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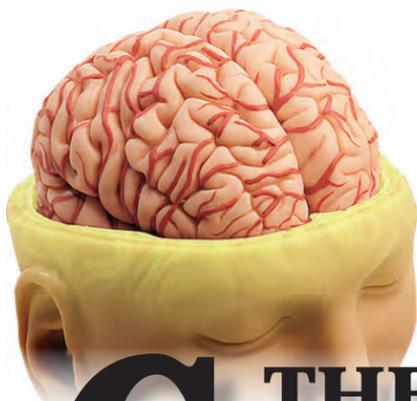
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Green

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report card

Caitlin Huey-Burns
Campus Editor

While market instability has caused people to re-evaluate their finances, John Carroll University students and faculty are worrying about a different kind of green. The University has taken significant steps in becoming more environmentally savvy by implementing a new waste removal system and using eco-friendly cleaning products.

However, according to a green grading system put out by greenreportcard.org, JCU has a lot of improvements to make.

JCU received an overall grade of a "D" in its sustainability efforts, according to the report card. In this case, sustainability grades depend on how schools meet present needs without sacrificing the needs of future generations.

The system gave JCU "D"s in the areas of administration, climate change and energy, food and recycling, green building, student involvement, and transportation, while giving "F"s in endowment transparency and shareholder engagement. JCU received a "C" in investment priorities because it

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College Sustainability Report Card gives environmental grades to schools across the country. However, JCU feels the score is unjustified.

John Carroll University

D

We received low marks for lack of progress with environmental concerns, including food and recycling.

College of Wooster

C-

Food recycling was their highest mark for introducing local produce and biodegradable to-go containers.

Case Western Reserve

B-

The University hired three staff members solely devoted to recycling.

Oberlin College

A-

The college introduced a program among dorms to educate and encourage energy and waste reduction.

Ohio Wesleyan University

D-

Little to no significant efforts have been made to ensure the campus is green.

For JCU's complete report visit greenreportcard.org/report-card-2009/schools/john-carroll-university

Student Union adds another paid position

Katie Sheridan
Campus Editor

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The Student Union voted last Tuesday to create a vice president for communications, a position that will rake in a \$1,000 yearly salary.

The Student Union Executive Board decided to create the position when they noticed a need for improvement of communication between senators and students.

The Executive Board members are paid a combined \$7,000 each year, soon to be \$8,000 a year.

Molly Delaney, Student Union president, said, "The Communications Division, as it presently stands, is overwhelmed by the amount of work needed to effectively meet our goals."

The executive board and advisor, Lisa Ramsey, have worked together to create this position. They felt that because a lack of current communication the position was a desperately needed addition to the board.

Delaney said, "I absolutely feel that this position is necessary for the board. There are too many students on campus who are looking for ways to get involved in the Student Union that we simply cannot reach."

It is the Student Union's opinion that JCU students will greatly benefit from the addition of this position.

"We can now guarantee that students will have their questions

answered in a timely manner, and that students will know what their representatives are doing for them," said Delaney.

Since the V.P. for communications will begin mid-year, the money will be taken from the Student Union's savings account for this semester only. From then on; the money for the position will be included in the Student Union operating budget. All Executive Board members' salaries come from this fund.

Shaylyn Mahoney, vice president for business affairs, is responsible for the finances related to SU.

Mahoney said, "This cost will have no effect on the students. The new position will not affect the size of the Student Union's budget or the amount of the Student Activity Fee."

The new executive will be responsible for a number of tasks. He or she must develop goals, hold weekly meetings, serve as the point-person for interested news and publicity parties, take notes at senate meetings, create a bi-weekly newsletter, update the Web site, keep in contact with interested students and campus community and publicize executive board and senate elections.

U.S. economic conditions could pose threat for students

Mike Zurn
World News Editor

The current financial fallout in mortgages and stock prices are not the only thing being affected by the nation's economic downturn. Now, politicians and economists are beginning to discuss the possibility of a student loan quandary.

John Carroll University finance professor Scott Moore agrees that student loan issues should be a

major concern. "If good businesses are having trouble getting the credit they were a month ago, then students will have trouble getting the same loan they did last semester." Moore believes that the situation should be a major concern for colleges and universities, one that requires immediate attention in discovering ways to address the problem.

The current financial fallout in the United States has created

economic chaos within credit and lending industries. In order to ease credit tightness, Congress and the president have passed a bailout package that buys up bad debt from investment banks. However, even with the bailout, businesses throughout the country continue struggling to acquire credit.

In fact, Sen. Charles Schumer (D-NY) is warning that an educational crisis may ensue given the country's economic status. In a let-

ter sent to Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, Schumer asked Paulson to pay close attention to industry changes and concerns. He is also asking the federal government to protect and insure the country's student loans to prevent a potential fallout.

One of the primary reasons for the concern is the drastic rise in tuition over the years. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, college tuition has increased a staggering 439 percent since 1985. Moore dis-

agrees with the exact figure due to widespread price discrimination, which exists at JCU. "On average, students pay half the tuition rate," said Moore. Rather, he believes that the best way to get a sense of the actual increases is to evaluate the growth in student revenue.

However, students like senior accounting major Andrew Sturniolo feel the increase. "My parents are by

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The Cleveland Professional 20/30 Club, a group of alumni and young professionals involved in shaping the future of Cleveland and its surrounding community, will be on campus for a recruitment event on Wednesday, Oct. 22, from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Faculty Dining Room.

This session is intended for all juniors, seniors and graduate students from all majors to learn about the many areas of involvement and to network with professionals in your field of interest. Dress is business casual. This event is sponsored in coordination with the Career Center.

Women's a capella group

JCU now has a women's a capella group on campus. Auditions will be on Tuesday, Oct. 21, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Wednesday, Oct. 22, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the LSC Conference Room. Sign up for an audition time slot on a sheet outside of the Office of Student Activities. Those interested are asked to prepare 30 to 45 seconds of a song for the audition. It will be a capella, so students will not need sheet music and do not need to know how to read music to come out and audition. Please e-mail Mia Bennett at kbennett11@jcu.edu with questions.

Carroll Book Club

The Carroll Book Club will be meeting on Monday, Oct. 20 at 5 p.m. in OC 113. They will be discussing "The Macho Paradox" by Jackson Katz and "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" by Robert Lewis Stevenson, with a particular focus on the dark side of humankind. Jackson Katz will also be presenting on "The Macho Paradox" on Oct. 27 at 5 p.m. in OC 113. Please e-mail Amanda at aheimburg09@jcu.edu with questions.

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The 'U' Club is looking to make a comeback in '08

Meredith Yagelski
Staff Reporter

The University Club, a popular John Carroll University club in the 1970s that brought famous entertainment acts to campus, is on its way to making a comeback after years of being absent.

JCU senior Evan Kelly and sophomore Tom Schuba are working with JCU to bring back the organization.

Originally called Pi Alpha Chi, the "U" Club served as a local service fraternity on campus. It brought entertainment acts to JCU throughout the '70s. These acts included Bruce Springsteen, before he was considered famous, The Beach Boys, Chicago, comedian Chevy Chase and world-famous boxer Muhammad Ali.

Through their connection with the Cleveland-based company Belkin Productions, the fraternity was able to book famous acts at a cheaper rate. All profits were paid to Belkin Productions to offset costs and a portion was given to the Student Union. Pi Alpha Chi never kept any of the money.

Each month, the fraternity was

able to host four big-name acts. Students would pay an entrance fee.

JCU alumnus, the late Tim Russert served as president of the fraternity from 1971 to 1972. During this time he also served as the Student Union president. While president of Pi Alpha Chi, Russert was responsible for bringing in Bruce Springsteen with "Incident on 57th Street"

fathers, who were both members during their years at JCU, Kelly and Schuba decided that the University needs this club on campus.

"We just feel like a large amount of students' musical interests are not being met. We feel as if SUPB is taking the concerts in a different direction than what most students want," Kelly said.

Kelly recognized the lack of involvement on campus and said that he and Schuba are seeking to change the student turnout at campus events. Their goal is to bring in local bands from the Cleveland and Chicago areas that perform various types of music.

Kelly also has a plan for paying for musical entertainment, given that the Student Activity Fee may not have room for club sponsored concerts, as money from the SAF is already allocated to SUPB sponsored concerts.

"We are really counting on the support of our alumni from the original fraternity to help out with the costs right now. Later on, once

"We want to diversify music and generate a buzz among students at the same time."

-JCU senior, Evan Kelly

as the opening act. It was reportedly one of the most successful concerts given at JCU.

Although the fraternity was pushed off campus due to liability issues associated with local fraternities, Kelly and Schuba are seeking to revive the club on campus.

Kelly and Schuba have talked to the Director of Student Activities, Lisa Ramsey, and are in the early stages of getting the club approved.

After hearing stories from their



Tim Russert, pictured here in a 1972 JCU yearbook photo, was a founding member of the "U" club in the 1970s.

we start generating a profit, things might change," said Kelly.

The "U" Club will focus on the music rather than just on big names.

"Anyone can recognize T. Pain's name, but does everyone necessarily listen to T. Pain? We want to diversify music [on campus] and generate a buzz among students at the same time," said Kelly.

Sexual assault case on campus is under investigation

Sarah Levicky
Staff Reporter

A female John Carroll University student reported to Campus Safety Services on Oct. 4 that she was sexually assaulted by a male JCU student. The male student was an acquaintance of the female and the assault reportedly took place on Sept. 26.

The Dean of Students Office and CSS are involved in an ongoing investigation of the incident.

The Carroll News withheld this story last week at the request of Campus Safety Services.

Sherri Crahen, dean of students, declined to disclose further details pertaining to the case. She said JCU must maintain students' confidentiality; however, Crahen is able to offer general information about sexual assault cases.

"In my experience, most of the time alcohol has been involved with sexual assault reports from JCU students," Crahen said.

According to JCU policy and

the procedures on sex offenses manual, "sexual assault is engaging in, or attempting to engage in, oral, vaginal, or anal penetration through any means without the consent of the other person."

Crahen said, "If a student feels that another student has behaved in a way that they find inappropriate, the student may come forth and report to CSS."

If an allegation of a sexual assault, which is considered a felony, has been reported, CSS then contacts the University Heights Police Department.

University Heights police are then provided with the general information about the case.

A student who submits a sexual assault report then has the choice to pursue the situation through JCU, University Heights police, or both.

"If the allegation involves a JCU student, the student usually goes through the University," said Crahen.

John Carroll University resolves issues through a hearing board. The

complainant, the accused and any witnesses participate in a hearing, which lasts approximately three hours.

