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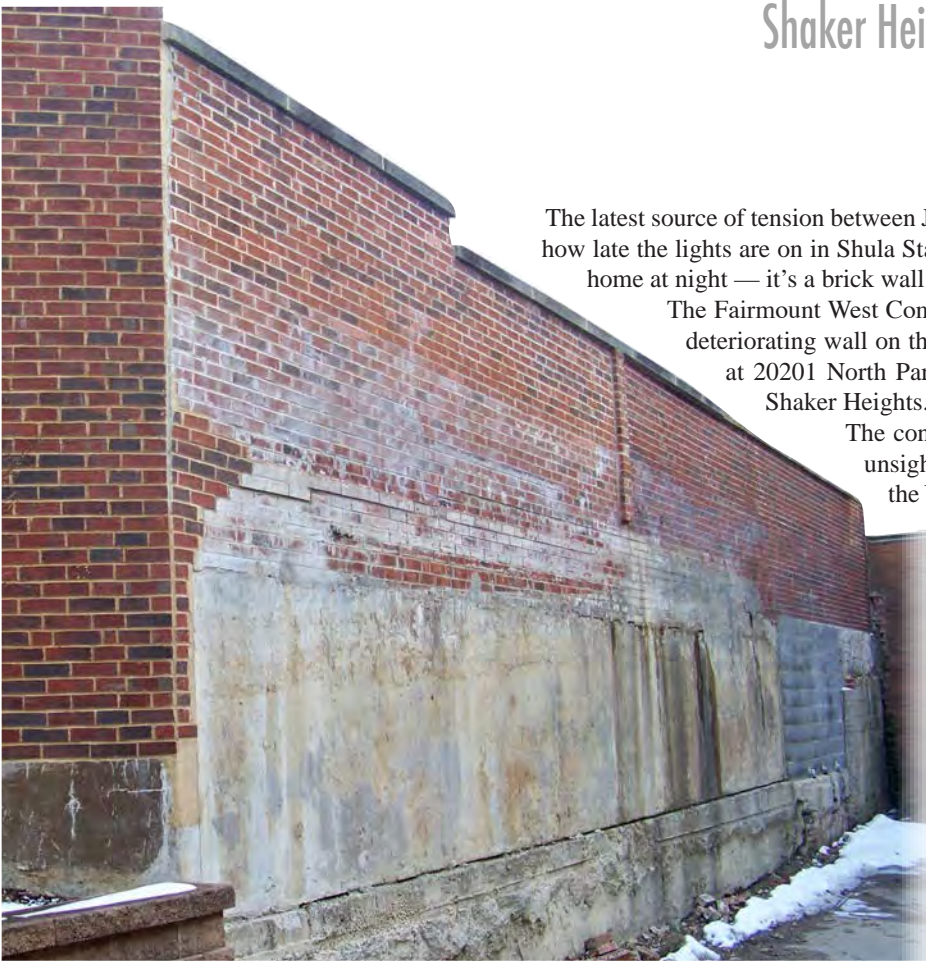
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## Crumbling relationships

Shaker Heights condo owners sue JCU over a deteriorating wall; JCU sues back

Max Flessner, Projects Editor



The wall causing concern to Fairmount West Condominium Association

Photo by Andrew Rafferty

The latest source of tension between John Carroll University and its neighborhood is not how late the lights are on in Shula Stadium, nor is it drunken students loudly stumbling home at night — it's a brick wall.

The Fairmount West Condominium Owners Association is suing JCU for a deteriorating wall on the property line between University-owned condos at 20201 North Park Blvd., and the Fairmount Condos next door in Shaker Heights.

The condo owners claim the wall is structurally unsound, unsightly and decreasing property values. They believe the University has been uncooperative and not taken responsibility to fix the wall. They've taken JCU to Cuyahoga County Court to make sure it does.

But the University's General Counsel Maria Alfaro-Lopez maintains the wall is not on the University's property and a countersuit has been filed against the Fairmount West Condominium Association for the cost the school has incurred in attorney's fees.

She says JCU has done everything it could to resolve the issue, and she was surprised in December of 2007 when she learned of the suit.

Alfaro-Lopez said, "We were trying to resolve the issue quickly and effectively, but once they went to court we felt like we had to defend

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## Cleaning staff cut back

Cassandra Larson  
Staff Reporter

SSC Service Solutions released ten of its 61 workers on Feb. 16, a move that will save the University an estimated \$275,000 per year.

"We started to discuss the custodial cuts in early January," said Carol Dietz, associate vice president of facilities. "It has been a long process."

The SSC Service Solutions is separate from John Carroll University and its employees are part of the Service Employee International Union.

These workers will be the first called back or asked to fill-in or do part-time work, according to Dietz.

"John Carroll has had a contract with this company for several years," Dietz said. "The workers that were let go will be receiving union compensation for 30 days after the initial lay-off."

JCU spends approximately \$1,680,000 per year for janitorial services. The reduction will reduce expenses by about 16 percent.

Making cuts to the maintenance and custodial staff is just one solution for the school to save money. The JCU Budget Committee has proposed several ideas for cost-saving initiatives, such as energy conservation and the immediate destruction of the Bohannon Science Center, which would save them money in the long term.

The recent management of student printing is also a new effort to decrease spending.

In order to compensate for the smaller custodial staff, all of the buildings on campus were surveyed to see where alterations could be made.

"Custodial cuts were made where it seemed appropriate," said Dietz.

The faculty and staff offices are hit the hardest by the change. Before the cut, offices were cleaned five days a week. As of Monday, they will only be maintained once a week by the custodial staff.

The release of employees will also impact the RecPlex, Grasselli Library and Don Shula Stadium. Cleaning hours in both the Rec Plex and Grasselli Library will be reduced by 50 percent, and by 33 percent in the stadium.

However, several of these modifications will take place in the summer months when the majority of students are not on

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## A concert with a cause

Jenny Friedman  
Staff Reporter

On Friday night, the musical talents of seniors Sam Brenner and Peter Niro will join together to celebrate the life of a lost friend at The Concert for Lindsay.

Lindsay Matthews, the sister of John Carroll University senior Scotty Matthews and 2007 graduate Mark Matthews, passed away this November in a tragic accident where she was hit by a tractor-trailer.

"Lindsay was passionate about everything that she did, and was one of the most caring people I know. She was beautiful inside and out," said Scotty Matthews.

The idea for this tribute came from JCU senior Rose Petitti, who originally

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Who: Sam Brenner and Peter Niro  
What: A benefit concert  
Where: Donahue Auditorium  
When: Friday at 9:30 p.m.  
Why: Lindsay Matthews Scholarship Fund



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### JCU and Cleveland Clinic partnership

The Cleveland Clinic and John Carroll University's Graduate Studies program are partnering to offer teachers a "health arts" curriculum. Any certified teachers seeking credit for professional development or licensure renewal are eligible to participate in the Cleveland Clinic's "eXpressions" classroom-based programs and receive graduate credit from John Carroll University.

Registration for the spring semester is now open and closes Feb. 27. For more information contact Mark Storz at (216) 397-4284 or mstorz@jcu.edu.

### Opportunity for credit in China

Any students who are interested in studying abroad are eligible to travel to China this summer. Students can earn political science and history credit, for a total of six credit hours.

The cost of the trip is \$4,950. There will be an informational meeting for those students interested in the trip on Thursday, Feb. 19 at 5 p.m. in AD 248. For more information, contact Pam Mason at pmason@jcu.edu or Frank Congin at fconginc@jcu.edu.

### Students can win tickets for Concert

Students can enter their design for the spring concert T-shirt into a contest for free concert tickets. The artist of the design that is chosen will win two free tickets to the Spring concert with Jack's Mannequin, Matt Nathanson and Low vs. Diamond.

The designs may not include the name of the artist. All designs must be turned into the Office of Student Activities by Feb. 27. For more information contact mmc-kay09@jcu.edu.

