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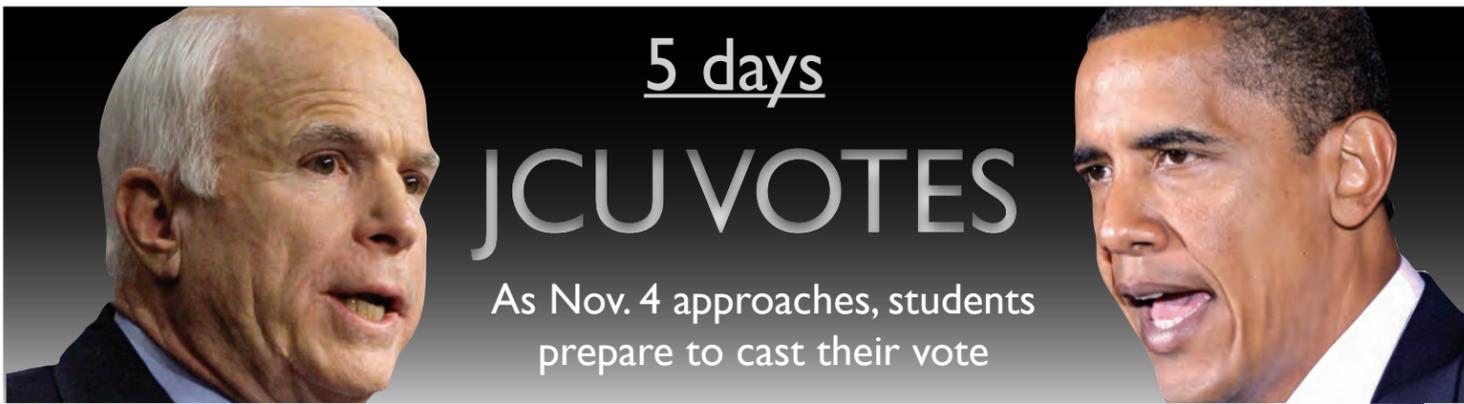
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Students left waiting for JCU shuttle

Caitlin Huey-Burns
Campus Editor

For freshman Jack Kirwin, a first date at The Cheesecake Factory in Legacy Village with classmate Alyssa Abraham was going smoothly, with good conversation and some handholding to boot. However, as the date was coming to an end problems arose.

The students planned to take the John Carroll University shuttle service back to campus. They expected the shuttle to arrive in front of Stir Crazy restaurant on Oct. 11 at 9:41 p.m., the designated time and place of the routine shuttle pickups.

But it never showed up. Kirwin and Abraham were dropped off by a friend, but wanted to take the shuttle home. Kirwin had printed out the shuttle schedule from the JCU Web site and brought it with him to Legacy Village to make sure he had the correct times. The pair arrived at the shuttle stop at 9:30 p.m.

They had assumed the 9:41 p.m. shuttle was running late. The hours passed and when the 11:41 p.m. shuttle did not show up, they began to seriously worry about how they would get home.

"It was freezing outside and there were no benches by the shuttle stop. She [Abraham] was wearing a dress and she had no place to sit," said Kirwin.

Kirwin and Abraham considered walking back to campus and reached the entry gates to Legacy Village, but decided to turn back and wait longer for the shuttle or find another way home.

They walked back to the shuttle stop where they met sophomore Lance Street for the first time.

Street, who has a car on campus, but decided to utilize the shuttle service, got off work at The Melting Pot at 9:30 p.m. that evening and had expected to arrive to his dorm via the East Loop shuttle shortly after that time. He had checked the shuttle service Web site that day to verify the time and location of the shuttle pickups. After meeting up, the students agreed to take a taxi home.

Kirwin, Abraham and Street had

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Cassandra Larson
Staff Reporter

On Tues., Nov. 4, 2008, millions of Americans will cast their vote to decide whether Sen. Barack Obama or Sen. John McCain should be the next president of the United States.

As the election is quickly approaching, John Carroll University students are voicing their opinions on the Democratic and Republican candidates.

Senior Maura Reilly plans to vote for Obama.

"I think that his plan for our country is reflective of our current situation as far as the economy is concerned," said Reilly.

Reilly is a volunteer for the Obama office in Shaker Heights. She has helped Obama's campaign effort by walking door-to-door and by making phone calls.

"Barack Obama relates to the everyday American," said Reilly. "He is a breath of fresh air and his campaign is very exciting."

Senior Matt Beckley is also supporting Obama in the upcoming

election.

"I think that Barack Obama is very inspiring and optimistic. He has sparked political interest in mainstream America," said Beckley.

Jonathan Alexander, a senior, plans on voting for the Republican candidate, John McCain.

"I support McCain's views," said Alexander. "I agree with his tax policy and his support for free trade."

Sophomore Andrea Bovenzi is also impressed with McCain's tax plan.

She said, "McCain wants to cut taxes and Obama wants to raise taxes. Obama is not being truthful when he says he is going to cut taxes for 95 percent of people."

Senior Kristina Drnjevic has already sent in her vote for McCain.

"I sent my absentee ballot in for John McCain. I believe that his experience on a government level runs deep. While he doesn't have that rock star persona, he is prepared to do the best job for the United States," said Drnjevic.

One issue that resonates with the JCU community is the war in Iraq. Kyle Ferstle, a freshman, agrees with McCain's vision for the future of the war.

"I think that John McCain has a realistic plan for Iraq, which is to stay in Iraq and get the job done," said Ferstle.

Beckley disagrees with McCain's view and thinks that our current war strategy is unproductive.

"I agree with Obama's outlook on Iraq," said Beckley. "Millions of Americans are being impacted by this war."

Junior Lisa Formanik thinks Obama is the clear choice.

She said, "I agree with more of his [Obama's] policies, and I think he would make a competent and diplomatic leader."

Bovenzi disagrees. "McCain is more honest from what I have seen and can be trusted," she said.

Last Thursday, the JCU debate team held a mock presidential debate in the Dolan Auditorium. Chris Schroeder, a senior, represented

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JCU Student Ballot

Senior Matt Beckley



John McCain
 Barack Obama
Reason: Obama is inspiring

Junior Lisa Formanik



John McCain
 Barack Obama
Reason: Can restore faith in government

Sophomore Andrea Bovenzi



John McCain
 Barack Obama
Reason: McCain's tax policy

Freshman Kyle Ferstle



John McCain
 Barack Obama
Reason: McCain's plan for Iraq war

JCU football player answers the question: Deal or No Deal?

Matt Mihalich
Staff Reporter

For junior football player Frank Ross, it was an easy decision to suit up for the Blue Streaks. It was an easy decision to put in the hours, week after week, to help the team. But his hardest decision came from one simple question.

Deal, or no deal?

Ross had always been intrigued by NBC's hit game show, which aired in 2005.

After months of rigorous trials and battles, Ross has since become part of the program. He will appear as a contestant in an upcoming episode, Nov. 3.

To get on the show, he needed

to enter a process that took several months to determine if he would be a good contestant on the show. Simply put, the producers look for entertaining people who have a good use for the prize money.

Ross, a very passionate football player, convinced them.

"My reason for possibly winning this money is to buy our football team new uniforms," he said. "It's not fair that we don't have new uniforms."

For the last nine months, Ross has seen the need for new football equipment. Players have to buy their own travel suits, hand in their practice gear after the season and in some cases, the uniforms do not match for

the entire team. He saw "Deal or No Deal" as an opportunity to use one interest to help another interest.

Ross is allowed to talk about the show, but he must act accordingly to a very strict contract.

"My contract is if I say anything about my winnings, how the show went, what case I picked, anything like that, I could get sued for \$1 million every time it gets leaked to the press," said Ross.

Don't expect too much info.

In the middle of February, Ross filled out an 11-page application and sent it in to the producers, along with a video of what would make

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Frank Ross (left) was a contestant on 'Deal or No Deal.' Chukubueze Iheama (right) went along with Ross.

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JCU MBA program informational meeting

The fall information meeting for all undergraduate students who are participating in or are interested in the five-year MBA program will take place on Monday, Nov. 3 at 5 p.m. in the Murphy Room. Freshmen and sophomores will be in one group and will receive information on the program and course selection. Juniors and seniors will be in a separate group and will receive information on how and when to apply for the program. Pizza and pop will be provided after the meeting. Please R.S.V.P. or send any questions to 5yearmba@jcu.edu.

Habitat for Faculty fund-raiser

Habitat for Humanity and Circle K International are sponsoring a fund-raiser to help faculty and staff members around their houses. The fund-raiser, Habitat for Faculty, will be held Nov. 1. Student volunteers affiliated with both organizations will arrive at the houses to complete any household task requested. In exchange for the services the faculty or staff member will make a donation to the organizations. The money raised will go to various service projects for each organization.

International Journalists at JCU

A group of 14 journalists from Asia, the Pacific region and the U.S. will meet local experts on race, gender and elections for a panel discussion on Wednesday, Nov. 3 at 5 p.m. in the Donahue Auditorium.

The 90-minute program sponsored by the International Visitors Program of the Cleveland Council on World Affairs and the JCU Department of Communication and Theatre Arts is free and open to the campus and community. The moderator will be Richard D. Hendrickson, associate professor in the JCU Department of Communication and Theatre Arts.

South Africa study abroad program

Those interested in study and travel abroad in South Africa with JCU's Summer Institute on Peace Building and Conflict Transformation are asked to attend one of the informational meetings on Thursday, Oct. 30 at 4:30 p.m. in AD 235 and Monday, Nov. 3 at 4:30 p.m. in AD 226. Students in the program may earn six credits in either Political Science or Sociology. For more information please contact the Center for Global Education at ext. 4320.

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Caitlin Huey-Burns

Parents given access to BannerWeb

Emily Gaffney
Staff Reporter

John Carroll University is implementing a new program this year that gives parents access to students' BannerWeb information.

Web4Parent is a new program

can then select what information they want to authorize their parents to view.

Students can also choose to change what they give parents access to at any time through the "Parent Access" option. This includes adding and removing information

parents," said Kathleen DiFranco, Registrar.

Prior to Web4Parent, students were able to authorize a hard copy of their information to be sent to their parents. JCU also used to mail grades to students at their permanent address, which their parents had

for his or her educational accomplishments and allowing parents access only keeps the student bound by the same ties of high school," he said.

However, some seem to agree with the program.

"If your parents are paying for

"Allowing parents access only keeps the student bound by the same ties of high school."

-Freshman Adam Boggs

"If your parents are paying for your education, they have a right to know how you're doing."

-Sophomore Maura Jochum

that will allow the parents of freshmen and sophomore students to view their child's JCU records through BannerWeb.

Parents can access student account and financial aid information, midterm and final grades, class schedules, phone number, address, e-mail and emergency contact information.

Students are able to give their parents access to their BannerWeb information by simply logging onto BannerWeb and selecting the "Parent Access" menu option. Students

from their parents' access.

Parents who are granted access to their child's records are mailed a letter with information to set up their BannerWeb account. Parents are given their own separate BannerWeb ID and pin.

Web4Parent is the culmination of the work of Information Technology Services, the Office of Financial Aid, the Bursar's Office, the Office of the Registrar and the Office of Advancement.

"We wanted to enhance the JCU experience for students and

access to, but the University has since discontinued the mailing of grades.

According to DiFranco, the information has always been available to parents with students' authorization, but now it will be automated and more user-friendly.

Freshman Adam Boggs does not believe parents should have access to this system.

"I believe parents should be excluded from BannerWeb access as far as grades go because college is a time when the student is responsible

your education, they have a right to know how you're doing. My parents pay for my education, so they should know my grades," said sophomore Maura Jochum.

"If you are financially responsible for yourself, you should have the right to decide if you want your parents to have your information," said Jochum.

The program is currently limited to freshmen and sophomore students only, but DiFranco says they hope to eventually offer the program to juniors and seniors as well.

SIFE holds computer drive for African orphans

Meredith Yagelski
Staff Reporter

Students In Free Enterprise is looking for donations of new and used computers to send to the African Children Ministries and Family Services orphanage located in Zaire, Africa.

John Carroll University juniors Steve Rock and Laura Nowicki are hoping to make an impact on African students' lives.

Each year students who are involved in the club plan and execute projects they feel will help the community.

According to Nowicki, the club is working on 11 projects designed to focus on market economics, success skills, entrepreneurship, financial literacy, environmental sustainability and business ethics.

One of the major projects that SIFE is working on accomplishing this year is collecting new or used computers from students and faculty and sponsorships from companies.

While studying abroad in Ghana this summer, Rock saw firsthand the injustices people in Africa are facing today.

"We are so grateful for what we have and when you come back you almost feel inhuman if you were to turn a blind eye to the situation," Rock said.

After being there for a month, Rock knew SIFE could do something to help these children. Rock and Nowicki were put in contact with a refugee from Africa named Henri Ngolo through SIFE's advisor, Scott Allen.

Ngolo spent time and money during his first year in the U.S. to help establish the African Children Ministries and Family Services orphanage in Zaire. The idea for the orphanage started in 1994, but it was not until 1996 that the orphanage became fully operational. Ngolo is now an assistant manager at a local Sam's Club.