The hearing board deliberates immediately after the hearing. If a policy violation is found, sanctions are determined and immediately put into action.

Sanctions for sexual assault policy violations can result in suspension or expulsion. However, the accused can appeal the imposed sanction.

JCU has also implemented programs to combat sex offenses.

Two peer education groups bring awareness about sexual assault to University students.

According to the student organizations' Web sites, Every Two Minutes works "to reduce and eliminate violence against women through educa-

tion support and advocacy." One in Four educates males "on how they can prevent sexual assault and also how individuals can help sexual assault survivors."

JCU also talks to students about the use of alcohol during each summer and fall orientation.

"Our goal is to prevent things from happening," said Crahen.

This has been the second year students have had to complete an online class about alcohol and sexual assault. The class is taken prior to first year students' first semester at JCU.

If you or someone you know has experienced a sex offense, the University encourages you to report the offense to Campus Safety Services at 216-397-4600.

CAMPUS CALENDAR: OCT. 16-OCT. 22

16	Thursday	17	Friday	18	Saturday	19	Sunday	20	Monday	21	Tuesday	22	Wednesday
Fall break begins today after classes end.		Fall Break		The JCU football team will play Capital University at 7 p.m. in the only night game of JCU's season.		The Schott Dining Hall will reopen at 3 p.m.		The Rev. Robin Hoover, founder of Humane Borders, will give a lecture on issues related to the treatment of undocumented immigrants at 7 p.m. in the Donahue Auditorium.		Former Ohio U.S. Congressman Louis Stokes will speak about the 40th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have A Dream" speech and the current historical presidential race at 7 p.m. in the Donahue Auditorium.		The Career Center is sponsoring an advising session from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Career Center for freshmen, sophomores and juniors to discover what options are available to them in deciding on a career or a major.	

Ten new JCU clubs seeking official recognition this semester

Alex Sword
Staff Reporter

Ten clubs at John Carroll University are looking to become official, while two groups are seeking to return from inactive status this semester.

Two other groups have recently become recognized as official organizations.

Among the clubs looking to be officially recognized are the John Carroll Conservatives, Running Club, Student Alumni Association, Winter Guard, Women's a capella, Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, Amnesty International and John Carroll Choral Association.

The Women's Club Basketball just recently became recognized.

According to Andrea Capasso, vice president for student organizations, the way to go about becoming an official club is through the Student Organization Review Board.

The SORB tries to meet with each petitioning group at least once to provide them with the forms they need to thoroughly fill out and to go over the model constitution for their organization.

Capasso said, "Groups must

submit a petition for recognition, an application for recognition and a constitution."

The application for recognition must be signed by the SORB coordinator for organization development and communication, the vice president for student organizations, the student union president and the director of student activities in order for the group to become an officially recognized student organization, said Capasso.

First, all of the forms must be filled out completely and the constitution must include all of the necessary JCU policies.

According to Capasso, the constitution is normally what needs the most work and is generally reviewed a few times before the final version is submitted.

"Some of our general guidelines include having an advisor who is a full-time member of the John Carroll faculty, staff, or administration and the group must be distinct from any other organization that we currently have," she said

Currently, there is a total of 98 student organizations on campus, including 12 club sports, that have completed the process to become

official.

All recognized student organizations are eligible for funding through the Student Organization Budget Board. Money is available through four different Legion of Student Organizations funds such as programming, which has a \$30,000 budget, travel with a \$15,000 budget, and operating and service, each with a budget of \$5,000.

Currently, programming has \$26,638 left in its budget, travel has \$10,410, operating has \$4,600 and service still has \$5,000. This money is available for the rest of the year, said Capasso.

Money is not just divided among organizations. It must be requested for by an organization and then approved by the Student Organization Budget Board.

Club sports are funded in a different way through the Club Sports Council.

A list of all the student organizations officially recognized by the University is located on the JCU Web site.

What new organizations should consider in order to become officially recognized:

- The mission of the student organization must reflect the values and mission of John Carroll University.
- The services and activities offered by the organization must be directly related to the organization's mission and must comply with the policies and procedures of the Student Union, Office of Student Activities and those in the JCU Community Standards Manual.
- The mission, services and activities of the organization should be different from any other already-existing student organization.
- Each student organization must have an advisor who is a full-time member of the JCU faculty, staff, or administration.
- Each student organization must have active members and a solid leadership structure, including a president and a representative to the Legion of Student Organizations.

Information from <http://www.jcu.edu/campuslife/organizations/>

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plans to invest in renewable energy funds.

The report card evaluates the 300 universities in the United States with the largest endowments, and attains information through independent research and surveys.

According to the report, each university profiled received a copy of its sustainability report card before it was published.

However, Tom Reilley, manager of auxiliary services, said he had not heard about the sustainability report card. Andrew Fronczek, director of purchasing and auxiliary services, who aided in the implementation of the new recycling system, was also unfamiliar with the report card and with how grades are determined. They point to recent initiatives as proof that major strides have been made to create a more environmentally friendly campus.

In September of last year the University implemented a new waste removal system. Waste is now collected by Landmark Disposal Company and taken to a facility in Seville, Ohio where the it is sorted into recycling through a series of magnets, conveyers and screens, according to Reilley.

Wet food waste from ARAMARK is transferred to a landfill facility; however, the University is working with the Student Union to move this type of waste to a compost facility to meet economically-friendly demands.

In the University's Copy Center, 95 percent of the paper comes from recycled material or is produced from the harvest method, which means that trees are plucked in order to make paper products instead of being destroyed several acres at a time.

In the spring of 2007, the University announced the adoption of Green Seal Certified cleaning products on campus, a line of products

that are solvent free, biodegradable and release no volatile organic compounds.

According to an April 9, 2007 press release on the subject, "The use of green general cleaning products will promote the health and well-being of the entire campus." Such health benefits include improved indoor air quality and the reduction of water and air pollution.

Neighboring Case Western Reserve University received a "B-" for overall sustainability. Wooster College, which uses the same recycling methods as JCU, received a "B" for the food and recycling section, while JCU received a "D" in this category.

This grade is based on the quantity and availability of locally grown food, the use of reusable dishware and eco-friendly to-go containers and the campus dining recycling and composting programs, according to the report.

Reilley questioned the grade that JCU received and how ratings are calculated.

"We met with staff from Case to talk about sustainability and environmentally friendly practices and they were impressed with our methods," said Reilley.

Meanwhile, Student Union President Molly Delaney prioritized improving the campus' "green" status. SU class presidents have been working with their class and the administration to encourage students to use florescent light bulbs in dorm rooms, unplug phone chargers that aren't in use and spread word about water preservation.

Sophomore Senator Juanita Padilla will be meeting with ARAMARK to propose that the dining hall provide locally grown and organic foods. "These foods save a lot in transportation costs and have a higher concentration of vitamins," said Padilla.

For the complete grade report, visit www.greenreportcard.org.

Carroll Counts in national election

Emily Gaffney
Staff Reporter

A group of John Carroll University students, faculty and administrators began meeting last spring to create the Carroll Counts program to get students involved with the election.

As a result, 242 students have registered to vote in the election.

Carroll Counts has increased voter registration on campus and holds events to inform students of the issues that are at the forefront of the election.

"One of our goals in Student Activities is to help students become civically engaged. A national election is a great time to encourage students to get active and stay active in the process," said Lisa Ramsey, director of student activities.

In the 2004 election, Ohio proved to be one of the most important states. This year looks to be no different.

"We have been happy that so

many students were either already registered to vote or got registered during our campaign," said Ramsey.

Ohio voter registration ended on Oct. 6, but with the election still weeks away, the Carroll Counts program has more to offer students.

The Brown Bag Lunch series highlights topics in light of Catholic Social teaching.

Carroll Counts also holds the "Chew on This" discussion series at 5:30 p.m. in the Underground. This event provides students with a forum to learn and speak about various issues in this election.

Students can visit the Carroll Counts Web site, www.jcu.edu/voting to view a full schedule of events, as well as more information about the candidates themselves. Information on absentee ballots is also available.

The Web site will also soon have information on shuttles from JCU to local polling venues on Election Day.

"We are happy that students seem to be participating in the events associated with Carroll Counts. There are record numbers of new voters in this election and together they have lots of power," said Ramsey.

Upcoming Carroll Counts discussions:

Held in the O'Dea Room, formerly the Faculty Dining Room, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

- Oct. 16: immigration
- Oct. 23: the economy
- Oct. 30: solidarity

Held in the Underground at 5:30 p.m

- Oct. 13: financial aid
- Oct. 20: job creation
- Oct. 27: local issues

Campus Safety Log



October 8, 2008

A bicycle from in front of the of AD building was reported missing by a student at 6:05 p.m.

October 11, 2008

Vandalism in the basement of Campion Hall was reported at 10:13 a.m.

October 11, 2008

An assault was reported at 12:38 a.m. when one student slapped another student.

October 11, 2008

Vandalism on the Entrepreneurs lounge was reported at 2:34 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.



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DEPRESSION



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Seasonal Affective Disorder, abbreviated SAD, is a type of depression associated with the changing of the seasons.

Changing leaves bring seasonal sadness

Lena Chapin
Asst. Arts & Life Editor

Fall is here. The leaves are changing colors, the days are getting shorter and the weather's growing colder, but you may be noticing changes in yourself as well.

The change in seasons, along with the added stress of midterms and loads of other work, can take a major toll on your health both mentally and physically.

You may notice more sniffing around campus, as well as some crazy mood swings. Or perhaps you're experiencing these things yourself. You may just be feeling the effects of the "winter blues," or it could be a more serious problem.

What you may be experiencing is a disorder known as Seasonal Affective Disorder, commonly abbreviated as SAD. SAD is a type of depression associated with the changing seasons of the year.

According to emedicinehealth.com, SAD affects people because of "chemical changes in the brain caused by changes in the amount of sunlight."

It is a phenomenon that affects six of every 100 people in North America. The Web site also said that it is found to be more prevalent in "people who live in geographical locations that are dark or cloudy during the winter." The disorder is most common in young adult women, but can affect people of any age.

Though you may not have SAD, it is good to be aware of the symptoms. Studies show that besides all of those who do have the disorder, another ten to 20 percent of people may have milder seasonal mood changes.

Even if you aren't affected by SAD, with all the clouds and tests looming, stress can become overbearing. Because physical health and mental health are so connected, it isn't

how you handle stress. For instance, take a moment to answer these questions: What are your sources of stress? Can you deliberately choose to view it as a positive challenge? How do you experience stress? What are your symptoms or behaviors? How do you cope with stress? Are your coping tactics healthy?