- Compiled by  
Emily Gaffney

# JCU awarded \$25,000 grant

Meredith Yagelski  
Staff Reporter

John Carroll University has been named the recipient of a \$25,000 grant given by the Mandel Foundation of Cleveland.

This grant will go toward events and programs that will help improve conversation on topics of inclusiveness and respect for others.

JCU President, the Rev. Robert Niehoff made the announcement on Feb. 3, informing the University community of the news.

Niehoff has chosen five members of the JCU community to comprise the committee that will allocate and distribute the grant money.

Jonathan Smith, executive assistant to the president, will be chairing this committee.

Committee members include Mark McCarthy, vice president for student affairs; Lauren Bowen, professor of political science; Graciela Lacueva, professor of physics; and Brittany Daugherty, a JCU junior.

At their first meeting on Feb. 9, the committee discussed the application process for those programs interested in grant money.

The application has been de-

signed to be easily accessible and simple to complete.

The committee decided that the application will be located online and will be distributed through the daily FSA and All-Stu e-mail. The committee will evaluate the applicant based on needs expressed in the application.

One of the main objectives of the application is to make sure the group has some clear way of assessing how successful or unsuccessful their event goes.

"The main purpose is to have meaningful conversations on the inclusion of all communities. John Carroll University wants to help improve conversation between different groups of people," said Lacueva.

All types of groups on campus are welcome to apply for grant money. Although certain groups are being targeted, the committee welcomes anyone to apply. Between eight to ten grants will be awarded amounts ranging from \$150 to \$4,000.

"We hope that a number of ideas will come from the students. We want to focus it toward residence life. However, any student or even

## What is the Mandel Foundation?

The Mandel Foundation was established in Cleveland, Ohio. Its mission is to help provide outstanding leadership for the nonprofit world.

The Foundation supports leadership education programs in its own institutions and at selected universities and organizations.

Areas of priority at the Foundation are: Leadership, Management of Nonprofits, Higher Education, Jewish Education & Continuity, and Urban Neighborhood Renewal.

-compiled from <http://sps.mli.org.il/MandelFoundation/Mission.htm>

just groups of people are welcome to help spark ideas," said Smith.

The committee is very open to all ideas expressed in the application. However, innovative and creative ideas are the main objectives. They are also looking to impact the students and surrounding communities.

"We are hoping that via these grants we will take additional steps to foster a climate of inclusion at JCU and more specifically will de-

velop our cultural competencies – so that there is mutual understanding and respect," said Bowen.

The application process will begin within the next few weeks. The committee hopes they will be able to start giving grants out by the end of the semester. They anticipate that these programs will be underway by the end of the semester, however, it seems more likely for things to start at the beginning of this coming fall semester.

## JCU seniors co-headline a concert to honor the life of a friend, aim to raise \$1,000 for Lindsay Matthews Scholarship Fund.

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wanted to design a late night programming event where Brenner and Niro would co-headline a concert.

Petitti pitched the idea to Brenner in December, and he suggested they turn the event into a benefit concert for Lindsay, as the Matthews family had just established a scholarship fund in Lindsay's honor.

Petitti, Brenner and Niro agreed to give all the proceeds of the concert, generated by ticket and merchandise sales, to the Matthews family and agreed upon the time and place for the concert as well as what merchandise items to sell.

Petitti then ordered the T-shirts and secured the Donahue Auditorium as the venue.

Petitti is the Senior RA of Bernet Hall, so she was able to acquire funding from Late Night Programming and Residence Life to pay for the event.

Brenner said that the trio assigned themselves various duties to complete in order for this event to transpire. "We assumed all creative control for the project," he said.

The goal of the night is to raise \$1,000 for the Lindsay Matthews Scholarship Fund.

Therefore, there will be a \$2 admission fee to enter the concert.

Merchandise for sale includes custom designed T-shirts, Brenner's new album, "Live From My Bedroom" and Niro's album, "Undecided."

More than 100 Lindsay Matthews custom wristbands will also be on sale.

Friday's three-hour musical performance will be the first time JCU's musical powerhouses, Niro and Brenner, co-headline a show.

Not only has this ignited a tremendous amount of hype in the JCU community, but it has provoked an outpouring of invaluable support from students and friends.

"I've received several phone calls and e-mails informing me that if there is anything at all that is needed for Friday, that help was just a phone call away," said Brenner.

Brenner is not the only one stunned by the generous outpouring of support.

"I was truly taken back by the

thought [of a concert for Lindsay]," said Scotty Matthews. "I really do believe I have some of the greatest friends a person could ever ask for," he said.

There are high expectations regarding this performance, and the musicians seem to be as excited.

"I'm ready to rock some socks off," said Brenner.

Niro is equally as excited. He said his reason for joining with Brenner in this effort is twofold.

"I have never co-headlined a show with Sam before and this is for a good cause," said Niro. "I am honored to be a part of it."

Those who have witnessed Brenner or Niro perform know that their shows are entertaining and inclusive towards the audience.

To get a sneak peak of the two artists, students may visit Brenner's and Niro's Web sites at [www.sam-brenner.com](http://www.sam-brenner.com) and [www.peterniro.com](http://www.peterniro.com).

Friday's concert begins at 9:30 p.m. in the Donahue Auditorium. Doors will open at 9 p.m. and the show is expected to last until about 12:30 a.m.

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campus. From May through August, hallways and stairwells will only be washed three times per week.

Several students shared their opinions on the release of custodial staff. "Since we are in an economic recession, it is probably a good thing that the school is cutting back," said Claudia Znidarsic, a freshman. "But I do hope that our buildings remain clean."

No changes will be made to the services in the Boler School of Business, because several evening graduate classes are held there. All residence halls and restrooms on campus will also be maintained as usual.

"I think that the upcoming months will act as a trial period to see how efficient the custodial staff is with fewer workers," said Alyssa Fligge, a freshman. "I hate to see employees let go, but if the school remains tidy and money is saved, then it seems worth it."

There was also a reaction about how the cutback could impact the University in the long-run.

"The Rec Plex and the Grasselli Library are major facilities of the school," said Robert Utrup, a freshman. "Keeping them clean is important to attracting prospective students."

## Campus Safety Log



**February 12, 2009**

Signs from Bohannon Science Center were reported stolen at 2:43 p.m.

**February 12, 2009**

A theft from Bruening Hall was reported at 5:20 p.m.

**February 13, 2009**

The smell of marijuana was reported in Murphy Hall at 10:30 p.m.

**February 14, 2009**

A light fixture was ripped from the wall of a residence hall at 2:47 a.m.

**February 14, 2009**

Damage to a vehicle was reported at 5:30 p.m.

**February 16, 2009**

Damage to a ceiling tile in Murphy Hall was reported at 9:30 a.m.

These incidents are taken from the files of Campus Safety Services, located in the lower level of the Lombardo Student Center. For more information contact x1615.



## JCU and neighbors engage in legal dispute over wall

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ourselves.”

Alfaro-Lopez sent a letter to the homeowners association requesting that an engineer, who the homeowners association has used in the past, be granted access to the property to survey the current scene of the wall.

JCU offered to cover the costs of sending an engineer to Shaker Heights.

“We wanted to be good neighbors,” said Alfaro-Lopez.

But JCU’s idea of being a good neighbor differed with that of the condo owners.

The letter was not well-received. Regina Sweeney, a 20-year resident of the condos, said the owner’s association was uncomfortable with what they perceived to be the prosecutorial nature of the letter.

The letter required signatures from the condo owners, which they were unwilling to provide.

Instead, they contacted an attorney, and soon after a lawsuit was filed.

Once the condominium association retained private counsel, Sweeney says Alfaro-Lopez would no longer speak with her, only the attorneys.

“They [JCU] were giving us a hard time. We felt like we had to go to court; so we did,” Sweeney said. Once that happened, JCU became “less cooperative.”

The biggest point of contention is whose property the wall is actually on.

