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Love is power

Take a look at JCU's own power couples and how they keep their relationships going, p. 10



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19 residents out

Max Flessner
Project Editor

Angela Rapchak and Katie Ryan, 2006 JCU graduates, were comfortably living in Fairmount Gardens. However, in January the roommates were notified that their lease could not be renewed.

"We were pretty upset," Rapchak said. "We figured we'd live here until one of us got married. In a way we did want to move to a nicer place, but this is so convenient. It has a central location and reasonable rent."

In an effort to further increase the number of upperclassmen who live on or around campus, John Carroll University

is removing the current tenants from 19 of the 30 apartments in the Fairmount Gardens Apartments Complex, which the University recently purchased.

Rapchak and her roommate are moving to the Hamptons in Beachwood.

JCU employee Charles Wood was not upset that he was unable to renew his lease at Fairmount Gardens.

"They offered me another apartment with a pretty good deal across the street," Wood said. "It's a little cheaper, which is more suitable to my needs. They've been very decent about the offer they made to me."

The cost of the apartment, both this year and next year, will include all utilities

JCU Res Life is under pressure to find housing for the students wishing to live on campus

except for a landline phone.

The University owns the entire Fairmount Gardens Apartments building, which consists of 30 units.

They will be using 26 of the units and allowing four of the apartments to have the option to renew their leases.

Agnes Smith was offered the option to renew her lease this summer if she wants, but she hasn't made up her mind. "I love my apartment, but I'm not sure I want to live with all students," Smith said. "If it's going to be real loud I won't like that, but I'll certainly be reasonable."

Smith noted that if she isn't pleased with the living conditions she may break her lease; that is if she decides to sign the lease.

She was also pleased to hear that the youngest students who will be eligible to live in Fairmount Gardens Apartments will be juniors.

According to Director of Residence Life Heather Losneck, due to

the University's new policy that freshmen and sophomore students need to live on campus, they cannot consider the apartments on-campus living.

Students who currently live in seven of the units were offered the apartments last summer by the office of residence life as

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Photo by Mike Spinelli

The day the music died

Ruckus, the free college music program, has been discontinued due to economic hardship

Caitlin Huey-Burns
Campus Editor

Ruckus, the popular music service that allowed college students to download music legally and free of charge, shut down last week, according to the company's Web site. Ruckus was brought to John Carroll University by the Student Union two years ago.

Ruckus' Web site gave no explanation as to why it closed down, but only said, "Unfortunately the Ruckus service will no longer be provided."

According to an article on Techcrunch.com, a Web site and partner of The Washington Post that profiles and reviews new Internet products and companies, Ruckus was created by Sony BMG and Universal Music Group to provide students with a way of downloading free music, while not violating anti-piracy laws. The article suggests that given the worsening state of the economy, Ruckus, which paid for itself through advertisements, had to close down.

According to another article on Techcrunch.com, Ruckus was terminated so suddenly, that universities that subscribing to the system were

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Economy prompts changes in JCU discount program

Emily Gaffney
Assistant Campus Editor

The downturn in the economy may prompt a change in John Carroll University's Student Savings Club program.

The Student Savings Club program is a national program that exists at more than 100 universities, including JCU. The Student Savings Club allows for students to present their Carroll Card at any place involved in the program and receive the specified discount.

The program is meant to provide students with discounts to the places they frequent most.

This discount program has been a free service to universities in the past. Businesses have

previously covered the costs of the discounts for the publicity it provides. Due to the poor economy, however, businesses have stopped covering the cost of the discounts and the program is now asking universities to cover some of the cost.

"The Student Union is re-evaluating whether pursuing the venture would be worthwhile for the University," said Amanda Papa, executive vice president of the Student Union, who is in charge of the program's revamp.

Continuing with the program would mean that the University would have to cover some of the cost of the discounts that the various businesses once covered. Papa

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"I hope we are able to save the students a lot of money."

-Amanda Papa
Executive Vice President of the Student Union

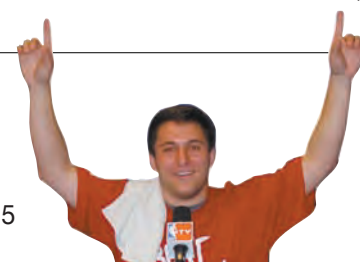
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Blood drive at JCU

The Department of Military Science is sponsoring an American Red Cross Blood Drive, which will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 17 and Wednesday, Feb. 18, from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Murphy Room.

Requirements to donate blood include a weight of at least 110 pounds, good health and either a photo ID with date of birth or an American Red Cross donor card. Reservations to donate can be made at www.givelife.org by entering the sponsor code "JCU" and following the directions. Walk-ins may donate also. For more information contact jkrebs@jcu.edu.

Schuchert prize for East Asian studies

The Rev. Richard J. Schuchert prize is awarded annually by the East Asian Studies Program to a student who has completed at least two years of an East Asian language with a 3.0 GPA and demonstrates a commitment to the understanding of East Asia through participation in East Asian activities. To apply, or for additional information, go to www.jcu.edu/academic/eas/ or contact R.W. Purdy at ext. 4776 or purdy@jcu.edu.

Students can make ideas reality

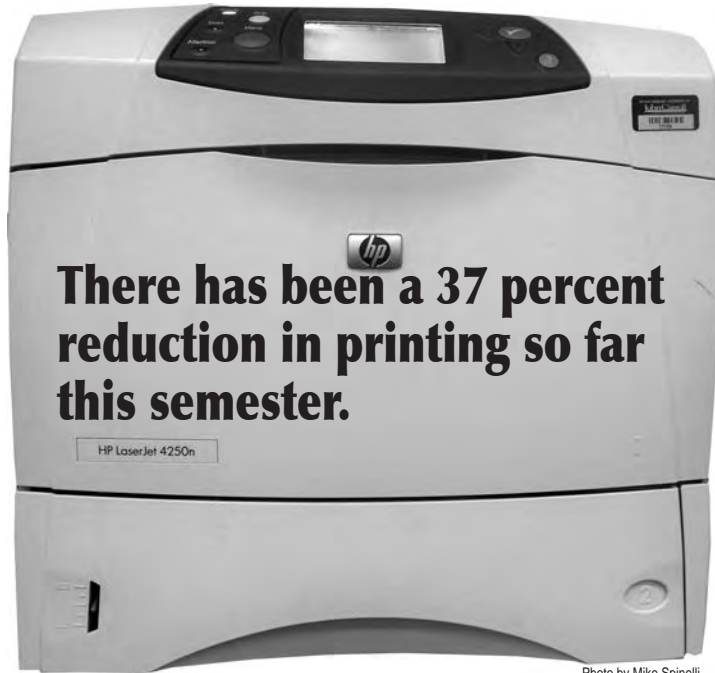
Students of all years and all majors are eligible to submit their product, business or service idea to make it a reality and win a prize. The preliminary round will take place on March 16 and first prize is \$1,000.

One team will win the grand prize of \$5,000 on April 2. The deadline for idea submissions is March 9. To submit an idea or for more information contact Jack Soper at ext. 3027 or jsoper@jcu.edu.

- Compiled by
Emily Gaffney

New printing limits revisited

Jim Burke, director of information technology services, and Jeanne Somers, director of Grasselli Library, met with members of the Student Union this week to address concerns about the new printing regulations. Here are some responses to the concerns.



•**Burke:** We are currently talking with Lisa Ramsey on how to change the system so that those who have to print things for extracurricular activities are not penalized.

•**Somers:** We're not seeing huge piles of paper [in the library]. There have been visible changes in printing. Average pages printed by students per semester was 325 before the new rules were established.

•There is a form that can be filled out online (IS Web site) to be reimbursed/credited for misprints.

•Members of the SU are pushing faculty to contact Information Services if they have a lot of printing in their classes (biology and chemistry were specifically mentioned); a letter was sent out to faculty to indicate their students would need a larger printing allotment, but they had few responses.

•**SU President Matt Hiznay:** We are going to make a resolution to send to faculty on the printing issue that says Student Union is unhappy with the response that faculty have given to IS about the printing.

-Compiled by Emily Gaffney

Student Union bill to help with SAF spending

Katie Sheridan
Campus Editor

John Carroll University students will now have fresh input in the use of their Student Activity Fee. Student Union has created an amendment to their Student Activity Fee Allocation Committee.

The bill, passed unanimously on Tuesday, will make changes to the allocation committee to include one student-at-large.

The committee will be comprised of five members, three students and two JCU staff members. Thus, the student population will hold the majority vote.

Jill White, SU vice president for business affairs, said, "Up until this point, there has been little actual student input on the Student Activity Fee Allocations Committee."

When the fee was created in

1998, students were to vote for any increase and underclassmen could choose three organizations the increase would support.

The members of the new committee will include co-chairs Jill White and Mary Ann Hanicak, assistant to the vice president for student affairs.

Hanicak will be the only board member to serve in a non-voting capacity. The remaining members will be comprised of Director of Student Activities Lisa Ramsey, one SU senator and one student-at-large.

The senator and student will be selected through a process orchestrated by White and Ramsey.

SU hopes that this new structure will help the students have more of a voice in how the SAF is spent.

With the changes made to the committee, supervisors or individ-

"If they [the students] are paying this fee, they should get to see the funds spent in a way that will benefit them."

-Jill White
VP for business affairs

ual organizations will be required to accurately record how and where they spent the money they were given the year before.

The SAF committee will review the reports and determine how much money will be allocated to each organization.

White said, "If they [the students] are paying this fee, they should get to see the funds spent in

a way that will benefit them."

The Board of Directors of the University determines the amount of the SAF, but the allocation committee will determine the way it is used.

White said, "I cannot stress enough how important it is for students to have a stronger voice on this committee, as they will with the new structure."

Campus Safety Log



February 3, 2009

A suspicious situation was reported when a student was arguing with her roommate and an unidentified male at 1:21 a.m.

February 5, 2009

A men's bathroom in Sutowski Hall was trashed, a stall door was torn off its hinges and the paper dispenser cover was broken off at 11:44 a.m.

February 5, 2009

Underage possession in the Sutowski Lot was reported at 9:18 p.m.

February 8, 2009

Two males smoking marijuana outside Murphy Hall were reported at 12:45 a.m.

February 8, 2009

Criminal damaging in the stairwell of Murphy Hall was reported at 2:25 a.m.

February 9, 2009

Possession of marijuana was reported at 9:21 a.m.

February 9, 2009

An assault was reported at 5:01 p.m.

More housing for students, maybe at the expense of others

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alternative to living on campus.

Residence Life needed to increase the number of open rooms on campus due to the extremely large incoming freshmen class.

This year, those students are paying for the cost of the room and have the option of a meal plan; next year these students will pay an increased rate.

The University contracts a leasing company to handle the leasing of the apartments that are not being used by students.

If JCU students want to occupy an apartment, they will need to pay the University once a semester as though they were living in a dormitory.

According to Losneck, students at the apartments will also need to purchase a parking pass in order to park in the apartment parking lot.

Parking passes will cost the same amount as a JCU campus parking pass, which is currently \$125, and will be accepted for on-campus parking.

The University will be leasing out duplexes on Warrensville next year as well.



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-Agnes Smith
Tenant



"We were pretty upset. We figured we'd live here until one of us got married. It has a central location and reasonable rent."

-Angela Rapchak
JCU 2006 graduate



Photos by Max Flessner

"They offered me another apartment with a pretty good deal across the street. It's a little cheaper, which is more suitable to my needs."

-Charles Wood
Tenant and JCU Employee

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not notified of its closing.

Senior Anne Nicholson, who worked to bring Ruckus to campus, said JCU is associated with a network with which Ruckus had a contract.

Therefore any university associated with it could receive the free music system.

Ruckus is currently not available to anyone right now and no one can download new music from the service.

It is unclear whether students will be able to keep the music they already downloaded.

Nicholson said, "After it was set up, there was no maintenance necessary, so it was sort of dropped from our immediate concerns."

She said she imagines that the SU will be working on providing students with another music downloading service.

This sudden shutdown has prompted student reactions.

Sophomore Meg Haglin was discouraged, not only because Ruckus was cancelled, but also because she received no warning of the music system going out of business.

"I feel sad," she said.

"It was a great resource because it prevents me from downloading illegally."

According to Haglin, students had access to a wide variety of music and could borrow playlists from one another using Ruckus.

However, students could only listen to the music on their computer; they could not transfer songs to an

iPod or to a CD without charge.

Haglin hopes this is not the end of free music tools. "I hope JCU will provide us with another free music source," she said.