Coping with stress and maintaining a healthy balance of activities is hard, but important. Junior Laura Shugarts said, "It's definitely important to take breaks. I always try to take a little time to chill."

Erin Grzegorzewski, a JCU resident minister, is more physical in her balancing techniques.

She recommended some sort of physical activity. "This can be as simple as a few lunges and crunches before bed or a quick walk across campus and back. Raising the heart rate and a little sweat does wonders for stress."

Grzegorzewski said, "You will feel 100 percent better during a stressful time if you give yourself a quick outlet."

No matter how you do it – either by eating healthy, taking time for yourself, getting enough sleep or talking to people you trust – maintain a positive attitude and avoid those seasonal mood swings.

So get out there and try to enjoy the good things the season has to offer. Take a break, have some apple cider and have a happy fall.

"It's important to try to get a good night sleep, eat healthfully, stay connected with supportive friends and take care of yourself emotionally."

-John Ropar, JCU Counselor

surprising to see a correlation between added stress and illnesses.

In times like these, it's important to take care of yourself in both respects. John Ropar, a counselor at the John Carroll University Counseling Center, said, "It's important to try to get a good night sleep, eat healthfully, stay connected with supportive friends and take care of yourself emotionally. As the seasons change and the long, dark, dreary weather of Northeastern Ohio moves in, it is especially important to use the resources available."

Along with family and friends, there are resources available on campus as well. For instance, participate in exercise classes at the Rec Center or talk to someone at the Counseling Center.

It's also important to know yourself and



FASHION FACE-OFF

East Coast vs. West Coast

New York City's 'Gossip Girl' meets Beverly Hills' '90210: The New Class'

Lauren Cohen
Staff Reporter

From the upscale neighborhoods of Manhattan's Upper East Side and California's Beverly Hills, come two of the most popular teen dramas on prime time television. "Gossip Girl" and "90210: The New Class" may both be centered on trendy teens, but, the two shows prove to be polar opposites in terms of style.

This divide between East Coast and West Coast fashion has received enormous buzz across the country. Every Monday at 8 p.m. on the CW Network, millions of Americans flock to their television sets to watch the latest episode of "Gossip Girl." While much of the allure is the show's dramatic plot, it is the stylish wardrobe of main characters Serena VanDerWoodsen, Blair Waldorf and Jenny Humphrey, that puts "Gossip Girl" into an unparalleled league.

The stylist for "Gossip Girl," Eric Damen, personifies the wealth and individualism of each character, as well as the infinite energy of Manhattan.

Damen, the former assistant costume designer for "Sex and the City," stated in an online video that the characters of "Gossip Girl" have actually become "part of the fashion world." He said their wardrobe is "a melting pot of

fashion," embodying the "uptown-downtown feel" of New York.

Damen successfully embodies his characters' eccentricity with a creative, widespread aesthetic, while still capturing the essence of New York in each outfit. When the suggested competition between the styling of "Gossip Girl" and "90210" arises, it is clear that "Gossip Girl" triumphs.

When it comes to the styling on "90210," the difference between the East Coast and the West Coast is immediately apparent.

John Carroll University senior Sarah Stout explained, "East Coast fashion is more trendy and a bit more formal, whereas West Coast fashion is about comfort and loose shapes."

This is clear when comparing the styles seen on the two television shows; however, it is obvious that "Gossip Girl" takes East Coast fashion to its highest peak, truly impacting not only viewers, but also the fashion industry itself.

In the Seattle Times, Teen Vogue Fashion Director Gloria Baume, said, "While many television shows like 'Sex and the City' have captured the hearts of fashion's 'In' crowd in the past,

none have done so with the impact on the teen set and its emerging buying influence as 'Gossip Girl' has."

While "Gossip Girl" has been praised for its enormous impact on the fashion industry, "90210" has been criticized for its lack thereof.

As far as the main characters on the show go, Anna Lynne McCord, Jessica Stroup and Shenae Grimes can be seen embodying the relaxed, yet boldly colorful look of California.

The overall "90210" style reflects the low-key, laid back and free-spirited style of the West Coast, emphasizing comfort and simplicity above all else. The fashion does not play as important of a role as the plot does, whereas in "Gossip Girl," the clothes draw just as much, if not more, attraction than the plot.

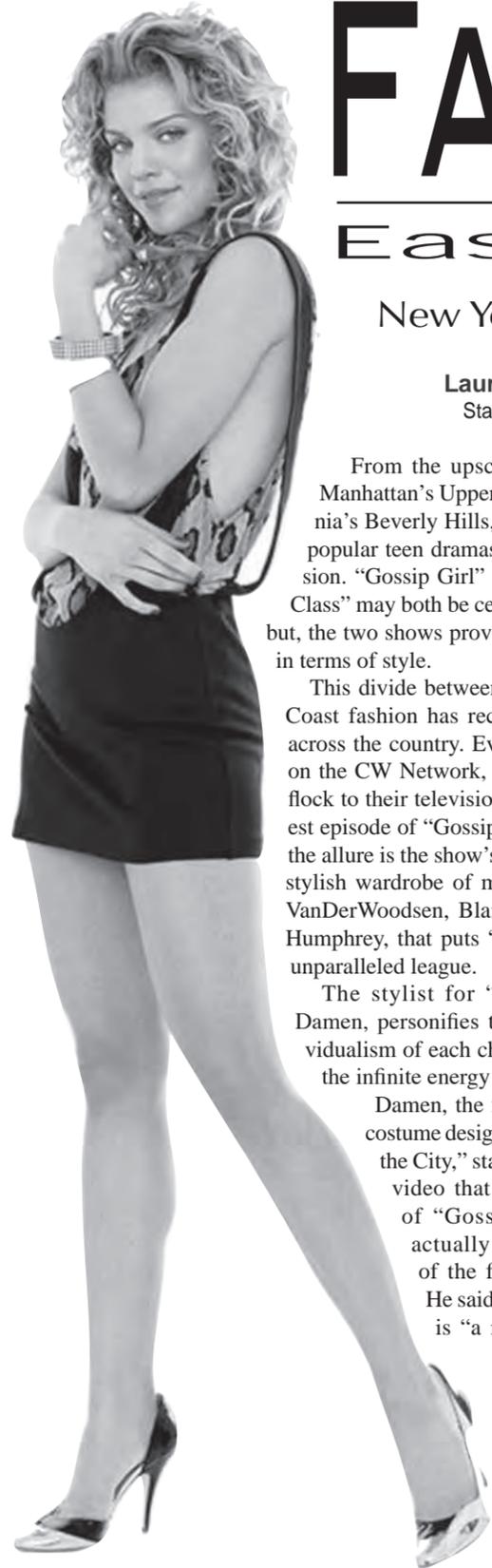
The girls of Beverly Hills may not have the school uniforms that they do on the Upper East Side, but when compared to the impeccably elegant style of Blair Waldorf and the boho-chic style of Serena VanDerWoodsen, the American Apparel jumpsuits and simple tops on "90210" simply do not match up.

On "Gossip Girl" and in the East Coast fashion world, one is more likely to see a lot of black and white, form-fitting and professionally put together looks from the young Manhattan socialites.

There is no doubt that "Gossip Girl" truly reflects the more cutting-edge, trend-relevant world of fashion.

The large appeal of both of these CW hit shows is primarily due to the fashion and the styles of each of the characters.

However, when comparing them, "Gossip Girl" proves that New York City remains the "fashion capital of the world."



On the left is Anna Lynne McCord as Naomi Clark on the CW's '90210' and on the right is Blake Lively as Serena VanDerWoodsen on the CW's 'Gossip Girl.'

Britney Spears is back: new life, new look, new single

Emily Todd
The Carroll News

Scarce clothing, provocative dancing and catchy refrains are the elements of success that created Britney Spears' body of hit singles. Spears' new video, "Womanizer," aired on ABC's 20/20 on Oct. 10 and holds true to her style of sex appeal and relationships.

The video opens with Spears sitting nude in a sauna room, with her legs and arms positioned to cover herself. This scene is incorporated throughout the rest of the video. Besides using this image for Spears' sex appeal, however, it doesn't seem to fit in with the rest of the video's theme.

In the video, Spears stars as a woman who is suspicious of her companion's wandering eye. After having some breakfast at their home, the man leaves to go to his job. While at work, he encounters the stereotypical sexy co-worker dressed in tight clothing. This vixen is Spears in disguise.

She disguises herself throughout the rest of the video as other provocative women that this man encounters, such as a bright red-haired waitress and a chauffeur. He seems to get excited over all of these women; hence proving Spears' point that he is a womanizer.

"I guess when you have one too many [women], makes it hard, it could be easy. Who you are, that's just who you are, baby," Spears sings.

The costumes, scenes and dancing are well-done. Spears is active throughout the entire video. Her dancing is up to par, especially with her dance crew accompanying her through

many of the scenes.

The scene in the office is the best scene because of the dancing and the director's camera work. The contrasts of the black and white colors throughout the scene are appealing to the eye. The dance moves are fresh and fun as they keep the viewer interested.

Spears radiates energy in the video and seems to be enjoying herself. Her attitude in "Womanizer" contrasts to 2007's MTV Video Music Awards performance where she severely lacked enthusiasm.

However, at the 2008 VMAs, Spears took home three Moonman awards, just one of the many signs of her turnaround.

As of late, the fallen pop princess is attempting to get her life back together. She recently completed her new album, "Circus," to be released Dec. 2. Not only is Spears releasing this album, but she is also debuting a documentary, "Britney: For the Record," on Nov. 30.

In an interview with the U.K. Telegraph, Spears said, "I wanted to make this film because I started to feel like I wasn't being seen in the light that I wanted to be seen in. This is an opportunity to set the record straight and talk about what I've been through and where I'm headed."

Spears' music video release is one of the first steps to recovering from her past problems. Although the video doesn't try anything new, it does have a good beat and energy from Spears. The scandalous, partial nudity may turn off some viewers, but the catchy lyrics and beat of "Womanizer" will be stuck in your head all day after seeing this video.



Britney Spears posed at the 2008 MTV Video Music Awards on Sept. 7, winning in three categories.



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Leonardo DiCaprio plays a CIA ground agent in Ridley Scott's latest film, 'Body of Lies.'

The action piles up in 'Body of Lies'

MOVIE REVIEW

'Body of Lies'



Craig Willert
Movie and Music Critic

Ridley Scott's intense and vicious depiction of the war in the Middle East makes for a gruesome reality that the war is formulated around lies and deceptions. "Body of Lies" stands out as one of the better espionage movies over the past couple years.

Since the war in Iraq began, there have been movies which have tried to capture the reality of the war. Some have failed to do so, others have provided some truth. Ridley Scott caught the true magnitude and essence of the war on terror.