Alfaro-Lopez said, “The wall is on their property, the predecessor constructed the wall and did it in such a way that exposed an underground wall to the elements.”

According to Alfaro-Lopez, the wall was not attached or maintained properly, which is why it deteriorated.

“In all likelihood it’s their property that’s causing the leaking, but we didn’t want to debate that, we wanted to resolve the situation,” she said.

After JCU attorneys learned the school was being sued, a counterclaim was filed against the Fairmount West Condominium Association.

As the legal proceedings went on

and more facts were discovered, JCU seemed to think its’ case was more legitimate.

“The more facts that were discovered, the more they seemed greedy,” Alfaro-Lopez said.

Alfaro-Lopez said the condo association wanted the University to construct a brick veneer, which would cost around \$60,000.



This map shows the wall’s proximity to JCU. The University owns the property next to the wall.



Photo by Max Flessner

While Sweeney acknowledges that the homeowners association set aside \$20,000 for repairs to the wall, she said that most of that money has gone towards legal fees.

“The association had been advised to work on the wall in the past, but didn’t,” said Alfaro-Lopez.

“That probably would’ve cost around \$4,000.”

JCU has filed a summary judgment, which would mean that the undisputed facts of the case—the fact there is a deteriorating wall—should lead the Cuyahoga County Court to rule in JCU’s favor.

The University feels the judge will agree it is not its responsibility to pay for the wall’s repair.

The next court date is scheduled for Feb. 24, according to attorney

Michael Tyminski, who is representing the Fairmount West Condominium Association in this case.

The court will rule on summary judgment then.

Once that happens, the counterclaim that JCU filed, which would recover from the Condominium Association all fees paid to outside counsel by JCU, will be decided.

Sweeney acknowledged that the Fairmount West Condominium Association is strongly considering dropping the lawsuit because Shaker Heights has stepped in to help mediate the dispute.

## Group of JCU students will live the simple life in University duplex

Emily Gaffney

Assistant Campus Editor

A group of John Carroll University students are committing to a year of conserving electricity, water and gas, recycling products, and eliminating television in an effort to live simply.

These students have created a “living simply” community that will be housed in two of the University-owned duplexes on Warrensville Center Road.

The living simply community is meant to create a living environment that follows the core values of a simple living lifestyle.

These core values include embracing the Jesuit Catholic mission, learning about sustainability and solidarity, doing service in the greater community and educating others about living simply.

Students who participate in this community will educate other

students on social issues, solidarity and poverty.

Participating students will have required weekly service and community reflection.

They will also hold regular community meetings where students can discuss and work through any issue collectively. Other commitments students will be required to follow will be decided upon as a community.

Campus Ministry will have a major part in providing support and direction for the community, but the initial idea came from one JCU student.

Junior Andy Trares brought the idea of creating a living simply community to JCU after experiencing a similar one while studying abroad in El Salvador.

“I felt that, in addition to advocating for larger social justice issues, I could live out those ideals and values in the actions of my

life. That’s why I went to Campus Ministry with the idea of starting a living simply community similar to the one I experienced while studying abroad,” said Trares.

According to John Scarano, di-

“I want to be a lot more intentional about everything I consume”

-Natalie Terry  
JCU junior

rector of campus ministry, the cost of the community for participating students will be no less than that which other students pay for living in the University’s duplexes.

In addition, students will not buy a meal plan from the University.

Instead, they will pool their money to pay for locally grown food and fair trade products.

This is meant to encourage students to eat less, reduce waste and exhibit solidarity with the poor, which are underlying principles of the community.

This idea is especially attractive to students like junior Natalie Terry, who will be participating in the community.

“After being at JCU, I really have a deep need to start to live within my own means and to live a lifestyle that shows concern for others,” said Terry.

Terry finds that the community is helpful in bringing college students face-to-face with the reality of how much they consume.

“I have so much stuff in my dorm

room and consume so much food in the dining hall,” said Terry.

“I want to be a lot more intentional about everything I consume including food, clothing and electricity, and I feel like a community like this will be able to support me in everything I’m trying to do.”

The community is intended for juniors, seniors, fifth-year seniors and graduate students.

However, exceptions have been made for rising sophomores who have shown interest in the community.

The duplexes in which the community will be housed currently have eight beds, but that could change, according to Scarano.

“This community is in tune with the University and Jesuit ideals,” said Scarano.

“My hope is that it will be a rousing success and we’ll be able to increase the number of houses that are a part of this community.”

## CAMPUS CALENDAR: FEB. 19-FEB. 25

19	Thursday	20	Friday	21	Saturday	22	Sunday	23	Monday	24	Tuesday	25	Wednesday
An Ignatian Prayer Service will be celebrated in St. Francis Chapel at 12:20 p.m.	Poet Gina Loring will perform in the Underground at 9 p.m.	Wing and Spa Night will be held in Dolan at 9 p.m.	A non-denominational worship service will be celebrated in St. Francis Chapel at 4 p.m.	Daily Mass will be celebrated in St. Francis Chapel at 12:05 p.m.	Jacque Reid will speak in Donahue Auditorium at 7 p.m.	A prayer service and ash distribution will be celebrated at 11:45 p.m.	Mass and ash distribution will be celebrated in St. Francis Chapel at 12:05 p.m., 5:05 p.m., and 10 p.m.						



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## The Lonely Island releases new album, 'Incredibad'

### ALBUM REVIEW

#### 'Incredibad'



**Bob Seeholzer**  
Features Editor

The Lonely Island, consisting of Saturday Night Live cast member Andy Samberg and writers Akiva Schaeffer and Jorma Taccone, has taken their musical hijinks to a new level by releasing an actual album titled "Incredibad."

The comedy trio responsible for SNL's Digital Shorts has gone from being a cult Internet phenomenon to a pop culture sensation with the release of their first two singles "I'm on a Boat," which features the autotuned vocals of T-Pain, and another song with a title not fit to print. The videos have combined for nearly 30 million views in just over two months.

T-Pain isn't the only music superstar The Lonely Island was able to feature on their album of comedic tomfoolery.

Rapper E-40 joins the guys to discuss Carlos Santana's brand of sparkling wine on "Santana DVX." Comedian Jack Black makes

an appearance on "Sax Man," which is the story of a saxophone prodigy who doesn't live up to his potential.

"Boombbox" features guest vocals from The Strokes' front man Julian Casablancas and goes into detail about the power a boombox can have on society as well as the prevalence of boiled goose in the American diet. Grammy Award-winning singer Norah Jones provides the chorus on "Dreamgirl," which is "sponsored by Chex Mix."

"Space Olympics" is a look into what the 3022 Olympics might look like if the athletes were to take their game into outer space where there is no light or sound. It also explains how to deal with "budget snafus" by having the guy in charge, who is played by an albino Samberg, limiting athletes to one meal a day.

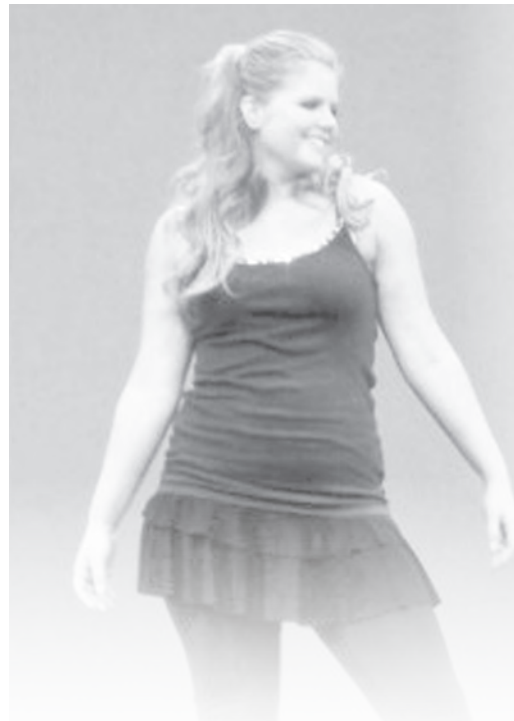
The Rastafarian anthem "Ras Trent" features Samberg as a college student who has embraced the Jamaican lifestyle. It's quite possibly the dumbest song on the album but manages to be one of the catchiest, too.