"The majority of the children in this orphanage are victims of the

Rwanda genocide," Rock said.

With the help of Ngolo, Rock and Nowicki were able to come up with the idea of collecting computers to send to the 105 children that reside in this orphanage. Currently, there are only three to four computers for these children to share.

Throughout the semester, SIFE will be holding an on-going computer drive to send computers to Africa. Their ultimate goal is to help educate children with computer technology.

"It is our hope that through their exposure to this technology that when they are older they will be able to use their knowledge of computers to their benefit to obtain

good jobs and make a better life for themselves," Nowicki said.

SIFE is also looking for students who are interested in becoming pen pals with the children after the computers are delivered, via e-mail.

Jim Burke and Patricia Dawson of information services have already verbally committed to donating any old computers to the cause.

SIFE is also asking students to inquire with their parents about donating or sponsoring computers.

Any inquiries about potential donations or sponsorships can be e-mailed to Steve Rock, project leader, at rock10@jcu.edu or Henri Ngolo of the African Children Ministries and Family Services at mhngolo@africanchildrenministries.org or mailed to:

African Children's Ministries and Family Services
PO BOX 181159
Cleveland Heights, OH 44118

Campus Safety Log



October 14, 2008

A wallet was reported stolen from Murphy Hall at 1 p.m.

October 15, 2008

Vandalism on a dorm room door in Murphy Hall was reported at 12:05 a.m.

October 15, 2008

Vandalism in a Murphy Hall men's bathroom was reported at 9:01 a.m.

October 16, 2008

Damage to the Boler School of Business sign was reported at 1:02 p.m.

October 17, 2008

A theft was reported at 1:33 p.m.

October 23, 2008

Vandalism to a Hamlin Hall thermostat was reported at 2:53 p.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.

Rev. Bukala celebrates 50 years with the Society of Jesus

Katie Sheridan
Campus Editor

“Who I am is related to who I am yet to become.”

Students who have had the Rev. Casey Bukala for class know this philosophy. Bukala has made it, and the accompanying stick figure, famous.

This year, Bukala celebrates his 50th year with the Society of Jesus. When Bukala was born in Cleveland on July 14, 1931, he had no idea what he was “yet to become.”

Bukala, son of Walter and Mary Bukala and brother to four siblings, was part of a tight-knit family. They spent a lot of their time at their church, immersed in a religious atmosphere. At a young age, Bukala decided to become an altar server.

“Something just clicked,” said Bukala.

As he became older, he was faced with a difficult decision concerning his vocation. His father and parish priest desperately wanted him

to also become a parish priest. He wanted to please them, but felt his decision was not theirs to make.

Bukala began his schooling at Hyacinth Church and School. He then proceeded to Holy Name High School and eventually John Carroll University. Bukala’s schooling continued when he attended Western Reserve University and received his

“People are beautiful.”

-The Rev. Casey Bukala

doctoral studies in philosophy at Boston College in 1967.

In the midst of his schooling, he was called to serve in the Army where he spent two years.

“It was really a blessing in disguise,” said Bukala.

In 1958, Bukala returned home and in September of the same year he entered the Jesuit Novitiate.

He did further studies at Colombiere College, West Baden College and Bellarmine School of

Theology.

On June 14, 1966, he was ordained. Four years later, in 1970, he returned to JCU to teach philosophy. For over 25 years he has also served as the chaplain of the JCU football team.

Friend and colleague William Langenfus, JCU professor of philosophy, met Bukala when he began teaching in the 1990s.

“He has had such a positive influence on so many people. He is a gentle soul,” said Langenfus.

Bukala has received many accolades over the years. In 1981, he was given the Distinguished Faculty Award. Five years later, he was given the Centennial Medal. In 1999, he was given the Alumni Service Award and in 2002, he received the Alumni Award Medal.

Above all, Bukala likes celebrating weddings and baptisms for JCU alumni and working with his students. “People are beautiful,” he said.

Bukala will continue to dis-



Photo from http://www.jcu.edu/alumni/news/casey_concourse.htm

Rev. Bukala cuts the ceremonial ribbon with former Director of Athletics, Tony DeCarlo, to dedicate the Don Shula Stadium concourse, named ‘Casey’s Concourse’ after Bukala, in 2005.

cover who he is “yet to become,” but reaching 50 years as a Jesuit has made an obvious impact on his life.

Bukala said, “I cannot stop thanking the Lord for all the blessings I’ve received and continue to receive.”

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waited for the shuttle for two and a half hours at the designated shuttle stop before calling a taxi service. A taxi arrived a half-hour after the students had called, costing them ten dollars. The three students arrived back to campus at 1 a.m.

The cost of the taxi was not the concern for Kirwin, but rather the principle.

“Students pay up to \$36,000 a year to go to this school and the programs aren’t functioning to their full capabilities. Clearly the shuttle driver was not doing his or her job that night,” said Kirwin.

Street acknowledges that this situation was inconvenient, but he is more concerned for other students if this neglect continues.

“I am more worried about freshmen girls being stranded there by themselves. There are bars [in Legacy Village] and what if someone didn’t know a taxi number, didn’t have access to a cell phone or didn’t have any cash to take a taxi?” Street said.

Street and Kirwin attended the Student Union meeting last Tuesday to voice their concerns about the reliability of the shuttle service.

Student Union President Molly Delaney said, “From a Student

Union standpoint, we’re extremely upset to hear that some students have not been able to take full advantage of the shuttles as a result of potentially unreliable service. While we personally cannot attest to the frequency with which this happens, the fact that it happens at all is problematic.”

The Office of Residence Life is responsible for the administration of the East Loop shuttle, and it has no connection to the Student Union.

SU Vice President Patrick McDermott and junior class President Amy Marchlen, who serves on the Residence Life committee, met with Heather Losneck, director of the

Office of Residence Life, to discuss this issue.

Losneck said, “I would like to talk to any student who has experienced an issue with the shuttle so that we can try to improve the service to students.”

It certainly does not make sense to continue providing an expensive service to students if it is not effective, or worse, detrimental,” said Losneck.

Losneck, Marchlen and McDermott will meet with the president of the Hopkins Airport shuttle line, the service that operates the East Loop shuttle later, this week.

McDermott is apprehensive

about this incident’s effect on the implementation of the West Loop shuttle. “With Student Union attempting to expand the shuttle services, we are deeply concerned about the current issues,” said McDermott.

Street said he might try the shuttle service again if changes are made, but for now he is going to use his car.

Kirwin, who has no other means of transportation, said he took the shuttle service again last weekend because it was his last option.

Kirwin went on a second date with Abraham in Legacy Village and the shuttle arrived on time.

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Obama and Anthony Miranda, a junior, represented McCain.

The results showed that Obama won the student debate; however, more of the debate attendants intend on voting for McCain.

“As for the result of the [presidential] election, it is too close to call,” said Alexander. “We will just have to see what happens in the swing states.”

Ferstle is a Michigan resident

and has already sent in his absentee ballot.

“Michigan is typically a swing

“This decision will not only impact our future, but the future of our children and grandchildren.”

-Senior Maura Reilly

state that usually sways Democrat. My vote will count towards the Republican party.”

Ohio is one of the states that will be a determining factor in the Nov. 4 election. Since 1904, only Franklin D. Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy

have won the election without winning Ohio’s 20 electoral votes.

“I am ready for the election to be over,” said Reilly. “I want to see what happens.”

Alexander suggests voters bring knowledge about the candidates with them to the polls.

“I think that it is important to know the views and policies of the candidates before voting,” said Alexander.

Reilly believes that this year’s decision could change the course of our nation. She said, “This decision will not only impact our future, but the future of our children and grandchildren.”

Vote on Tuesday

Students who have registered to vote in University Heights will vote at:

Gearity Elementary School
2323 Wrenford Road
Cleveland, OH 44118

Polls open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. or until the last voter in line has voted. The Express Shuttle will be providing continuous shuttling for students to Gearity Elementary while polls are open.

CAMPUS CALENDAR: OCT. 30-NOV. 5

30	Thursday	31	Friday	1	Saturday	2	Sunday	3	Monday	4	Tuesday	5	Wednesday
The Institute of Catholic Studies and the Catholic Lawyers Guild of Cleveland will host a lecture by Thomas J. Allio, Jr., Social Action Director for the Diocese of Cleveland, at 7:30 p.m. in the LSC Conference Room.		SUPB is sponsoring a movie night at 10 p.m. in the Donahue Auditorium. They will be showing the Disney movie “Wall-E.” Snacks and drinks will be provided.		SUPB is sponsoring “Fall Back Day” to celebrate daylight savings time from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. Popcorn, music, video games and nail painting will be provided. Board games will be raffled off at the end of the night. All are welcome to attend.		The final performance of JCU’s “The Laramie Project” will begin at 2 p.m. in Kulas Auditorium. Tickets may be reserved by calling 216-397-4428.		Applications for the spring concert committee chair and assistant chair positions are due at 4:30 p.m. in the Office of Student Activities.		Election Day is today. Polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.		Sister Helen Prejean, author of “Dead Man Walking,” which was turned into an Oscar-winning major motion picture, will be giving a lecture at 5:30 p.m. in the Donahue Auditorium.	

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University Marketing and Communications personnel will provide an advisory to the university community through the closing advisory phone line. If the university is closing, the system's message will be changed to give the details of the closing.

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- For decisions on EVENING CLASSES, call AFTER 2 p.m.

University Marketing and Communications uses a coded system to alert the media of a closing; this system is designed to prevent unauthorized personnel from calling the media. Closings will also be posted on the university's home page at www.jcu.edu by 6:30 a.m.

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In the event inclement weather poses – for a limited period of time – an extraordinary risk to the safety of students and employees who drive to the university, the university will announce a “DELAYED OPENING”:

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 - An announced 2-hour delay = 10 a.m. opening.
 - An announced 3-hour delay = 11 a.m. opening

Employees whose functions are required earlier than the normal office opening time should consult their area vice president for instructions.

- Classes scheduled during the hours affected by the delay will be cancelled.
As with classes cancelled when the university is forced to close early because of weather, faculty whose classes are cancelled as a result of a delayed opening may, at their discretion, attempt to schedule a make-up class. These make-up classes can only be scheduled if they do not penalize students who are unable to attend.

JCU cast is energetically successful in conveying Matthew Shepard's story in 'The Laramie Project'

THEATER REVIEW

'The Laramie Project'



Taylor Nagy
The Carroll News

Cast members of "The Laramie Project" delivered a lively performance and some great acting.

A John Carroll University production directed by Karen Gygli, "The Laramie Project" debuted this past weekend on Oct. 24 in Kulas Auditorium.

"The Laramie Project" tells the story of 21-year-old Matthew Shepard, a gay student at the University of Wyoming who was brutally beaten and murdered by two young men after leaving a bar one night in Laramie, Wyoming.

Playwright Moises Kaufman led the creation of "The Laramie Project," a play based on a series of interviews of Laramie townspeople conducted by members of the Tectonic Theater Project.

From the anti-homosexual sermons of Baptist and Mormon preachers, to the ranting of town bigots and a skinhead, there were many parts of the play that moved the audience to intense discomfort, anger and even to tears.

The emotion on stage was also intense. Sophomore Amanda Papa did a remarkable job as Romaine Patterson, Shepard's close friend, and Aaron Kreifels, the boy who found Shepard dying against the fence. Her portrayals of these characters, among others, were very believable.

"I really liked playing Romaine Patterson," Papa said. "I felt like I clicked with her."

Other outstanding performers included



Photo by Keith Nagy

Actors Brian Devers and Morgan Baker perform in JCU's fall production, 'The Laramie Project,' playing through Nov. 2.

freshman Brian Devers, who played a genuine bartender named Matt Galloway, and sophomore Morgan Baker, who did a great job acting as Zubaida Ula, a Muslim woman who also fell victim to discrimination in Laramie.

The cast did a commendable job on the show, proving that they were well-rehearsed and efficiently directed. They accomplished their most important task by conveying the message of the story in an understandable and profound way while maintaining remarkably high energy throughout the performance.

The cast members clearly portrayed the life-changing process of telling the story from the reporters' perspectives and of delivering the story from the viewpoints of the Laramie townspeople.

Despite some overacting, the majority of the cast executed their monologues with confidence and brought genuine passion to the stage.

"My favorite part of the show was getting out a message that is so important for people to understand," said JCU freshman Sean Cahill. Added as a member of the cast late in the rehearsal process, Cahill did an admirable job filling in for the production.

Many of the other cast members echoed this comment, including JCU freshman Steve Podsedly, who said, "I really liked doing the show. It opened my eyes to the reality of the situation."

Since "The Laramie Project" is comprised of a series of over 200 interviews, each actor played several characters. Some parts were

definitely played better than others. Each actor seemed to excel in one or two of their characters, while struggling with others.

Regardless, the interactions between characters were believable due to great stage positioning and movement. There was exceptional usage of the space on stage throughout the performance.

Aside from some superb acting and blocking, another definite asset of the show was its lighting. The lighting crew did an excellent job of using the lights to communicate various moods and showcase specific characters and scenes.