Using graphic violence and gut wrenching carnage, Scott shows the audience that with victory comes much loss. And with most of the movie filmed in Morocco, life in the Middle East was depicted near perfectly.

The audience could feel the desert sun beat down, the smell

of the markets and the heat of the explosions.

Scott lived up to the hype, and produced a mirror-image of the war on terror. Outstanding performances by Leonardo DiCaprio and Russell Crowe aided him in hitting his mark.

DiCaprio plays Roger Ferris, a rugged, young CIA ground operative stationed in the Middle East.

Russell Crowe strays away from his usual "Gladiator"-type role to play Ed Hoffman, an overweight, grey-haired soccer dad who does most of his work from his suburban home.

Ferris travels all around the Middle East in hopes of tracking down the latest Al-Qaeda leader suspected of masterminding civilian bombings.

While taking orders from Hoffman, Ferris attempts to gain the trust of the Chief of Jordanian Central Intelligence, Hani Salaam.

A moral dilemma arises as Salaam tells Ferris never to lie, while Hoffman continually forces Ferris to lie to Salaam. This is where the theme of lies and deceptions arises. Hoffman lies to both Ferris and Salaam in order to gain the upper hand, putting Ferris' life and reputation on the line.

The idea of a ground agent taking wrongful commands from a man on a cell phone half a world away seems to be the guiding force behind Ferris' struggle to respect Hoffman.

The characters engage in conversations which illustrate just how different the two are.

The contrast between DiCaprio and Crowe makes for perfect counterpoints. DiCaprio plays the young, intense agent, while Crowe sits safely behind his desk as the old, washed-up boss.

DiCaprio's performance injects the film with emotions and reels the audience in to feel the pain and anguish of being a ground operative in a hostile environment. The plausibility of this spy thriller makes for a scary reality.

However, there were a couple downsides to this film. The length and complexity made some of the audience eager to head for the exits. While one plot was ending, another surfaced, forcing the movie to become longer than needed.

Overall, the performances by DiCaprio and Crowe made for a masterful depiction of the war on terror. Scott painted a picture so exact, it made for some scary realizations.

McCarthyism

There's something about Mary... and all other funny girls



Anne McCarthy
Arts & Life Editor

Excuse me for a minute while I climb onto my soapbox. There, that's better.

I was recently working on some homework in the Inn-Between when I overheard (OK, I was eavesdropping) some girls talking about how Rhapsody Blue tells jokes at their performances.

They were discussing how they wanted to do a similar thing for their all-female organization, but one girl sighed regrettably and said, "But girls aren't funny!" Nothing ticks me off more than hearing this phrase.

There may be fewer funny girls than there are funny guys, but I would conjecture this to be related to many girls being insecure about outshining boys. Science has even supported this idea.

It is common knowledge that around the time middle school rolls around, girls tend to become less active in the classroom setting and generally take a backseat to boys.

This comes from the fact that, at this age, girls become more interested in impressing boys. And it is thought that young middle school boys won't be impressed if a girl is too smart, too funny or too athletic.

So homework is replaced with magazines, makeup and clothes. Junior high girls become interested in meeting the feminine ideals of beauty and desirability, which are often inextricably linked with submissiveness.

It is a culturally-enforced theory that boys will be more attracted to a girl who behaves in that man-

ner, rather than a girl who is more aggressive and assertive. Oh, and funny. Comedienne Joan Rivers said it succinctly, "Men find funny women threatening."

But lest I launch into a diatribe concerning the restrictive gender views that plague Western society, I am merely pointing out that girls can be funny, too.

Christopher Hitchens, in his infamous January 2007 Vanity Fair article "Why Women Aren't Funny," righteously asks, "Why are women, who have the whole man world at their mercy, not funny? Please do not pretend not to know what I am talking about."

Fortunately, we're past the suffrage movement, Billy Jean King won and Tina Fey is on television. But Fey has noted that people might continue to believe that women cannot be funny.

"You still hear it. It's just a lot easier to ignore," she said in Vanity Fair's April 2008 "Queens of Comedy" article.

As my close, personal friend David Letterman would say to me every night when I left his Connecticut estate after one of our long heart-to-hearts, "Anne McCarthy, you are the funniest girl I know. No, make that the funniest person I know!"

I know it is difficult to believe that a woman can be both funny and exceedingly beautiful. But so is the case with myself and so many other women that I know.

Allow me to cite a few examples to support this claim: Tina Fey, Cameron Diaz, Kate Hudson, Kristen Wiig, Amy Poehler, Sarah Silverman and the list goes on and on.

Point being, girls can be funny, too. And the desire to impress a guy (or girl) you might be interested in shouldn't hamper your sense of humor, intelligence or anything else for that matter.

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Entertainment Calendar

Check out what's happening in Cleveland this week!

10.17

: Family Force 5
: The Grog Shop
: 5 p.m.
: \$12

10.19

: The Expendables
: Peabody's Downunder
: 7 p.m.
: \$10

10.21

: Coldplay
: Quicken Loans Arena
: 7:30 p.m.
: \$49.50-\$89.50

10.23

: Anberlin
: House of Blues
: 6 p.m.
: \$16

10.25

: Comedian Ron White
: Canton Civic Center
: 7:30 p.m.
: \$38.75

10.29

: Steven Kellogg & The Sixers
: Beachland Ballroom
: 7 p.m.
: \$14

Five things you should know this week



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Record Recovery

The stock market continued to break records on Monday when the Dow Jones industrial average leaped to the largest single-day jump in history, rising 936 points. The day after, the Dow lost steam when it closed down 76 points. Tuesday's close marked the first time in nine trading days that the Dow did not close up or down in triple digits.

The bailout to begin

The U.S. government will likely make its first move under the recently passed bailout plan, and it expects to soon take stakes in nine of the largest U.S. financial institutions. The quick move aims to restore consumer confidence to the nation's crippled financial system.

The final showdown

The third and final presidential debate between Sen. Barack Obama and Sen. John McCain took place on Wednesday night at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y. The showdown marked the two candidates' last opportunity to argue with one another in-person before the November election.

The largest U.S. deficit ever

The Bush administration announced the largest budget deficit in history on Tuesday. Due to the nation's economic status, the deficit rose to \$454.8 billion for 2008. Some experts believe that next year the deficit might possibly top \$700 billion.

Take a vacation

Crude oil prices continue to remain low, falling more than 3 percent on Tuesday to \$78.63 per barrel.

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A currency dealer counts U.S. bills in his local shop in Pakistan. Since the beginning of the current global economic crisis, traders have been investing heavily in the value of the dollar.

Oil declines, U.S. dollar value rises

Despite economic woes, nation's consumers can be thankful

Jacqueline Wyman
The Carroll News

The falling price of oil and rising value of the dollar offer some relief to Americans, even though economic uncertainties continue to create chaos throughout the world's financial systems and markets.

Recently, the U.S. Treasury began laying out plans to execute the government's \$700 billion program designed to restore confidence in the nation's banks and lending institutions, plus allow money to circulate through the economy again.

Many analysts believe that even if U.S. and world efforts succeed, demand for oil could still remain low. This means that gas prices will most likely continue to decline.

Compared to a year ago, government reports last week indicated that demand for gasoline had fallen by 5.3 percent towards the end of September into October.

"Oil is supply and demand. When the economy is good the consumer buys more. When the economy is bad, the consumer buys less," said John Carroll University economics professor Andrew Welki.

When money is tight, history shows that energy spending is often one of the first areas to see cuts.

Walter Simmons, department chair of JCU's economics and finance department, said, "The United States' government, as well as foreign governments like China and India, are not demanding as much oil due to the economic crisis. They just do not have credit to put towards oil."

In turn, this leads oil producing countries to also become fearful.

"Oil companies want the global economy to be strong in order to buy their product," said Welki.

He also explained that if energy prices are too high during economic slowdowns, consumers tend to lose interest, and in some cases, governments begin to push even harder for alternative resources. Thus, "Oil companies don't want to overplay

"People globally have always had a preference for the U.S. dollar. People trust the U.S. because we've never defaulted. The U.S. government pays its debt."

- Walter Simmons

John Carroll University economics
and finance department chair

their hand," said Welki.

As of Monday, Goldman Sachs Group Inc., a global bank holding company, cut its oil price estimate for 2008 from \$115 to \$70 a barrel. The bank also slashed its forecast for 2009 year-end prices to \$86 a barrel, down from \$123 a barrel. This is a far cry from July 2008 when crude oil prices peaked at their highest levels of \$147.27 a barrel.

Germany's Deutsche Bank analysts predict the global economy will continue to worsen, regardless of recent U.S. and world efforts. They expect oil prices to drop even lower to \$60 a barrel.

"This is just speculation. I personally do not see it going as low as \$60 a barrel. The lowest I see it going is \$75 a barrel. I think once stability is reached, prices will stop falling," said Simmons, who sees stability returning by the end of the year.

As of Sunday, the average prices of unleaded regular fuel fell to \$3.247 a gallon nationwide, down 4.4 cents from a day earlier, according to AAA's Daily Fuel Gauge Report. The report brought the two-day total decline to 10.3 cents.

A possible silver lining of the global economic meltdown is the U.S. dollar's climb against the euro and the pound last week.

Experts attribute the reason for the sudden rise in the dollar's value to investors remaining cautious of

higher-yielding currencies, such as the pound and euro.

They appear to favor less risky trades involving the U.S. dollar and the Japanese yen.

"People globally have always had a preference for the U.S. dollar in these situations. People trust the U.S. because we've never defaulted. The U.S. government always pays its debt," said Simmons.

However, the dollar value rise was short term news to the American market.

On Monday, the U.S. dollar fell against the euro and the pound following the worldwide efforts to stabilize financial markets.

As the dollar value bounced up and down throughout the past few days, so did Wall Street.

After the U.S. stock market endured its worst week in history, the Dow Jones industrial average recorded its largest single-day jump in history on Monday.

Analysts feel that these continuous market inconsistencies still reveal only one thing: global instability.

As the economic turmoil continues to be unpredictable, all the government can do is take precautionary steps, like lowering interest rates to attempt to soothe apprehensive investors and keep money flowing through the economy.

"It's like a cold. You just got to let it run its course," said Welki.

The next president's agenda might have to be put on hold

With the largest deficit in U.S. history, can the new commander in chief afford any new spending?

Sean Webster
The Carroll News

While the current economic crisis has forced both presidential candidates to sharpen their economic policies, some voters fear it will also cause them to abandon other important policies that they have promised to implement once in office.

However, both presidential candidates, Sen. John McCain and Sen. Barack Obama have offered few details as to what policies would actually change given the economy.