Natalie Portman makes arguably the most surprising appearance on the album as she unleashes a profanity-filled tirade of a rap during an interview with former SNL-er Chris Parnell. The album also features former SNL Digital Shorts "Lazy Sunday" and a well-known song about the perfect Christmas gift, which stars Parnell and Justin Timberlake, respectively.

The Lonely Island delivers the goods in a way that only they could. Their reputation for nonsense and silliness comes to fruition over the 45 minutes it takes to listen to the 17 tracks. Odds are you've seen one of their videos. If you liked what you saw then you'll probably like what you hear, too.



Photo courtesy of dellypod.com



John Carroll University senior Katie Stinson took center stage on Friday in the Kulas Auditorium.

Photo by Kristin Cola

## JCU talent delivers

The JCU Dance Ensemble performed free-of-charge in Kulas Friday night, featuring Rhapsody Blue, the Sweet Carrollines, OCD and Latin Flow

**Haley Bishop**  
The Carroll News

Bad luck is associated with Friday the 13th, but John Carroll University's "Night of Performance" showed only signs of good luck and fortune.

An enticing night of entertainment for many JCU students was provided in the Kulas Auditorium, as the JCU Dance Ensemble performed, featuring Rhapsody Blue, Sweet Carrollines, OCD and Latin Flow.

Senior Melanie Hreha said, "This was one of the more entertaining performances that I have seen at JCU. This was due to the variety of different performance styles that were each unique and well executed."

Rhapsody Blue and the JCU Dance Ensemble were the crowd favorites and didn't disappoint their many eager fans. The Dance Ensemble performed some particular crowd pleasers that included "Killing Me Softly" by the Fugees, "The Garden" by Mirah, and "All Around Me" by Flyleaf.

In particular, Mary Santez,

Lindsey Flanick, Erika Reed, Roo Spangler and Amanda Heimburg demonstrated tremendous amounts of talent. It was obvious that they had spent many years studying the art of dance.

Although Rhapsody Blue performed with fewer members than usual, the strong melodic voices placed undeniable smiles on numerous faces.

Walt Disney years by performing the childhood favorite "Under the Sea," from "The Little Mermaid."

Next came an awe-inspiring performance from the dance group OCD, formerly known as TKU, which had everyone in disbelief after their sharp robotic moves.

Following OCD came the front man senior Reid Pierce with his group Latin Flow. This act included rhythmic moves and high energy. All performances will not soon be forgotten.

Students at JCU should be proud of the diversity that the campus is starting to display, which could be seen during Friday night's performances. It may be the missing link needed to spark the student's interest in the arts.

JCU has been lucky enough to acquire tremendous amounts of talent from students of all different backgrounds, thus adding to the excitement that is to come in the near future for JCU.

For those avid fans of Rhapsody Blue, make sure to mark your calendars for their next headlining concert on April 2, which will surely be a night to remember.

"This was one of the more entertaining performances that I have seen at JCU."

**-Melanie Hreha**  
JCU Senior

Talented leaders of the group that night included Lance Street, Justin Heegan, Dan Simpson, Adam Miller and Brandon Keller, who exemplified incredible skill at beatboxing.

In addition, one of JCU's newest entities, the female a cappella group named the Sweet Carrollines, provided reminiscent times of students'

## Isla Fisher redeems 'Confessions of a Shopaholic'

Fisher's versatile acting abilities make up for a poor screenplay in new romantic comedy

### MOVIE REVIEW

#### 'ConfessionsofaShopaholic'



**Rachel Szuch**  
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Isla Fisher stars in the romantic comedy "Confessions of a Shopaholic," based on the best-selling book by Sophie Kinsella. Rebecca Bloomwood is a fashion-savvy journalist whose dream is to work for the esteemed fashion magazine, Alette.

Living in the fashion capital of the United States - New York City - Bloomwood finds herself addicted to the world of high fashion without any source of income after the magazine

she was writing for folds.

With the bills piling up and the debt collectors calling relentlessly, Bloomwood decides that it's time to pay up on her more than \$16,000 in store credit card debt.

Decked out in expensive labels and an empty Gucci purse, Bloomwood heads to an interview with Alette only to find that the position has already been filled.

Not letting this set-back get her down, Bloomwood takes a job at Successful Savings, a financial magazine under Dante West, the same publishing house as Alette. It is her "yellow brick road" to the job of her dreams.

On her way to the top, Bloomwood begins to fall for her stylish boss and finds that love is the one thing that her credit cards can't buy.

Fisher plays her role with ease and accessibility. Women everywhere, as well as men with an appetite for fashion, can relate to Bloomwood's

character.

When a new pair of shoes is calling, sometimes it's just all too easy to swipe our "magic cards," as a young Bloomwood calls to her store credit cards in the film.

And for those of you who have experienced the wrath of debt collectors like the ever-persistent Derek Smeat in "Confessions of a Shopaholic," you know that credit cards are no joke.

Fisher makes the film's choppy screenplay and mediocre plot more believable and true-to-life with each scene.

From her uncanny ability to deliver uncontrollable laughs to her knack for drawing out the audience's emotions, Fisher knows her stuff and isn't afraid to demonstrate her versatility.



Rebecca Bloomwood (Isla Fisher) is a determined journalist with a taste for high-fashion and a mountain of debt.

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## Such and Szuch

Credit cravings:  
The dangers of swiping



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I got my first credit card at 18. It was such a liberating feeling, getting the envelope that held the small piece of powerful plastic in the mail. Granted it was just a jewelry store card with a \$300 limit, but that was enough. At the time, it was a way for me to build credit and splurge on something I wouldn't normally purchase for myself.

The plan was to destroy the card, which has an outlandishly lofty annual percentage rate, after I had built up enough credit to get a major credit card. Well I did build credit and I did get a major credit card... or two. However, that jewelry store card still has a home in my wallet and it still isn't paid off.

My problem here was that the credit line was so low, and the payments so easy to make, that each time I would pay it off I'd simply find something else to buy – between birthdays and holidays, my mother has gotten several jewelry items over the past few years.

Last year, with classes taking their toll and working as much as I could with very little time for sleep, I thought it was time to finally put my "emergency" Platinum MasterCard into action. After all, a complete lack of snoozing and no time to study seemed like an emergency situation at the time.

Let's just say that the beginning line of credit did not last long. I eventually met my limit (which was not much to begin with) and while I've kept up with the payments, I have to wonder: were they really emergencies?

The problem is that credit cards are so easy to use that they become an addiction. The "I'll just use it this once" phrase becomes part of our daily vocabulary. This is something Miss Becky Bloomwood (Isla Fisher) quickly learned in the new film, "Confessions of a Shopaholic." Watching the movie, I couldn't help but identify with the character, who is a young journalist with no money, a wallet full of plastic and an appetite for expensive clothes.

While I've never been one for pricey duds and my credit debt isn't anywhere near comparable to that of Bloomwood's character, who had more than \$16,000 in credit card debt, I have to wonder: Did I really need to use the cards?

Of course not. Without them, I would have simply done without or worked a few more hours each week. But, swiping was just all too convenient. I suppose the credit I have earned will help me soon enough, but the diamond studs I bought myself are unlikely to do me any real good.

In a nation where the economy is all but flourishing, we are so apt to dig ourselves deeper into debt with high interest rates and unreasonable APR's. Having felt the wrath of towering credit payments, I now quiver when I get a notice that my credit line has been increased – frankly, I'd rather not know.

The moral of my story is that building credit is a great investment in your future. After all, come graduation time when you're trying to lease an apartment or buy a new car, a high credit score will be a hot commodity. However, a jewelry store card probably isn't the best way to accumulate that credit.