Overall, "The Laramie Project" performance communicated the message of the play with an artistic flair and left a significant impression on its audience.



Photo courtesy of www.hbo.com

Andy Paris: An interviewer, writer and actor in the original production of 'The Laramie Project'

Taylor Nagy
The Carroll News

The original innovator of "The Laramie Project" was playwright and director Moises Kaufman. But it took a group of actors-turned-reporters, including one named Andy Paris, to compile all of the stories.

Paris, who visited John Carroll University a few weeks ago to discuss the project with communications majors, took on a vital role in Laramie as he helped interview, write and act in the play. After the death of Matthew Shepard, a gay student at the University of Wyoming who was brutally beaten and murdered in Laramie, Wyoming, Paris and his team of amateur journalists went to find out "what people were really thinking, beyond the sound bites of the media," Paris said.

"The press invaded for like ten days," Paris said. The people of Laramie were bombarded by the press and portrayed negatively by them. Paris said that they basically took cover for a while after that.

Then Kaufman and his crew of reporters came in to the town to interview its citizens about six weeks later when "people were starting to come back out of their shell," said Paris.

"We weren't treating them like the press treated them," Paris explained. "People needed to talk about it, and we wanted to hear anything they had to say."

After a couple years, the interviews were completed, then compiled and edited into a series of poignant monologues dubbed "The Laramie Project."

The play was performed across the United States, but Paris said that it was especially incredible to perform it in its namesake town. Paris recalls performing the play for the people of Laramie for five days straight and said, "The listening that was occurring in that room was palpable; we were listening to them just as much as they were listening to us, for where they were laughing, where they were crying."

Although the play deals with a small town and its population, Paris said that the unfair treatment of homosexuals isn't just a Laramie thing. "This stuff happens all over the place," he said.

Nationwide, he said, the play "has created a dialogue about what acceptance is, what diversity is, what violence means in our society, and those conversations are really important to have."

Paris is currently directing a play at Cleveland Public Theater called "Goldstar, Ohio" which is based on interviews with family members from Brook Park, Ohio who lost Marines to the conflict in Iraq in 2005. Goldstar deals with how those families are coping with their losses and traces their experiences throughout the war, from the time their soldiers were deployed in Iraq until when they were notified of the soldiers' deaths.



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Andy Paris had a vital role in the original formulation and production of 'The Laramie Project.' Above, Paris speaks to the cast of a play that he is currently directing at the Cleveland Public Theater called 'Goldstar, Ohio.' It deals with families from Brook Park, Ohio who lost Marines to the conflict in Iraq.

10 MUST-SEE HALLOWEEN MOVIES

Craig Willert
Movie & Music Critic

Once again, it's time to leave the lights on, lock the doors and sleep with one eye open. With Halloween less than 24 hours away, now is the time to prepare. In doing so, let's count down the top 10 scariest movies of all time.

10 "Saw" - The originals tend to be the best. And the first movie of this franchise still continues to be the scariest of the five. The horrific gore, the blood-packed action and a creepy clown all make for the essentials of any horror movie. Cut off your foot and survive, or take the slow death by starvation? The choice is yours.

9 "Halloween" - What would a horror flick list be without the deranged Michael Myers? This slasher movie will give you nightmares for months. A Halloween night turns deadly as a convicted murderer escapes from the mental institute and wreaks havoc on a young baby-sitter. One by one, her friends begin to disappear as Myers terrorizes the small Illinois town, killing anyone who gets in his way. Will she live to see another day?

8 "Poltergeist" - This is a must-see horror film. A family of seemingly friendly ghosts terrifies a suburban family by moving objects around the house. At first look, the ghosts seem amused and have no intentions of harming the family. However, this image doesn't last long, as the supernatural beings possess trees and baby dolls. Communicating through a dead channel on the television, the mysterious ghosts kidnap the youngest family member through her bedroom closet.

7 "Scream" - The flick that brought horror movies back in the '90s is a surefire bet. The ever-popular ghost-masked killer tortures a peaceful California town. When two teenage lovers are found gutted, suspicions arise about the identity of the killer. One by one, people are picked off, causing chaos and irrational accusations.

6 "A Nightmare on Elm Street" - He's back! Freddy Krueger's image can be seen everywhere this time of year. The six-part movie series still puts fear into audiences everywhere. Freddy terrorizes and brutally murders teenagers in their sleep using his deadly razor fingers. The scarred murderer seeks revenge on the children whose parents killed him. Slicing his way through most of the movie, Freddy is one of the most twisted characters ever created. This film is sure to cause some sleeping problems.

5 "It" - This may be the single reason why clowns are some of the scariest creatures ever. The sick and twisted "It" wakes up every 30 years in a small, quiet Maine town to feed upon children. In the hopes of stopping the monster and staying true to their oath, the Lucky Seven return and gang up to defeat the clown once again. With victims piling up fast, the remaining seven prepare for battle with the vicious clown. Will they defeat It, or will It get the best of them?

4 "Texas Chainsaw Massacre" - This 1974 cult classic makes for a vomit-inducing film. A group of teenagers make a wrong turn in Texas on a road trip and encounter one of the most dysfunctional families ever. The group is then relentlessly tortured and chased. The film makes for a scary reality, as it is shot like a documentary. Tensions, along with chances of throwing up, remain high throughout this classic horror flick.

3 "The Shining" - Jack Nicholson couldn't have played a crazed murderer any better. In this 1980s instant classic, a family moves to an isolated hotel as winter caretakers and encounter disturbing images of the hotel's past through "the shining." As the father begins to feel cabin fever, he eventually snaps and attempts to "correct" his family. The word "redrum" will become a regular part of one's vocabulary after seeing this film.

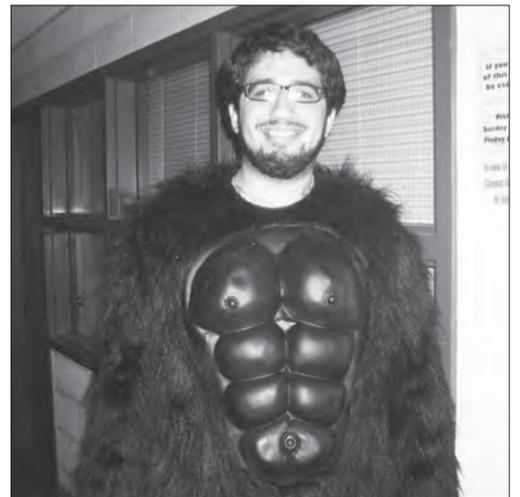
2 "Psycho" - Alfred Hitchcock's horror film remains one of the most disturbing films ever made. As Marion Crane grows wary after a long car ride, she decides to harbor at the desolate Bates Motel. A troubled Norman Bates, the young motel owner, greets Crane, helps her settle in and fixes up a dinner for her. However, he may not offer much help after that, as we find that Bates is plagued by psychological mommy issues.

1 "Night of the Living Dead" - What is a Halloween movie list without a zombie movie? George Romero's 1968 sadistic film consists of a group of kids who become trapped in a claustrophobic farmhouse in an attempt to elude the flesh-eating zombies. The sheer amount of gore and the feeling of being trapped with the group reels audiences to feel the same hysteria and tension. Romero created the most suffocating horror film to this day. An absolute must-see movie before Halloween!

YOU'RE NEVER TOO OLD TO DRESS UP!



Christine Jaqueth
The Carroll News



Photos by Christine Jaqueth

JCU sophomore Francisco Sueiro is dressing as a gorilla for this year's Halloween festivities.

It's that time of year again. Students' minds start to drift from their calculus, biology and sociology homework. All attention seems to focus on one important question: What will I be for Halloween?

Hundreds of John Carroll University students will be dressing up for Halloween this year. What seems like an activity for grade school children is still extremely popular amongst college students as well.

"It's a fall tradition. I think it is fun to come up with a creative costume," said senior Alyson Werner.

Junior Aaron Yantko also credits tradition as the reason college students continue to dress up for Halloween. "College students still dress up because they probably had good memories from Halloween as a kid," said Yantko.

The Halloween tradition started during pre-Christian Celtic times. It was originally called Samhain. In an attempt to convert the Celtic people, a more Christian version of the day was created. It was known as All Saints Day, also called All Hallows.

The night before became known as All Hallows Evening, which was shortened to Halloween.

Variations of Samhain's original traditions are still practiced today. Some traditions include giving out candy treats and dressing up in costumes.

While JCU students may now be the givers instead of the receivers during trick-or-treat night, they still do get to dress up.

Each year, JCU students dress up in creative costumes. Batman, the Power Rangers, Waldo, the Flintstones, Napoleon Dynamite, Mario and Luigi, Scooby Doo, and Ace Ventura may all be visiting campus this weekend.

"It's always fun to dress up. So, dressing up as something crazy is even more fun," said freshman Carolyn Moore.

Some of the more common outfits such as pirates, doctors, witches and ghosts are also sure to be seen.

Sophomore Craig Sidol said, "You get to show a different side of you that you don't get to show the other 364 days a year."

This seems to be the reason many students choose to wear costumes. "You can look goofy, but no one will make fun of you for it," said senior Katie Saporito.

With numerous Halloween parties and events both on and off campus, every student can take advantage of the chance to look goofy.

Senior Doug Gault compares Halloween to a campus-wide theme party. "It's not so much for the candy anymore. In college, it's a theme party that people actually participate in," he said.

Many students feel that Halloween is simply a good way to take a break from work. "It changes your routine after doing homework every day," said sophomore Ashley Wallace.

Whether taking a break from classes or trying to express creativity, you can be sure JCU students will be dressing up for Halloween. Who knows, McCain and Obama may even make an appearance.

Broadway turns to the big screen

Jenn Holton
Staff Reporter

A Hollywood mentality has hit Broadway—the theatrical productions on New York City's Broadway seem to be following a trend on their stages of turning popular movies into musicals.

Films such as “Legally Blonde,” “The Color Purple,” “Mary Poppins,” “The Lion King,” “Spamalot” and “The Wedding Singer” are only a few examples that prove familiarity with movie titles is beneficial to a show's success on Broadway.

Nine-time Emmy winner Bob Noll, faculty adviser for The Carroll News and marketing consultant for numerous Broadway tours, finds familiarity essential.

“People already know what the stories are about. They like the characters, and they're willing to pay the large amount of money for a ticket if they know what type of story they'll be seeing,” said Noll.

Even “Wicked,” the musical based on Gregory McGuire's 1996 novel, can credit some of its success to the fact that it uses characters from “The Wizard of Oz.”

With prices for musicals on Broadway soaring to an average of \$135 per ticket, people are basing their decision on whether or not to view the musical on the basis of its title.

“Most people don't even bother reading reviews anymore because they want to be able to recognize a

name,” Noll said.

“If they're going to be spending that much money, it's hard to gamble on an unknown title.”

“Legally Blonde: The Musical,” based on the 2001 movie starring Reese Witherspoon, began touring in April 2007.



Many current Broadway shows were once hit movies, like 'Wicked,' 'Legally Blonde' and 'Hairspray.'

“I loved 'Legally Blonde,' so of course, I'd want to see the musical version of it,” said John Carroll University junior Chelsea Getts. “The musical aspect draws a lot of color, and almost all of the songs are upbeat, fun songs that show determination, which is prevalent throughout the movie.”

In Legally Blonde: The Musical, “there are a lot of different plot twists, and all the songs are actually taken from quotes in the movie,” said Getts.

Harvey and Bob Weinstein, co-founders of Miramax Film Company, are in the process of creating musicals based on the movies “Finding Neverland” (due to premiere in 2010), “Shakespeare in Love,” “Chocolat,” and “Save the

Last Dance.”

“Initially being a film helps advertise the Broadway production because if people liked the movie, they are going to want to see the musical,” said JCU freshman Kyle Johnston.

“Dirty Dancing: The Classic Story on Stage” has been an international musical since 2004. Currently playing in Chicago, it will be making itself a home on Broadway in the Neil Simon Theatre next fall.

Even “Hairspray,” the musical based on the 1988 film, gained a large audience when the 2007 remake was released. The remake's cast of John Travolta, Michelle Pfeiffer, Amanda Bynes, Christopher Walken, and Queen Latifah brought rave reviews, which led to people wanting to see

its Broadway rendition.

However, many Broadway plays are closing due to a decline in ticket sales.

“As of right now, Broadway show closings have a lot to do with the economy,” said Noll. “Broadway relies on wealthy New Yorkers, who have recently been hit with the financial crisis. They gain ticket sales through tourism as well, and with tourists having little money to spend, they can't afford to see the shows.”

Although many stage productions are closing, movies-turned-shows have still proved to bring in the profits.

“Remember, musicals will be easier to sell if everyone knows the name of the product,” said Noll.

Such and Szuch

The skinny on guys in ‘girl pants’



Rachel Szuch
Arts & Life Editor

Lately, I have noticed that more and more men have decided to leave the widely popular relaxed-fit jeans behind, opting for the more punk rock look of skinny jeans, or “girl pants,” as some commonly refer to them. You know what I'm talking about; they're the ridiculously tight jeans that are more generally worn by females and hug every curve of the male form.