Nicholson said that this will never hurt students' finances. "While annoying, this comes at very little loss to the John Carroll student body as it was 100 percent free," she said.

Universities everywhere rethinking the student discount

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said they are in the early stages of discussion and do not know yet how this program would be funded.

The idea to revamp the program came from Pat Moriarty, the representative from Student Savings Club who is in charge of the program at JCU, said Papa.

Papa hopes that the University will be able to continue with the program and include the businesses that students want.

Businesses such as restaurants, pizza shops, tanning salons, coffee

shops, bowling alleys, movie theaters, auto repair shops and flower shops are all places where students could potentially get discounts, as well as other businesses the Student Union suggests.

"I think a discount program is a great idea. It gives students the opportunity to try the local businesses and save money," said junior Megan McGinnity.

"It seems like a win-win situation."

Papa said the goal of furthering the program is for substantial savings to be obtained at the places that students need.

Additionally, it would generate more business within the surrounding community.

"That being said, I hope we are able to save the students a lot of money and maintain positive relationships with local businesses," said Papa.

Papa also said that the hope of the savings program and of the SU is to have it sorted out by the end of the semester.

"If funding the program is feasible and it is something students want, I hope to have the program in place as soon as possible," said Papa.

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Interested? Contact Caitlin Huey-Burns at chueyburns09@jcu.edu or Katie Sheridan at ksheridan11@jcu.edu

CAMPUS CALENDAR: FEB. 12-FEB. 18

12	Thursday	13	Friday	14	Saturday	15	Sunday	16	Monday	17	Tuesday	18	Wednesday
Bingo will be played in the Underground at 11 p.m.		Illusionist Wayne Hoffman will perform in the Underground at 9 p.m.		The movie "Twilight" will play in Donahue auditorium at 10 p.m.		Jesuit Film Series, "The Mission," will play in Donahue Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.		Ignatian Heritage Week Liturgy in St. Francis Chapel at 12:05 p.m.		Jesuit Film Series, "Pedro Arrupe: His Life and Legacy" will play in Donahue Auditorium at 7 p.m.		The Rev. Thomas Schubeck will speak about his book, "Love That Does Justice" in the O'Dea Room at 12 p.m.	
"Spoken Word Poets" in Donahue Auditorium at 7 p.m.								Lecture and concert by Dr. Cynthia Caporella in St. Francis Chapel at 6:30 p.m.					

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PALM READING

John Carroll University students study a plethora of subjects. We learn all about biology, chemistry, physics and even astronomy. But pseudoscience? That's a bit different.

WHAT IS IT?

Palm reading is a type of pseudoscience – a method of science that tries to explain physical phenomena without scientific proof to back it up. Therefore, this type of science cannot be proven by applying scientific theories and observations.

WHERE DID IT COME FROM?

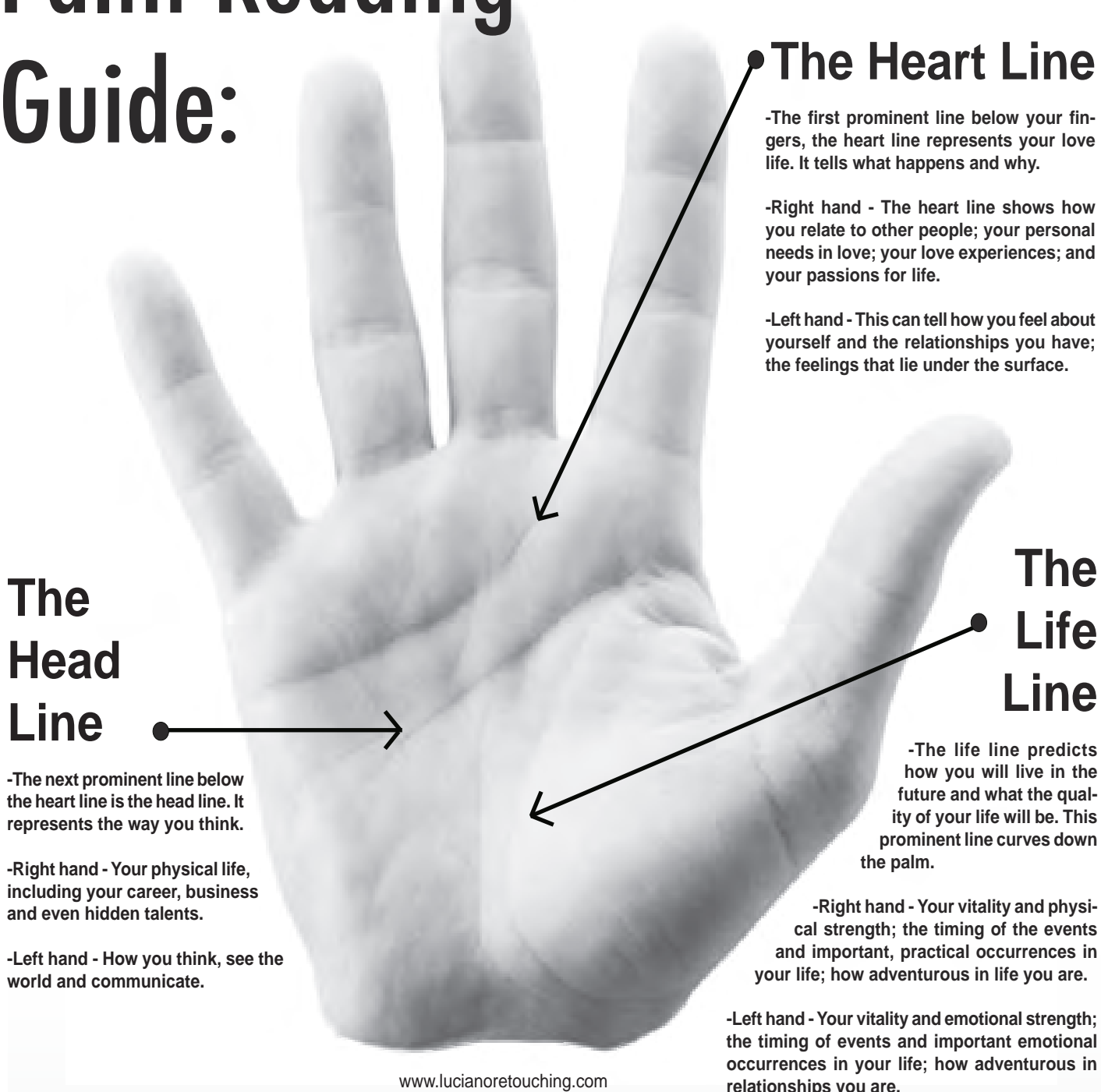
Also known as chiromancy, palm reading originated in India and has been influencing societies all over the globe for thousands of years. Even Aristotle had an interest in palm reading as early as 4th century B.C.

WHAT CAN IT TELL US?

Analyzing the lines on your hands is said to have the ability to reveal certain character traits about each individual. It is also said to help predict future health, relationships, careers and events in people's life.

-Compiled by Lena Chapin

Palm Reading Guide:



The Heart Line

- The first prominent line below your fingers, the heart line represents your love life. It tells what happens and why.
- Right hand - The heart line shows how you relate to other people; your personal needs in love; your love experiences; and your passions for life.
- Left hand - This can tell how you feel about yourself and the relationships you have; the feelings that lie under the surface.

The Head Line

- The next prominent line below the heart line is the head line. It represents the way you think.
- Right hand - Your physical life, including your career, business and even hidden talents.
- Left hand - How you think, see the world and communicate.

The Life Line

- The life line predicts how you will live in the future and what the quality of your life will be. This prominent line curves down the palm.
- Right hand - Your vitality and physical strength; the timing of the events and important, practical occurrences in your life; how adventurous in life you are.
- Left hand - Your vitality and emotional strength; the timing of events and important emotional occurrences in your life; how adventurous in relationships you are.

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How to read your lines:

If your heart line curves steeply under the index and middle finger, this indicates a strong sexual desire; ends under the index finger, you're picky with your lovers; ends under the middle finger (this is rare!), you have a need for love; is straight and short, you have no need for romance, but you have a strong sex drive; has two or more lines branching off, the number of "branches" indicates the number of sides to your emotional nature; points downwards with a branch and touches the life line, you're easily hurt in love; and if it is the same as your partner's line, you will have a successful marriage.

If your head line ends around your ring finger, you have an average thought process; is short, you think simply and directly; is long, you're a thorough and careful thinker; is straight, you think clearly and you concentrate; is curved, you are ready to play with new and different ideas; is sloped, you're a creative thinker; is horizontal, you think practically; is chained (makes a chain-like pattern), you are strung out; has a fork in it, you are open-minded and capable of seeing many points of view; floats (disconnected), you have a carefree attitude; starts under the index finger, you are brilliant.

If your life line runs close to your thumb, you have low vitality and you're usually tired; has a wide curve, you have high vitality and lots of energy; is "stronger" than your head line (bigger, wider), you are more active physically than you are mentally active; is chained, you have weak health; has small rising lines, you have an active personality; and if it has outward-swinging lines; you love to travel.

-Compiled by Lena Chapin from Hubpages.com

Local palm reader claims that her psychic abilities are a gift

Rachel Szuch
Lena Chapin
The Carroll News

Palmistry has been around for thousands of years. Despite its lack of evidential backing, the art of palm reading is considered a form of pseudoscience, called chiromancy.

While some people learn how to read palms by books and teachers, others claim that it is a talent passed through family.

Sonia of Psychic Readings by Sonia, located in Cleveland, said, "It was a gift from my great-grandparents."

Sonia has been working as a psychic for more than 30 years and specializes in palm, crystal ball and tarot card readings.

Palm reading is a hot topic, even among JCU students. Sophomore Libbie Schaffner got into palm reading at age 16.

"I'm not as good at palm reading as I am with astrology, but I can still tell a lot about a person from their hands," said Schaffner.

"It helps to illustrate different facets of a person that may or may not be known... like if a person's pinky finger has a wide space or gap between their ring finger, they are extremely creative and may be prone to lying/exaggerating," she said.

Sophomore Alicia Giannell is a bit more skeptical. She doesn't believe that palm reading is factual.

Giannell said, "I believe in fate and I don't need what my future plans are put in front of my face. Life is exciting because it has so many surprises."

So why have "sciences" that have no evidential backing lasted thousands of years and spread the continents? Reading the lines on one's hands is said to have the ability to reveal character traits and help predict future events in a person's life.

Reading the palm is a surprisingly complex activity. Everything from shape and texture to thumb positioning can carry meaning, but many palm readers focus on the lines of the hand.

There are more than 12 lines involved in chiromancy. The main lines, though, are the life line, the head line, and the health line, each meaning something different on either hand.

According to Sonia, the lines on a person's hand can tell a great deal about a person's life.

"I help people if they have a health problem, and if you're having difficulties in your relationships," said Sonia. "I read the past, present and future."

Psychic Readings by Sonia is located at 4713 Memphis Ave., in Cleveland. For more information on Sonia's services and private parties, call (216) 739-0267.

A 'Bromance' made in heaven

Commentary by
Craig Willert
Movie Critic

Since its creation in the 1990s, "bromance" has taken on a world of its own. Implanting itself in our everyday vocabulary, the word now describes anything from two good friends (i.e.-Paul Rudd and Jason Segel) to a type of movie genre, (i.e.-Pineapple Express).

Aristotle himself once claimed in the "Nicomachean Ethics," "It is those who desire the good of their friends for the friends' sake that are most truly friends, because each loves the other for what he is, and not for any incidental quality."

Paul Rudd and Jason Segel have taken the next step into becoming the "Matt and Ben" of the 21st century. In their upcoming movie, "I Love You, Man," Peter Klaven's (Rudd) attempt to find a best man for his wedding. His search leads him through a jungle of mishaps, and to the introduction to Sydney Fife (Segel). The two can be seen exploring what a "bromance" encompasses, when the movie opens nationwide on

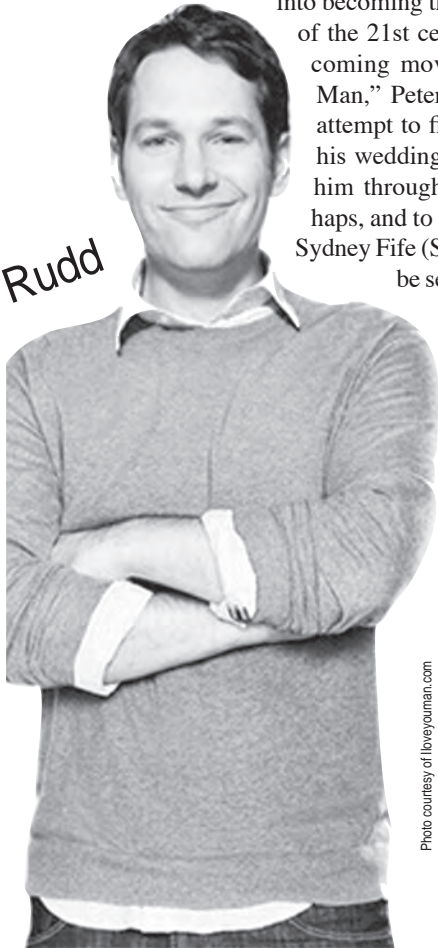


Photo courtesy of loveyouman.com

March 20.