While McCain's agenda does not include much additional spending, Obama has proposed a number of new policies, including universal healthcare, which would require a significant increase in government expenditures.

When asked at the first presidential debate what priorities would have to be given up as a result of the recently passed \$700 billion bailout plan, Obama responded, "There are a range of things that are probably going to have to be delayed ... The economy is slowing down, so it's hard to anticipate right now what the budget is going to look like next year."

He then went on to list priorities that he would not abandon, which included energy independence, healthcare reform, college affordability and improvements in education and infrastructure.

When asked the same question, McCain reinforced his determination to cut down on earmarks, which account for less than 2 percent of the federal budget.

He also proposed a "spending freeze on everything but defense, veteran affairs and entitlement programs," a plan which Obama compared to "using a hatchet when you only need a scalpel."

While Obama agreed that cutting wasteful



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The next president will have to make decisions on agenda initiatives to suspend.

government spending was important, he also emphasized his strategy of ending the war in Iraq, which currently costs the United States about \$10 billion a month.

McCain, however, has been reluctant to set a deadline for exiting Iraq, which, along with President Bush's 2001 tax cuts that McCain plans on keeping, has pushed the national debt to a record high \$10.2 trillion.

According to Dean Birch, a John Carroll University political science professor, "The current debt proves that we cannot cut taxes and expect to fund a war, let alone two wars at the same time."

Obama has also proposed a \$150 billion clean energy program and a \$60 billion project focused on improving infrastructure.

Depending on how much bailout money the Treasury uses next year and whether the economy continues to decline, the deficit for the 2009 fiscal year could reach its highest level in 25 years. The money Obama uses to fund his programs will further enlarge this deficit.

However, Birch pointed out that despite the large deficit, some additional spending focused on the economy may be necessary.

"Although the next president won't be able to turn the economy around in 100 days, investing in our infrastructure and in renewable sources of energy could help the economy by creating millions of jobs and expanding our energy industry," said Birch.

Combined with Obama's promised \$80

billion in tax cuts for the middle class, these programs would aim at stimulating steady long-term economic growth.

Obama has also promised to establish a universal healthcare program, which he predicts will cost about \$65 billion a year. However, while he has stated that he plans to finance this program by repealing Bush's tax cuts, some fear that, in light of the current economic situation, he may have to put this program on hold, possibly for good.

While Birch thinks Obama would eventually follow through with this campaign promise, he points out that some issues must be solved beforehand.

"Before Obama can implement his health-care policy, we will most likely need to pull out of Iraq ... After we leave Iraq, the amount of money and resources we transfer over to Afghanistan could also possibly affect the implementation of universal healthcare."

The next president will be faced with the most devastating financial crisis since the Great Depression. Any additional spending will increase an already historic debt, and the way the next president deals with taxes and the war in Iraq will have an enormous impact on his spending capabilities.

However, both candidates have already taken solid stances on those issues. With the election less than three weeks away, neither is willing to abandon any long-standing campaign promises.

Perhaps after the election, the next president, be it McCain or Obama, will admit that one or more of his policy proposals must be dropped given the economy.

However, the ability to prioritize and focus on the issues will undoubtedly contribute to how much of his agenda the next president will be able to carry out.

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no means wealthy, but I will have \$60,000 in student loans post graduation, not including those necessary for my MBA."

Fortunately, Sturniolo has a job offer with KPMG, one of the big four accounting firms. Even with a great job offer, he still realizes that he will have to live far below his means.

"I definitely won't be able to invest in a house. I will also have to cut back on many personal wants, such as a nice car," said Sturniolo. "Loan payments begin for me right after graduation and I have to balance my finances in order to afford the payments."

Moore applauded such understanding of the opportunity costs, and said, "Let the student be a rational decision maker."

Unfortunately, some students do not recognize the purpose of student loans and overlook their high costs.

They often borrow much more than needed for the costs of education and instead invest in personal luxuries.

Andrew Welki, a John Carroll University economics professor, indicated, "Loans can prove valuable because ideally they give you a lifetime of career options, but sometimes students misinterpret their purposes."

He believes that schools are becoming more aware of the situation.

JCU, for example, took action for the first time over the summer during freshmen orientation by giving families the opportunity to meet personally with school financial representatives.

"At JCU, we're trying to work with families to understand the options and ramifications," said Welki.

He also offers advice to students who must use student loans to pay for tuition. "Minimize the amount as opposed to taking every cent banks are willing to lend you."

World leaders discuss fate of global markets

Sam Amos
The Carroll News

The G7 met in Washington last weekend to formulate a plan to create a united front to combat the global financial crisis. The credit crunch, which began in the U.S. after the collapse of the mortgage market, has spread across the globe.

In Japan, the Nikkei 225 index has dropped to its lowest level since 2003. In Iceland, the government has taken over the nation's three largest banks and suspended trading on the stock exchange.

France's national statistics agency reported that the country officially entered a recession on Oct. 3. On Oct. 6, the RTS index in Russia dropped 19.1 percent in one day.

"This is a serious global crisis and therefore requires a serious global response," said President Bush.

The G7, short for Group of Seven, is a council of finance ministers from the world's seven richest countries: the U.S., Canada, Britain, France, Germany, Italy and Japan.

"A concerted policy by all the constituent members would be more effective than each country going on its own," said John Carroll University finance professor LeRoy Brooks.

On Friday, the G7 released a five point plan for stabilizing the global economy. The first point is to prevent any more major bank failures.

The G7 members are trying to ensure that no more large, economically important banks will go bankrupt, as the U.S. investment bank Lehman Brothers did in September.

The second point is to free up credit. Brooks suggested that part of this will take the form of governments guaranteeing inter-bank loans.



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United States administration officials met with world leaders over a growing concern that global markets could be headed toward a meltdown.

"That's something essential, to get liquidity back," said Brooks. "Banks have lots of money, they just aren't loaning it out because they're afraid they won't get it back. Many businesses need access to credit for their operations, so it's very important to make credit available."

The third point is helping banks to raise capital. In Britain, the government has poured capital into its major banks in exchange for stakes in the ownership.

In effect, the plan partially nationalized the British investment banks in order to create stability. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson suggested that the U.S. may eventually do something similar.

The fourth point is safeguarding bank depositors, so individuals don't have to worry

about losing their savings if their bank goes bankrupt.

The fifth point is reviving mortgage markets, the collapse of which triggered the credit crisis. A major aspect of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act, more commonly known as the federal bailout, is to allow the U.S. government to purchase troubled mortgage-backed securities to stabilize the market.

The G7 members are keenly aware that international cooperation is needed.

"There was an overwhelming consensus that a coordinated approach is necessary," said German Finance Minister Peer Steinbrueck.

They hope with this plan they can stabilize global markets and restore investor confidence.

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“The Department of Psychology prepares students with knowledge in the core areas of psychology, critical thinking skills, and the ability to apply the scientific method as preparation for graduate study, work, or service.”

JCU students of all different majors conduct an abundance of undergraduate research. Psychology is one of the most research intensive departments at the university. For the psychology major there is a required research class that engages the student in a wide variety of studies and experiments. JCU seniors are among the most active students doing these projects, and their work is varied and impressive. Psychology 101 students are often required to engage in these experiments that allow students to observe human behavior.

-Brian McCall



Mollie Patrick

Mollie Patrick's focus is behaviorism, which deals with the experience of one emotion affecting the use of another emotion. Patrick applied this in a mood induction test. She performed the test by having her subjects view videos with varying degrees of violence, then having them take a special test called the P.A.N.A.S. This test lists different positive and negative types of emotions and asks the participant to answer on a 1 to 5 scale how strongly he or she feels certain emotions. The purpose of the experiment was to determine whether the more depressing, horrific images caused a more negative mood. In addition to this research, Patrick also worked with a JCU program that led to an internship at the Cleveland Clinic. During her time there, Patrick was involved with bariatric patients and studied how their addictions crossed over from binge eating to other areas such as alcohol abuse and gambling. The Clinic research is integral in fostering students' ability in the research process.



Nicki Johnson

Forensic psychology is Nicki Johnson's area of research. With a particular focus on serial killers, she looked at the perceptions of them. Johnson prepared her subjects for a questionnaire on serial killers by using a technique called priming—a process of showing subjects topic-related video clips. She then analyzed the data to see if her findings showed certain perceptions. Johnson had an internship with the Cleveland Clinic where she did neuropsychology research. Specifically, she looked at patients with Parkinson's Disease. The research involved a look at impulse control problems often associated with the disease. To do this she used the Iowa Gambling Task—a type of test that involves losing or gaining money based on cards that you pick on a screen. Participants could either choose a card to earn money or to lose it. This test helps evaluate how people with Parkinson's Disease often complete tasks without worrying about the consequences.



Shahed Barrak

Shahed Barrak's focus is in cognitive psychology. In her research project, she used subliminal and superliminal messages, as well as a technique called anchoring, which is priming with numbers. For her test, Barrak had four groups, two subliminal and two superliminal, and two with big numbers and two with small numbers. In the subliminal testing, the number was flashed on a screen so fast that people could not read it. For superliminal, they were shown numbers and allowed to look at them. After this process they were given questions about the percentage of items they would typically see on JCU's campus. Barrak was testing whether the people who saw big numbers would give larger percentages of items than those who saw low numbers.

JCU psychology undergraduates play a vital role in academic research



Photo courtesy of the JCU Department of Psychology
JCU psychology students at the Ohio Undergraduate Psychology Research Conference in 2008. From left: Anthony Terascavage, Christine Rieger, Nicki Johnson, Amanda George, Shahed Barrak, Mollie Patrick, Fade Eadeh and Ashley Bukach.

What's the deal with the OUPRC?

Every year, there is a conference for psychology students across the state of Ohio. It is called the Ohio Undergraduate Psychology Research Conference (OUPRC) and it's an opportunity for students to share their research with peers. To do this, they must create and present a PowerPoint on their research and defend it against others. There is also a poster presentation created for display here at JCU. The conference was held at Cedarville University in Cedarville, Ohio last year.

Hidden Opportunities

All around campus, things happen that few people know or acknowledge. Undergraduate psychology research is one of the hidden gems of JCU's academic community. These silent researchers deserve recognition for their work, and for how they are trying to help change the world. Research will always be an important part of the undergraduate psychological experience.

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To sign up, visit www.jcu.edu/service and search for “Make A Difference Day”.

Tim's Turn



Tim Ertle

Sports Editor

It's time for a change

With the election looming, there is a lot of talk these days about taking stances on important issues.

So I'm joining the party and taking a strong stance on an issue I feel is extremely important.