I wouldn't necessarily call this a trend – it has been around for quite some time. It is more of a fashion comeback. Reminiscent of rock'n'roll icons like Steven Tyler, the skinny jeans offer a lean, attention-grabbing look. But is this really a good look to achieve?

Let's dissect it, shall we? I would argue that there are four factors to consider when deciding whether or not to run with a fashion choice: timelessness, versatility, comfort and attractiveness.

In terms of timelessness, skinny jeans have persevered through the years, disappearing and re-emerging time and time again.

However, when I think of timelessness I'm thinking more in terms of the individual – will they be timeless for the person wearing them? In other words, is a guy still going to wear girl pants when he's 40?

In this respect, I would say that skinny jeans for men fail to meet criteria number one. Let's face it, you may like the way your butt looks in them now, but your youthful body won't last forever.

The next things to consider are versatility and comfort. This raises the question, what can you do while wearing your girl pants? How freely can you move?

Another thing to take into consideration is whether a tight fit offers security or constraint.

Granted, I am not a male, so I can't say for sure, but after several Google searches and random conversations with my guy friends, I've come to the conclusion that while skinny jeans may not stop a guy from moving freely, they really aren't as comfortable as a more relaxed fitting pair of duds. Tight jeans just don't seem to lend themselves to the male anatomy.

It can't possibly be comfortable for your package to be so, well... packaged. I think your body would appreciate a little extra breathing room, don't you?

Lastly, skinny jeans must be considered in terms of the look, purely from a visual standpoint. Sure, the gods of rock'n'roll may have been able to pull them off, but let's face it boys, we can't all be rock stars.

I shouldn't be able to see muscle definition through your denim. Much like women who wear skin-tight spandex, barely-there blouses or microscopic bikinis, men wearing overly tight jeans leave little to the imagination.

Where's the fun in that?

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Entertainment Calendar

Check out what's happening in Cleveland this week!

10.31

Relient K
House of Blues
6 p.m.
\$17.50

10.31

Mushroomhead
Agora Theatre & Ballroom
6 p.m.
\$25 or \$61 VIP

11.01

Trans-Siberian Orchestra
The Chevrolet Centre
Youngstown, Ohio
8 p.m.
\$35.50-\$45.50

11.07

Reba & Kelly Clarkson
The Wolstein Center
8 p.m.
\$47.50-\$57.50

11.08

Scott Hamilton/Kenny Loggins
Quicken Loans Arena
5:30 p.m.
\$24.50-\$59.50

11.10

Jack's Mannequin
The Grog Shop
6:30 p.m.
\$25

Saturday School

JCU student athletes spend Saturday mornings tutoring sixth through eighth graders at Cleveland's Entrepreneurship Preparatory School

Bob Seeholzer
Features Editor

Every Saturday morning the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) sends approximately 10 athletes down to Cleveland's Entrepreneurship Preparatory School, simply known as E Prep, as part of a year-long service project.

SAAC already puts on the annual Julie Zajac Run every April, but the group was looking to take on a more active and frequent service project this year.

Senior Dan Mizener, SAAC Director of Community Service, explained where the idea came from. "This all started with Matt Harmon approaching me this past summer with a desire for SAAC to be involved with a long-term/continual service project. We agreed that as student athlete leaders, we had to be more responsible to our community and we all agreed that we need to be more invested in inner-city education," said Mizener.

E Prep is a charter school in downtown Cleveland that implements a college prep curriculum for students in grades 6 through 8. It is a college preparatory grade school

that aims to put its students into college preparatory high schools and eventually college.

Upon entering the school, visitors are greeted by a wall on which hangs the portraits of the original sixth-grade class under the headline "The Founding Class of 2017" and each classroom door is covered in a collegiate theme. The emphasis on helping these children get to college is immediately clear.

"This is about how we educate our urban kids and send them to college, period," said John Zitzner, the co-founder of E Prep.

Since September, a different John Carroll University athletic team has made the trip downtown each Saturday to E Prep to tutor the kids that morning. Individual athletes spend 45 minutes with two students working on either math or reading.

The E Prep students rotate every 45 minutes and work on a different topic with each tutor. This goes on for three sessions until the students have covered all of their assigned material.

E Prep students have responded well to the tutoring sessions.

"It's more fun to learn with them than with regular teachers," said Devonte Damonns, an E Prep student.

That's the goal according to Jason Stragand, the Director of Curriculum and Instruction at E Prep.

"Saturday school would still go on, but it's great to be able to put them one on one with college students. It's just what they need," said Stragand.

The students are appreciative of their tutors coming in on a Saturday morning.

"I like working with [JCU tutors] because they take the time to come down here," said E Prep student Micah Alston.

The benefits have been seen by everyone involved. So far the JCU athletes have been enjoying their weekly interaction with E Prep students.

"It was a really enlightening experience," said sophomore Matt Lindemberger, a member of the baseball team.

Teams will continue making the weekly trip through the end of the spring semester and are looking into doing it again next year.



Classroom doors (far above) are decorated with college themes to keep students focused on their ultimate goal. Freshman Chris Eggleton (above) connects with two students in an E Prep classroom. In a different classroom, sophomore Michael Eden (left) guides students through math lessons. Meanwhile, sophomore Robb Cool (right) helps some students with their exercises.



E Prep's Mission Statement

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E Prep by the numbers

- Founded in 2006, E Prep began as a sixth grade-only school focused on putting students on the path toward college.
- In 2007 it added a seventh-grade curriculum, and has since started teaching eighth grade as well.
- There are plans to add an elementary school starting in 2009.
- The school holds a regular class schedule from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 11 months a year, breaking from mid-July to mid-August.
- Additionally, students are required to come in on Saturdays for extra practice.
- It is the only charter school embraced by the Cleveland Metropolitan School District, which serves as the non-profit sponsor E Prep needs according to Ohio law.

THE COUNTRY...

Holmes County



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Just southwest of Cleveland lies one of the most popular tourist destinations in Ohio -Holmes County. Known for its country values and small-town charm, Holmes County is an excellent place to view fall foliage right in the heart of Ohio Amish country.

THE VIEWS...

Cuyahoga Valley National Park



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Home to thousands of acres of outdoor activities, the Cuyahoga Valley National Park is one of the largest parks in all of Ohio. The park offers hundreds of miles of trails.



Falling into Fall



Northeast Ohio offers bountiful opportunities to get out and enjoy what the region has to offer this season

Colin J. Beisel
Features Editor

Fall is finally here. With crisp temperatures and fall foliage all around us, it comes as no surprise that Northeast Ohio is considered a prime area to enjoy the season.

The uniqueness of the region is not only found in the weather, but also in the various cities and towns that define it. Cosmopolitan Cleveland has all one needs to enjoy the splendors of fall in an urban setting, while more rural areas, such as Ashtabula County, offer a small-town atmosphere.

Holmes County, with its large Amish population, is one of the most popular tourist destinations in all of Ohio. A popular activity for students and tourists alike is to visit the various farmers' markets throughout the county. Farmers' markets offer fresh produce from local farms and also directly support the region's farmers.

Its' picturesque countryside is also what drives many individuals to see Holmes County. Rolling hills and small towns with vibrant main streets attract thousands of tourists to this area every year.

For the more adventurous go-getters, the Cuyahoga Valley National Park is the Cleveland metro area's largest contiguous park.

Popular among fall enthusiasts is taking advantage of the park's foliage throughout September, October and November.

One of the best ways to achieve this is to take the park's famous Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad. The railroad, which is modeled off of the turn-of-the-century trains that transported goods between Cleveland and Akron, is a favorite among park patrons.

The train runs through all major areas of the park and provides riders with an outlet to view the foliage and

atmosphere of the park.

So what about Halloween?

While fall is surely a staple for outdoor activities, the region is hardly lacking in activities for Halloween.

With its rich history, it comes as no surprise that there are many stories to tell about the narratives of the region.

Various ghost tours are offered year-round throughout Cleveland and Akron. Ghost tours not only provide spooky illustrations of the region's past, but also give historical perspectives and stories.

One of these tours is Haunted Heartland Tours, which offers various walks and tours around Akron and Canton. Many of the different themed tours focus on the history of Ohio in addition to the legends that have long been told.

Meet the Spirits Ghost Tour, offered in Fairport Harbor, offers a look into one of Ohio's haunted lighthouses. The Fairport Lighthouse was recently featured on a program about haunted lighthouses in America on the Travel Channel.

Finally, Haunted Cleveland Tours tells the tales of the haunted buildings in and around downtown Cleveland. Some areas covered within the tours are the various cemeteries around the city.

Tired of the same old activities? Think Cleveland has nothing to offer when the weather gets cold? Get out and about this Halloween and fall because the opportunities are endless for those who seek them. Whether it is enjoying the foliage of Holmes County or enjoying a historical ghost tour of Cleveland, the region provides ample chances for all to enjoy the scenery.



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LOOKING FOR SOMETHING A LITTLE SCARIER THIS HALLOWEEN?

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Lighthouse at Fairport Harbor.

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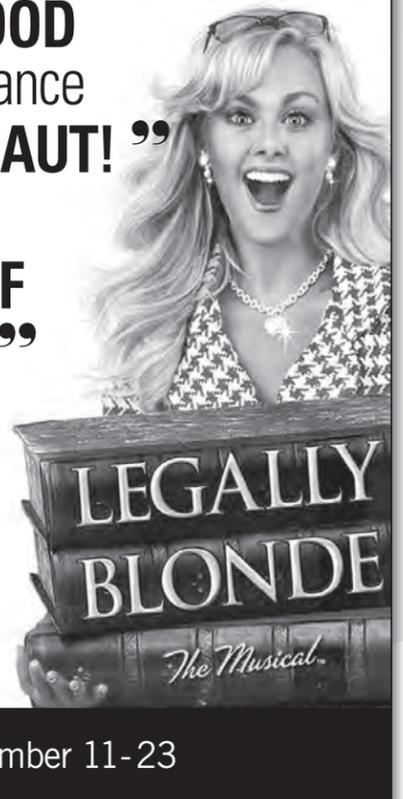
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Ross to test his luck on game show

from DEAL p. 1

him a good contestant.

"I sat down in my room and tell them we're D-3 athletes, we don't have funding, and we're doing it for the love of the game," he said.

"People were laughing as I put this thing in the mailbox, saying 'Really? This is a waste of your time'," said Ross.

About a month later, Frank got a callback from a producer of the show.

When he talked to the representative on the other end, they set up a phone interview for some time in March.

"Be the best of yourself the whole time," he said to Ross. Then they played a mock game of "Deal or No Deal".

They told Ross that he may not hear from them for as long as a year, as short as a month, or maybe never hear from them at all.

Then, in late June, another producer named Matt Ponfret called Ross.

"Start at birth," said Ponfret.

Ross spent so much time on the phone over the course of nine months that his parents were forced to change his cell phone package to allow him to talk long distance so often.

In July, Ponfret told Frank that they would not be flying him out to Los Angeles for the time being, and that it was up to the main producers of NBC to decide.

"I was so dejected. I e-mailed Matt like, thank you for this opportunity. I really am doing it for this reason," said Ross.

He thought his shot was over, but what Ponfret meant was that

he was not going to be flying out for that particular session, but perhaps for another session.

He did get called back and on Sept. 12, Ross, his parents, sister and fellow JCU junior Chukubueze Iheama were on a plane to California to film Ross' episode.

"They booked my plane tickets and I was set to go," said Ross. "That was huge news for me."

The show is filmed in Culver City, Calif., in the outskirts of Los Angeles. As soon as Ross got to his hotel, he got a taste of Hollywood and the bright lights.

"A Ben Affleck movie was being filmed in my hotel," he said.

While spending time at his hotel, a lot was going through Ross' head.

"I was just thinking of all the advice people gave me. The most important thing I heard was don't be greedy," said Ross. "I knew I only got this once."

"I was calm," said Ross. "Then the crowd was cheering, then I got all jacked up like it was a football game."

Ross said, "My experience on the show is one of the hardest things I've ever done. I felt pressure because I knew I wasn't playing for just me. I didn't want to let anyone down."

Luckily for Ross, he has been exposed to pressure all his life due to athletics.

How well he fared on the show, we won't know until Monday.

Ross faces a strict gag order from NBC and is unable to say how much he won.

The contestant receives the check in the exact amount within 90 days of the game. He then must pay his own taxes on the amount.

Football win streak ends at four

Tim Ertle
Sports Editor

A week after feeling the highs of an upset victory over Capital University, the Blue Streaks felt the lows of defeat after falling to Ohio Northern University, 21-14, at Shula Stadium on Saturday.

After the Polar Bears jumped out to a 14-0 lead, JCU was able to cut the lead in half before the break when senior quarterback Mark Petruziello scored on a one-yard plunge.

ONU came out firing on the first possession of the second half, covering 72 yards in 12 plays. They faced a fourth down and one from the 14-yard line, but running back Brent Donley took a pitch to the outside and walked into the end zone.

In the final seconds of the third quarter, Petruziello connected with JCU junior wide receiver Scottie Williams on a 19-yard touchdown. Senior placekicker Josiah Kedzior's extra point was good, making the score 21-14.