In a conference call with Rudd and Segel, I received a firsthand account of a "bromance" and the visible characteristics of the relationship.

Commenting on their preparation for the movie, Rudd and Segel described what a "bromantic" night entailed. "We went to the bar a couple times, and scored a couple brews. We scored a couple of 'bromens,' slipped a 'bromenheimer' or two," said Segel, explaining the types of drinks a "bromantic" couple would have.

Listening to the two interact and hearing the crude, yet wildly humorous language painted a perfect picture of a "bromance."

Neither Rudd nor Segel could go ten seconds without laughing, cracking an inappropriate joke about the male reproductive organ, or referring to one another as "bro."

It became clearer as the interview went on that I probably wasn't going to get an appropriate quote. Rudd and Segel fed off of each other's comments, and the hilarity and absurdity of their jokes grew as the interview progressed, displaying the closeness, the "bromantic" connection between each other.

However, when asked to comment on the popularity of a "bromance," the following conversation transpired:

Segel: I think it's a long time coming that you've seen a good male, platonic comedy. And that's what we were going for. I think we both found this comedically satisfying.

Rudd: It just seems to be the word of the moment, 'bromantic,' cause there's really been several films throughout the decades that have fallen into that category. But were never

called 'bromantic.'

Segel: Ohhh...it's cuz it rhymes with romantic.

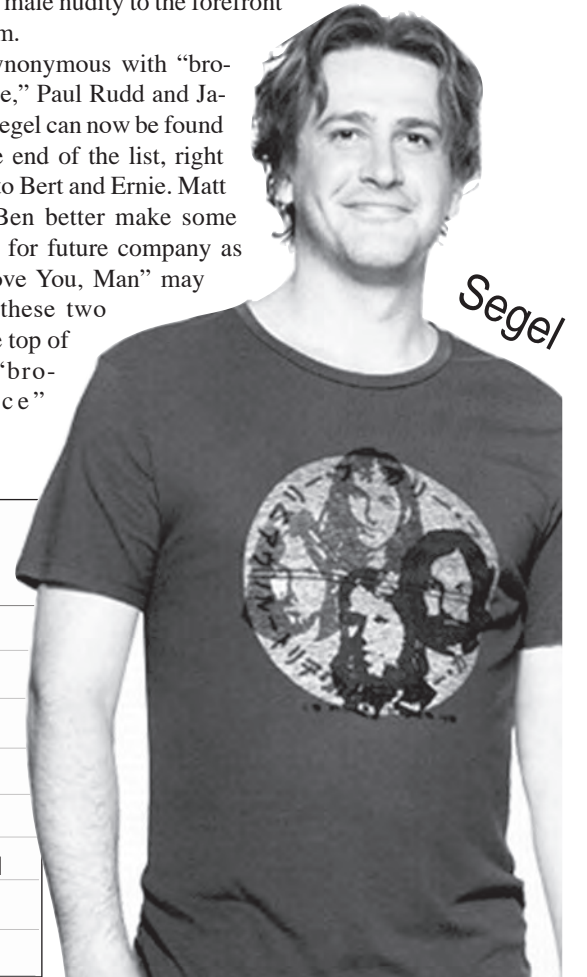
Segel and Rudd continued to name a few of their favorite "bromantic" comedies, such as: "Midnight Cowboy," "Twins" and "Dumb and Dumber."

When asked to describe a "bromantic" part of the movie, Segel explained that he and Rudd ate fish tacos, drank beer and cracked jokes for four hours with no script while director John Hamburg filmed.

At one point of the interview, Rudd attempted to persuade Segel to "hook up" with one of the female journalists.

Rudd and Segel commented on their comfort level of seeing each other naked, and that Segel was the first to really bring male nudity to the forefront of film.

Synonymous with "bromance," Paul Rudd and Jason Segel can now be found at the end of the list, right next to Bert and Ernie. Matt and Ben better make some room for future company as "I Love You, Man" may take these two to the top of the "bromance" list.



Bro-mance (brō-mANts)

Function: noun

Etymology: Portmanteau (combination of two words) of "brother" and "romance" coined by author and editor of "Big Brother Magazine" David Carnie.

Date: 1990s

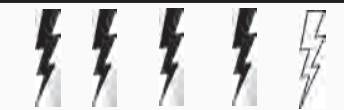
Definition: Non-sexual relationship between two men that are unusually close.

Examples: Ben Affleck and Matt Damon, George Clooney and Brad Pitt, Bill Clinton and Al Gore, Bert and Ernie.

'He's just not that into you,' an honest depiction of relationship reality

MOVIE REVIEW

'He's just not that into you'



Rachel Szuch
Arts & Life Editor

Based on the book by Greg Behrendt and Liz Tuccillo, "He's Just Not That Into You" takes audiences through the lives of nine individuals who are trying to get a handle on love.

With an all-star cast, the film delves into the nitty-gritty reality of being single, dating, getting married, holding true your vows and knowing when to call it quits.

Ben Affleck, Jennifer Aniston, Drew Barrymore, Jennifer Connelly, Kevin Connolly, Bradley Cooper, Ginnifer Goodwin, Scarlett Johansson and Justin Long play a group of interconnected characters from Baltimore that are all trying to figure out the opposite sex.

GiGi (Ginnifer Goodwin) is a hopeless romantic who insists on putting herself out there, even though the dating world has treated her harshly. Oblivious to how the mind of a man really works, GiGi spends her time wondering where each date has gone wrong and staring at her phone waiting for calls



Justin Long and Ginnifer Goodwin co-star with seven other notable actors, including Ben Affleck, Jennifer Aniston and Scarlett Johansson, in the new film, 'He's just not that into you.'

that aren't going to come. While out stalking a previous date, GiGi meets Alex (Justin Long).

Alex takes GiGi under his wing and attempts to teach her the reality of dating and the language of men. His message – if a guy wants to date a girl, he will seek her out. Regardless of the obstacles, he will find a way to be with her. And, if he doesn't, than he just isn't that into her.

Senior Kristina Drnjevic said, "I think all girls can relate to sitting

by her cell phone waiting for a call or text from a guy. I can definitely relate to analyzing what a guy has done or said; this movie shows that this analysis is usually wrong."

The film opens with a scene in which a little boy pushes a girl down on the playground and tells her that she smells like "dog poo." Confused and upset, the little girl goes to her mother for guidance. Her mother explains that the seemingly mean boy was just showing that he liked her. Herein lies the problem that

Alex tries to address.

Women are trained from an early age the delusional idea that a guy that seems uninterested is in fact interested and just has a strange way of showing it.

Have you ever had a friend tell you that one of your relationships didn't work out simply because the guy just wasn't interested? Of course not, they are your friends; they don't want to hurt you. So, they make excuses or tell you stories about other people that have had the

same situation and ended up happily ever after.

The problem with this, as Long's character points out so honestly, is that those women that it worked out for are the exception, while most women are the rule. For most women, if a guy doesn't seem interested, then he isn't.

Junior Bryan Robinett warns that it may not be a film for guys, but admitted, "Some parts were definitely true about how guys act and their ways of dealing with women on first dates. At some parts I would laugh and say, 'I've done that before.'"

A difficult task to manage, considering the number of big roles in the film, the actors did a commendable job in giving their characters depth.

With the exception of two or three of the roles, namely Barrymore's, Cooper's and Affleck's characters, the audience was given a detailed view of the lives of each character, placing them in different settings and situations. Connolly, Aniston, Goodwin and Long did an exceptional job relaying their characters' emotions and letting audiences see behind their characters' exterior.

Worth seeing simply for the acting if not the insight, "He's Just Not That Into You" isn't a typical romantic comedy where everyone ends up together and happy in the end, but it's honest.

Such and Szuch

The Valentine's Day fall-back:
Know when to let go



Rachel Szuch
Arts & Life Editor

With Valentine's Day fast-approaching, us single gals (or guys) may be tempted to rekindle an old flame. Maybe it's someone you broke up with just a few weeks ago or someone you dated a year ago. Whatever the case, resist the urge.

Relationships end for a reason. People change; they cheat or lie, get bored or simply grow apart. Regardless of the reason, it was probably a good one; otherwise the two of you would still be together. No relationship ends because things are going well.

It is not unusual to wonder what if, especially this time of year. What if you made a mistake? What if you had given him/her another chance? Would it have made a difference?

Stop! It isn't worth it. The only reason you are thinking about an ex is because you'd rather not spend Valentine's Day alone.

Trust me. I have done the on-again, off-again relationship, and each time a break-up ensues, I am reminded why the relationship ended the first time... and the second and third time.

I've found that the problem lies in the desire for a continued friendship. Anyone who has been in a long-term relationship (or witnessed one) knows that it is nearly impossible to maintain a friendship with your ex. I'm not referring to the type of friendship that involves a simple call once a month or keeping your ex as a Facebook friend - I'm talking about an actual friendship, one where you remain involved in each other's lives.

Friendships such as these inevitably end one of two ways. The first possible outcome is that you find yourself falling back into a romantic relationship with your ex. This, of course, is doomed for the same reasons it failed in the first place - you're just too love-struck to see it.

The second possible end result is that the friendship becomes too painful for one or both of you. Even if you know the two of you are better off as friends than as something more, it still hurts to see the person you were once in love with fall for someone else. And if you are truly friends, seeing the new girl or guy is ultimately unavoidable.

This is why I have come to the conclusion that it is better to simply sever all ties with the exes, than try to maintain a hopeless friendship. Cutting all connection with your exes will protect you from falling prey to the Valentine's Day fall-back - this is what I've decided to name the point at which you become so depressed with the idea of spending "the holiday for lover's" alone, that you become desperate enough to call your ex.

Don't do it. Delete your ex's number from your phone (If you are anything like me, you have become so accustomed to speed dialing them that you never bothered to memorize their number), defriend them on Facebook, forget where they live and get rid of all evidence that they were once important to you.

If you don't do this, you'll most likely end up sitting at dinner Saturday night, poking at your food and glaring at your ex, as all of their flaws come flooding back to you. The night will end with a box of tissues and a pint of Häagen-Dazs. So, do yourself a favor and go out with friends, rent a hopeful movie, find a good party or treat yourself to a relaxing night alone. If you don't, you will probably end up wishing you had.

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'The Vagina Monologues' entertains and informs

This year's 'The Vagina Monologues' were put on with a cast of 31 JCU women, including students and faculty.

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Asst. Arts & Life Editor

From the rape victims of Bosnia to the women who lost everything but hope in the parishes of Louisiana, women have one thing in common: vaginas.

With new talent, returning talent, new skits and spotlighted issues, "The Vagina Monologues" were a hit at John Carroll University. The cast of 31 was made up of students and faculty opened to a full house on Feb. 6 and kept audiences enthralled through the final performance on Sunday.

"The Vagina Monologues," written by Eve Ensler, is a conglomeration of women's stories written to empower females and stop violence against them. The play was constructed from hundreds of interviews of women of all ages and backgrounds. Some women's stories were combined for monologues, while some of the skits were practically word-for-word individual women's stories.

This year's production was directed and coordinated by Julie Bastianini and Mary Santez. The two did an excellent job putting the production together. The play was entertaining, informative and gripping. From the first few minutes audiences were hooked.

The first monologue, "Hair," performed by senior Samantha Cocco, was a crowd favorite. It spoke on self-acceptance and was a light transition into some of the tougher issues in the play.

The first half of the monologues is a serious yet hilarious take on many women's various relationships with their vaginas. From seeing it for the first time, to what it would say if it could talk, the skits are designed to make women more comfortable with their own body and the subject in general.

Junior Ellen Bauer, a member of the cast, said the first half of the play is important for college students to hear. "I believe that women need to love their bodies—all of their bodies. In this culture we often are told that we're too fat, and we aren't encouraged to enjoy sex. This play contradicts those societal messages," she said.