Now when I get those thick envelopes that read "pre-approved" across the front, I aim directly for the trash.

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## National Eating Disorder Awareness Week comes to John Carroll University

JCU will host two events sponsored by Eating Disorder Advocates of Ohio on the topic of eating disorders during the week of Feb. 22

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Suffering from both anorexia and bulimia during her teenage years, Michelle Togliatti knows the seriousness of eating disorders.

The co-founder of the Eating Disorder Advocates of Ohio said, "When I recovered I turned my struggles into my passion."

This coming week, Feb. 22 through Feb. 28, is the launch of National Eating Disorder Awareness Week. In honor of the week, the Eating Disorder Advocates of Ohio is bringing the topic of eating disorders to the public through events focused on eating disorders and positive body images.

The John Carroll University Counseling Center is joining with EDAO to sponsor two events. The Healing Arts display is a traveling showcase that focuses on eating disorder patients' struggles, treatment and recovery through poetry, artwork and photographs. The display will move around town throughout the week, but it starts off at JCU in the Art Gallery located in the Dolan Science Center.

JCU is also participating in the "Be Comfortable in Your Genes" Jeans Giveaway. "Most women have jeans that are too tight or don't fit right now but hang on to them just in case," said Mary Beth Javorek of the University Counseling Center. "By getting rid of these jeans and donating them, we're encouraging people to be comfortable with their genetics... to accept that you're not going to look like the supermodels and you're not supposed to."

All donated jeans can be dropped off in the bin located in the Student Center. All items collected will be donated to The Battered Women's Shelter of Summit and Medina Counties.

Off campus, the National Eating Disorder Awareness Week includes activities all over the northern region of Ohio and is starting off with a bang at the scale smashing event in Akron

on Feb.22.

EDAO members along with eating disorder sufferers and their friends, families and supporters will be taking sledge hammers, bowling balls and baseball bats to bathroom scales to celebrate that people are more than just their weight.

The second scheduled event takes place on Feb. 23 in Independence, Ohio and features a speech given by a local father about his story of living with a daughter suffering from an eating disorder.

Other events include two speakers, one of which is being held at The Cleveland Center for Eating Disorders treatment center in Beachwood and will feature a book signing by speaker Dr. Susan Albers, the best-selling author of "Eating Mindfully and Mindful Eating 101."

It will also include a red carpet premiere screening of the movie "America the Beautiful." The film is a documentary that explores the question, "Does America have an unhealthy obsession with beauty?" The film has a special Q&A session with the producer of the film, Darryl Roberts.

According to [nationaleatingdisorders.org](http://nationaleatingdisorders.org), recent studies estimate as many as ten million females and one million

males in the United States suffer from eating disorders.

These estimations are based only on those with anorexia or bulimia. Millions more are struggling with binge eating disorders.

"All types of eating disorders are diagnosed as mental illnesses," said Togliatti. "And out of all mental illnesses, eating disorder sufferers have the highest suicide rate. People don't realize that sufferers are fighting a life or death battle."

But being skinny isn't the only reason individuals have problems with eating disorders. For many people, eating disorders become about gaining control. Many sufferers feel that if they can control their eating they can have some control over their lives.

To get involved both during and after National Eating Disorder Awareness Week, visit [www.edadvocatesofohio.com](http://www.edadvocatesofohio.com).



## Entertainment Calendar

Check out what's happening in Cleveland this week!

**2.20 & 2.21**  
**Flogging Molly**  
House of Blues  
7 p.m.  
\$23.50- \$29.50

**2.21**  
**Brett Dennen**  
Beachland Ballroom  
9 p.m.  
\$15

**2.22**  
**D. Roof's CD Release Party**  
Grog Shop  
8 p.m.  
\$10

**2.23**  
**Mudvayne**  
House of Blues  
6 p.m.  
\$31

**2.23**  
**Solange**  
House of Blues  
9 p.m.  
\$15

**2.25**  
**Pat McGee Band**  
Agora Theatre  
7:30 p.m.  
\$17



## Four things you should know about this week:



AP Photo

Venezuela President Hugo Chavez

### 1. Chavez benefits in referendum

**A possible move toward a dictatorship:** Venezuelans voted on Sunday to remove presidential term limits from their constitution. President Hugo Chavez, who has been in office since 1998, championed the referendum. Although his current term ends in 2013, many suspect that he will now remain president for as long as he wishes. Chavez argued that he needed more time to implement his combination of socialist and populist policies, which are popular among Venezuela's populous lower class.

**Crushing the opposition:** About two years ago, a similar referendum failed to pass, largely because of a student-led opposition movement. This time, however, the government cracked down on opposition movements and held a number of rallies in support of the measure. Since taking office, Chavez has carried out his socialist-inspired "revolution," nationalizing many of Venezuela's industries, including its profitable oil industry.

### 2. Tragedy strikes Buffalo

Last Thursday night, a commercial plane crashed into a house near Buffalo, N.Y., killing all 44 passengers and four crew members aboard, along with a resident of the house. Ice and foggy conditions may have played a role in the accident, which took place only a few miles from its final destination of Buffalo's Niagara Airport. Reports also indicated that the plane had been on autopilot at the time of impact, and that it struck the ground flat despite eyewitness reports that it nose-dived. It was the first fatal crash of a commercial airliner in the United States since 2006. Among the victims was Beverly Eckert, whose husband was killed in the 9/11 attacks. She was traveling on the flight into Buffalo to celebrate what would have been his 58th birthday.

### 3. More troops to Afghanistan

On Tuesday, President Barack Obama announced that he would send 17,000 additional troops to Afghanistan this spring and summer to counter increasing violence caused by Al-Qaeda and Taliban insurgents, bringing the total number of U.S. soldiers there to 53,000. A recent United Nations report said that civilian deaths increased by 40 percent in 2008. Insurgents have been able to regroup in the mountainous tribal regions along the Afghan-Pakistani border where the government has little or no control. Although Army officials have called for up to 30,000 additional troops, the administration cannot make further increases until more brigades return from Iraq, where violence has drastically fallen since 2007. Obama has also signaled that he will press members of NATO to send additional troops and resources.

### 4. Hope in Darfur?

Sudan's government and Darfur's dominant rebel group, the Justice and Equality Movement, agreed on Tuesday to begin negotiations next month to focus on ending the six-year war in Darfur, which has displaced more than 2.5 million civilians. However, while the two parties hope to reach a peace deal within three months, they were unable to reach a cease-fire in talks this week. Other rebel groups have been unwilling to participate in these talks. A cease-fire is a necessary first step in any peace agreement between the two groups, who engaged in violent confrontations in western Darfur as recently as last week. Even if a deal is reached, the absence of other rebel groups will decrease the effectiveness of any agreement.

Compiled by Sean Webster



AP Photo

President Barack Obama signs into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act submitted by Congress after giving an extensive speech to a large crowd in Boulder, Colo. on Tuesday.

## Obama signs the stimulus package

Sean Webster

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With the passage of the \$787 billion stimulus package last week, Americans were given their first real glimpse of how President Barack Obama will work with Congress to implement his ambitious reformist agenda.

On Tuesday, Obama signed the stimulus package into law in front of a crowd in Boulder, Colo.

Since November's election, Obama has been able to maintain exceptionally high approval ratings. For instance, despite a few road bumps along the way regarding his cabinet nominees, a recent Gallup poll put his approval rating at 67 percent.

For the last few weeks, Obama sought to utilize this soaring amount of popularity and public support – otherwise known as political capital – to enact the largest economic recovery package since Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal in the 1930s.

During visits to a number of cities that have been hit hard by the current economic crisis, Obama linked his political future to the outcome of the bill, saying that if it failed, America would "have a new president" in 2012.

Even though Congress passed the stimulus, the bill lacked the broad bipartisan support that Obama hoped it would receive.

