy groups such as Human Rights First and the American Civil Liberties Union have also requested that Obama investigate the abuse of detainees.

What is the importance of Congress investigating past administrations rather than moving forward to work with the new administration?

"Tension between administrations and Congress is healthy," said Kilbride. "It keeps all parties in check."

What if Obama decides to release information about his predecessor's tenure?

Bush could try to invoke executive privilege by filing a lawsuit. The dispute could potentially go to the Supreme Court.

There has been much dispute on whether the use of executive privilege is beneficial or abusive.

"The executive privilege exists to maintain balance of power," explained Kilbride. "It can be used to hide things [in order to protect], but it can also be used when Congress is butting in."

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Editorial

CSS fails to inform

Last week, The Carroll News broke a story about Campus Safety Services' failure to report a sex crime that happened last semester in a residence hall. The event was never reported in the campus safety log, nor was the JCU community made aware of the situation in any other way.

Failure to report any type of offense that happens on campus places students in potential danger by keeping them in the dark about what may be happening around them. Once CSS becomes aware of a crime, it needs to include the incident in the safety log, regardless of to whom the crime was initially reported. Students have a right to know about every crime that happens on campus.

By not reporting this incident, CSS compromised the trust of JCU students. Faculty members, the Student Union and student leaders should demand a thorough investigation as to why this occurrence was excused and also, what other similar incidents may have been dismissed in the past. Also, CSS and the administration need to thoroughly educate themselves on what the Clery Act means and what it entails, rather than interpreting it in a way that is beneficial to themselves.

Not only has this incident been kept from students, but also the perpetrator continued to attend classes with other students even after charges had been brought against him. CSS Director Timothy Peppard excused the incident by claiming that CSS did not conduct the investigation and therefore did not need to officially document it.

If this is the case, then students will have to start going to the University Heights Police Department to see what types of incidents may be happening on campus. Not only is this inconvenient but ridiculous students should have all such information readily available.

CSS' mission statement explicitly states that the department is "committed to providing a safe educational and work environment by providing current information relevant to safety issues on campus." But they have clearly violated this, along with their duty of "maintaining a good working relationship with other police departments." UHPD Lieutenant David Novinc was quoted in last week's article as saying, "I'm sure they notified John Carroll." This was in reference to the UHPD investigators who handled the crime and is an apparent inference of the lack of communication between the two departments. CSS should have worked with UHPD in order to provide sufficient information to the University, rather than leaving it in hands of University Heights.

It is crucial that all on-campus crimes, no matter how big or small, are communicated to students in some way. This can easily be done by updating the crime log daily, including all incidents that CSS is aware of even if they haven't personally investigated it.

It is a major responsibility of CSS to ensure that all students feel safe and protected. There is no excuse for why this specific incident, and potentially others, went unreported. In the future, we hope that CSS takes the proper measures of informing students. We also hope that the campus community takes action in demanding an investigation as to why this situation was handled the way it was.



Cartoon by Joe Hinkel

NOTABLE QUOTABLE



"I don't know about free. PNC is getting National City for cheap."

-Kevin Jacques, associate professor of finance at Baldwin-Wallace College, on PNC's pending buy of National City. Jacques served for 14 years as an economist for the U.S. Treasury.

HIT & miss

Hit: Manresa 14 this past weekend **Hit:** The Annual Giving Tree **Hit:** Turkey Day a week from today **miss:** Wildfires in Southern California **Hit:** Winter Formal publicity blitz **Hit:** Cleveland's 2008 Fabulous Food Show **Hit:** Gas drops below the \$2 mark **miss:** Blue Streak football ends season with a loss to Otterbein **miss:** Auto industry continues to suffer **miss:** The CN is off next week **Hit:** Cliff Lee wins Cy Young Award **Hit:** "Quantum of Solace" **miss:** SNL's Amy Poehler leaves the show **Hit:** Signing up for "Through the Eyes of a Child" event **Hit:** Ohio's most decorated cop Jim Simone at JCU on Monday **Hit:** JCU GUTS **miss(ing):** Student voters in SU president run-off election **Hit:** Pumpkin pie

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OURVIEW

Getting a jumpstart on growing up



Caitlin Huey-Burns
Campus Editor

I have been a victim of many trends – bangs, roll-on eye glitter and Orange Tang, among others. But I have never been victim to fearing the future. Until recently.