The second half of the production promoted awareness about

ending violence against women. Though the play was open to all audiences, Cocco thinks it has a special application to college students.

"There exists an incredible amount of sexualized violence in our world that is highlighted by the monologues, and the blatant denial and avoidance of it needs to end so we can all start working towards solutions," said Cocco.

From a six-year-old's hilarious take on her own vagina to the rape and torture of the "comfort women" in Japan during World War II, there are all sorts of topics and emotions covered throughout the production.

At times the play can be uncomfortable for audiences. However, whether the horrors of abuse make you uneasy or if the subject of vaginas in general seems too taboo, the play has an important message.

As senior Jess Serbin, who performed "Hey Miss Pat" said, "The Vagina Monologues" is a vehicle, or an educational tool, used to raise awareness of problems of violence against women and girls in a unique, emotional, and memorable way."

Serbin explained that the show is meant to spark outrage, but not because of its blunt language. She said, "Rather than being outraged that some of the monologues mention masturbation or use sensitive language, people should be outraged that eight-year-old girls are being tortured and raped repeatedly in the Congo every day."

This year's production of "The Vagina Monologues" was a huge success, filling the Marinello Little Theatre for three nights in a row. But the women involved with the play were more enthused with the effects on people than the number of faces in the crowd.

Each \$5 ticket bought, along with all other donations, went to the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center to help victims of sexual violence in North. Those who attended the production were given a better awareness and understanding of the horrific problems women face in places all over the world. And for every person who's a little more comfortable with their vagina, that is a step in the right direction.

Entertainment Calendar

Check out what's happening in Cleveland this week!

2.12
Matt Wertz
House of Blues
9 p.m.
\$12.50

2.13
Katy Moffatt and Andrew Hardin
Beachland Tavern
7 p.m.
\$14

2.14
Everything Burns Non-Profit Tour
Agora Theatre
7 p.m.
\$5

2.17
Pomegranates and the Helper T-Cells
Beachland Tavern
9 p.m.
\$6

2.18
Ashers
Pirates Cove
6:30 p.m.
\$8

2.20
Avenged Sevenfold
CSU Wolstein Center
6:30 p.m.
\$37.75

-Compiled by Lena Chapin

Three things you should know about this week:



Kadima candidate Tzipi Livni

AP Photo

1. Israeli election too close to call

Close call: Leading up to the Israeli parliamentary elections, Likud, the right-wing party of Benjamin Netanyahu, was largely expected to win. However, Tuesday's preliminary results were too close to call due to a strong showing from Israel's current Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni of the moderate Kadima party. The popularity of the Likud party, which takes a much tougher stance toward Palestine than the Kadima party, increased after many Israelis felt that the Kadima-led war in the Gaza Strip earlier this year was largely unsuccessful. Israelis were upset that the war did not completely remove Hamas from the region. Kadima's popularity also suffered a blow after its former leader, Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, resigned from his position due to corruption charges.

Better for peace: Many experts feel that Kadima, which is open to the two-state solution with Palestine, offers a better chance of achieving peace with the Palestinians. Whichever party wins will have to form a coalition government with the other parties, such as the left-wing Labor party led by Defense Minister Ehud Barak, or the far-right wing Yisrael Beiteinu, which recent polls predicted would finish third in the voting. The leader of the winning party will likely become the new prime minister; however, it may take weeks before a coalition is formed.

2. Competition for Ahmadinejad

On Sunday, Mohammad Khatami, the former reformist Iranian president, officially announced his candidacy for this April's presidential elections. As president from 1997 to 2005, Khatami tried to increase personal freedoms for Iranians and open up relations with the West. However, the conservative Guardian Council, an Islamic government body that has the final say on all legislation, vetoed many of his reforms. Current Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has also announced that he will seek a second term. The highly conservative Ahmadinejad was elected in 2005, mainly for his promise to use Iran's oil profits to benefit the middle and lower classes and for his hard line against the West, particularly the United States. However, the economy has suffered lately, largely due to the falling price of oil, and many Iranian citizens have expressed their desire for a new president. Meanwhile, members of the Guardian Council, along with many other conservatives, have admitted that they would prefer Ahmadinejad to Khatami, with some even believing that the Council will prevent Khatami from running for the presidency.

3. Obama on tour

The tour: Recently, President Barack Obama began holding town hall-style meetings in struggling cities around the country in an effort to assure Americans that his administration and Congress are working around the clock to put an end to the current economic slump. On Monday, Obama traveled to Elkhart, Ind., a city that has lost over 8,000 jobs since the recession began, and currently has an unemployment rate more than 15 percent.

His visit to Florida: On Tuesday, he was in Fort Myers, Fla., which had the highest foreclosure rate in the country last year. During his appearance in Florida, the president discussed a wide variety of issues facing the United States including foreign energy dependence, unemployment and rising home foreclosures. Afterwards, Obama fielded questions from members of the audience. Much like the format of the town hall debates during the presidential elections, Obama listened to the audience's concerns and then attempted to ease them by responding with a potential solution.

Compiled by Sean Webster



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Several senators met to discuss ways to address the strong GOP opposition to the economic stimulus bill. The Senate passed the bill on Tuesday, with 61 votes for and 37 votes against.

Economic stimulus passes Senate

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The Carroll News

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, one of the most expensive bills in United States history, amounting to more than \$800 billion, passed the Senate on Tuesday. Despite Republican hopes to filibuster, the bill received a cloture vote and passed 61-37.

President Barack Obama pushed for a quick and urgent Senate acceptance of the bill. Upon hearing the Senate's vote adopting the package, Obama presented the news to a cheering crowd in Ft. Myers, Fla.

The Senate came up with a plan that proposed pouring \$827 billion into the economy. Two senators led the shaping of the bill, Susan Collins, R-Maine, and Ben Evans, D-Neb.

Collins, who called the bill "imperfect," said that its flaws are being overridden by an economic crisis that needs to be solved without "a partisan divide."

Support was gained from a few moderate Republicans on the bill after strong negotiations and agreements to cut back on the bill's spending. In the originally-proposed form, it had come to about \$920 billion, until more than \$100 billion was cut.

However, funding and tax credits for education remained in the bill. In the Senate version, \$118.1 billion was set aside for education.

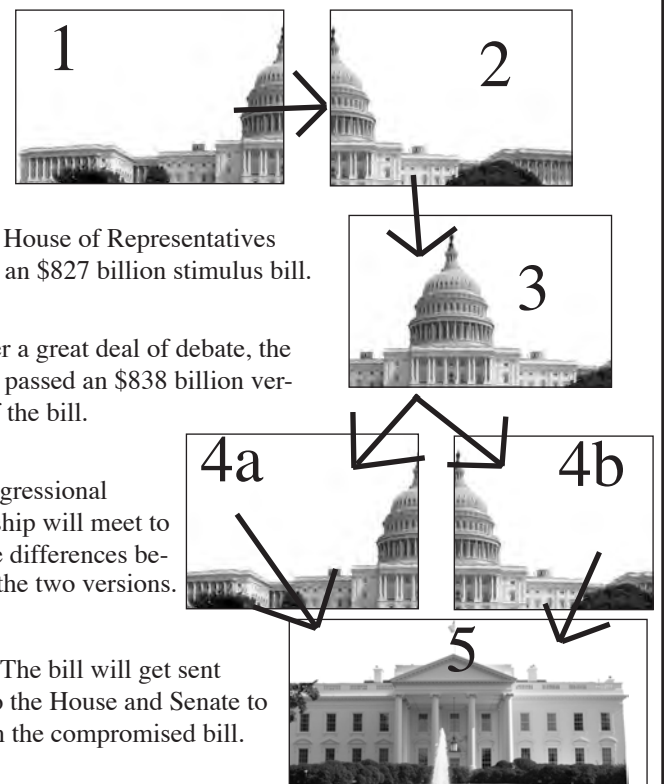
This money will be used for improvements to public schools, which includes public universities. In addition, a \$2,500 tax credit per child will be given to families in order to send their kids to college.

The House of Representatives passed a similar bill last week and was awaiting Senate action on the bill so that any differences between the two versions could be worked out.

With the Senate's passage, the bill will go to conference committee. The committee will consist of Senate and House members who will discuss and resolve differences between each body's bill.

Then, once Senate and House

How stimulus will become law



1) The House of Representatives passed an \$827 billion stimulus bill.

2) After a great deal of debate, the Senate passed an \$838 billion version of the bill.

3) Congressional leadership will meet to resolve differences between the two versions.

4a&b) The bill will get sent back to the House and Senate to vote on the compromised bill.

5) If Congress passes the compromised bill, it will go to the White House for a signature or veto.

members reach a compromise, a new bill will be drafted and sent back to each respective body for a vote. However, the bill drafted in committee will not be subject to new provisions and must be voted on in its new form.

If the new bill passes both the House and Senate, it will be sent to the president for approval. Obama is expected to act quickly and sign the bill right away.

Thomas Zlatoper, a professor of economics and finance at John Carroll University, said the expected effects of the plan will likely not be immediate.

"Presuming that the spending can be done as soon as needed to stimulate things like employment, the challenge will be that some of these expenditures may take time to produce the desired effect," said Zlatoper.

"For example, if you wish to

build a new road, it will take some amount of time to hire the workers, buy the needed materials, and commence construction," he said.

Therefore, Americans should expect a delay between the bill's enactment and desired economic impact.

One of the goals of the bill is to create four million new jobs to compensate for 3.6 million that have been lost since 2007. Moreover, the nation's economic state could be the worst since the Great Depression.

Despite contention over details of the bill, Obama stands by the general design of the stimulus package.

"The bill before Congress isn't perfect, but it is absolutely necessary," Obama said. "We will continue to refine it and improve it ... But broadly speaking, it is the right size. It is the right scope. It has the right priorities."

Rome is Burning



Mike Zurn

World News Editor

The right choice?

In the first few weeks of the Obama administration, the newly elected president has already run into a few road bumps. Specifically, Obama made mistakes in nominating individuals who experienced tax problems. By tax problems, I mean that they failed to pay their taxes.

The nominees included former Senate majority leader Tom Daschle, chosen for secretary of health and human services, Nancy Killefer for White House chief performance officer, and Timothy Geithner for treasury secretary. Together, these individuals failed to pay hundreds of thousands in tax dollars.

Daschle and Killefer decided to step down because neither wanted to be a distraction for the administration. Moreover, both understood the potential scandal had they accepted such positions after failing to pay taxes.

Timothy Geithner, however, did not step down and now serves as the United States' treasury secretary. I could be wrong, but I would think that the treasury secretary is held to a higher standard for paying taxes.

After all, one of the treasury secretary's responsibilities is to head the Internal Revenue Service, which is accountable for collecting taxes within the United States. Mind you, this individual is also in charge of all financial and monetary concerns of the United States.

Allowing someone to hold this position when he cannot manage his own finances is outrageous. This is like hiring Eliot Spitzer to crack down on America's prostitution problem (ironically, he once did).

Allowing Geithner to serve does not send the right signal to Americans. If he does not understand America's tax system, how can we expect the average American citizen to understand it?

Geithner's problems stemmed from failing to pay \$34,000 in taxes when working for the International Monetary Fund. He failed to pay the taxes because he did not realize that income from a foreign entity was taxable. This is laughable.

My roommate, who is an accounting major, knew that individuals are subject to pay taxes on income from a foreign entity. In fact, he told me this was one of the first topics covered in his tax class. If Geithner does not understand a college-level issue like this, what makes us think that he can manage the world's largest treasury?

The real problem is that he does understand the issues. Geithner knew he had to pay those taxes, but ignored them. Before his nomination, he headed the Federal Reserve Board in New York. Individuals of this status know the law. Geithner, however, just wanted to circumvent it.

Not to mention, throughout the year the IMF provides employees with a number of documents so they understand their tax responsibilities. I guess Geithner didn't get the memo(s).

And now, everyone wants to give Secretary Geithner the benefit of the doubt, because he might not have known that he had to pay the taxes.

Instead of simply accepting his explanation, maybe lawmakers should look into it a bit more, or send him to take an accounting class at John Carroll. Surely, this would clear up any of Geithner's tax questions. Either way, he should not be treasury secretary.

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New Somalia president conveys hope

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Staff Reporter

Although Somalia has had more than 15 transitional governments since civil war broke out in 1992, not one has been able to bring lasting peace to the region. However, newly elected President Sharif Sheikh Ahmed, sworn into office last Sunday, hopes to finally change that.

In 2004, Ahmed became the leader of the Union of Islamic Courts, an Islamist rival administration to the current Transitional Federal Government in Somalia. By 2006, Ahmed's UIC controlled most of southern Somalia, including the capital of Mogadishu.