Based on all of the exciting college football action last weekend, I'm thinking that the NCAA better act quickly to implement a playoff system.

OK, so it may not be that important, but it has been highly debated over the past couple of years and it's certainly time to make a change.

With the current bowl system structure, a team like my beloved Ohio State Buckeyes seems to be dead and buried in the national title chase. Their loss to USC back on Sept. 13 made their season rather irrelevant, leaving the Buckeyes to shoot for a Rose Bowl berth.

In all fairness, Ohio State was crushed by the Trojans, losing 35-3 in a nationally televised game. However, OSU was without running back Chris Wells, arguably one of the best players in the country. Because they lost a game without their best player early in the season, OSU was essentially eliminated from title contention. That just doesn't seem right to me.

Proponents of the current bowl system say that each regular season game carries so much weight that it's like having a playoff game every week. They also say that a playoff system would kill the excitement of these regular season games because they wouldn't mean as much.

Well, college basketball has a playoff system and their regular season seems pretty exciting to me.

Aside from the college basketball tournament being a success, all other levels of college football other than the Division I level have implemented a playoff. It goes to show that this can work if they decide they want to go in this direction.

I also think that with a playoff system, we could avoid National Championship games like the ones we have had to suffer through the last two years.

If you have a 16-team playoff, the teams left standing at the end would have to be on top of their game when they met. Odds are much greater that we're going to see a better game.

Imagine the excitement around the holiday season when 16 of the nation's best teams compete in a four-week tournament. Sadly, all we can do is imagine until the NCAA gets their act together.

JCU forces six turnovers, beats Marietta

Sean Fagan
Staff Reporter

Traditional thought says the keys to winning a road football game are to limit your own mistakes and to make your opponent pay for theirs.

Apparently, the Blue Streaks got the memo, bullying their way past the Marietta Pioneers 31-6 and forcing six turnovers along the way, including five interceptions of quarterback Dexter Hughes.

The pick parade began when Marietta took control of the football on the second drive of the game.

After traveling from their own 16-yard line to the Blue Streak 25, Hughes placed a pass right into the arms of Blue Streak senior cornerback Doug Mayer.

"We take great pride in our defense," Mayer said. "We love to do our job and get off the field and turn it over to the offense."

After turning it over to the offense, it took ten plays for them to strike. Senior quarterback Mark Petruziello hit running back Tyler Gingrich for a 17-yard touchdown pass to open the scoring. The extra point from senior Josiah Kedzior made the score 7-0.

Marietta's ground game kept them in the contest as JCU struggled to find an answer for the running back tandem of Lamar Hunter and Garrett Blake, who ran for a combined 152 yards. Their efforts were largely responsible for Marietta having any scoring opportunities.

After a Cory Lemke field goal cut the Blue Streaks lead to 7-6 late in the second quarter, the Pioneers unsuccessfully attempted an onside kick that resulted in JCU having the ball at the Marietta 36-yard line.

Another Petruziello to Gingrich touchdown pass would give the

The 2008 Season So Far

9-6-08	JCU 41 - Thomas More 14
9-20-08	Baldwin-Wallace 21 - JCU 17
9-27-08	JCU 17 - Heidelberg 15
10-4-08	JCU 31 - Wilmington 17
10-11-08	JCU 31 - Marietta 6

Highlights:



Mark Petruziello - Senior - Quarterback
OAC Offensive Player of the Week (9.6.08)
2008: 1,321 passing yards, 12 TDs, 4 INTs



Josiah Kedzior - Senior - Placekicker
OAC Special Teams Player of the Week (9.6.08)
2008: 17-17 PAT attempts, 6-8 FG attempts



Michael Nettling - Senior - Linebacker
OAC Defensive Player of the Week (10.4.08/10.11.08)
2008: 60 tackles, 5.5 TFL, 2 interceptions

tough JCU defense all the room they needed.

The Blue Streaks would proceed to tack on scores for the remainder of the contest, with the highlight of the game coming courtesy of Kedzior and linebacker Michael Nettling.

After stalling out at the Marietta seven-yard line, the Blue Streaks lined up in a field goal formation, where holder Frank Ross flipped the ball to Kedzior.

Kedzior found Nettling all alone on the right side of the field for his first career touchdown reception.

Nettling, who was named OAC Defensive Player of the Week for the second week in a row, recorded 13

tackles and two interceptions to go along with his touchdown.

While the offense was nice, the defense was what ultimately won the game for the Blue Streaks.

"Marietta tested us physically and mentally but we kept fighting and stayed together," said senior cornerback Pete Honsberger of the defense. "Ultimately, we got the job done."

The next match-up for JCU comes this Saturday evening when they take on the Capital Crusaders, ranked ninth by d3football.com.

"We respect the success that Capital has had, but we are going to be ready to protect our house," said Honsberger.

Game Statistics



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GAME LEADERS

Passing -

JCU: Petruziello - 24 for 42, 267 yards, 2 TDs

MAR: Hughes - 11 for 23, 156 yards, 5 INTs

Rushing -

JCU: Gingrich - 9/33 yards

MAR: Banks - 24/87 yards

Receiving -

JCU: Ross - 6/77 yards

Gingrich - 5/50 yards, 2 TDs

MAR: Mueller - 2/52 yards

Defense -

JCU: Nettling - 13 tackles
Two interceptions

MAR: Davis - 7 tackles

Kicking -

JCU: Kedzior - 1/1 FG (40)

MAR: Lemke - 2/2 FG (36,32)

JCU ATHLETICS SCOREBOARD

OCT. 8 - OCT. 14

Cross Country

All-Ohio Championships

Men - 15th of 20 teams

JCU Top Finisher:
Danny DiRuzza - 28:33

Women - 11th of 19 teams

JCU Top Finisher:
Emily Tillmaand - 20:18

Hockey

JCU 3
Kent State 8

JCU 4
Youngstown State 9

JCU Leaders:

D. Geiger - Goals (2)
B. Lewis - Assists (4)
N. Fabrizio - Saves (74)

Volleyball

JCU 3
Ursuline 1

JCU 2
Muskingum 3

JCU 0
Capital 3

JCU Leaders

Kills:
Kristen Kidd 30
Laura Isbell 30

Men's Tennis

JCU 8
Oberlin 1

JCU Leader:

James Steward
- Won first singles
- Won first doubles with
Matt Tomayko

Soccer

Men

JCU 4
Mount Union 0

JCU 3
Marietta 2

JCU 1 OT
Heidelberg 0

JCU Leaders:

J. Kosek - Goals (3)
L. Kastelic - Assists (4)
M. DeMarchi - Saves (17)

Women

JCU 2
Marietta 2

JCU Leaders:

E. Daigler - Goals (1)
E. Sovacool - Assists (1)
M. Zrebiec - Saves (6)

Volleyball has busy week, goes 2-2

Team knocks off B-W for first time since '04

Ashley Bauer
Staff Reporter

The John Carroll University volleyball team got the monkey off their back on Oct. 7. For the first time since 2004, before any of the current team members were enrolled at JCU, the Blue Streaks defeated cross-town rival Baldwin-Wallace College.

What makes the win all the sweeter is the fact that JCU won this game on the road.

The match was extremely competitive as it took four games for the Blue Streaks to secure the victory.

Freshman Kristen Kidd led the charge with a team-high 16 kills and 21 digs, while juniors Laura Isbell and MaryEileen Dalton each chipped in 10 kills.

"Beating B-W was a very positive step forward for our team," said JCU head coach Cally Plummer. "B-W consistently has one of the top programs in the OAC and this win showed that our program is ready to compete with the upper-half of the conference."

While it was just the second conference game in Kidd's young collegiate career, she showed that she has made a smooth transition.

"I just went out there to have fun and looking to play a smart game," Kidd said. "I listened to my teammates who told me where to place the ball and what shots were open for me to hit at."

Coming off the B-W game with a new swagger, the squad then defeated non-conference foe Ursuline College in four games at the DeCarlo Varsity Center last Thursday.

JCU lost the first game 22-25, but was able to bounce back and



Photo by Scott Miller

Laura Isbell, MaryEileen Dalton, Meredith McDiarmid and the rest of the Blue Streaks had four matches in eight days, going 2-2.

win three straight games.

Senior Emily Jackson said the comeback effort was great for the team's confidence this early in the season.

"We proved how resilient we are and how well we play when we play together," she said.

Sophomore Meredith McDiarmid dominated on the court with 43 assists. Junior Celia Mastroine had 20 digs while Kidd and Isbell combined for 34 kills.

JCU played its third match of the week at Muskingum College in New Concord, Ohio on Saturday.

Unfortunately, the Blue Streaks effort came up just short as they lost in five games.

Kidd equaled her 16 kill total from the B-W game and added a JCU season-best 36 digs.

McDiarmid had 14 kills and 31 assists while Isbell had 10 kills.

On Tuesday, JCU fell in three games to a very good Capital team that left University Heights with a record of 22-5.

The busy week left the Blue Streaks feeling pretty good about themselves. Senior Colleen Cavanagh said that the team was excited to see their hard work from practice pay off.

"We have been working on perfecting the fundamentals, passing, serving, blocking, connecting with our setters and communication," said Cavanagh.

After these matches, the Blue Streaks improved their record to 14-8 overall and 1-2 in conference matches.

While the rest of the school takes a fall break this weekend, the volleyball team continue to stay busy as they go on the road to Columbus to do battle with Otterbein College tomorrow night.

"We are looking to carry over our winning [non-conference] record into conference play," said Plummer. "We know that every match is going to be a battle and we are ready to stand our ground and keep climbing towards the top."

Hockey off to a slow start

Charlie Duggan
Staff Reporter

The John Carroll University men's club hockey team has had its fair share of disappointment over the past few years. However, after winning only three games two years ago, the team put together a 15-win last year and came up just shy of a playoff berth.

With many of last year's players returning and with the addition of a solid freshmen class, the season looks to be a promising one.

The possibilities of where this team can go has senior winger and captain Scott Matthews excited.

"Our main goal as a team this year is to make the playoffs," said Matthews.

"We really came together last season and got the program going again," he said. "We have all the right tools to get to the next level, we just need the execution."

Part of that execution is finishing off games. Matthews noted that many of their losses last year came at the end of games.

Matthews will lead the offensive attack this season, an attack that goes four lines deep. The depth is an asset the Blue Streaks lacked last year and will help take pressure off the top line.

So far this season, the offense has produced numerous scoring opportunities, but has struggled to light the lamp. "We need to start finishing as a team, and that just comes with continuing to play and attack the net," said Matthews.