However, neither team could muster a score in the fourth quarter. The Blue Streaks had two possessions end deep in Polar Bear territory because of JCU turnovers.

Freshman running back Hasun Dennis finished with 16 carries for 77 yards. That 77-yard total was the most by a Blue Streak rusher so far this season and was very encouraging to head coach Regis Scafe.

"Hasun is a kid that had done a nice job for us in the junior varsity games, and we gave him an opportunity at the varsity level these last two games," said Scafe. "He was fantastic Saturday. That was really a breakout game for him."



Photo by Mike Spinelli

The Polar Bear defense was in the face of the Blue Streaks offense all afternoon, forcing four turnovers and holding them to 14 points.

Joining Petruziello and Dennis in the backfield for much of the afternoon was senior fullback Matt Harmon. While Harmon had one catch for six yards in the game, Scafe singled him out as someone who really played well in the losing effort.

"Let me be the first to tell you how valuable Matt Harmon is," said Scafe. "He doesn't always get a lot of credit, but he does a tremendous job of picking up the blitzes and blocking for his teammates."

With the loss, JCU fell to 5-2 overall, and 4-2 in the Ohio Athletic Conference.

The Blue Streaks face a tough challenge on Saturday as they look to rebound from the loss. JCU travels to Alliance, Ohio to battle No. 1

ranked Mount Union College. The Purple Raiders have been ranked No. 1 in the country in the d3football.com poll since the preseason, and have shown no sign of falling from their post.

Mount Union has gone a perfect 7-0 so far in 2008, while outscoring their opponents a mind-blowing 329-33. The smallest margin of victory for the Purple Raiders so far this year is 30 points. No OAC team has come within 37 points of Mount Union, with Ohio Northern being the closest, falling 44-7.

"Mount Union is obviously a very tough team and no one has even come close to them this year," said Scafe. "Our guys are excited for the challenge though. We'll play our hearts out and see what happens."



STREAKS OF THE WEEK



Women's Soccer



Aleks Quenneville
sophomore

- Quenneville scored the lone goal for the Blue Streaks as they tied Otterbein 1-1 last Tuesday. Her goal was just the seventh this year against the Cardinals who allow 0.46 goals per game.

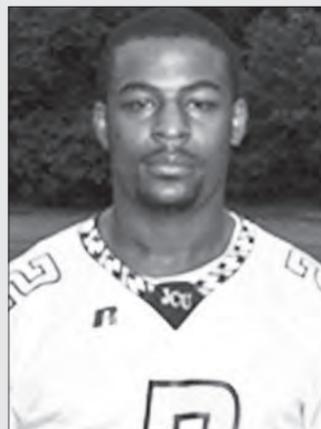


Men's Soccer



Scott McKinney
senior

- He scored back-to-back game-winning goals as the Blue Streaks won OAC games against Otterbein and Wilmington. His game winner against Wilmington came with seven seconds left.



Football



Hasun Dennis
freshman

- Dennis had the best single-game rushing performance of the 2008 season by any Blue Streak with his 77 yards on Saturday. He ignited the offense with his 4.8 yard per carry average.



Men's Soccer



Matt DeMarchi
junior

- DeMarchi has allowed just one goal in the Blue Streaks last four matches, as JCU went 2-1-1. He had back-to-back shutouts as the Blue Streaks moved into second place in the OAC.



Volleyball



Meagan Gambone
senior

- She returned from her ankle injury and picked up right where she left off, chipping in 23 kills on Saturday as JCU knocked off both Wilmington and Oberlin 3-1 and 3-0, respectively.

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Last year, head coach Mike Moran's squad looked like they were well on their way to another successful season and a potential postseason berth. However, a disappointing 2-8 stretch to end the season gave them an 11-14 record for the 2007-2008 campaign. For a program that boasts seven Ohio Athletic Conference regular season championships and two OAC tournament titles since Moran took over the program in 1992, eleven-win seasons are unacceptable. In 2008, a young team will look to return to the winning ways. It won't be easy, as the team will have to replace nine of their top eleven scorers from a year ago. Most notably missing from the lineup this year will be first team All-OAC selection Terry Walsh. In his senior season, Walsh finished in the top ten in the conference in points, rebounds and assists. When the Blue Streaks start their 2008 season with an exhibition game against Cleveland State University, the preseason pick to win the Horizon Conference, it will be the first time in a long time that Walsh will not be in the starting lineup. Walsh or no Walsh, Moran is excited to see what kind of team he has this year. "We are excited about this exhibition game right off the bat with Cleveland State," he said. "They're picked to win their conference, so they're supposed to be one of the better Division I schools in the region. We want to go out there and hold our own with those guys and see what happens." Leading the charge will be junior wing Rudy Kirbus and sophomore forward Maurice Haynes. Kirbus is the team's top returning scorer from a year ago. In the 2007-2008 season, Kirbus averaged 13.1 points and 4.2 rebounds per game. Haynes chipped in 9.8 points and 3.4 boards a game last season. At the guard position, Moran loses Tony DeMichele and John Curran to graduation, and junior T.J. DiSanto is heading to Italy to study for the semester. Still, Moran is happy with the guys he has that are ready to step up and fill the void. "Kelly Blair, Brian Dandrea, Alex Koltsov, Matt Mihalich and Chris Zajac are guys that have some experience under their belt," said Moran. "I expect them to step in and do a nice job." The return of juniors Brian Hamrick and Tyler Kirsch, as well as sophomore Mike Telzrow will aid the Blue Streaks. "Tyler Kirsch was injured last year [ACL], and he probably would have seen a lot of minutes. He's really come back in top shape," said Moran. "Another guy who didn't play last year who has a chance to be an impact player is Brian Hamrick. We really think he'll have a big year for us." And then, there are the freshmen. This year's team includes eight freshmen, led by Joe Meyer. Coach Moran said, "Our freshmen group is pretty strong. We're very happy with our young kids. It will be nice to see how they come along." How they come along and contribute may play a big role in the success of the team. Even with eight freshmen on the team, the goal remains the same. "Our program has become accustomed to setting our sights on championships - that's why kids are here," said Moran. "They want to wear a ring on their finger at the end of the season. We have never had a kid that's come through for four years that hasn't won a conference title."

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After a 15-11 season in 2007-2008 and with all five starters returning this season, expectations are very high for the women's basketball team. "We have our whole starting lineup returning from last season," said head coach Kristie Maravalli. "Our three-guard set will still feature [sophomore] Lee Jennings, [senior] Rachael Price and [junior] Whitney Hamilton. Our post players will be [junior] Caitlin Sureck and [senior] Erin Zahariev." Using a three-guard look enables the Blue Streaks to play at a different pace. "We're extremely fast and we're just looking to transition the ball," said Maravalli. "We talk a lot about how our defense will ignite our offense. Anytime we get a defensive rebound or steal, that should convert to two points at the other end." With talented post players, the Blue Streaks will be able to slow it down if needed. Sureck averaged 9.1 points and 7.1 rebounds last season, while Zahariev chipped in with 6.9 points and 4.7 rebounds. Sureck and Zahariev will be able to catch a breather on the bench this season as JCU added some depth on the frontline. "We had a huge addition in [senior] Caitlin Hubach. She played for us two years ago, and she graduated from John Carroll. She's come back as a full-time graduate student," said Maravalli. "She's 6'1". Her senior year, she averaged nine points and nine rebounds a game. She really solidifies our post depth, along with junior Laura Gruber, who played in the post for us a lot last year." Even with all the depth, make no mistake about who is the star of this team. "Lee Jennings is so dynamic offensively," said Maravalli. "Whether we're calling the play for her or somebody else, we know where the focus will be. She didn't come to us until the middle of last season, so this year we are trying to utilize her to her fullest extent." Jennings burst onto the scene last season after coming to JCU from Bowling Green State University. She was eligible to start playing at the start of the second semester and immediately made an impact. She averaged 15.9 points per game to go along with five rebounds. For her outstanding efforts, Jennings was named Rookie of the Year in the Ohio Athletic Conference, as well as receiving the same award for the Great Lakes Region from d3hoops.com. With Jennings in the mix for a full season and playing in her second season alongside All-OAC performer Rachael Price, the Blue Streaks are thinking big. Our motto is "one," said Maravalli. "We have one goal: to win a conference championship. We are just taking it one day at a time."

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Ohio residents get opportunity to act as state policy makers

Sean Webster
The Carroll News

Many at John Carroll University will step inside the voting booth for the first time this Tuesday. While most know by now which presidential candidate they will be voting for, students should also be aware of the five statewide issues that will be on the ballot for Ohio voters to decide.

Although many states will be voting on issues such as abortion and gay marriage, Ohio's issues for the most part revolve around the economy.

Many of them appear to be dominated by a battle between a libertarian mindset of allowing citizens to maximize liberty and make decisions for themselves, and a mindset of government as a moral agent that actively engages in protecting its citizens.

Many students may already be familiar with the notoriously controversial Issue 6 concerning the legalization of casinos in Ohio.

If passed, this amendment would allow Ohio to compete with the 38 other states that currently allow casino gambling, including neighboring Indiana, Michigan, West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

By establishing a casino in Clinton County, located between Cincinnati and Columbus, supporters also claim that it would create up to 5,000 new jobs and provide some much needed relief for an economy on the verge of recession.

However, the measure has been met with staunch opposition, most notably by Ohio Sens. Sherrod Brown and George Voinovich, Gov. Ted Strickland, The Plain Dealer and most other state newspapers.

Opponents point out the harmful

moral, social and economic consequences of legalized gambling and its tendency to feed off of the lower and middle classes.

Although the measure promises to distribute to all Ohio counties a tax on the casino, which could add up to \$240 million a year, opponents claim that if an Indian casino were to be set up in Ohio – which by federal law cannot be taxed – then certain loopholes in the measure would allow non-Indian casinos, such as the one in Clinton County, to also not be taxed.

However, supporters claim that the chances of an Indian casino being established in Ohio are all but impossible.

Students should also be aware of the potential impact that Issue 5 may have on their families. This referendum, if passed, would authorize an Ohio law that severely restricts the lending practices of check-cashing businesses, also known as payday lenders.

Such businesses typically provide small loans of up to \$800 and sometimes charge interest rates as high as 391 percent.

Although payday lenders are frequently used by both individuals and businesses, opponents argue that their practices have trapped many Ohioans – particularly the poor or minorities – into a cycle of repeat borrowing that accumulates into an insurmountable debt.

This new law would set the maximum loan amount and interest rate at \$500 and 28 percent, respectively.

Then, it would eliminate minimum repayment periods, which would create more affordable small loans and give borrowers more time to pay them back.

However, opponents of Issue 5 argue that the restrictions it puts on payday lenders will force most of them out of business, which may not only eliminate jobs, but also decrease the ability of individuals and business, including John Carroll students and their families, to take out short-term loans.

Approval of Issue 3 would amend the Ohio Constitution to protect landowners' right to the reasonable use of any ground water, lakes and other water courses on their property.

It is part of the Great Lakes Compact, passed earlier this year by the states and Canadian provinces bordering the Great Lakes, to prevent the lakes' water from being diverted to other regions of the country or world.

Although it was proposed by a bipartisan supermajority of the Ohio legislature, opponents of the measure argue that it is an unnecessary piece of legislation since this right has already been recognized and upheld by the Ohio Supreme Court.

While the issue may seem trivial, Elizabeth Stiles, associate professor in the political science department points out the importance of the context of the issue.

"Western states want access to the Great Lakes' water, so the Great Lakes Compact is extremely important for the future of Ohio because it secures the preservation of the water from the Great Lakes, which is a vital part of our state's economy," Stiles said.

Issue 2 involves the continuation of the Clean Ohio Fund by authorizing the state to issue up to \$200 million in bonds for the conservation and revitalization of

Issue	If passed, it would:
1	Extend the filing deadline for a statewide ballot issue from 90 days to 125 days before an election.
2	Allow the state to sell another \$400 million in bonds to continue the Clean Ohio Fund.
3	Amend Ohio's constitution to reaffirm the water use rights of property owners.
5	Uphold the state's new payday lending law.
6	Amend the constitution in Clinton County to allow casinos to be built that would distribute the tax revenues to Ohio's 88 counties.

Issue 4 was withdrawn from the ballot

various environmental projects throughout Ohio.

The Clean Ohio Fund has already protected over 26,000 acres of wild-life and 20,000 acres of farmland, created 216 miles of recreational trails and cleaned more than 173 abandoned industrial sites.

Proponents of this measure argue that it would not only continue this progress but also create thousands of jobs that would stimulate the faltering economy.

However, opponents of Issue 2 claim that it would hurt the economy by increasing state taxes and Ohio's debt.

Nonetheless, sponsors assert that the measure, which has strong bipartisan support – most notably of Gov. Strickland, Sens. Voinovich and Brown and The Plain Dealer – will not raise taxes.

Issue 1, if passed, would require voters to submit petitions for pro-

posed constitutional amendments, referendums and initiatives at least 125 days before elections. Currently, such proposals must be filed 60-90 days before the election.