Although it brought relative stability to the area, neighboring Ethiopia perceived the UIC movement, which was backed by various Islamist militias, as a threat. So in December 2006, Ethiopian troops invaded Somalia to help TFG forces remove the UIC from power.

Together, the Ethiopian and TFG forces were able to force out Ahmed and the UIC. However, the Islamic militias loyal to the UIC fought back, and the country fell deeper into violence.

Since the 2006 invasion, 16,000 people have died in Somalia, more than one million have fled their homes, and more than three million are currently facing starvation.

Although the African Union sent peacekeepers into Somalia in early 2007, they have been unable to bring the situation under control and have now become targets.

Last year, however, a United Nations brokered deal between Ethiopia and Somalia's TFG set up a possible route to peace and unification. The first main part of the deal, which required that all Ethiopian troops withdraw from Somalia, was finally completed on Jan. 26.

The deal's second part allowed for the creation of 200 additional seats in the TFG parliament for members of Ahmed's new political group, the Alliance for the Re-Liberation of Somalia. Made up of many former members of the UIC, the group has a considerable amount of support in Mogadishu and throughout southern Somalia.

After Somalia's former president resigned on Dec. 29, Ahmed – whose party now controls a majority of the parliament due to the U.N. deal – easily won the parliament's election for a new president.

As president, Ahmed will seek to form



AP Photo

Somalian President Sharif Sheikh Ahmed waved to the crowds while passing through Mogadishu, Somalia shortly after his election victory on Jan. 31.

a unified government and put an end to the long-lasting violence. He has also called for more peacekeepers from the international community.

However, his work will be made harder by al-Shabab, a potent Islamic militant organization. Once allied with Ahmed, the highly nationalist organization now views him as a traitor for dealing with the U.N. and Ethiopia.

Although al-Shabab controls many parts of southern Somalia, the group – which may have ties to al-Qaeda – has been labeled a terrorist organization by the United States and various other countries.

To help him bring stability to his country, Ahmed will likely seek help from abroad. In an interview with el-Shorouk, an Egyptian newspaper, Ahmed said that he sees a positive role for the United States in helping his country attain peace.

Walter Simmons, a John Carroll University professor of economics who teaches a class on developing countries in sub-Saharan Africa like Somalia, believes the United States should provide a "big umbrella of humanitarian aid" to Somalia.

"I don't think we're going to see U.S. combat forces in Somalia," Simmons said.

"However, we can still sell them arms, we can provide them with technical assistance such as communications, and we can provide foreign aid for basic food and medical supplies."

Simmons also said it would be important for the fragile government to develop strong relationships with international organizations, and to foster bilateral and multinational relationships with countries other than the United States, such as Japan and China.

In order to attract foreign aid, he stressed the need for the government to create "a strategy to demonstrate to those countries that the assistance they are giving is being put to good use ... The strategy should focus on the people of Somalia, especially the [one million] displaced," said Simmons.

Although Somalia must first attain a reasonable measure of safety and security in order to pave the way for economic growth, Simmons said that economic prosperity has the possibility of transcending many things, including religion and nationalism.

"If aid is used wisely, and [Ahmed] utilizes it to provide better medical services, to alleviate rampant starvation, and to provide better education, then it will act as a counterpart to any existing opposition movements [such as al-Shabab]," he said.

Russia expanding influence throughout Asia

Matt Greene
The Carroll News

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev has quickly seized the opportunity of challenging the new Obama administration in hopes of reasserting Russia's influence in Eastern Europe and Central Asia. By providing former Soviet satellites with economic aid, Moscow has signed military pacts with nations that were once under its control.

John Carroll University professor of history Jim Krukones explained that Russia feels entitled to the region, but for defense purposes.

"It's their security perimeter, whether you're talking about East Central Europe, the Caucasus, or Central Asia. And in some of those places, the Russian state has been involved for centuries," he said.

This past week, Russia and Kyrgyzstan reached an agreement just days after Kyrgyzstan announced it will shutdown a U.S. air base in the city of Manas. The air base has been crucial in supplying NATO and U.S. forces in Afghanistan and was thought to be a major setback to the war.

However, this past Friday, Russia agreed to let U.S. and NATO forces send supplies

through its border. While Russia has expressed its displeasure with U.S. foreign policy, it does support the war in Afghanistan.

The real intentions of the gesture are unknown. Preventing the spread of terrorism within Russia is a deep concern of the government, but whether this was the primary source of the agreement has left some skeptical.

With the United States planning to build missile defense systems in Poland and the Czech Republic, granting NATO forces access to Russia's border could be used as a bargaining chip in the future.

Both President Medvedev and Prime Minister Vladimir Putin have criticized the proposed missile defense systems, insisting that the close proximity of the systems are to keep Moscow in check.

U.S. Vice President Joe Biden, who spoke of the issue at the Munich Conference over the weekend, maintained the United States' position that the defense systems would be constructed to counter Iran and other threats, not Russia.

Biden added that the United States had no plans to abandon its push for a defense shield and that "the United States and Russia can disagree and still work together where our interests coincide, and they coincide in

many places."

But where exactly the United States and Russia disagree has many NATO officials feeling uneasy.

The Kremlin's decisions to invade Georgia this past summer and then to temporarily shut-off natural gas lines running through Ukraine this winter were both met with disapproval by President Barack Obama.

Medvedev has requested to Obama that Russian interests become more of a priority to the United States. If victory in Afghanistan will be more difficult than Iraq, as Obama's envoy to Afghanistan predicts, the role of Russia will be vital.

Krukones believes that Obama may have to consider some of Moscow's demands if he is to simultaneously win the war and mend NATO-Russian relations.

"Generally speaking, in view of Obama's intention of reintegrating the United States into the 'international conversation,' I would expect him to give due consideration to Russia's concerns," he said.

Both the United States and Russia are optimistic, but it appears that Russia will have to weaken its sphere of influence or NATO will have to abandon its defense shields before a legitimate, healthy relationship can develop.

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Demanding Schedules. Classes. Social Lives. Who has time for romance? They do.

Mike & Meagan



Mike Nettling and Meagan Gambone admit they're not the typical couple in that they do not spend every waking hour with one another.

"We're not one of those couples who is together all day, every day," Gambone said. But who can blame them? Given their athletic schedules filled with practices, games and tournaments, this couple is constantly on the go.

The couple says their engagements sometimes get in the way of spending time together. "We're in-season at the same time since football and volleyball are both in the fall. We have an understanding and respect for one another. The only conflict was when one of us would have a game and the other would have a practice," said Nettling.

Although they officially met in high

school, this senior couple was formally acquainted their freshman year at JCU and they have been together since December 2006.

Initially they began hanging out as friends; however, as time passed, they grew fond of each other and still share that bond to this day.

"We have an understanding and respect for one another."

-Mike Nettling

Nettling said one of the greatest moments in their relationship for him was not a specific point in time, but rather an evolving process of seeing Gambone succeed. Similarly, Gambone holds a tremendous amount of respect

for her partner. "He's an amazing athlete," she said.

Their athletic talents have also been recognized together. Nettling said that a great memory is when The Carroll News commended the couple in the "Streaks of the Week" section. "Sophomore year we were both Streaks of the Week at the same time, that was pretty cool," he said. "Yeah, a bunch of the guys on the team hung that one up in the locker room," he laughed.

The future looks successful for this couple as both of them have ambitious plans. Nettling, an education major, plans on teaching high school history and wishes to coach football in Northeast Ohio. Gambone, a marketing major, will be back next year as she plans on obtaining a MBA from the Boler School of Business.

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JCU Power Couples 2009

Matt Hiznay and Ally Stojkoska met in their biology class freshman year at JCU. Both being bio chemistry majors, they often find themselves in the same classes. As a matter of fact, last semester their schedules were identical.

"He actually switched his physics chemistry class to be in the same section as me about a month before we started dating," said Stojkoska.

Eight and a half months later, the chemistry is still there.

A student EMT from Middleburg Heights, Ohio, Stojkoska is involved in the pre-pharmacy club and Chi Omega. She chose JCU because of its proximity to home. "Close enough to home but not close enough to live at home," said Stojkoska.

Hiznay, from Poland, Ohio, is Student

Union president and is a member of Delta Tau Delta. He chose JCU because of the Dolan Science Center and his interest in science.

"This semester has been tough," Hiznay said regarding being able to see each other despite their busy schedules.

After graduating from JCU, Stojkoska plans on attending pharmacy school, although she doesn't know where yet. Matt, on the other hand, is looking to go to medical school.

As the only couple profiled without a member of the senior class, this young but dynamic duo will maintain its "powerful" status into next year.

With all of these activities, it can be hard to find time to spend together.

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-Ally Stojkoska

Ally & Matt



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Dan & Julie



When senior Dan Mizener first saw junior Julie Marlowe at a John Carroll University softball game, he instantly wanted to know more about her.

After contacting her friends and adding her on Facebook, the couple began to see each other. Marlowe credits meeting Mizener through some of her friends. "He was friends with a lot of the girls on the team and we met through them," she said.

A year and a half later, Julie and Dan are still together and going strong.

The couple, heavily involved in wrestling and softball, said that while their schedules are hectic, they try to spend as much time together as possible. Still, with Dan

wrestling and Julie playing softball, the couple admits that seeing each other can be a juggling act. "Sometimes we only see each other for 15 minutes. But it works out. You have to be pretty understanding and patient," Mizener said. Marlowe and Mizener say that some days they are not able to see each other for a long period of time, but always try to make time for one another, even if for a short time between

"Sometimes we only see each other for 15 minutes. But it works out. You have to be pretty understanding and patient."

- Dan Mizener

Marlowe, a business information systems major, wishes to pursue a career in the sports

industry such as becoming an athletic director. Mizener, a communications major, would like to take a position in sales.

One of their best memories together, they recount, is when Marlowe surprised Mizener at the airport on his trip back from Africa. The couple had not seen each other for three months and the reunion caught Mizener completely by surprise.

The couple said that breaks from school can sometimes be tough. However, they enjoy the time off to see their friends and families at home. Still, they concede, with Mizener being from Cincinnati and Marlowe from

Pittsburgh, it can sometimes be difficult during the holidays and breaks from school.

You can't keep these two apart for too long though. Mizener and Marlowe have met up together during the break. They have even met back at JCU to spend Christmas together.

As for future plans, the couple can breathe a sigh of relief because Mizener was recently offered a graduate assistant position at JCU, thus giving the couple more time together. "She has another year left so when I was offered the GA job, it was a great big relief because we knew we'd be around each other for a few more years," said Mizener.

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JCU Power Couples 2009

Tara Ford and Ben Adams met their sophomore year on the third floor of Campion Hall. Both of them having hectic schedules did not seem to be a problem. In fact, it might have even brought them closer together.

Ford, a pre-med major, and Adams, a double major in finance and economics, don't have a lot of spare time for extra-curricular activities, let alone a relationship. But this duo does it all.

Hailing from Fowler, Ohio, Ford is a well-rounded athlete who is the captain of the track and field team. She was also a three-year member of the women's bas-

ketball team. She is an RA in Dolan Hall and a member of the pre-med fraternity. In her little spare time, she volunteers at the Free Clinic and Huron Hospital.

Adams is quite the athlete himself. The Livonia, Mich. senior is on the wrestling team and was a three-year member of the football team. He has his own radio show on WJCU and is a member of Alpha Kappa Psi and the Finance Association.

The real question is: How does this power couple make time to do everything

"We have library study dates and take-out night where we can study and still spend time together. Also we have the same group of friends."

-Tara Ford

and still have time for each other? Ford said they have a secret to maintaining a relationship along with a hectic lifestyle. "We have library study dates and take-out night where we can study and still spend

time together. Also, we have the same group of friends, so it makes hanging out easier.

Their relationship is going strong for two years and almost four months.

The couple has never taken classes together. Ford puts it, "No, we have never taken the same classes; we would be way too competitive with each other."

The two graduating seniors are not getting a break from their hectic lifestyles anytime soon. Adams is going to remain at JCU for the fifth-year MBA program, and he hopes to become a Lutheran Minister. An aspiring physician, Ford is planning on going to medical school.



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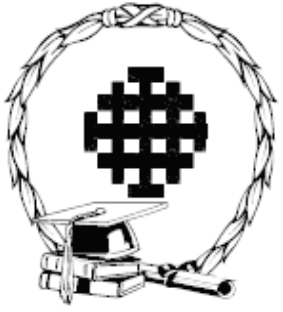
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Blue Streaks win twelfth in a row

Win over ONU paired with Capital loss puts Blue Streaks alone in first place

Charlie Duggan
Staff Reporter

A big victory this past weekend over Ohio Northern University, as well as some help from the Muskingum Muskies, has propelled the John Carroll University men's basketball team to the top of the Ohio Athletic Conference standings.