While Matthews tries to score goals on one end of the ice, sophomore M.P. Bagnowski will be one of the goaltenders trying to keep the opposition off the scoreboard. "Last year we were pretty young on defense, so being a year older will really help us," said Bagnowski.

"Plus, the freshmen we have will be able to contribute right away, especially on the power play," he said.

The team has gotten off to a less than ideal start.

They started their season in the "Battle of Ohio" tournament, held in Wooster.

The Blue Streaks fell to Kent State University by a score of 8-3, then lost 9-4 to Youngstown State University in the consolation round.

While the offense mustered seven goals in the two-game tournament, they allowed 17 to their opposition.

The Blue Streaks goaltending duo of Bagnowski and Nick Fabrizio were fired upon with 100 shots, while the offense managed just 55 shots.

While the start is not ideal, there is still a lot of hockey to be played this season.

A big game that has been circled on the calendar for the Blue Streaks is their home showdown with West Virginia University this Saturday.

West Virginia boasts the 2007-08 league championship. They have something that the Blue Streaks want.

Both Bagnowski and Matthews agreed that the West Virginia game would be a litmus test to measure exactly how far JCU has come as a team since last season.

"A win on Saturday would really boost our confidence and give us momentum for the year," said Matthews. "It's definitely going to be a playoff atmosphere."

Before getting to the Mountaineers on Saturday, JCU will host the Mercyhurst College Lakers on Friday.

Mercyhurst defeated JCU in 2007, presenting another game that the players will certainly come ready to play.



STREAKS OF THE WEEK



Football



Tyler Gingrich
senior

- Gingrich had 90 all-purpose yards in the Blue Streaks victory over Marietta. He had 50 yards on the ground, and had 40 yards and two touchdowns in the passing game.



Women's Soccer



Erika Eberhardt
junior

- Eberhardt helped the Blue Streaks avoid defeat when she found the back of the net with just over four minutes left in JCU's match against Marietta. The game ended in a tie.



Men's Soccer



Louis Kastelic
senior

- Kastelic had a goal and an assist as the Blue Streaks defeated Mount Union 4-0. He also came up big against Marietta, assisting on two goals in the 3-2 victory over the Pioneers.



Volleyball



Kristen Kidd
freshman

- Kidd recorded 11 kills and 18 digs against Ursuline. She followed that up with the best match of her young career against Muskingum, tallying 16 kills and 36 digs.



Football



Michael Nettling
senior

- Nettling made big plays for the Blue Streaks all day, recording a game-high 13 tackles and had two interceptions. He also caught a touchdown pass on a fake field goal attempt.

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Editorial

Paid Student Union position

The Vice President for Communications is the newest position to be added to the Student Union Executive Board. The V.P. will have responsibilities such as recording the minutes for Student Union meetings, producing biweekly newsletters, managing the Student Union Web site and managing the promotion and recruitment of new members for Student Union. In the past, these responsibilities were covered by volunteers.

Like the six other executive positions, the V.P. for Communications is a paid position. Each year, the V.P. will be paid a salary of \$1,000.

Even though it is a welcomed incentive, it is unnecessary for the new V.P. position to be paid. The money being used to fund the position can be put to much better use, especially when considering that funds available to the LSO were cut this year.

For the spring semester, the salary will be paid through the Student Union savings account and after next semester it will be included in the regular operating budget of the Student Union. The Student Union operating budget is in turn funded through such means as the Student Activity Fee.

If more and more paid executive positions continue to be added to the board, the already ridiculous amount that students spend towards the Student Activity Fee may increase in order to compensate.

It is probable that more than enough students are willing to accept the position without being paid. It just doesn't seem necessary to fund another position when that money could be used in other ways. Contribution to a good cause does not require monetary reimbursement.



Cartoon by Joe Hinkel

NOTABLE QUOTABLE



“It looks like I’m going to have a lot of work to do between today and when the new president takes office.”

-President Bush, on his remaining 100 days left in office. His last project will be overseeing the \$700 billion buyout of devalued assets from banks.

Editorial

Campaign increases voters

With voting day less than a month away, campaign issues continue to be hot topics. While the campaigns have descended into mudslinging and confusing political ads, John Carroll University’s Carroll Counts 2008 campaign has been making sure that students are on top of their political knowledge.

With the collaborating efforts of departments like the Office of Student Activities, Residence Life and the Center for Service & Social Action, the Carroll Counts campaign has proven to be successful in getting 242 students to register to vote in this year’s election.

Also, offering a discussion series, public lectures and providing several voter registration locations on campus are just a few things the campaign has been able to successfully offer to students. Additionally, Carroll Counts 2008 is offering transportation on Election Day to ensure all students have the ability to cast their votes.

These faculty members should be commended and those involved should be recognized for their ability to provide educational outlets for students to learn and discuss campaign and candidate issues. These departments should consider implementing this type of program for every election in the future.

HIT & miss

- Hit:** Sen. John McCain on Letterman’s “Late Show” tonight
- Hit:** “Twilight” book series
- Hit:** Gas prices under the \$3 mark
- Hit/miss:** Cleveland Browns win against NY Giants
- Hit:** Strawberry jam finally makes appearance in the dining hall
- Hit:** Men’s soccer win against Marietta
- Hit:** Pope Benedict XVI names India’s first female saint, Sister Alphonsa
- Hit:** “The Laramie Project”
- Hit:** Fall Break starts today
- miss:** The Carroll News is off next week
- Hit/miss:** Britney Spears releases new album, “Circus”
- Hit:** Dow Jones jumps on Monday
- Hit:** Apple unveils new laptop with smooth glass trackpad
- Hit:** Joey Chestnut wins Famous Famiglia World Pizza Eating Championship by eating 45 slices of pizza in 10 minutes

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OUR VIEW

Roadkill and it's mood-ruining effects



Lena Chapin

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I'm from Southeastern Ohio, smack dab in the middle of Appalachia, where the deer and cattle reign and country roads really do take me home.

These country roads are quite different than Cleveland's; they're curvy and dangerous and generally lined with the rotting corpses of roadkill.

It's a common pastime in my hometown to try to identify the type of animal by its bloated shape or stench long before actually getting to it.

I've seen everything from possums to horses and it hasn't phased me, but recently my nerves have

been tested and I'm telling you I've had enough.

My friend and I went for a run a few weeks back around University Heights. It was late, but we were in a group and stayed in residential areas so we thought we were safe. Wrong.

While innocently jogging down Belvoir, on the sidewalk no less, my leg was attacked by the bushy tail and the rigor mortised limbs of a squirrel carcass. Needless to say, my running pace and cardiac activity increased quite a bit, but mostly, I was annoyed.

Believe it or not, this wasn't the first encounter with rodent roadkill in UH.

Just two weeks prior, on a completely different street, my foot hit an uncommonly squishy section of pavement during a walk with my roommate, Laura Gruber. Sure enough, my shoe had landed in the exposed innards of a flattened squirrel (sick, I know).

That evening, we also came in contact with a decomposing bird and just last Wednesday, I crossed

the path of a dead mole.

I don't know if my shoes have some sort of dead animal magnet or what, but I'm severely disturbed by this phenomenon. We are in the city, or at least a well-populated suburban outskirts; wildlife is not a huge part of our lives, so why am I plagued with all of these dead animals?

You may be questioning why this is such a problem since I am used to the country roadkill. Well, there is no smell attached to this bizarre city death.

Maybe it's masked by smog—who knows? All I know is that I don't like running into it and I'm sure no one else does either. So, do the city a favor.

If you live off campus, get a garbage bag and pick up the roadkill outside your house. If you reside in Hamlin, don't just gawk at the birds that end up squashed on the sidewalk, get rid of them.

It will save runners, walkers and people in general from at least one stomach-turning encounter and certainly make you a hero to my new running shoes.

Lo Castro's
Lowdown

Jenna Lo Castro

Editorial & Op/Ed Editor

Gettin' the
word on:The serial-themed
party-goer

My neighbor is a serial-themed party-goer. That is, every Friday or Saturday night, he knocks on my door to show me his outfit in hopes of gaining pre-party approval. And every weekend, I can undoubtedly predict that he will hit the metaphorical nail on the head. His outfit choices are methodical, appealing and seem subtly comfortable. I have to admit—the kid has some mad skill. If he put the same amount of work into his major as he does planning his themed outfits, he'd be a Rhodes Scholar. But he doesn't. And we'll just leave it at that.

This past weekend, the young gentleman came to my door at 6 p.m. wanting to give me the "lowdown" on his attire for the evening. Though he was not wearing his garb, he gave me a five-minute testimonial on his plans for completing his "green" outfit for a traffic light party. In case you're wondering, "green" means "go" aka single and ready to mingle.

Although a four-year stay at college makes for some great themed parties to attend, post-graduation marks a time in a person's life when these events become an extinct breed of entertainment. So it is with great enthusiasm that I encourage any and all to really live up a themed event, and I'm not just talking about the staple ones (i.e. toga).

For those of you who have hosted one of these shindigs, I think now would be the best time to propose some alternative themes rather than to rely on the old and unexciting ones.

Now, I know you're probably saying to yourself, "Seriously Jenna, you don't even know how good my hot, ripped bod looks in a toga." But I promise you, the grass can be greener on the other side—all you have to do is simply tweak the social gatherings you typically host.

For example, rather than throwing a "white trash party" where everyone in attendance wears the routine trucker hat, flannel cut-off shirt or NASCAR paraphernalia, why not host a "Chris Hanson's 'To Catch a Predator' party"? As the host, you could be Chris Hanson and greet everyone in your kitchen using the phrase, "Why don't you have a seat?" People could have the option of still dressing like a creepy trucker or as a small, unknowing child. As an extra choice, you could also invite underage people to the party, in hopes that the police department will show up outside your house, just like on the show!

If catching pedophiles isn't your thing, why not try a "Pro Sports Scandal Night?" This is a great alternative to those boring "jersey parties." For this, everyone has to come as a corrupted professional athlete. Some suggestions would be Michael Vick (you could carry a stuffed dog around), Kobe Bryant, Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens or NBA referee Tim Donaghy.

Another small option would be to turn those trashy "Anything But Clothes" bash into a "Classy Night." No one would be able to get in unless they were sporting some type of nice evening wear: ties, cocktail dresses, bouffants, etc. Bonus points to those wearing top hats, hard-core costume jewelry or a cravat.

Nothing says "college" like a themed party. So to all those serial-themed party-goers out there: think outside the box. Don't be afraid to go to the extreme when thinking of various topics that you believe would make a great fete.

The possibilities are endless. At least, for these four years they are.

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Wonderword

What does kismet mean?