Despite attempts made by Obama to reach across the aisle to Republicans, who generally called for more tax cuts and less spending, the bill received no Republican votes in the House, and just enough in the Senate to avoid a Republican filibuster, which would have killed the bill.

Various concessions were made to Republicans, including an extended patch to the alternative minimum tax worth almost \$70 billion, and a tax cut for first time home-buyers worth roughly \$6.6 billion, both of which were Republican proposals.

The overall size of the bill was also trimmed from more than \$900 billion to \$787 billion. Aid to states was reduced, funding for school

"For our American story is not, and never has been, about things coming easy. It's about rising to the moment when the moment is hard, and converting crisis into opportunity, and seeing to it that we emerge from whatever trials we face stronger than we were before."

- President Barack Obama,  
Remarks at signing of the stimulus bill

construction was cut and a number of projects deemed as wasteful "pork" were eliminated, including \$122 million for Coast Guard ice breakers and various historic preservation projects.

Nonetheless, the bill only managed a measly – albeit vital – three Republican votes in the Senate, resulting in criticism that the bill lacked the broad support needed to effectively restore Americans' confidence in the economy.

Critics included former rival and Republican Sen. John McCain, who said, "This bill was not bipartisan. It is incredibly expensive."

The outcome, however, was no surprise to Elizabeth Stiles, a professor of political science at John Carroll University, who simply views it as "politics as usual."

She pointed out that politically, the Republican Party would not have gained by supporting a Democratic bill, so it was wiser for them to oppose it.

Republicans, however, were not the only ones who were disappointed with the stimulus. Some liberal supporters of Obama, including Nobel laureate economist Paul Krugman, believe that the concessions added to the bill to attract Republican votes "watered it down."

Since the guidelines of the stimulus were released last month, Krugman has repeatedly said that it will be too small and too ineffective to lead to a full-scale economic recovery.

Others argue that instead of pouring billions of dollars into existing programs and policies,

Obama should have made the most out of the current economic crisis to enact comprehensive reforms, especially in regards to health care and education.

The fact that even Obama admitted that the final bill was "not perfect" leads some to wonder whether he will have to make a choice in the future between pursuing bipartisanship at the expense of his agenda, or vice versa.

While the administration has been blamed for being naïve to have such high bipartisan expectations, it seemed to have learned an important lesson from the ordeal.

Obama officials have admitted that perhaps the president spent too much time focusing on bipartisanship.

In the future, Obama has signaled that the measure of bipartisanship success will be determined more by the amount of Republican involvement in the legislative process than the amount of Republican votes that legislation receives.

Although he has been in office less than a month, Obama seems to realize the stimulus will make or break his presidency.

Though it will take some time before its effect on the economy really starts to materialize, the bill's results will have a huge effect on Obama's political capital.

Its level of success will certainly play an important role in Obama's ability to carry out the rest of his political agenda, and might also significantly influence the Congressional elections that will occur in 2010.



## Rome is Burning



Mike Zurn

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## Stimulating uncertainty

Recently, Congress passed and Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, also known as the economic stimulus. As I watched Obama's remarks about the bill, I began to wonder how "stimulating" it would be for the economy. I then decided to do some research and found little justification to convince me of another \$1 trillion worth of debt.

Even though the bill will ultimately boost perceptions and increase consumer confidence, it does little to actually improve the nation's economic situation in the short term. This is odd considering the urgent need for a bill stressed by the administration and certain members of Congress.

Passage of the stimulus was so pressed that most Congressional representatives were not allowed to read the final version of the bill. I guess it is not even worth reading where \$787 billion will be spent. Just put it on our tab, China.

A majority of the bill is allocated to change the U.S. economic climate in the long-term. Significant investment into programs that increase unemployment benefits, welfare assistance, health care and renewable energy will not influence consumer spending now. In fact, these programs may only have a chance of transforming the long-term structure of the economy.

This attempt to restructure the economy right now will breed short-term uncertainty among investors. Given the current state and volatility of the markets, uncertainty does not seem strategic or plausible. Moreover, increases in uncertainty will hinder growth and likely offset any bump in confidence stemming from the bill.

In addition, some of the programs might actually have the opposite intended effect. For example, increasing the length and amount of unemployment benefits is meant to help people without work.

However, extending the term of unemployment benefits could cause jobless individuals to stay out of work longer. It is possible they might even wait for the benefits to run dry before searching for a job. This means the government will have to absorb the additional costs, while the economy's unemployment rate suffers.

Businesses [or China] will be left to pick up the premiums. In an economic climate where businesses struggle to maintain steady cash flows and have trouble accessing credit, any additional expenses organizations incur will significantly impact operations. This could force businesses to cut costs in other areas, including jobs and employment.

Furthermore, the middle-class tax cuts in the stimulus will not achieve any benefit. The money that consumers will receive translates into next to nothing. Given the small amount, consumers will be more likely to pocket and save the money they receive back. Again, this will not stimulate the economy.

Instead, why not evenly distribute a \$787 billion tax cut? This action would likely increase consumer confidence and spending. Think about it. How pumped would you be if you got a huge check from Congress in the mail? If anything, at least you would be able to choose where to waste the play money being handed out.

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## Israeli prime minister not yet decided

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Despite the fact that Israeli elections have been over for more than a week, it is still unclear who will become the country's next prime minister.

With the results in, both of the leading candidates to become prime minister, Tzipi Livni of the Kadima party and Benjamin Netanyahu of the Likud party, have claimed to be the legitimate winner.

In last week's Knesset (the name for Israel's Parliament) elections, Tzipi Livni and the leftist Kadima party were able to win 28 of the 120 seats in the Knesset while Netanyahu and the conservative Likud party were able to claim 27 seats.

As a parliamentary democracy, Israeli government is a multi-party system where various parties ranging across the political spectrum must work together to form coalitions if they hope to lead the country.

With neither candidate nor their respective parties able to claim even a quarter of the seats in the Knesset, they must now scramble to assemble a coalition of other parties in order to achieve the 61 seats needed to gain a majority.

Although Livni and the liberal Kadima party were able to secure the largest number of seats, Israelis, on the whole, chose a larger number of conservative representatives to the Knesset.

This gives Netanyahu and Likud hope that despite gaining fewer seats than Livni, they will have a much easier time forming a ruling coalition.

The decision on who will become Israel's next prime minister ultimately rests with the current President Shimon Peres who, at some point either Thursday or Friday, should give one of the candidates the go-ahead to assemble his or her respective coalition.

Unlike the United States, the multi-party system in Israel gives tremendous power to parties that exist on different ends of the political spectrum.

According to John Carroll University political science professor Mona DeBaz, "The



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Israeli soldiers vote at a military outpost outside the West Bank. Settlements in the controversial area might be at stake pending the election outcome between Tzipi Livni and Benjamin Netanyahu to determine the nation's prime minister.

system empowers extreme parties."

DeBaz said change is needed in the electoral process with "some form of reform."

For example, the Yisrael Beiteinu party, led by extreme nationalist Avigdor Lieberman — whom many liberals claim holds racist attitudes toward Arabs — was able to win 15 seats in last week's Knesset elections.

If either Livni or Netanyahu hope to secure a majority, these 15 seats could prove critical to either candidate's coalition.

In order to get Lieberman and Yisrael Beiteinu on board, though, both candidates will likely have to concede certain tenets of their candidacy in order to gain cooperation.

While the Israeli elections may seem to have produced nothing but chaos, the eventual outcome could have a dramatic impact on the long-term stability of the region and relations with U.S. President Barack Obama's administration.

Livni has been a supporter of the Gaza

Strip pullout and has also claimed that she will start to dismantle Israeli settlements in the West Bank.

"Livni might be willing to remove settlements," said DeBaz.

Netanyahu, however, feels that pulling out of Gaza poses a serious threat to Israeli security and has publicly supported continuing to build on settlements in the West Bank.

In addition, Netanyahu, who served as prime minister from 1996 to 1999, had a somewhat strained relationship with U.S. President Bill Clinton. This is possibly because Clinton campaigned against Netanyahu in his bid for election in 1996.