Before Saturday's big matchup with ONU, the Blue Streaks first had to travel to Mount Union College on Wednesday night. Coming off their most impressive victory of the season over the nationally-ranked Capital Crusaders, the Blue Streaks got off to a slow start and had to call on some new names to carry the load against the Purple Raiders.

It was the newcomers that responded as two freshmen had the best games of their young careers. Freshman point guard Corey Shontz, the conference leader in three-point percentage, ignited the JCU offense with a career-high 22 points, including five of seven shooting from behind the arc. Freshman center Matt Crozier recorded a double-double that included a new career-high of 15 points to go along with 12 rebounds. Freshman Michael Hartnett chipped in with 12 points on five of six shooting.

"We had to use our first group a lot in the Capital game, so when they struggled early on [against Mount Union] we needed the younger guys to step up and they did a great job," said head coach Mike Moran.

The starting five redeemed their first half performance with a strong second half showing en route to a 96-72 victory.



Photo by Mike Spinelli

Junior guard Chris Zajac leads the Ohio Athletic Conference in steals, but he reminded Ohio Northern University that he can play offense too, as he had 14 points and six assists in JCU's 84-77 win.

Saturday provided a much tougher matchup for JCU. The Polar Bears, who handed the Blue Streaks their last loss back on Dec. 20, came into the DeCarlo Varsity Center just one game behind the Blue Streaks in the loss column.

After jumping out to an early double-digit lead, JCU would struggle for the rest of the first half and would take just a three-point lead into intermission.

The Polar Bears came out in the

second half looking to upset JCU on their home court, and were able to take a small lead in the first few minutes as the Blue Streaks struggled to find their offense. However, as they have all year, JCU would not let another team celebrate on their home court.

Junior Brian Dandrea's jumper in the lane started a 20-6 run for the Blue Streaks that put the Polar Bears away. JCU held on for an 84-77 win, which gave coach Moran his 299th

career victory.

"I'm more happy about the 12th win in a row right now," said Moran after the game. JCU was lead by sophomore center Maurice Haynes, who had 20 points and five boards.

"I felt like I couldn't be stopped today, and it was a good feeling," said Haynes, who made seven of his ten shots from the field and all six of his free throws.

Junior Rudy Kirbus once again helped carry the offense as he scored

19 points and pulled down a team-high seven rebounds.

Junior point guard Chris Zajac, the conference leader in steals, had three in the game to go with his 14 points and six assists.

Once again, JCU used their full-court press in the second half to put the game away as Zajac and junior Tyler Kirsch, who also had three steals, helped force 31 ONU turnovers.

"Our press has been our backbone this season," said Dandrea. "We have enough confidence in our press that we can overcome any deficit and we know it will give the other team problems."

While it is easy to look at the numbers during the winning streak, coach Moran cited another factor in the success.

"My son Pete told me the other day, 'Dad, that team plays harder than our Final Four team of '04,'" said Moran.

By working hard, this year's team hopes to have similar results as the 2003-04 team, which finished third in the nation.

Right now, the Blue Streaks are ranked 18th in the country by d3hoops.com. They have clinched a home game in the opening round in the OAC Tournament and can win the regular season title and host the conference tournament by winning out.

Editor's Note: Results from the Blue Streaks game against Heidelberg College last night were unavailable before The Carroll News went to print. All standings are correct as of Feb. 10.



STREAKS OF THE WEEK



Men's Basketball



Maurice Haynes
sophomore

- Haynes came up big in the Blue Streaks win over Ohio Northern University, a must-win game. He scored 20 points, grabbed five rebounds and had three blocks in the victory over ONU.



Women's Basketball



Caitlin Sureck
junior

- Sureck helped JCU get back in the win column twice this week by averaging 12.5 points and 9.5 rebounds per game. For her outstanding play, she was named OAC Player of the Week.



Hockey



James Stanley
junior

- Stanley scored two goals and had an assist in the Blue Streaks 6-4 victory over Lehigh University. In their next game, he had an assist as JCU came up short, 4-3, against Indiana (Pa.).

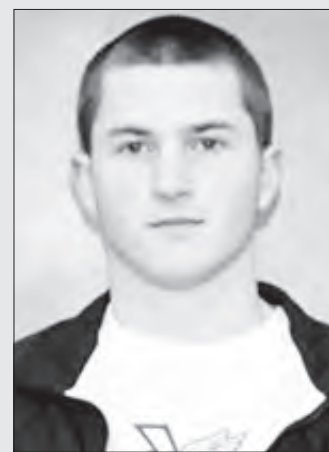


Women's Track



Tara Ford
senior

- Ford helped the Blue Streaks place third of 10 teams competing by bringing home the Blue Streaks only title. She won the high jump, and then finished second in the 1,000-meter run.



Men's Track



Denny Love
sophomore

- In the nine-team event, Love finished second in the long jump at the Baldwin-Wallace Indoor Meet. He was also a member of the 4x200 relay team that finished in second place.

Following their passion

Three John Carroll University graduates are making a name for themselves ... and others ... in sports media professions.

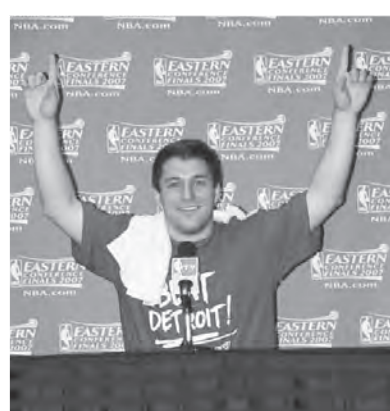


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Art Antram, shown here from his time with the Cleveland Cavaliers, will return to JCU next fall.

Art Antram

Tim Ertle
Sports Editor

In his junior year at John Carroll University, then-sports editor Kevin Yanik approached his friends Art Antram and Mike Scanlan about taking over his post as sports editor of The Carroll News.

Antram accepted the offer and says he only has one regret about his time with the newspaper.

"I wish I would have started earlier," Antram said. "Mike and I have talked about it and looking back, we wish that we would have joined the staff earlier. We didn't realize how much The Carroll News would help us. It really did open so many doors."

For Antram, the first door to open was a job with the Cleveland Cavaliers.

The Art Antram File

Hometown: Allison Park, Pa.
Graduation: JCU '06
Degree: Communications
Current Job: Antram works for Quicken Loans Arena. He will be returning to JCU next fall to work in the Sports Information Department.

"My first job out of college was as a seasonal for the Cavs," Antram said. "It was somewhere between being an intern and having a full-time position. I was essentially an assistant."

For the Cavs, Antram had the chance to write for the media guides and other various projects.

He currently works at Quicken Loans Arena and provides color commentary for JCU games televised on SportsTime Ohio, but will be returning to JCU next year as a graduate assistant in the Sports Information Department.

At JCU, he will be able to pursue his love of writing and broadcasting, a love which was discovered during his employment in that same office during his undergraduate years.

"The ultimate goal for me is to be a broadcaster or sports analyst," Antram said. "I just want to work in a place where I can show off my broadcasting talents and writing skills."

For Antram, that place could be JCU.

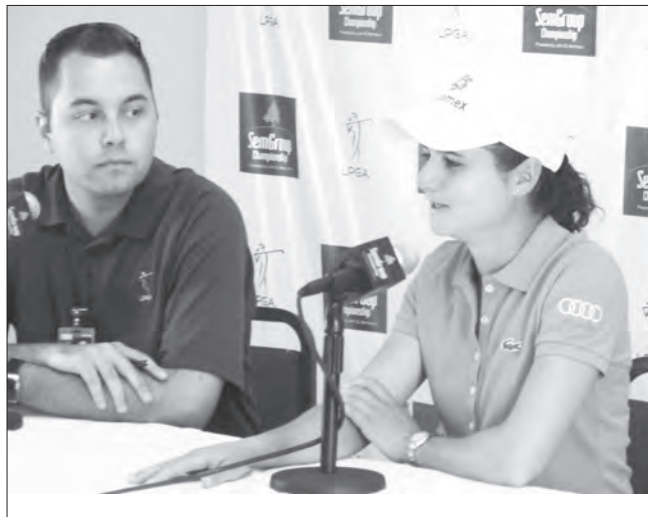


Photo courtesy of Mike Scanlan

Mike Scanlan works with top-ranked athletes like Lorena Ochoa (above), on a daily basis.

Mike Scanlan

Andrew Rafferty
Editor in Chief

While an undergraduate at John Carroll University, Mike Scanlan spent his weekends exploring Lee Road and Coventry Village. Now, he spends his time in places like Singapore and Brazil.

Scanlan, a 2006 graduate and former sports editor of The Carroll News, is the media relations coordinator for the LPGA tour. Last year he spent 22 weeks traveling the world to act as the liaison between the women's golf tour and the media.

"I know a lot of people would love to be doing what I'm doing,

and I can't take that for granted," Scanlan said.

As a senior, Scanlan was in the same position many soon-to-be alumni find themselves.

He graduated from JCU with a degree in communications and no job. But with the help of Sports Information Director Chris Wenzler, Scanlan was able to land a year-long internship with his hometown football team, the Buffalo Bills.

"It was my hometown team and it basically confirmed to me that I wanted to work in sports media relations," said Scanlan, who hails



The Mike Scanlan File

Hometown: Leroy, N.Y.
Graduation: JCU '06
Degree: Communications
Current Job: Scanlan is the Coordinator of Media Relations for the LPGA Tour.

from Leroy, N.Y.

He worked 12 hours a day and in 10 months got only eight days off, but he was not scared off by the long hours. When the season was over, his experience and a job well done got him a gig with the LPGA.

Within the course of a week in March 2007, Scanlan had an interview, job and moved to Daytona Beach. "With the economy being the way it is right now, I'm just really happy to be able to do something I like," he said.

Scanlan spent this week in Hawaii for the SBS Open.

Al Pawlowski

Tim Ertle
Sports Editor

In 1994, Al Pawlowski graduated from John Carroll University with a degree in communications and went off into the "real world" to find a job.

He wasn't looking for just any job, though, as he had made up his mind years ago about what he wanted to pursue.

"Ever since I was seven or eight, when I realized sports broadcasting was a career, I knew that's what I wanted to do," said Pawlowski. "I thought briefly about going to law school in seventh or eighth grade and I thought about a few other things, but it was broadcasting that I always wanted to do."

Pawlowski admitted to muting the television when he was a kid and providing his own play-by-play commentary.

He continued to pretend until he got to JCU and started to broadcast games on WJCU, where he served as sports director.

"I did all the football games and about half of the basketball games," said Pawlowski of his Blue Streak broadcasting days. "Then I didn't play baseball my senior year, so we did some baseball games, too."

Today, the Sagamore Hills, Ohio native is working on a much bigger stage as he works for SportsTime Ohio, a local cable company that can be seen on most cable providers in the state of Ohio, as well as on DirecTV and



Photo courtesy of STO

The career of JCU grad Al Pawlowski started at WJCU.

covering a variety of sports.

He used to be the radio play-by-play man for the St. Ignatius High School football team, a role he now has with the Detroit Ignition of the Major Indoor Soccer League and Cleveland State University men's basketball team. This past fall, he served as the play-by-play man for SportsTime Ohio's high school football coverage.

He has also served as the in-house personality at Indians games and a sports anchor for WKYC Channel 3. He hosted morning drive talk show on a local radio station straight out of college.

It is this versatility that has enabled Pawlowski to find constant work in a tough job market.

"The biggest thing it does is protect you as an employee. If someone decides they can't use you for one

the Dish Network.

Pawlowski is perhaps best known for hosting "Indians On Deck," the 30-minute pre-game show that airs before all Cleveland Indians telecasts, as well as the post-game show.

Baseball isn't the only sport Pawlowski covers, as he works year-round

The Al Pawlowski File

Hometown: Sagamore Hills, Ohio
Graduation: JCU '94
Degree: Communications
Current Job: Pawlowski is the play-by-play man for the Cleveland State men's basketball team, Detroit Ignition and studio host of the pre- and post-game shows for the Cleveland Indians.

reason or another, I still have a bunch of things I can do," said Pawlowski. "It's still going to hurt, but it's not going to hurt like it would if the only thing I did was work as a reporter."

While he does so many different things, it is his play-by-play work that Pawlowski enjoys most.