"A flamboyant penguin."
Connaught Donnelly,
junior



"When you kiss someone
as soon as you meet them."
Paulin Byusa,
sophomore



"It's a word used when
you're kissing a NY Met."
Katie Fraser,
freshman

Kismet means destiny or fate.

That's what See said: Tray it up for me this upcoming Tuesday

Bob Seeholzer
Features Editor

My fellow Blue Streaks, back by my own personal demand: trays on Tuesdays.

That's right people, trays are making a bigger comeback than NKOTB (that's New Kids on the Block for those of you who aren't pop culture majors), and then they're going right back into irrelevant obscurity much like NKOTB.

Everyone who has been at JCU

since last year knows about the "Trayless Tuesdays" program that was instituted last spring and how it has since been expanded into a permanent lack of trays in an attempt to lessen and/or eliminate the campus's carbon footprint.

When an opportunity presents itself, I have a hard time ignoring it. Therefore, I'm going to conduct a social experiment involving myself, the dining hall and my readers—that means you. Yes, YOU!

Instead of going trayless on Tuesdays like last year, let's flip the script and use trays ONLY on Tuesday.

I know what you're thinking, "Bob, I have a two-part question for you. One, isn't that disrespectful? And two, isn't it bad for the

environment?"

My two-part answer would be: sort of, and I plead The Fifth.

I don't know what kind of effect using trays on Tuesdays will have on the environment, but if eliminating one day's worth of the wastefulness of trays last year was significant enough to make a difference, then skipping one day can't be too bad.

I figure we'll still be trayless for six days next week, so we should have enough of a cushion to keep the Environmental Protection Agency off our collective back.

I am not trying to bring back trays for good, though. As Sean Carter so eloquently put it, this is the "Grand opening, grand closing."

This is a one-shot deal. If you forget, you'll regret. Only one

time, don't let it slip your mind. Remember or...I ran out of catchy phrases.

To be completely honest, I don't mind not having trays this year. The only time I miss them are when I ask myself, "How am I supposed to carry all of these various forms of potatoes and my four glasses of Gatorade without a tray?"

The logical answer is, of course, to grow several extra mutated arms and then use them to carry the extra plates, bowls, glasses, utensils, fruit, ice cream, etc.

I actually respect the idea of cutting down on waste and going green. I wouldn't try to halt or undo any of the progress that has been made on this campus so far. I'm way too apathetic to take that strong of a

stand on anything.

The main goal of this event is for me to do research. I want to know who reads this and how impressionable they are. Note that the use of "they" in the previous sentence is an unsupported assumption since I cannot confirm at this time that anyone other than myself will actually read this.

So on Tuesday, Oct. 21 vote for change in the dining hall, pick up a tray and take more plates than you have hands. Then step up and eat all of that food because wasting it makes me sad (and people might get mad at me if you don't). Do it for your country, your family, your tummy and yours truly.

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You're wrong, I'm Rafferty:

The battle lines have been drawn.
Two super powers are about to throw down.



Andrew Rafferty
Editor in Chief

A Berlin Wall is being constructed in University Heights. That's right, as you read this, a barrier is being erected that will tear this city apart.

Well, I guess it's not a wall, more like a fence. Regardless, this could mean the start of Cold War II – and this time things are going to be even colder.

The rivalry between the U.S. and Soviets was a battle between freedom and communism. Now two new superpowers are at odds and fighting for those same ideals.

We are on the brink of a cold war between JCU and the city of University Heights.

One UH resident tried to stop a JCU employee from putting a fence around her University-owned home. The argument was that the home was incorrectly zoned, so any permit to build it should be considered null and void.

The UH resident complained that the fence, which is 10 feet beyond his rear property, cuts into a field. His kids like to play in the field. Thus, the fence is an attempt by JCU to ruin the entire city – a perfectly logical syllogism.

The appeal to stop the fence was unfruitful because it wasn't filed in time. Had it been on time, the results would probably have been different.

In an attempt to give you a window into the mindset of our city officials, I would like to break down some things city officials said while debating the fence, as reported by The Sun Press.

Mayor Beryl Rothschild said the JCU employee wanted to build the fence because, "John Carroll wants to purchase [the UH resident's] home and then have even more of a strong hold in that area."

The area she is talking about is

Carroll Boulevard. The battle lines have been drawn.

That makes sense. When I am interested in acquiring property, the first thing I do is create a fortress around the property I already own. I mean, what if they find your offer really offensive and they plan some sort of counter-attack? You need protection.

I'll never forget the warm summer day when a neighbor came to my house and said she wanted to put in a pool in her backyard. She asked if it would be cool if she put up a fence on her own property.

I looked my neighbor square in the eye and said, "Ya right, chump. I wasn't born yesterday, I know this so-called 'fence' is really just the first step in you wanting to buy my home. Well I got news for you, I'm not selling."

This second quote from a city official is probably the best argument against the fence. A councilwoman said, "There's a saying from a movie, 'If you build it, they will come.' But in this case, if you build it they will not come."

Of course, the councilwoman is referring to the 1989 classic, "Field of Dreams." It was released the same year the Berlin Wall fell. Coincidence?

In the movie, Kevin Costner hears a voice that tells him building a baseball diamond will bring back the ghosts of the 1919 Chicago Black Sox team who threw the World Series.

If building this fence means that the 1919 Chicago Black Sox will not come to University Heights, I'll rip it down myself.

The last thing we want to do is discourage the ghosts of historical baseball teams from residing in the city of beautiful homes.

But, it will be Halloween soon, and the last thing we need is ghosts running around, so maybe the fence is a good idea.

The last quote I will share with you is my favorite. A councilman said, "We will come with muscle, and we will use that muscle when we have to."

I have interpreted this to mean the city is going to beat up the fence. That fence better watch its back.

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How many of you know someone who has had to live in fear of his or her significant other? How many of you know someone who has had to be hyper sensitive to the emotional behaviors of someone he or she loves?

How many of you have squirmed as you had to listen to a couple scream at one another?

Unfortunately, this happens all too frequently in our community and the world. Domestic violence extends far beyond physical abuse. It is a growing problem that can only be battled through awareness.

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, "One in every four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime," and, "An estimated 1.3 million women are victims of physical assault by an intimate partner each year."

In Cuyahoga County, the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center handles over 3,000 calls to their 24-hour hotline each year. This averages out to a little less than 10 calls each day. Comparatively speaking, the Do-

mestic Violence Center has multiple hotline advocates, and they handle over 14,000 calls to their 24-hour hotline each year. This averages out to about 40 calls each day!

Domestic violence happens to good people every day.

It starts when the batterer builds tension in the relationship. Soon the batterer explodes with abuse. A "loving" stage often follows. The batterer often says that he or she is sorry. This cycle repeats itself over and over, making it difficult to leave.

Each situation is different. The cycle of violence could build over months or it could repeat itself several times in one day. The couple may have cared about each other for a long time, so the survivor may keep hoping things will go back to the way they were before.

October, as some of you may know, is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Currently, the Domestic Violence Center in Cleveland is sponsoring the Purple Light Nights throughout the month of October. Purple Light Nights are a way to remember domestic violence homicide victims, to celebrate the courage of those who have survived, and to provide hope, information

and services to those who are still living with violence and abuse.

John Carroll University, through the work of students in "Every Two Minutes" and "One in Four" will be raising awareness by hosting a speaker from the Domestic Violence Center, passing out information in the Lombardo Center Atrium and encouraging members of our community to join the cause by shining a purple light to raise awareness of this important issue.

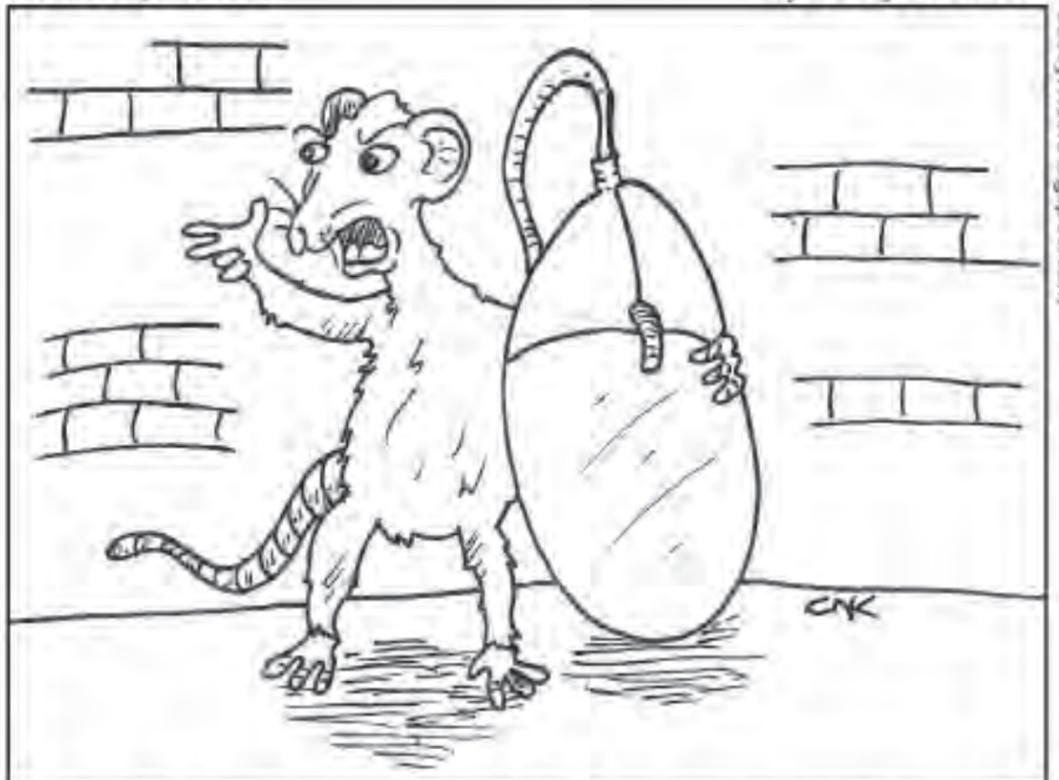
If you or someone you know is struggling with this issue, there is always help available.

Resources on campus include the Dean of Students Office, Campus Safety Services, the University Counseling Center, Student Health Services, the Office of Residence Life and Campus Ministry.

The Domestic Violence Center of Cleveland (www.domesticviolencecenter.org) operates a 24-hour helpline at 216-391-HOPE (4357).

The Why? Files

by Casey N. Kindle



"Oh, yeah, just keep laughing! WE don't care, 'cause WE'RE in LOVE, and that's all that matters! We'll see who's laughing when we're MARRIED! You'll see! Ooohh yes, YOU'LL SEE!"

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