Even so, Netanyahu's conservative views conflict with Obama's, especially over the issue of an independent Palestinian state, which Obama supports.

"Obama would have better relations with Livni ... [Netanyahu] is not a favorite in the U.S. administration," said DeBaz.

## Deadly wildfires rage across south Australia

Meghan Wolf  
Staff Reporter

Tragedy ensued in southeastern Australia a couple weeks ago when a slew of bushfires engulfed the area, killing 200 people. However, the final toll might exceed 300 before the devastation is completely uncovered.

"If you visit these areas it's just like a bomb's gone off," said John Brumby, the Victoria State's Premier, to Nine Network Television. "It's like a fire and a cyclone and a hurricane have all gone through together."

A suspect for arson has been named in court as Brendan Sokaluk, a 39-year-old whom prosecutors have said set a bushfire on purpose. This fire alone purportedly killed 21 people and damaged approximately 200 homes.

The magistrate lifted an order to suppress Sokaluk's name in a hearing, but maintains that no photographs identifying him are to be released.

According to a spokeswoman for the Country Fire Authority, Sokaluk may have been a volunteer of the CFA brigade of Churchill, where some of the fires have taken place, in the 1980s, before police checks were required. He is believed to have left in the 1990s, attempted to rejoin twice and was rejected, according to reports.

Sokaluk has also been connected to a deadly fire in the Gippsland region east of Melbourne. Sokaluk is now being charged with three crimes: lighting a wildfire, arson causing death and the possession of child

pornography. If convicted for the arson charge alone, he faces up to 25 years in prison.

Sokaluk was supposed to appear in the Melbourne Magistrate's Court on Feb. 15, but he did not show. He is due for both a psychiatric evaluation and for a committal hearing in court on May 25.

For his own safety, Sokaluk was moved to Melbourne from Morwell where he had been previously held. Local citizens shouted and pounded on the doors as the van transporting him left town.

Despite the outrage, State Police Chief Christine Nixon urged the public not to be around the court.

"We hope that we don't have to deal with a gang of people who are angry and concerned about this arrest. We know people are," said Nixon. "We will make sure he is protected and can go before the justice system, as he should, and be dealt with through that process."

This case is part of an ongoing link between arson and volunteer firefighters persisting in Australia.

For example, in 2002, a volunteer named Brendan Hokin lit a fire in Hunter Valley and then rushed to his brigade to help them contain it.

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd considered anybody who lit one of the fires on Feb. 7, now known as "Black Saturday," as a mass murderer.

In Victoria alone, the majority of the damage was caused by a 60-mile blaze that came through the Kinglake village and destroyed several others nearby.

Climate scientists are attributing increased chances of wildfires to global warming, according to a 147-page paper published by Australia's national science agency. However, they said that a rare event, such as the current disaster, cannot be attributed to global warming.

An official day of mourning was called on Feb. 15 to commemorate victims of the disastrous fire, and the government made a vow to create an early warning system so that the tragedy would not be repeated. This came in the midst of criticism over why one was not already in place.

"Work is already in train, legislation needs to be changed, and legislation is being brought to the parliament," said Deputy Prime Minister Julia Gillard to Reuters. She also said some technical measures need to be overcome.

The death toll is increasing as more victims are being pulled from the charred remains left behind by the fires. Police, including Assistant Police Commissioner Stephen Fontana, have been cross-referencing the limited DNA not destroyed by the fires to a lengthy list of missing persons.

"We've actually got a team looking at unaccounted for persons and that's checking... data that we have in terms of residents that lived in those areas, bearing in mind there may have been visitors to those areas," said Fontana to ABC Online.

Due to the intense fires covering the region, over 1,800 homes have been destroyed, and more than 7,000 people have been left homeless as a result.





# CELEBRITIES

From major political figures to championship boxers, JCU has hosted some of the most well-known American celebrities

## 1970s

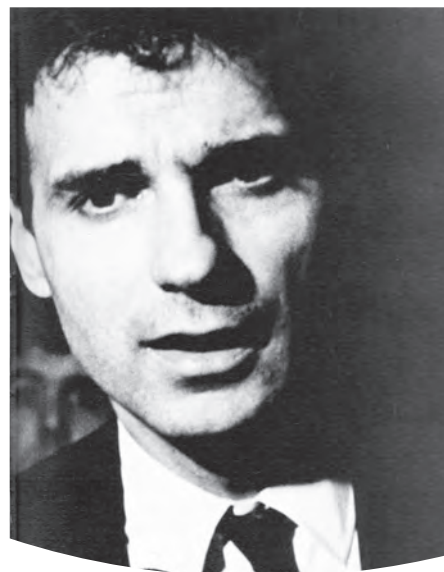


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### 1970 Ralph Nader

Ralph Nader has been an influential force in American politics and consumerism for more than forty years. Nader has made a name for himself through his environmental and consumer reform beliefs.

An advocate for government accountability, Nader has created several large organizations to ensure every dollar Congress spends is accounted for. His organization, Public Citizen, works to hold all members of Congress accountable on issues such as the environment, the economy and various others.

Having run for president on the Green Party ticket five times, Nader may be best known for these fruitless attempts. Over the years, Nader has affiliated himself with several parties but most recently has run for president with the Green Party. His candidacy is not without impact, however, as he is often criticized for running with more progressive positions, taking votes away from the Democratic candidates.

### 1975 Bruce Springsteen

Known affectionately to his fans as "The Boss," Bruce Springsteen has been an influential musician in American culture for the past 40 years. He was brought here in 1975 by JCU alumni Tim Russert. Born and raised in New Jersey, his music reflected his roots growing up in Americana. One of Springsteen's biggest hits was from the movie "Philadelphia." "Streets of Philadelphia" won a Grammy Award and shed light on the growing AIDS crisis of the early 1990s. "Born to Run," "Born in the USA" and "Glory Days" are some of Springsteen's biggest songs throughout his career.

Most recently, Springsteen headlined the halftime show during Super Bowl XLIII. Since the start of Springsteen's career, he has been awarded eighteen Grammy Awards. Along with his band, the E-Street Band, Springsteen has produced multiple albums and singles for release.

Springsteen performed alongside Beyoncé and Bon Jovi from U2 at Obama's Inauguration in January.



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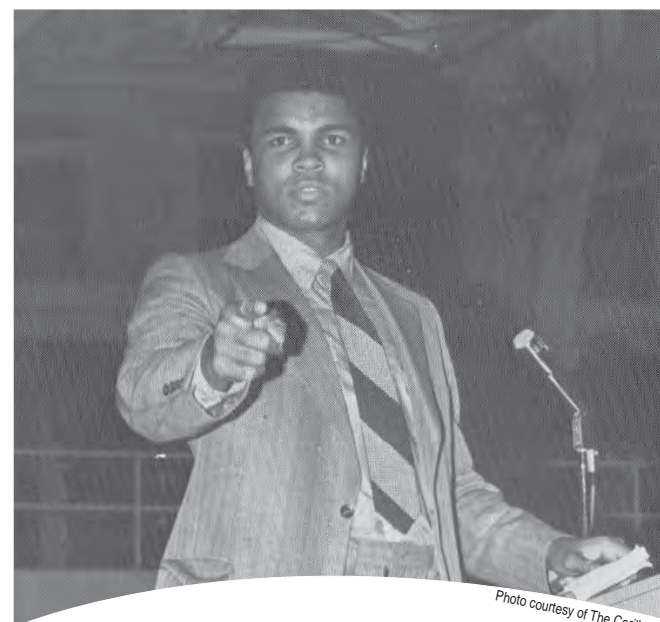


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### 1971 Muhammad Ali

One of the greatest athletes to ever live, Muhammad Ali made a name for himself throughout the 1960s and 70s as a champion boxer. Born Cassius Marcellus Clay, Jr., Ali eventually changed his name to its present form after converting to Islam in the 1960s.