"The one negative of play-by-play work would be that as you get older, it takes you away from your family and your home life," he said. "I prefer a job that doesn't have traditional hours, and I really just enjoy being at sporting events. It's a lot better than going to work and sitting in a cubicle all day, for me at least."

Finding a prominent job in the sports media profession like Pawlowski has is certainly not easy, and he will be one of the first to admit it.

Still, for those who aspire to work as a sports broadcaster, Pawlowski said to go for it.

"The biggest thing in this business is to get repetition. Don't worry about how much you're getting paid initially," said Pawlowski. "If you have to stay at home with mom and dad right out of college, you have to make that sacrifice."

Pawlowski has done just that, and after gaining repetition in the Cleveland market, he has worked his way all the way up to doing some freelance for ESPN.

Working for the worldwide leader in sports is certainly quite an accomplishment for a career that started with a modest beginning at WJCU.

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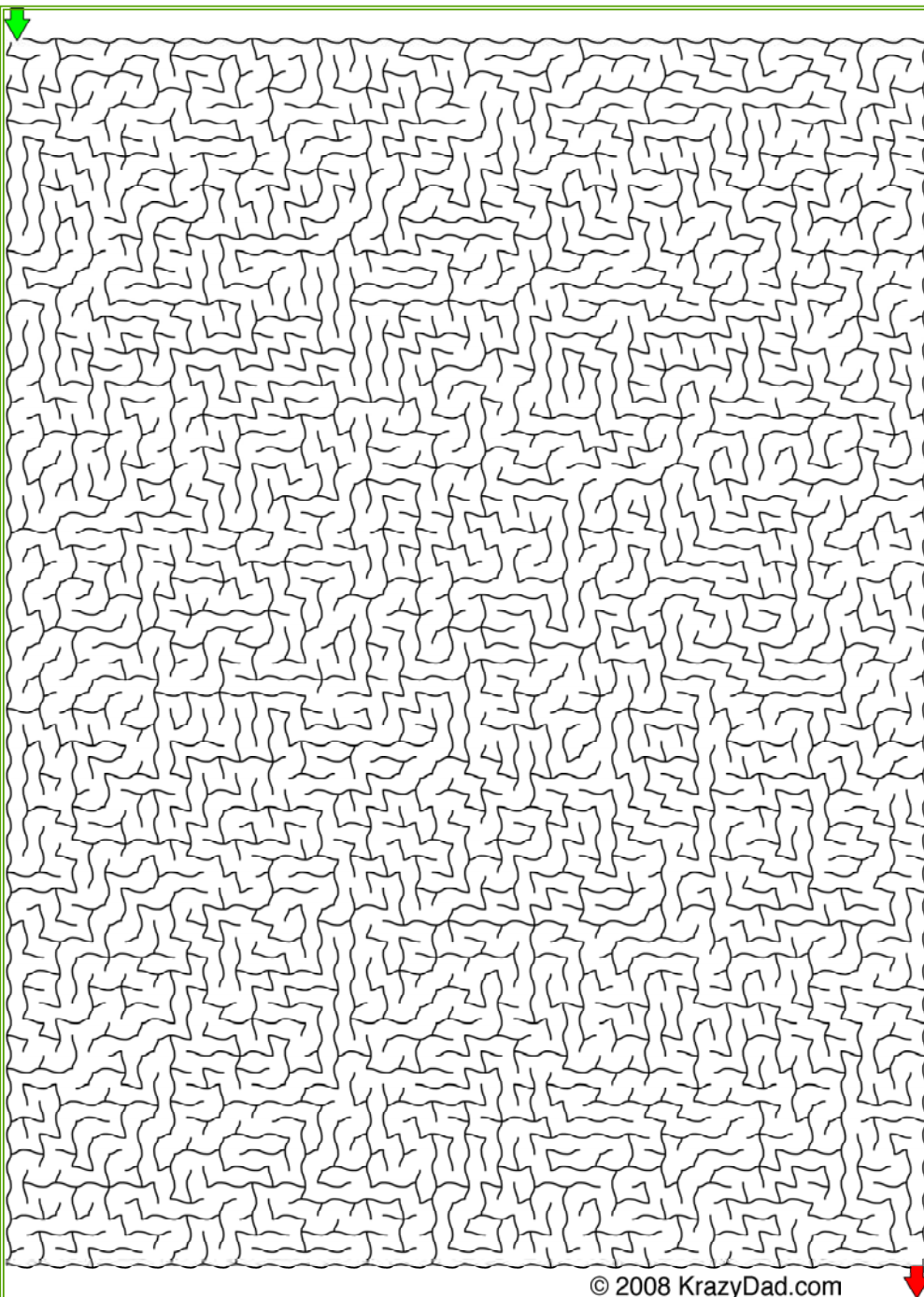
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February 15:

1898: U.S.S. Maine explodes in Havana Harbor, which helps spark the Spanish-American War.

1903: The Teddy Bear is introduced, named after U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt.

Editorial

Stimulus plan for students

As President Barack Obama finishes his week-long national tour underscoring the importance of immediate action on the ailing United States economy, and as the House and Senate have passed different versions of a stimulus bill, the issue is more important than ever to college students.

In January, there were 598,000 reported jobs lost. Congress needs to agree on the expense of the bill in its conference committee that will begin to reverse the effects of the worst economy this country has faced since the Great Depression.

We strongly urge Congress to pass a reasonable stimulus bill and have it on President Obama's desk by Monday. We are encouraged that the Congressional leadership is keeping Congress in session over Presidents Day weekend (Feb. 13-15) to solve their differences, but worry that the session will be burdened with partisanship in a time when we need decisive action.

Students all across the country are struggling to find gainful employment. At John Carroll University, students are paying more than \$30,000 a year for an education that is meant to better their lives once they graduate. If the direction of the economy doesn't change, this may not be the case for graduating seniors.

With a declining job market, stagnant wages and inflation, it is becoming increasingly difficult for students to afford the bill that comes along with higher education and to reap the benefits post-graduation that a college degree is supposed to provide.

The difference between the \$827 billion stimulus package passed by the House of Representatives and the \$838 billion passed by the Senate needs to be resolved and sent to the White House for a signature.

Although neither bill is perfect, they both have significant worthwhile spending. Both bills are divided into two sections: new spending and tax cuts. The new spending portion of the bill contains enough money to create new jobs, help state governments that support college education and provide a \$2,500 college tuition credit for all college students.

The tax cut portion of the bill will provide cuts of up to \$500 per worker, or \$1,000 per family, which will lighten the burden of everyday living. There is also a home buyers tax credit option and aid to the unemployed in both bills.

New jobs will be created in industries that cannot be outsourced. These are jobs of the future that graduating college students can make a good living from. Both bills include spending to bolster jobs to make the U.S. energy grid more efficient, invest in science and technology, infrastructure, education and health care.

As college students, we will be new actors in the working force. But right now, with fewer job options, it seems smarter to go to graduate school. This seems even more dangerous for when we pull ourselves out of this economic downturn; when companies start hiring again, there will be people who are overqualified but not fully utilized.

After spending the amount a JCU student spends on college, we reasonably expect a job, and so the government needs to act. This can simply be done by getting the bill on the President's desk as soon as possible so that the government can begin to tackle issues like health care reform.

Whatever can be done to turn around the constantly depleting job market needs to be done. Right now, that seems to be the agreement on a stimulus bill.

Americans cannot wait for partisanship in the conference committee and for this legislation to be tied up in the Washington web; the point of President Obama's presidency is to highlight that these problems aren't statistics – they are real to real Americans, and especially to college students.



Cartoon by Joe Hinkel

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OUR VIEW

Tips for a feasible, friendly five-year plan



Sean Webster
Asst. World News Editor

So if you happened to pick up a copy of The Carroll News two weeks ago, then you're probably aware of John Carroll University's five-year plan for the future.

I have to admit, the whole idea of a five-year plan makes me a little nervous. It should make you nervous, too. After all, do you know who else used five-year plans? Stalin.

But it's not just the fact that the administration is borrowing ideas from an oppressive dictator of a failed socialist state that has me worried.

Many of the proposals that the plan offers are unnecessary, wasteful and expensive.

For instance, I guess that removing trays from the cafeteria, putting

limits on how much paper we can print and making the switch to 100 percent recycled napkins has reduced way too much of our carbon footprint.

So in order to make up for what we've lost, University officials plan to remove every single bush surrounding the campus.

So much for going green.

The University also wants to buy a number of houses on Milford Road, demolish them all and then create an athletic field.

But what for? It wouldn't be remotely close to any of the dorms, so I doubt many students would use it. And since all of the other athletic facilities would be on the opposite side of campus, which sports teams would use it?

More importantly, just exactly how much money are all these projects going to cost? Because while tuition continues to increase, the amount of financial aid many of us receive this year will likely decline due to the recession.

Don't believe me? Just ask any students receiving Ohio Student Choice Grants, who were all in-

formed last month via e-mail that their rewards would be reduced for this semester to "maintain balance in the overall state budget."

This means that either we will have to take out more loans (which won't be easy, to say the least) or our parents, who have also been hit hard by the recession, will be forced to pay more money.

So I have a suggestion for the administration: instead of spending all that money on projects that will do nothing to increase the quality of the University, why not just send it our way to help us cover the gaps in our financial aid?

It's not exactly what I'd call a bailout, because many of us will still have tens of thousands, or even hundreds of thousands, of dollars in loans to pay back once we graduate.

But still, we'll take whatever we can get.

However, if University officials refuse to lend us a hand, then they should know that there will be consequences. Severe consequences, which may or may not involve gulags.

Lo Castro's
Lowdown

Jenna Lo Castro
Editorial & Op/Ed Editor

Gettin' the
word on:

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"Life is short. Have an affair."

No, I'm not condoning all you attached people out there to stray away from your significant other for one night (or a succession of nights) to partake in some adulterated, conjugal bliss. This phrase is the slogan for a successful and perversely serious Web site called The Ashley Madison Agency and it's dedicated to helping normal people like us engage in discreet affairs.

If you're thinking this is just some random sleazy site, you're actually wrong. Ashley Madison is just one of several active sites that cater to people's extra-marital urges. Now, before you jump online to check this out yourself, I'll save you the 30 minutes you could have spent watching "Law and Order: SVU" by letting you know that I did the work for you. In all my Curious Georgosity, I visited the site to see just how easy and accessible these agencies really are. And what did I find?

Well, just about everything and a little more in a minute and a half.

Faster than you can say, "Britney's back," I was a 5'5," 110 lbs. registered user named Maria who was interested in "anything goes" and looking to chat with any guy living in a 30-mile radius of the Greater Cleveland area.

The fact that I was able to do this so easily and conveniently was frightening. Aside from the obvious creepers and predators posing as Rico Suave, the site asked little more from me than an e-mail and password—there were no restrictions, fees or stringent guidelines. It's literally infidelity at your fingertips.

It didn't take more than a few minutes of perusing these scumbag profiles that I became utterly revolted at what this site and all the other ones out in cyberspace truly

symbolize – a culture that not only supports fast and easy hookups but nurtures and breeds infidelity, lying and superficiality.

But of course, in a discreet fashion!

Between my "Operation Maria" investigation and the quickly approaching Valentine's Day Weekend, the multifaceted topic of cheating became one that I vehemently pursued with friends and co-workers in order to gain further perspective. While my findings were mostly obvious and quite random, the one notion that was consistent up and down the board was that, while we know cheating is bad, the real horror of it all is when people fail to tell their partners about it. Yes, cheating is wrong and hurtful, but what's even more cruel is when another person is completely unaware of something happening right under his or her nose.

Many can offer the correct reasoning for why this happens: People want to have their cake and eat it too. They like the rush of new chemistry and the comfort of an old bond.

And while I partially blame these individuals, I also blame our culture for creating the shallow ideology that discreet infidelity is totally OK.