Headlines are humming woe-ful tunes of a waning job market. Stories about unsteady market conditions lead with something to the extent of “It’s an especially bad time to be looking for a job right now” or, “Good thing you aren’t graduating from college this year because the market sucks.” The truth is the real world is looming, and for the first time, I fear it.

When I was little I fantasized about growing up. I wanted to be a restaurant owner. I created a menu for “Caitlin’s Cozy Citchen” (How’s that for alliteration?), which boasted

microwave cheese sandwiches with onions as the special of the day every day, and I invited neighborhood friends over for meals on the house. Then I wanted to be a teacher. My dad hung an old chalkboard in our basement and I made name tags with some of the top ten baby names from 1987: Jenny, Katie and Tommy. I had 20 imaginary students and I pretended to teach them some sort of lesson. Finally, I wanted to be a broadcast reporter. I would paint my pouts with my mother’s red lipstick, snuggle my small feet into her high heels and stand in front of her vanity and say, “Live, from Washington...”

And I just killed any chances of making new friends this year.

Thinking about growing up used to be exciting. Now that I am about to do it, it’s not so glamorous. Talk to a senior graduating in May and he or she will tell you that the job search is frightening and sometimes fruitless – except for accounting majors. Their profession seems to be recession proof.

My roommates and I were talking about the job market last week over cheap wine and Kamchatka

cocktails. We asked what set us apart from other people looking for the same kind of jobs. We wondered why every job description we found interesting requires five years of experience. We said that a salary and a benefits package seem distant. The prospect of 401(k)’s still dance in our dreams and graduate school looks more enchanting than ever. After this conversation, I couldn’t help but wonder, in an ever so Carrie Bradshaw kind of way, what am I really so afraid of?

Am I really worried about finding a job or concerned that I will no longer exist under my parents’ umbrella?

I think our generation has depended upon direction from others. We work hard, but we might play a little harder.

There is, however, one thing on which we should depend. Ourselves. We can’t rely on discouraging headlines to determine our post-graduation fate. We have to stop worrying about it and start working for it. It’s not going to be glamorous and we can’t pretend anymore.

We have to be prepared for rejection.

Lo Castro’s Lowdown



Jenna Lo Castro
Editorial & Op/Ed Editor

Gettin’ the word on:

Taking one step back with Proposition 8

This past Saturday, 200 people gathered downtown in the freezing rain to protest California’s Proposition 8. The law, which was originally passed on Nov. 4, now defines marriage as something that can only be shared between a man and a woman.

Once again, the country that is said to be the land of the free and home of the brave denied its citizens a civil right. For the life of me, I just can’t seem to find the part of the Constitution that says gay people aren’t allowed to marry. But I guess when you combine church and state to determine social affairs, you don’t need to look any further than the Bible.

When I learned about Saturday’s nation-wide protest of Proposition 8, I felt a sense of optimism. Here are people that may not even be directly affected by this decision, and yet still chose to partake in supporting civil liberties on a rainy Saturday when many of us would choose to stay in bed.

For me, living in a world where gay people continue to be segregated and denied certain liberties has been an undulated headache. This ban comes in the wake of electing a new biracial president and it seems like however far we come, we seem to take a step back.

If you’re someone who is against homosexuality, don’t take this as a personal jab by some treehugger. My qualm does not lie with the religious aspect of this situation, but rather the civil one.

When our forefathers were penning the founding principles of what this country should symbolize, I don’t think they listed homosexuality as being a deterrent to the American dream.

It’s unconstitutional to control the gender of the person someone else wants to marry. It’s unconstitutional to make a minority feel

unaccepted in a society where supposedly everyone has the same equal rights and opportunity. And if you think this is all just a bunch of hoopla, talk to Matthew Shepard’s family or educate yourself on the U.S. military’s “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy.

All things aside, those in the gay community are sometimes unable to share things like health care and life insurance with their partners because they aren’t legally bound by a piece of paper.

What’s more, while many citizens support equal rights for gays when it comes to things like health care, housing, government benefits, etc. many don’t condone gay marriage.

But we live in America. This isn’t Puritan England circa 1550 or slave-ridden America pre-Emancipation Proclamation. This is 2008. In the words of Barack Obama, there is change going on in our society that “we can believe in.”

If there was ever a time to pursue aspirations of an ideal, democratic nation, it would be now. We are a generation of not only dreamers, but also of assertive young people who are capable of making palpable changes in society. We are informed, intelligent and open-minded. And these are all vital characteristics, especially during a time when the job market continues to spiral downwards and societal morale is gloomy.