The change would not only reduce the amount of time citizens have to submit such petitions, but could also delay the execution of state laws.

Interest groups, especially those that benefit from Issue 6, engage in massive marketing campaigns to earn Ohioans support and vote through television, radio, flyers and other vehicles.

Oftentimes, sides rely on personal attacks in order to convince potential voters. Their desperation serves to demonstrate the potential influence and impact the issues will have on Ohio.

There is no doubt that decisions on Nov. 4 will affect the future of the United States.

Fed weighs another rate reduction to limit economic fallout

Jeannine Aversa
The Associated Press

Disappearing jobs, burrowing consumers and skittish companies are reasons for the Federal Reserve to ratchet down interest rates and brace the tottering economy.

Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke and his colleagues opened a two-day meeting Tuesday afternoon - their last before the November elections - to make a fresh assessment of economic and financial conditions and decide their next move on rates. Their decision - widely expected to be a rate reduction - the second in two weeks - will be announced Wednesday.

Betting on a hefty rate cut, Wall Street staged an energetic rally. The Dow Jones industrials zoomed 889.35 points, its second-largest point gain ever.

Investors and many economists are predicting the Fed will slash its key rate by a half percentage point to 1 percent. A few think the Fed will opt for a smaller, quarter-point reduction to 1.25 percent.

"I'm torn," Stuart Hoffman, chief economist at PNC Financial Services Group, said about the size of the cut. "Clearly, the economic

outlook has weakened," he said.

Whatever the size of the rate cut, commercial banks' prime lending rate for millions of consumer loans would drop by a corresponding amount. The prime rate is now at 4.5 percent and is used to peg home equity loans, certain credit cards and other floating rate loans.

Under either scenario - a half percentage point or a quarter point cut - both the Fed's key rate and the prime rate would fall to their lowest in more than four years.

In grim news, consumer confidence plunged to its lowest level on record. The Conference Board reported Tuesday that its index dropped to 38 in October, from 61.4 in September. That bunker mentality makes it more likely shoppers will retrench even more, throwing the economy into a tailspin.

Underscoring one of the big stresses Americans are under: the value of homes - people's biggest asset - dropped by record amounts.

The Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller 20-city housing index released Tuesday showed a drop of 16.6 percent in August from the year ago, the largest on record going back to 2000. The smaller, 10-city index, fell 17.7 percent, the biggest

decline in its 21-year history.

The Fed hopes that lower borrowing costs will entice people and businesses to spend again, which would help revive the economy. The Fed also hopes that other actions to shore up the U.S. financial system - along with lower rates - will help get credit flowing more freely again. So far, though, the central bank's steps haven't been able to turn around a panicky mind-set.

The Europeans also are weighing another rate cut.

"There is ample justification for pessimism," said John Lipsky, first deputy managing director of the International Monetary Fund, the world's financial firefighter. "Global prospects remain highly uncertain and risks of a global recession loom large," he said.

With a U.S. recession seen as inevitable, any Fed rate reduction would be aimed at relieving some of the pain.

The Fed probably will hold the door open to additional rate reductions when it acts on Wednesday, economists said. The Fed's last scheduled meeting of the year is Dec. 16.

Many predict the economy contracted in the third quarter by around

0.5 percent when the government reports Thursday on the economy's performance. If that estimate is correct, it would mark the biggest decline in economic activity since the third quarter of 2001, when the country was suffering through its last recession.

Nervous consumers are expected to have cut back sharply in their spending during the third quarter. If that proves correct, it would mark the first drop in consumer spending since late 1991, when the economy was coming out of a recession.

It can take at least six months - often longer - for the Fed's rate cuts to make their way through the economy. The Fed's previous rate reductions, however, were blunted by the fact that credit became much harder to get.

Employers, meanwhile, are likely to keep cutting back on hiring. The unemployment rate - now at 6.1 percent - is expected to hit 7.5 percent or higher by next year. Whirlpool Corp., the nation's largest home appliance maker, announced Tuesday that it will cut about 5,000 jobs by the end of next year. After the last recession, in 2001, the unemployment rate rose as high as 6.3 percent in June 2003.

A housing bust, a credit clog and a financial meltdown have collided, imperiling the U.S. economy and the global economy. Problems started out in the United States but have spread to other countries in Europe, Asia and elsewhere.

Earlier this month, the Fed and other central banks joined to slash rates, the first coordinated move of that kind in the Fed's history. That dropped the Fed's key rate down to its current 1.50 percent. The Fed started signaling rates probably would go up to fend off inflation. The Fed shifted signals back to a rate cut when the economy worsened and the inflation threat lessened.

European Central Bank president Jean-Claude Trichet said Monday a rate cut next month is "a possibility" as moderating prices for oil and other commodities damp inflation pressures. The ECB joined the Fed in early October in cutting rates. Its key rate is at 3.75 percent.

The IMF's Lipsky said the fund stood ready to dole out more than \$200 billion in loans to help struggling countries. Iceland, Pakistan, Hungary and Ukraine have all sought the IMF's help in recent weeks.

Five things you should know this week



AP Photo

Alaskan senator found guilty

Alaska Sen. Ted Stevens was indicted by a jury on seven counts of hiding \$250,000 in free home renovations and other gifts, but plans on appealing the decision. The 88-year-old is also up for re-election this November and does not plan on dropping out of the race.

2.8 trillion dollar crash

Britain's central bank has released a report illustrating the damages caused by the world's financial fallout. According to the report, financial institutions have racked up losses of more than \$2.8 trillion since the beginning of the credit disaster.

Oil profits rise

Oil companies have enjoyed higher profits after coming off a summer of record prices. However, they are proceeding with caution this quarter in their outlook due to the almost 50 percent tumble prices have taken since July.

More home sales

Despite the economic turmoil associated with the current mortgage crisis, home sales grew in September, according to the Census Bureau. Sales posted an increase of 2.7 percent over August, but are 33 percent lower than September 2007.

Russia offers Cuba aid

Russia plans to offer Cuba air defense aid when they meet this week, according to a Russian military spokesperson. The two will discuss possible training of Cuban pilots at Russian training academies, as well as other measures.

Election could impact the judiciary

The new president may get to appoint Supreme Court justices

Meghan Wolf
The Carroll News

Voters who are deciding between Sens. John McCain and Barack Obama have not only a new presidential term to think about, but a judicial one as well.

A four-year term for either candidate holds the long-term potential of extending his influence through the selection of Supreme Court justices, who hold life tenure.

In this particular election, tensions are running high because of the possibility that whoever wins the presidential race will also have the privilege of appointing at least one justice.

In a country where many people's voting priorities are centered around stances on policy issues, the electorate is becoming mindful of the fact that a president's choice of a Supreme Court justice is a political influence that can span for decades.

Currently, the public is concerned with how the Supreme Court might change in the hands of the next person in office.

An issue that generates much public concern is the Roe v. Wade decision, in which the court decided that a woman can have unrestricted access to an abortion if she so chooses.

The concern among proponents of Roe v. Wade is that opposition against abortion could increase with McCain elected to office, potentially leading to the ruling being overturned entirely.

"What I do want is a judge who is sympathetic enough to those who

are on the outside, those who are vulnerable, those who are powerless, those who can't have access to political power and as a consequence can't protect themselves... from being dealt with sometimes unfairly, that the courts become a refuge for justice," said Obama in The New York Times.

Several conservatives saw this as an indication that Obama might pick left-wing, activist judges.

"When I hear about a judge who rules on the basis of empathy, I think of an activist judge," said Neomi Rao, a teacher at George Mason University Law School, who also clerked for Justice Clarence Thomas.

Cornell Law School professor Michael Dorf, a one-time clerk for Justice Anthony Kennedy, disagreed, according to a statement made in The New York Times.

"McCain is a social conservative, and he's given every indication that his appointees would be conservative, especially since that's the traditional way to repay the Republican base for helping elect you," said Dorf.

"Obama's whole message, meanwhile, is about uniting people and listening to the other side. And he is close to a number of core centrist Democratic thinkers about the court, so it's likely that he would pick people who are fairly centrist," Dorf said.

In addition to making sure that candidates stick to a certain expectation in appointing justices, concern also exists over whether or not justices will stick to their expected

way of ruling once they have been appointed and confirmed.

One of the issues is whether or not supposedly moderate judges, if appointed, will form a partisan alliance with any justices.

This is especially a concern for liberal voters if that happens in the conservative direction, in which there is potential to form a plurality; justices Roberts, Thomas, Scalia and Alito are all conservatives.

Sara Schiavoni, a political science professor at John Carroll University, disagrees with the idea that Obama would make much of a conservative-leaning impact.

"The effect of Obama will be minimal, because he will appoint within a left-leaning ideology," said Schiavoni. "The real impact would be with McCain [as president]."

McCain would most likely appoint conservative judges, which would lead to a conservative majority in the Supreme Court.

If he did so, there would be a greater chance for laws like abortion to be overturned if a case arrived on the docket.

Schiavoni believes a liberal judge will have less influence on common law.

"Judges are what you refer to as a 'last 30 days' issue, and it's hard to know how it might play," said Evan Tracey, of the Campaign Media Analysis Group, according to The New York Times.

"Now is the time when you start hearing messages that connect with the single-issue core voters - guns, abortion, civil rights. And it's all about judges."

Justice	Age	Years on Ct.	Appointed By
 Samuel Alito	58	2	George W. Bush
 Ruth Bayder Ginsburg	75	15	Bill Clinton
 Anthony Kennedy	72	10	Ronald Reagan
 John Roberts Chief Justice	53	3	George W. Bush
 Antonin Scalia	72	22	Ronald Reagan
 John Paul Stevens	88	32	Gerald Ford
 Clarence Thomas	60	17	George H.W. Bush
 Stephen Breyer	70	14	Bill Clinton
 David Hackett Souter	69	18	George H.W. Bush

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This is America, people

It's American to give, not to take. Unfortunately, America is beginning a dramatic shift granting the government more intervention in our lives. That is, we are relying on the government to resolve problems that it was not designated to manage.

The increase in authority seems a bit ironic; after all, the United States was formed on the foundational principle that individuals have the right to pursue opportunity, as long as they do not infringe on the rights of others.

Essentially, the government was set up in a limited manner in order to protect the rights of the people. Similarly, checks and balances were put in place to ensure that the government did not arbitrarily exercise its power.

Nevertheless, many now advocate restricting opportunity by redistributing wealth among the population. Their intentions are by no means evil. In fact, they intend on helping those who might be struggling to create opportunities for themselves. However, it is important to distinguish between our intentions and the results of our actions.

Take for example the United Nation's establishing peacekeeping operations throughout the globe. In order to resolve conflict and tension between disputing countries, the world body created missions comprising of member nation forces that monitor and prevent potential strife.

In theory, it sounds wonderful, but in practice, not exactly. The 16 peacekeeping operations have enjoyed little to no success. At the same time, they are plagued with corrupt practices like sex trading.

This is not to say that redistributing wealth will eventually lead to sex trading. But, it should be pointed out that granting and delegating the government with questionable powers can lead to a slippery slope.

In essence, the government could use past precedent to justify more restraints on individual rights. For example, what stops the government from violating the Fourth Amendment and conducting an illegal search if the result is beneficial?

Many of you might strongly disagree, and that is fine. If so, I challenge you to answer my argument. You might argue that wealth redistribution and the Fourth Amendment are completely different. To that I say, who should distinguish between the importance of negative rights, the government? That seems to always work! You might even use other violations to justify your argument, which only proves my slippery slope argument.

The fact is, as Americans it is our job to create opportunity for one another, not the government's. Just because some greedy people act in selfishness does not mean that we should penalize those who do not. So thanks to those at Enron, WorldCom, AIG, Lehman Brothers and those I forgot. You truly help to overshadow and screw over those who do care about helping others.

Regardless, the government seizing one's property and allocating it to another is a blatant violation of negative rights. Individuals should be entitled to the fruits of their labor without fear of governmental retaliation. Otherwise, the government can arbitrarily define its role and exercise unrestrained power further. That is called tyranny, folks.

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Congressional landscape to alter drastically

Elections could leave Republicans battling with a Democratic supermajority

Commentary By:
Matt Greene

President George W. Bush's most recent approval ratings not only appear to be damaging the reputation of his administration, but that of his party as well.

The disapproval comes at the worst time for congressional Republicans, when both congressional and presidential elections are approaching.

Lately, the congressional elections have not received a lot of attention in the press because of the hyped presidential election. Their importance, however, should not be underestimated.

The recent wave of GOP member endorsements of Sen. Barack Obama's campaign, such as that of Colin Powell, are hurting the Republicans. And it is not just Sen. John McCain who is feeling the effects, but dozens of Republican incumbents trying to hold onto their seats.

Once considered clear favorites, senior Sen. Elizabeth Dole (R-N.C.) and Senate Minority leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) now find themselves in the middle of competitive face-offs.

Even House Rep. Christopher Shays (R-Conn.), who has been a member of Congress for 21 years, is expected to lose his position. If Shays is defeated, there will be no Republican congressional members in the entire New England region.

The Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee spent \$22.4 million the first two weeks of October, which nearly doubled the National Republican Campaign Committee's spending of \$11.5 million.

Luckily for the Democrats, it looks as if the higher spending is paying off. GOP leaders are projecting double-digit losses, which will give the Democrats commanding control in both chambers of Congress.

Furthermore, The Congressional Quarterly predicts that the Republicans will lose at least 29 seats in the House of Representatives and five seats in the Senate, confirming Republican fears.

With 56 projected victories and four toss-



AP Photo

Congressional Republicans and Democrats eagerly await the results of the November election, which will determine the new landscape of Capitol Hill.

ups, the Democrats can achieve a huge advantage in the Senate by obtaining a 60 to 40 majority. This supermajority would prevent Republicans from implementing any use of a filibuster, which obstructs the passing of proposed legislation.

The filibuster has been used traditionally by both parties. Essentially, a senator is allowed to speak for however long he or she wishes on an initiative, given that the proposed legislation does not have the 60 votes to prevent further debate.

Thus, a party that does not have the 60 votes necessary to break a filibuster may not be able to push the legislation toward a final vote, even if that party has a majority of the votes.

The Democrats threatened to filibuster several of President Bush's court nominees in 2005, but failed in 2006 when Sen. John Kerry led an attempt to block Bush's nomination of Justice Samuel Alito.

From the Democrats' perspective, a firm control of both chambers of Congress will

provide a comfortable platform for Obama to implement his campaign proposals if he emerges as the victor on Nov. 4.

If Obama does win, his plans to leave Iraq, shift soldiers to Afghanistan and execute a new healthcare and tax plan will be actualized much easier if the Democrats win substantially.

The Democrats are anticipating their gains in Congress come Election Day, but to what extent they increase their majority is still to be seen.

Supermajority or not, voters across the country are demanding a change in the way America does politics – so expect to see a transformation in Washington in the upcoming year, no matter which party drives new policy initiatives.

Democrats will enjoy exercising their majority, so Republicans may be forced to re-evaluate and change their party image in order to bring more balance back to Congress. Then, they could better position themselves for the future.

Polls don't always match election results

Kevin Grande
The Carroll News

Sixty years ago, on Oct. 11, 1948, an issue of Newsweek declared New York Gov. Thomas E. Dewey "The Next President of the United States," essentially writing off the chances of President Harry S. Truman.

All the major opinion polls gave Dewey a large lead going into Election Day. Pollster Elmo Roper claimed, "My whole inclination is to predict the election of Thomas E. Dewey by a heavy margin." The polls were wrong, however, and Truman won by 4.5 points.

In that particular election, most of the pollsters stopped polling in September and were unable to measure the move toward Truman in the last month and a half.

A similar occurrence happened during the New Hampshire primary when Sen. Hillary Clinton trailed Sen. Barack Obama in the polls by at least five points.

Clinton emerged victorious and political pundits put the blame on the pollsters' inability to poll effectively up until Election Day.

In addition, experts pondered the possibility that white voters were not willing to vote for an African-American candidate despite saying they would in polls.

This phenomena, commonly known as the Bradley effect, was first studied in 1983 by University of California-Berkeley professor Charles Henry.

The study occurred in the wake of Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley's loss to Republi-

can George Deukmejian despite having a large lead in polls leading up to the election.

Henry came to the conclusion that the only viable reason for this turn of events was that Bradley was African-American.

Similar situations have nagged African-American candidates for political office, including former Virginia Gov. Doug Wilder who was elected governor by less than a point despite having a lead of over ten points in some pre-election polls.

The question has since become, will the Bradley effect strike another victim in the form of Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama? Polling experts have differing opinions on this issue.

Some think that the Bradley effect never existed, like University of Missouri political scientist John Petrocik.

"I have never seen any good evidence of [the Bradley effect] that I couldn't attribute to something else."

Rather, Petrocik would argue that this effect is a guise for pollsters to excuse poor performances put out by the candidates and their campaigns.

Others, like Harvard fellow Daniel Hopkins, think the effect once was much more prevalent than it is now, and that this phenomena has a tendency to arise when racial issues creep into the public dialogue.

"[The] most likely circumstance that could bring back the Bradley effect would be a racialized campaign... if we spend the next month debating Jeremiah Wright or other ra-

cial issues, that would be the thing that would be on people's minds," said Hopkins.

According to Hopkins, the effect dissipated in the 1990s when concerns about crime and welfare subsided.

Others are concerned that the effect is real and that it will hinder Obama's chances. President of the Pew Research Center Andrew Kohut is more concerned with the people who do not respond to the polls rather than people lying in surveys.

"Less-educated whites don't like to do these polls as much as better-educated people do... The refusals come from the same class of people who tend to be the most racially intolerant," he said.

Kohut fears that there could be a wave of voters who slipped through the cracks and will prove the poll numbers wrong.

While different experts fall into different categories on the Bradley effect, all of them are convinced that samples matter. Arizona State professor Clark A. Miller said on Pollster.com, "Differences in how such judgments get made by different pollsters, combined with differences in the samples of voters collected by each poll, can mean the difference between a one point and a 14 point spread between the respective candidates for president."

Pollsters are continuing to refine their methods, attempting to provide a better indicator of public opinion. With that said, most recognize that no perfect prediction method exists. However, all are striving to improve accuracy for the future.

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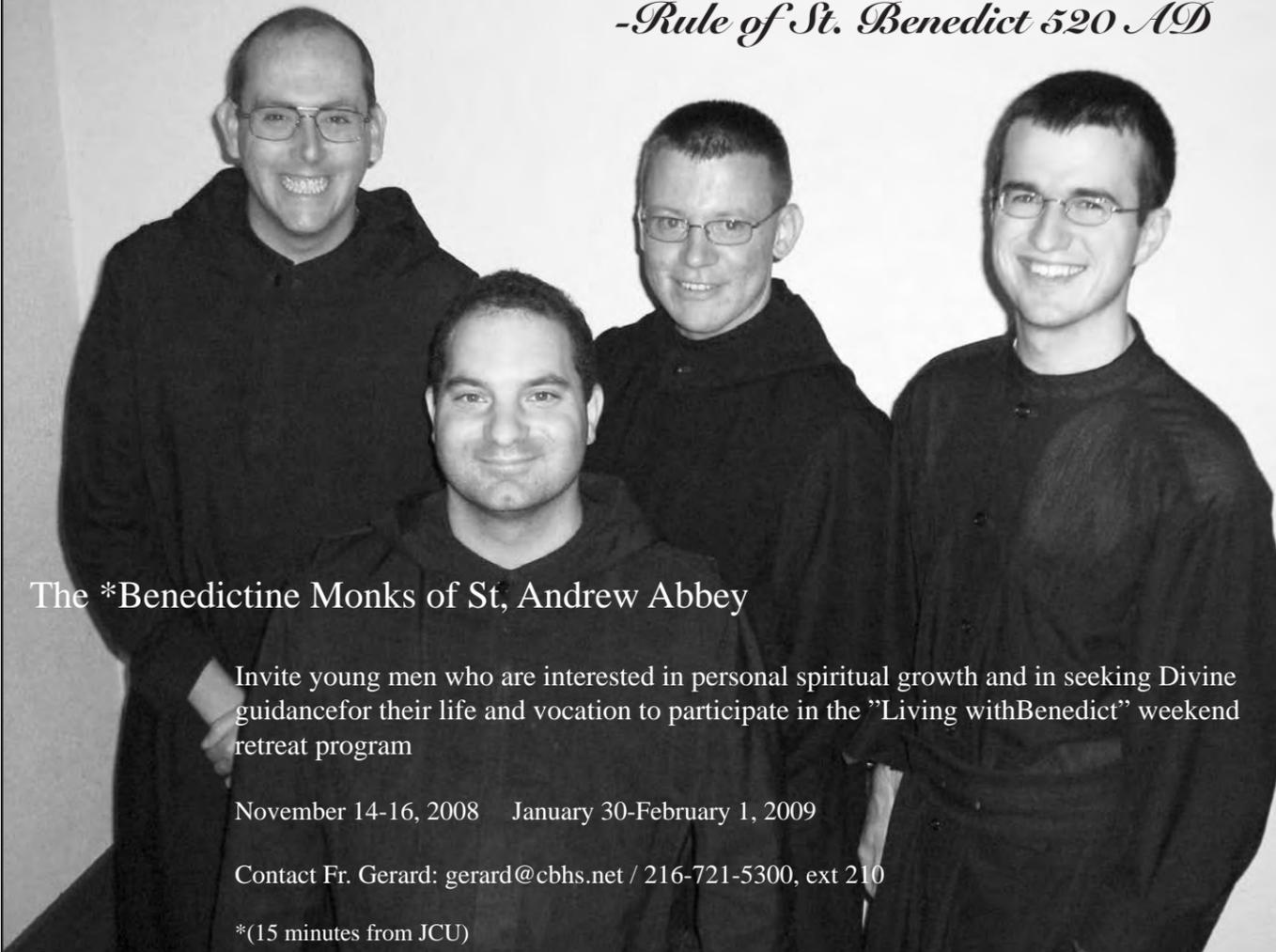
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Boler dean leaves
Dan O'Malley
Staff Reporter

Luis Calingo has abruptly stepped down as dean of the Boler School of Business, less than a full year into his tenure as head of the college.

Calingo's resignation letter cited only family concerns as his reason for leaving. He has accepted a position as dean of the School of Business and Leadership at Dominican University in California, according to an April 17 news release from Dominican.

Calingo came to John Carroll University from California State University, Long Beach, where he was dean of the College of Business Administration. Upon being hired by John Carroll, he expressed enthusiasm about moving the business school into a new tier of excellence, with a focus on enhancing the school's programs and curriculum.

Attempts by The Carroll News to reach Dr. Calingo were unsuccessful.

David La Guardia, Academic Vice President, stated that he hopes an interim dean will be named within the week. Following Calingo's resignation, La Guardia and President the Rev. Robert Niehoff, M.D., with the business faculty to discuss the school's future, will hold a separate meeting and

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Editorial

Revival of referendum

In the past, JCU students have used a referendum in deciding events, concerts and services, as well as choosing the University mascot, Lobo. It was even used in the late 1990s to figure out how students wanted their Student Activity Fee spent.

A referendum is a voting process in which an individual is asked to accept or reject a specific proposal. It essentially allows students to consistently have a voice on choices that directly affect them.

However, this method of decision-making has been ignored by the Student Union. SU should not only restore this type of decision-making method, but also ensure that it is consistently used for all appropriate judgments.

Recently, it was overlooked as a means of deciding whether or not the new VP for communications position on the SU Executive Board should be paid. Also, it wasn't used in deciding how this year's Student Activity Fee money would be dispersed.

This voting could have easily been done by sending out an e-mail or adding an option in the Banner Web system. Also, voting on paid positions could be executed by placing it as a question on the ballot of the upcoming Student Union elections.

This was a great way of gauging interest and finding out which events would be of the most success. It also allows more than a board of six members to make big decisions that ultimately affect the whole student body.

SU should consistently take into consideration using a student referendum—it's easy, democratic and essentially an asset to the organization itself.



Cartoon by Joe Hinkel

Editorial

Students are election savvy

Though it is perceived by the media, researchers and professionals that some Americans base their decision to vote on a specific candidate for frivolous reasons such as the way he looks or talks, many students at John Carroll University have been proving these assumptions wrong.

Rather, pertinent issues such as the state of the economy, the environment and the Iraq war seem to be concerns that students care much about.

These students should be commended for their efforts to be well-informed citizens.

Just last week, the JCU debate team sponsored a debate on campus in which students supporting both democratic and republican parties maturely debated issues and welcomed an open discussion.

While we applaud this behavior, it is important to stress that students should continue to look past the recent increase in political mudslinging and corrupt marketing of certain campaigns.

Much of the information placed on the Internet and TV is meant to persuade uninformed voters. Students should be wary of propaganda and make sure to educate themselves with credible information. Also, they should make sure to vote Nov. 4.

NOTABLE QUOTABLE



“There’s potential for stigma for all students regardless of whether they’re positive or negative.”

-Normandy School District spokesman Doug Hochstedler, on the HIV outbreak at a St. Louis high school. As many as 50 teenagers might have been exposed to the virus that causes AIDS.

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- Hit:** Parents' Weekend **Hit:** Admission Open House
- Hit:** Post-Graduate Volunteer Fair last night **miss(ing):** Student referendums
- Hit:** Campus Ministry Fair Trade sale **Hit:** Voters will decide the next president in five days
- Hit:** Flu shots available at the Health Center **miss:** “Saw V” **miss:** Pets in Halloween costumes
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- Hit:** Disney announces plans to build hotel complex in Hawaii
- Hit:** EA Sports' FIFA Soccer 2009 game **miss:** HIV outbreak at Missouri high school
- miss:** JCU football loses to Ohio Northern
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OUR VIEW

Understanding what we fear



Colin Beisel
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I recently called a dear friend of mine now living in Columbus. We struck up a brief conversation and updated each other on the most public and intimate parts of our lives.

My friend's tone had not been that of delight or exultancy as it usually was when we had the chance to talk.