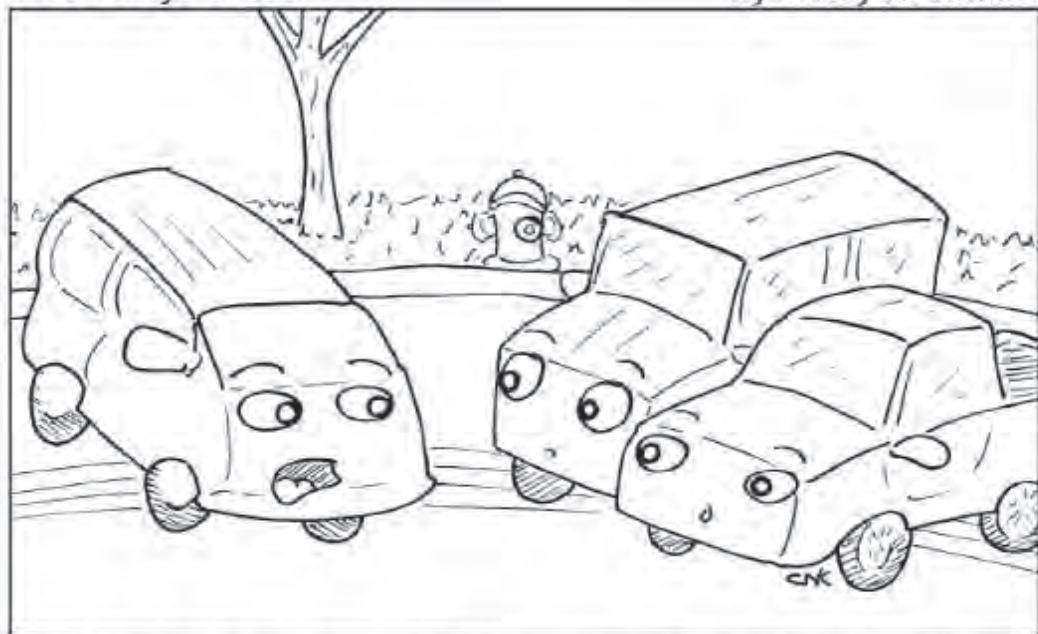
We all know though, that in the end, the relationship you have with the person you've cheated on, is tainted and will ultimately meet its demise or put both of you through emotional hell.

So, if you're cheating on your man or woman, do yourself and them a favor and come clean. You might think you're ruining a Valentine's Day, but in the end you're simply giving that other person a clean, new chance at being hit by Cupid's arrow.

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The Why? Files

by Casey N. Kindle



"No, you guys aren't listening... I'm not saying I'm electric... I'm definitely not electric! I'm just saying... I think I might be hybrid."

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That's what See said: Both of us knowing, love is a battlefield



Bob Seeholzer
Features Editor

Ahh Valentine's Day, the holiday for lovers. With themes of hearts, roses and other miscellaneous items colored in a shade of red, it's the most romantic day of the year.

But love isn't all fun and games. It's about more than a box of Barbie or Power Ranger-themed trading cards. It's a battlefield, and this one goes out to all my soldiers.

Also, I've always really wanted

to use a Pat Benatar song title for a column at some point and I couldn't pass up this opportunity.

I was excited when I wrote this, forgive me if it goes astray.

Valentine's Day is always tough. Whether you're in a relationship or riding solo, there are decisions to be made and Cheesecake Factory bills to be paid.

If you have a significant other, you need to decide on a gift/surprise for them. If you don't have anyone, then you need to decide on how to make yourself a more attractive person for next year.

But as is the case with most editions of TWSS, this isn't about you. It's about me.

This Valentine's Day, I'll be spending the day without my love.

We've been separated since early November and I'm lost without her.

I met this girl when I was nine years old, and what I loved most was that she had so much "sole."

She was special. This girl just never slowed down. I'd always end up out of breath after spending time with her. She found a way to keep me weak in the knees even though we were long past the point of initial attraction.

We had all the same friends: a bunch of skinny boys in short shorts (Yeah, that's a little weird, I know.)

In high school we had an up and down relationship that involved a lot of on and off time. We were a seasonal couple. Even though our

relationship was almost purely physical, over time I actually fell in love with her.

When high school graduation came around, I tried breaking up with her so I could spread my wings. I was entering college and had things to do and girls to meet. I was pretty sure I was over her.

After a few months at JCU, I wasn't happy; there was nothing to fill that void in my life. I realized I couldn't be without her.

So we got back together and it turned out to be a great decision. We had a great year that lasted all summer and into this school year. I'd never been happier.

Then one day out of the blue, we broke up. Literally.

She claimed it was the stress.

She said I had pushed things too hard and because of that I ended up getting hurt. Not too long after that we tried to patch things up but we didn't give ourselves enough time to heal.

Now I'm rehabbing and trying to recover in order to salvage the relationship. The Doctor of Love (and Orthopedics) told me that my problem was serious and would be difficult to overcome.

I love a challenge. Given our history, it's hard to think that we won't find a way back to one another, and it'll probably be sooner than anyone thinks. Hopefully we'll be "running shadows of the night" by the time the OACs roll around.

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YOURVIEW

Letter to the Editor

Dining Hall Etiquette
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It was Saturday around noon. My roommates and I arrived at brunch in the dining hall to find 16 four-person square tables pushed together, stretching almost the entire length of the front room of the dining hall. The first comment out of my mouth was, "Can that person (pointing to table number one) and that person (pointing to table number 16) really hold any sort of conversation across 32 other people?"

To make things worse, all of the extra chairs were strewn all over the area like abandoned puppies, making it more difficult for students to weave pathways through to get to their own tables.

To make things even worse, there were dirty plates, napkins, pieces of food and glasses full of various liquids left all over the 16 tables. I was shocked to discover that there were no chocolate milk/orange juice/Pepsi/bacon concoctions that are the usual trademark of such situations.

I questioned for a long time whether the culprits could have been a group of my peers or a group of four-year-olds. I cannot count how many times in the dining hall I have heard groups of students wander aimlessly looking for a clean table, laden with whiny comments like, "Oh. My. God. Why can't anybody clean off these tables?!" I want to grab them, shake them and ask whether they are really ignorant enough to blame the dining hall staff, or if they are simply forgetting that it is their fellow students who leave these unbelievable messes all over the tables.

Kudos to Bernard, the man we most often see desperately trying to clean the tables at a pace quick enough to satisfy these whiny students, and his co-workers for doing what they are able to in hopes of keeping the dining hall clean.

From carting dirty dishes that they did not use to the dish wash-

ing room, to dragging all 16 tables back to their rightful locations and finding chairs to go with them, it is a wonder we have any clean tables at all.

I have a few requests for my fellow students. First, I sincerely doubt any of us are using more dishes in one sitting than we can possibly carry to the conveyor belt that travels to the people who wash our dishes.

Barring the occurrence of a fire alarm where we all have to rapidly exit, make the small and simple effort to take your own dishes over there – you're headed that way to leave anyway.

Second, if you're just an incredibly messy eater and cannot help but get food and liquid all over the table, for the love of sanitation, take an extra five seconds to run a napkin over the table before you leave.

Third, seriously consider whether you can hear what someone is saying 16 tables down. If the answer is no, try and grab a table that is two feet away from the other table anyway – I guarantee the camaraderie of your sports team, fraternity or group of friends will not be in serious jeopardy by eating separately.

If you do decide to pull two, three, or 16 tables together, here's a radical notion – take another five seconds to pull them back apart before you leave.

Finally and most importantly, remember three simple things when you are in the dining hall, the residence hall bathrooms or anywhere on campus: 1.) We are 18-22 years old, not four. 2.) You are not the only person to use that table, restroom or hallway. Students who came before you left it clean for you, so try to have the same common courtesy. 3.) If you don't clean up your mess, try and remember that it's not Aramark, SSC (housekeeping) and Grounds and Maintenance that will.

It is real people like Bernard, Sharon, Betty, and Diane, or Alicia, Mike, Charles, and Mr. P., or Terry, Kelly, Tim, John and Skip. They are paid employees of our school, not our personal butlers.

You're wrong, I'm Rafferty: Valentine's Day love



Andrew Rafferty
Editor in Chief

Since Valentine's Day is Saturday, a lot of you might be bummed out that you don't have a special someone to share it with. It's probably because you're a loser.

But don't feel too bad, I have a gift for you. No ladies, I can't make all of you my Valentine, but I can make you feel better about your situation, no matter how dire you think things may be.

I will share with you the one time in my life I attempted to go John Cusack on a girl. I still don't know why I decided this particular moment was the right time. I guess I felt like I owed it to myself, but in this instance, I wasn't exactly thinking straight.

Couple problems off the bat:

One: looking back at it, it wasn't romantic. Two: I decided to do this about an hour before the event took place and I was hammered.

Disclaimer: This was a horrible idea. Don't ever try it.

It was the beginning of summer

break; which summer break, I will not specify. I was out with some friends, one of whom happened to be a female I was interested in. Her hair smelled like syrup and her voice sounded like T-Pain using Auto-Tune. It was hot and magical.

This is a girl that I used to talk to quite often, but we went to different schools in different states and over time our conversations became less frequent. Our relationship, if you could even call it that, ended not with a bang, but with a whimper. (No pun intended.)

So at a bar, in a condition that would not allow me to operate a motor vehicle, I decided I was going to make a go at it. Without seeking consultation from anyone else, I decided I was going to tell this girl I thought she was the bee's knees.

I looked at my reflection in the bathroom as I rehearsed how things would go. I would wait until she was ready to leave before I made a move. That way, if things did not work out the way I hoped they would, at least she would be on her way out. The awkwardness would be minimized.

Of course, this diatribe would be too nerve-racking to deliver without the help of some liquid courage.

This has its advantages and disadvantages. The biggest disadvantage is you look like a loser because you

can't have a meaningful conversation with a girl while you're sober. The advantage is, when things go horribly, your defense is that you don't remember what happened.

So the time came and I asked her to wait as she walked out the door. Then I said some stuff that, to me, seemed to rival that scene in "The Notebook" when they make out in the rain.

A couple phrases I used were "I'm crazy about you," and "I think we have a good thing." It wasn't poetry, but it was OK.

She seemed appreciative, but it didn't take me long to realize she wasn't buying it. I think the conversation ended with a "thank you." Whenever you have a conversation with a girl that ends the same way a job interview ends, you know it didn't go well.

I sounded stupid. I looked pathetic.

To make matters worse, her friend was awkwardly waiting for her across the street and kept yelling about how their ride was leaving. No one likes that girl.

So guys, I hope you can work up the nerve to tell her how special she is. Just be sincere, not inebriated. No one will take you seriously and you'll look like a loser, just like me.

On that note, any ladies who want to throw their numbers my way, my e-mail is below. I look forward to hearing from you.

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CAREER CORNER

The Career Fair was last Thursday.
Now what?

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My good friend Jim called last Friday afternoon, the day after the Career Fair. Earlier, he stopped by the Inn-Between for some coffee. Sitting at the next table was a four-some having an animated conversation about last night's Career Fair. He called to share a bit of what he overheard:

"I talked to two or three employers where things really seemed to go well. Sure hope I hear from them."

"I didn't bother to go. Just too much stuff going on. One of my housemates came home really pumped, though."

"I don't care what they say, the whole thing is for business majors. It was a waste of time for a political science or history major."

"I had a class that I couldn't miss so I only had about 45 minutes at the Career Fair. I didn't have time to make it around to all the employers."

"What do you tell these students when you hear these things," he asked. I told him, "I wish I could have been there. I would have just pulled up a chair and talked

it out."

Obviously, I wasn't there, but here are some ideas I would have thrown out on the table.

As for "sure hope I hear from them," there's nothing wrong with following up with an e-mail or a note expressing your appreciation for their time and indicating your interest in talking with them further.

Something you wished you'd brought up? Here's a chance to give them additional information or to reinforce something you talked about. Recruiters often say students don't let them know they really want the job at the end of an interview. Same thing applies for conversations at the Career Fair; let them know you're interested in them.

Then there's, "I didn't bother to go." It's not too late! If you didn't make it to the Career Fair, log on to Career Connection, click on the Career Events tab, and then hit Search Employers. You can set up a search and come up with the employers who attended, their profile information, the positions they're seeking to fill, and the recruiter's name. Put together a cover letter and send it off with your resumé. Don't wait too long to do this though! The info will be up on Career Connection only through the end of February.

"The whole thing is for business majors" is an easy one. A quick check tells us employers had 30 positions for graduating seniors and 23 internships for liberal arts majors.

Now, some of the positions may not be your what you envisioned, but these employers clearly put value on the skills and talents of liberal arts majors and they want to hear from you. In these tough economic times, it's better to conduct your search by looking through a picture window rather than a telescope.

Finally, there's, "didn't have time to make it around to all the employers." Just like the guy who didn't go at all, it's still totally appropriate to do a Career Connection search, identify those you missed and follow-up.

What about you? There's much more to finding a job or an internship than the Career Fair. There's on-campus recruiting and a long list of things.

Better yet, if you're trying to sort out your next step or if you don't have a clue where to start, come see us at the Career Center. We'd love to help you develop a search plan. You can check us out at www.jcu.edu/careercenter or meet with us. We want to see you soon.

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