More than anything, we have the ability to morph preconceived notions so that our children may one day see the country through rosier glasses.

Now that I’ve managed to turn myself into some type of Oprah-esque motivational speaker, I think I’m going to turn the engine off.

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Wonderword

What does Panglossian mean?



“To be penguin-esque.”
Moriah Sloan,
freshman



“An athletic golfer.”
Dan Arison,
senior



“A term that can describe architecture.”
Amanda Hemann,
freshman

Panglossian means excessively or naïvely optimistic. It’s derived from Pangloss, who was the optimistic tutor in Voltaire’s *Candide*.

That’s what See said: Being a fan of a perennial loser



Bob Seeholzer
Features Editor

I refuse to ask for pity. After you read this, I won’t have to.

I’m a Michigan Wolverines and Cleveland Browns fan. As a matter of fact, I’m a diehard fan. I scream at the TV as though the game (and yes, I realize it’s just a game) determines the fate of the world.

Well, I’m pretty hoarse this year.

Next week, Michigan plays Ohio

State in the biggest game in college football. If you disagree, you’re wrong. (That includes you, Raftery.) Honestly, and trust me, I’d lie if I thought you’d believe it, Michigan is terrible this year. They’re probably going to lose handily at the Horseshoe on Saturday.

Living in the Cleveland area as a Michigan fan isn’t easy. I’ve seen more scarlet and gray jerseys in November than Heath Ledger costumes on Halloween. The last four years in particular have been rough since my team hasn’t posted a win against OSU during that time.

I consider myself one of the best smack-talkers in the world, but at some point (around the time the local newspaper writes a story about how it’s been over 1,000 days since

your team has won the rivalry...and then you lose again) you run out of smack to talk.

The only thing I can take solace in is the fact that Jim Tressel doesn’t seem like the Joe Paterno type, meaning he’ll retire or leave eventually.

The Browns are a different kind of disappointment. There is literally no success in their history since I’ve been a fan. One playoff appearance ending in a first round loss to your biggest rival isn’t a success to me.

Speaking of Pittsburgh, many JCU students hail from the area and are Steelers fans. Watching them walk around the cafeteria with their Roethlisveggie-burger jerseys on after another victory is tough. It’s even harder to stomach the fact that

in another few weeks the Browns will probably be the team losing to the Steelers.

This year is no different. The Browns are underperforming on a weekly basis and the Steelers just seem to keep winning. Help us, Brady Quinn, you’re our only hope. I don’t know how much longer I can take this losing streak. I can only stay sane for so long by making Heinz 57 ketchup jokes about the stadium and Hines Ward.

The common denominator between my two loves is Braylon Edwards.

The former Michigan All-American and current Browns Pro-Bowler is on pace to obliterate the league record for drops in a season. He’s one of my favorite football players of all

time and his autograph is on a \$2 bill in my basement, but he’s currently playing worse than a Pop Warner benchwarmer and is the poster child for my sports sorrows.

Luckily, they aren’t the only two teams that count me among their fanatics. I love the Duke Blue Devils basketball team, and they haven’t disappointed me...yet. They usually wait until March before they let me down.

No matter what happens this weekend, I still get turkey and stuffing next week.

I guess I can just eat myself out of a football-induced depression and into morbid obesity.

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YOURVIEW

*Letter to the Editor***This is America**

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There are serious problems with almost every social program today. Many problems with federal programs are attributed to scope and scale, while others are due to poor construct as well (i.e. social security). This does not mean that we should abolish social programs; let us develop and refine better ones. Several brief examples will illustrate my point.

Taxes: The current tax system is highly inefficient and repressive. A heavily progressive income tax, as we currently have, is a tool for the redistribution of wealth. It is the easiest way for the government to fund social programs, but it may not be the most effective way. The Fair-Tax is a bill before Congress that would eliminate the federal income tax and replace it with a consumption tax. The income tax has an inherent disincentive to earn income that would be replaced by the consumption tax with an incentive to save income! This type of system is simpler, transparent, impartial, and rewards fiscal responsibility.

Health care: As stated in his letter to the editor, Peter Topa proposed a hybrid of private and social health care, "the social health care being provided to only those who could not afford it." What determines who can afford it? For many people, their job provides for health benefits.

If companies were to stop offering benefits, as they certainly would if the government provided them, the majority of Americans could not afford health care, increasing the burden on "social health care," as defined by Topa. This system would quickly develop into "universal" health care.