After asking him why he didn't sound to be in the best of spirits, there was a pause across the line.

"I have HIV," he eventually responded. "I just got the test results back and, frankly, I'm just trying to keep it together."

For a moment it had seemed as if the whole world had stopped—I did not know what to say. My im-

mediate reaction was to downplay the severity of the condition and to say, "Don't worry, buddy. You'll get better."

But I knew those words weren't true, and to sit there and lie to him would have been as emotionally devastating as the virus itself.

After a long pause from the initial shock, I reminded him that I would be there for him throughout his struggles and would support him through any treatment.

I let him know that I was there for him and that no condition could ever make me think less of him.

After our conversation, I sat for a good few hours wondering in silence and solitude; his life was about to radically change. One decision had completely altered his life.

The people he encounters, the jobs he pursues and many aspects of his everyday life were about to change.

But why though?

Why should something so personally deep and unthreatening to others be so important?

The gross factual misrepresentations of HIV and the unnecessary fears that many have were most concerning.

No matter where he is in life, there will always be those who judge and fear him. Wrought out of the 1980s as the "gay plague," many people still have preconceived notions about HIV and those that are infected.

Just this week, a high school in St. Louis grappled with an outbreak of the infection that forced many students into isolation from their family and loved ones.

Without compassion and understanding, the culture of irrationality and fear will continue to perpetuate around the issue of HIV.

Those infected are our brothers and sisters, our family and friends, gay and straight, black and white.

In order to overcome this trepidation and move towards a cure, we first need to reach out to our fellow men and women impacted by this disease and let them know that they are loved.

Lo Castro's
Lowdown

Jenna Lo Castro
Editorial & Op/Ed Editor

Gettin' the
word on:

Simple acts save lives

In April of 1986, a freshman at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa. went to sleep in her dorm room. She never made it to class the next morning.

Jeanne Ann Clery, 19, was found dead—she had been raped, tortured and murdered. The guy who murdered her was also a student at Lehigh—a drug addict, who at the time of the murder, was both high and drunk. Clery had never met him before.

While the dorm Clery lived in had automatic locks that would make it hard for an intruder to enter, her fellow students did what students at John Carroll University and other universities sometimes do to let their friends in—they propped the doors. This action seems harmless. For Clery's attacker though, it had made it easy to pass through the three doors he had to get through to get into her room.

Many people, including the young woman's parents, felt that this, along with ongoing undocumented reports of attacks and robberies on the campus, contributed to Clery's death. When I first stumbled across this story while researching federal safety laws for colleges, I became uneasy and disturbed.

Although today there is a law that mandates reporting and documenting all crimes that happen on college campuses (named for Clery), the situation in which Clery died was all too familiar.

Many students, especially young women, do not think twice about their safety.

We go to bed believing that the residence hall we live in or the apartment we share with friends is fool proof—that rape and murder happens only in the movies or in other cities.

It has been my experience over the past four years that some fe-

males are quite lax when it comes to safety or being aware of their surroundings.

Now, I'm not saying University Heights is a "bad neighborhood"—the area is actually quite safe and has a low crime rate. But what that doesn't mean is that crime and assault are virtually impossible.

Too many times, young women do not exercise the type of care and concern that they should.

Whether it be failing to lock their dorm doors or walking home from a party alone because they got mad at their boyfriend, danger can spring from any instance.

I've seen girls running by themselves late at night through the neighborhoods or leaving with random dudes from a party.

I've witnessed phone calls in which an intoxicated young woman is on the other line, incoherently saying that she doesn't know where she actually is. I have been able to easily get a whole address—dorm room number and all—on a Facebook account. And I'm just a simple computer-illiterate college kid. I can only imagine what type of information skilled, experienced perpetrators can get their hands on.

In an ideal world, none of these situations would actually happen, but they do.

I believe that the more quickly young women convince themselves that nothing makes them any different from Jeanne Ann Clery, the safer they'll become.

No one is excused from becoming a victim.

The only way from becoming one is to be more aware of your environment, as well as to do simple things that could easily mean the difference between life and death—like not propping doors.

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The Why? Files

by Casey N. Kindle



"Oohh, Daryl, a unicorn! How original!
And that costume - were you up all night working on it?"

That's what See said: It ain't trickin' if you're treatin'



Bob Seeholzer
Features Editor

I was listening to the radio recently and through the bevy of bass-heavy ballads and other alliterative audio aspects, I noticed a common denominator among current chart-toppers: the phrase "it ain't trickin' if you got it."

Before I make my point, I feel the need to define this phrase.

Essentially it means the act of trickin', which means to spend mass

quantities of money on someone, doesn't qualify as trickin' if you've got excessive funding. Therefore, if you have enough money that you can spend a ton of it on someone else then it no longer qualifies as trickin'.

That's all good and fun, but what about showering someone with something other than money? What other things might you shower someone else in, you ask?

You might answer your own question with water, or maybe confetti, but I have another option. How about candy?

That's right, Halloween allows everyone with either an internal sense of maturity, or a social status that won't allow them to dress up in a silly costume, to "trick" little

kids.

However, there is a dilemma. Is this or is it not trickin'?

I don't know about you, but I usually don't have an unusually excessive amount of candy in my possession. Therefore, I don't "got it," so it would be trickin'.

I was always under the impression that the point of Halloween, though, was to treat rather than trick. So this Halloween, don't give little kids candy because it is meant to trick them.

Wait a second, that can't be right, can it? I guess the other side of the milk chocolate coin is that since the candy is in your possession then you "got it" and can flaunt it in whatever manner you want, including, but not limited to, putting it in the pil-

lowcases of little children dressed in bed sheets.

By the way, what do kids sleep on the night of Halloween once their sheets and pillowcases are dirty or cut up? Just the mattress? I'm happy I was never a ghost as a child.

Whether you give kids candy or not this Halloween, don't try to make connections between rap lyrics and holiday traditions. It's harder than it looks.

I probably should have just written about my past costumes.

I was a Power Ranger in 1st grade and I'd probably be one again this year if someone found me a costume that fit. Specifically, a men's medium of the Blue Ranger.

Some other highlights from Octobers passed are me dressed up

like Captain Planet, Captain Hook, and Captain Kirk.

Two of those are true, I'll let you guess which.

Nothing, however, tops how cute I looked in the Superman and devil costumes I wore my first two Halloweens.

My mom still has those pictures in an album somewhere, just in case you're interested, ladies.

I've also forgone the cute look and put on the more masculine costume of a football player. Although, it was a Cleveland Browns wide receiver so I think I dropped more candy that year than I collected.

In conclusion, get out and rock the vote next Tuesday.

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YOURVIEW

*Letter to the Editor***Financial Aid Assistance**

Brian Williams

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I am writing in response to Mike Zurn's World News article in the Oct. 16 issue, "U.S. economic conditions could pose threat for students."

I applaud your effort to educate students about the current economic situation and the consequences of student borrowing.

It was, nonetheless, disappointing that the writer did not contact someone in the JCU Office of Financial Aid as a resource for the local impact of this story and the relevance and impact on our students. If you had done so, we could have added the following information:

Contrary to the article's assertion, there is no reason to fear that second semester will find JCU students without the needed loan funds to pay their tuition bills at JCU.

Loans are typically borrowed and guaranteed on an academic year, not on a semester basis.

Students can confidently anticipate the receipt of their second disbursement in January.

Further, 91 percent of JCU student borrowing is through the Federal Stafford loan program.

This program is not currently at risk in the economic marketplace.

Clearly some banks have changed or withdrawn their participation in the educational loan business, but the funds are still guaranteed.

The issue, therefore, is in finding a lender – not in qualifying for the loan.

Currently, national media is highly focused on the unavailability of student loan funds.

However, John Carroll students in general are able to pursue alternative private loan funding beyond the Stafford loan program.

For example, through the Chase Bank Select student loan, John Carroll University students have received a 92.3 percent approval rate – much higher than at other institutions.

Why? Simply stated, JCU students are a good credit risk. Our students graduate on time, find jobs and are able to pay their loans back.

Our student loan default rate is exceptionally solid. Of students entering repayment in 2006, only 0.4 percent went into default on their student loan obligation – well below the national average.

Financial Aid staff members are always available to meet with students to discuss their borrowing options.

Your article is correct in asserting that students must make wise decisions about the total borrowing they are willing to take on in pursuing their JCU degree.

Please let your readers know that the Office of Financial Aid is available anytime to discuss financial options with our current students and families. We do not underestimate the impact that the economy may have on our community. We are here to help.

You're wrong, I'm Rafferty:

Why using a tray can be OK



Andrew Rafferty
Editor in Chief

"Excuse me, we don't use trays here."

That's what a manager of JCU's dining staff told me as I unsuccessfully attempted to make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich in Schott Dining Hall. (There was no jelly.)

I reacted the only way I knew how – a blank stare. Not 15 feet behind me sat a stack of trays. I had unassumingly grabbed one so that I could carry two plates and a glass of water to my seat. Crazy, I know.

"The only time we use trays is to put plates on the conveyer belt to be washed," she continued. "We're trying to be economical."

It was the same tone I would expect a kindergarten teacher to use when scolding a kid for slamming a fun pack of pudding over a classmate's head.

"OK," I told the woman. "But I have these plates and I need a tray to carry them." I'll admit, my tone may have been equally as condescending, but at this point I felt it warranted.

She countered, "Well we don't

use trays."

I definitively told her, "Well I'm going to use this tray." I wanted to pull out the "I pay \$1,790 and I can use a tray whenever I please," but I did not. The conversation ended with her telling me not to take a tray next time and me agreeing, even though I didn't mean it.

I get that not using a tray saves food and water.

I also get the whole social justice aspect of it; we shouldn't be wasting food when people around the world are starving. That makes sense and it's commendable.

But none of the literature I've seen on the subject mentions that cutting down on water and food saves the University money. They passed the savings onto students by raising meal plan prices.

There must be something that I just don't get. After all, you need trays to put the plates on the conveyer belt to be washed.

I was in the cafeteria at 7:45 p.m., just minutes before closing. It is a time I frequently eat, but few others do. So, when I put my plates on the conveyer belt, I need to use a tray. When the lunch and dinner rush comes, five or six students will pile their cups, silverware and plates onto one tray. But, when there are only nine people in the cafeteria, that usually doesn't work.

One way or another I need to get a tray. Whether or not I put food on the tray doesn't matter.

As for the wasting food argument, there is barely any food left at 7:45 p.m. so I couldn't waste it even if I wanted to.

A friend told me the dining hall is the only place he's ever seen get a \$2 million renovation and become worse. I agree, but I'm not talking about the food or décor.

There has been a noticeable change in the attitude of how the place is run.

It became apparent the first weekend of school when, at 6 p.m. on the dot, the dining staff literally ran to close the gate and lock the doors.

Diners already in the cafeteria were fine, but those who strolled down at 6:01p.m. were locked out.

It was like something out of a movie. A line of kids were standing outside the glass door with confused and angry looks on their faces.

This is the first week of school when many freshmen don't know the cafeteria closes at 6 p.m. on Fridays. This is the first week of school when freshmen are forming their opinions of whether or not they like this place.

Let's see how that helps our retention rate.

Since then, students have been scolded for taking too much food or, in my case, using a tray.

Parkhurst food may have sucked, but at least I could take as much of it as I wanted without being yelled at.

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CAREER CORNER

What can we do for you?
The benefits of the Career Center

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"If you look next to the tennis courts, you will see a house with a blue door. That is the Center for Career Services." If you don't already recognize it, that statement is the token phrase given to you on your initial tour of the John Carroll University campus.

Now, to get a tour done in the amount of time allotted, it would be too much to walk students over for a look at the stadium, tennis courts, Career Center and the Counseling Center. Being the graduate assistant at the Career Center, I understand this, but I don't like it and neither should you!

In a generation of students who are struggling to find their identity among all the possible options out there, simply pointing at the Center for Career Services is something I can't agree with.

Not only does being apart of Career Connection (A Web site that helps students network with employers) help you obtain full-time and part-time jobs and internships, but it also allows you to network with professionals already in a field you might be interested in.

I could list all the services the Career Center offers to JCU students, but it is easier for you to look at our Web site. What is not so easy, is for me to tell you that employers can tell which students have visited the Career Center, have built a resume they are proud of and have actively participated in the job search process.

I went to Baldwin-Wallace College for my undergraduate degree and worked at its Career Center.

I started at the desk and slowly rose to a career assistant (an internship we also have available at JCU). In this position, I was forced to learn how you start the job search

process. I lived through students who came in to meet with me. After meeting with a freshman who had already been doing more than me, a junior, I was motivated to beef up my resumé.

Oppositely, after sitting down with a senior to talk about internships, I saw how much this student would have benefitted from having any sort of transferable experience in her four years in college.

Luckily for me, a teaching job fell in my lap once I graduated. I thank God for being in the right place at the right time every day. That experience at the Career Center helped me gain my GA position at JCU and continue on my way, (free of charge) to my second master's degree.

So, don't wonder what the mystery across the street is all about. Schedule your own appointment to walk through that blue door yourself!

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