Education: Many people talk about education reform. They often say that we need to spend more money on education. Let's not spend more, but spend smarter. Private schools often have far less funding than public schools, but on average produce better test scores.

This is in large part because of smarter spending and smaller class sizes on behalf of private schools. Good students are those that are inspired to learn and those that are marginalized by large class sizes will rarely be inspired.

My point is that people need to evaluate the incentives behind the social programs we use. Look critically and realistically at the solutions you offer or support. Are they viable? What are the costs and benefits? What are the intended and unintended consequences?

Do the programs achieve their goals? The more critically we look at programs, the stronger they can become.

There are benefits and costs to every proposal, but I firmly believe that there are winning solutions that are both equitable and efficient.

As the recent election has shown, people believe that change is possible. Let us all ensure that these changes are well developed. This is America!

Arts of Obscurity

Anthony Roy Day
Chair of Physics Department
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The information about the physics department in your Nov. 13, 2008 article is substantially incorrect because your reporter misinterpreted the data from the 2007 – 2008 Fact Book.

The department has a thriving physics major and graduates more majors per year than nearly three quarters of the physics departments in the United States.

The department offers BS degrees in Physics, Engineering Physics, and Interdisciplinary Physics as well as a BA degree in Physics.

The 2007 – 2008 Fact Book shows that 19 students received the BS degree in the three years 2005, 2006 and 2007 although no students received the BA degree during this period. Last year, eight students received the BS degree and one received the BA degree. Many of our students continue their studies after graduation and obtain advanced degrees in physics or engineering.

Most of the other graduates enter the workforce in technology or engineering companies, although some have entered the health and legal professions.

The post-graduate plans of our recent graduates can be found on the department Web site at <http://www.jcu.edu/physics/wheregraduatesgo.htm>. The article correctly identifies the importance of research in our program, which encourages students to participate in research during the summer and requires all students to work on a research project with one of the physics faculty during their senior year.

The article implies that we have an NSF-funded REU program on campus, which is not true, but summer research on campus is supported by other funding sources (individual faculty grants, the Huntington Foundation, and endowment funds) and many of our students participate in REU programs at other universities.

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Truth in Advertising

by Casey N. Kindle



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**Surviving the Holiday Season**

Ryan Knotts
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Everywhere, signs of the forthcoming holiday season surround us. We have already had our first snow, holiday music is playing on the radio, retail stores have already begun decorating and the holiday dinner is tonight in the dining hall!

While most of us gleefully look forward to the holidays, they can also be a source of stress and can incubate some bad habits.

So, without further ado, here are some tips for surviving the holidays.

Get plenty of sleep. This is a great time to catch up and get healthy after the tough grind of a long semester. It makes a difference in your disposition and improves your overall immune system.

Ideally, it is best to keep to a regular sleep schedule, but the holidays (not to mention finals) are a difficult time to manage. If you know you have a big event the next day, try to get as much sleep as possible the

night before, especially if you are driving a long distance.

Carve out some time to exercise. The holidays make it difficult to stay on an exercise routine for a myriad of reasons. Here is a tip: exercising a little is better than nothing at all. Exercise helps stop stress by stimulating various brain chemicals, which leaves us feeling happier and more relaxed. Exercise also helps you look and feel better. A better body image can improve your self-esteem and self-confidence.

Need some help? Find a partner-family or friend. Get outdoors-go for a walk/jog, go skiing, build a snowperson, play football (two-hand touch counts), or stay indoors and work up a sweat by helping your family with some of the household chores. This will definitely help counter all of the holiday treats.

Eat smart. With all of the get-togethers, dinners and celebrations, the holidays can be an easy time to pack on unwanted pounds. While it is easier said than done, moderation can help.

At events where a lot of food is

available, graze, don't gorge. Fill up on healthy foods (fruits and vegetables) before eating unhealthy ones (desserts).

If you are going to eat a big dinner, eat a small snack of something healthy (a piece of fruit, granola, nuts, etc.) before the dinner. Thoroughly chew your food and eat slowly.

These techniques will help send signals to your brain that you are becoming full. However, it only works if you listen to your brain and stop eating when it says that you are full! If you are, do not have the second helping or another of your favorite treat.

The holidays are a time to celebrate with family and friends. These shared experiences help create memories that will last a lifetime. After a long semester of hard work, take the necessary steps to relax and rejuvenate.

Make some time and take care of yourself. Planning on making a New Year's resolution? Do it now and get a head start. Happy Holidays!

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