More recently, the former boxing champion has turned to authoring books and social activism. A Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient in 2005, Ali helped open the Muhammad Ali Center in Louisville, Ky. The Center maintains a large collection of Ali's memorabilia as well as a collection of boxing history.

Ali's first professional loss, which was to Joe Frazier in 1971 for the heavyweight championship. It was also the same year that the Supreme Court reversed Ali's conviction for refusing to be drafted into the U.S. Army by unanimous decision in Clay v. United States.

### 1971

### David Dellinger

In 1971, major minds in social change such as David Dellinger visited JCU. Dellinger, known for his radical pacifist beliefs, spoke to the student body. Dellinger is also well known for being a part of the Chicago Seven—a group of protestors who were charged with conspiracy and inciting a riot at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago in 1968.



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### 1975 The Beach Boys

Unlike the various political and influential speakers who had graced the campus earlier, musical acts marked 1972. The Beach Boys, known for such hits as "Surfin'," "Kokomo" and "California Girls," performed on campus. They released a double album, "The Beach Boys in Concert," documenting the tour they were on at the time. The Beach Boys were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland in 1988. For all of their success, Rolling Stone magazine listed The Beach Boys as one of the greatest artists of all time.



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### 1998

### Bill Clinton

Major political heavyweight and then-president Bill Clinton spoke to the City Year convention which was assembled at JCU in 1998, the same year he was almost impeached for his relationship with Monica Lewinsky. Clinton called on the youth of America to help their country by volunteering for national service. The president also called on all Americans to reconcile their racial differences.

## 1990s

## 1980s



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### 1988 Charles Kuralt

Charles Kuralt, an award-winning journalist, spoke on campus in 1988. Kuralt, the former CBS Sunday Morning News anchor, spoke to students and faculty, and in particular, sparked the interest of journalism students.

He developed a program called "On the Road", which was featured on The CBS Evening News with Walter Cronkite. Famously enough, Kuralt hit the road in a motor home with a small crew and avoided the interstates in favor of the nation's back roads in search of America's people and their doings. He said, "Interstate highways allow you to drive coast to coast, without seeing anything."

### 1980-1983

### Al Roker



One of America's most recognizable media figures and weathermen, Al Roker is probably best known for his weekly appearance on NBC's "The Today Show." Roker first obtained the high-profile position after working in various cities as a weatherman. Eventually settling in New York at a local NBC affiliate, Roker caught the attention of network executives who promoted him to network anchoring. Interestingly enough, Roker first launched his career in Cleveland after he graduated from State University of New York at Oswego. Roker was a weatherman for WKYC in Cleveland from 1978 until 1983 when he moved to New York.

Roker visited JCU often throughout the '90s to make an appearance at communications career day.

More recently, Roker has taken on several business ventures including his Al Roker Productions, Inc. This production company produces various educational and public broadcasting programs including a specials on severe weather that have aired on PBS.



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## Blue Streaks tie school record for consecutive wins Coach Moran becomes eighth coach in conference history to win 300 games

**Charlie Duggan**  
Staff Reporter

The John Carroll University men's basketball team put their names in the school record book on Saturday by tying the record for consecutive wins with their 14th victory coming against Marietta in the DeCarlo Varsity Center.

The final showdown to determine the regular season standings will be this Saturday when the Blue Streaks travel to Wilmington to battle the Quakers, with the opportunity to host the conference tournament on the line.

JCU first traveled to Heidelberg last Wednesday night in an attempt for consecutive win 13, also looking to add head coach Mike Moran to the 300-win club.

Helping their coach reach that milestone were sophomore center Maurice Haynes and junior swingman Rudy Kirbus who had 19 and 15 points, respectively.

Also putting a strong effort in the scoring column were freshmen Corey Shontz and Matt Crozier, who each finished with 12.

Juniors Tyler Kirsch and Chris Zajac did the "dirty work" as Kirsch grabbed seven boards and Zajac came away with five steals in the 105-84 shootout.



Photo courtesy of JCU Sports Information Department

**The Blue Streaks leading scorer, junior Rudy Kirbus (shown here driving against Marietta) was one of six Blue Streaks who scored in double figures in JCU's 85-76 victory over the visiting Pioneers.**

Coach Moran was honored before Saturday's game for his career milestone, and perhaps the players got too caught up in the moment as their inability to match up defensively left them tied with Marietta, 44-44, at the half.

Moran gave his players a pep talk at halftime.

"I always tell them to play hard, and play smart," he said. "We weren't making good decisions mentally."

Perhaps the best decision they made all game was to get the ball in Zajac's hands in the second half. The junior point guard came alive, scoring all 15 of his points in the second half before fouling out with just under two minutes left.

Crozier recorded another double-double inside with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

However, the poor decision-making resurfaced as the Blue Streaks let Marietta close within

six after once holding a 17-point advantage.

The Blue Streaks were able to knock down some clutch free throws and hang on for an 85-76 victory.

The stage is set for a regular season finale showdown on Saturday in Wilmington.

JCU enjoyed one of its easiest victories of the season earlier against the Quakers in a 92-66 blowout.

However, that was when top

player Brandon Rodgers was sidelined with an ankle injury. Rodgers, who averages 15 points and six rebounds a game, is now healthy and at six-foot-eight provides a tough matchup with his ability to handle the ball.

The Blue Streaks aren't the only ones with something on the line. A win for Wilmington could move them into third place in the conference over Ohio Northern in the OAC.

"We're excited about Saturday," said Kirsch. With the progress we've made this year, we want to keep improving and finish on a solid note with momentum for the conference tournament."

Brian Dandrea said, "We're using the way we finished the last game as motivation in practice this week to get our stride back. You always want to take momentum with you into the next game."

And just in case the Blue Streaks needed any extra motivation for practice this week, Moran gathered the team at center court during practice on Monday and pointed to the rafters. There, a banner hangs for each sport and lists the teams that have captured OAC titles.

"I'm making sure you guys put this season up on that banner," he told them.

*Editor's note: Results from last night's game against Baldwin-Wallace College were unavailable before this edition of The Carroll News went to print. Results are correct through Feb. 17.*

## Kastelic, Mladenovic reach out to help underprivileged athletes in need

**Matt Mihalich**  
Staff Reporter

Senior Louis Kastelic is organizing a movement at John Carroll University that will reach out to underprivileged kids in an effort to spread both athletics and sportsmanship.

The management major and four-year soccer letterman from Aurora, Ohio began his efforts as part of his involvement with Students In Free Enterprise.

Those in the management seminar class had to choose a project that would reach out to 1,000 people, and Kastelic feels he can use his connection to soccer to propel him to that goal.

"It's actually a class requirement," said Kastelic. "The goal is to either reach out to 1,000 people and spread some kind of message concerning business or finance or something like that. Or you can gather \$1,000 dollars in donations and that's the route I'm taking, to gather \$1,000 in donations and the equipment."

Not only does this project give students the opportunity to help others, they learn what it takes from an administrative perspective.

"It basically gives students the opportunity to lead their own project, coordinate it, raise funds, or spread messages," Kastelic said.

The overall project is called U.S. Passback, an organization comprised of the U.S. Soccer Foundation, Eurosport and MLS players.

The organization's goal is to

help communities meet its soccer uniform and equipment needs regardless of income, gender or location.

Kastelic will be accepting donations for the next several weeks. Then, he will give the equipment to Ambassadors in Sport, located in nearby Twinsburg, Ohio.

AIS will travel to Haiti to donate the equipment, as well as give a month-long session teaching and interacting with the local people.

"So they take equipment, coaches, they'll even take some professional players and they'll go and just spend a month there and teach people how to coach, players how to play, because mainly those [Haitian] coaches and players don't have equipment," said Kastelic.

One method Kastelic has used to raise money is by going to local soccer tournaments and selling raffle tickets for soccer balls. JCU assistant soccer coach Dejan Mladenovic, Kastelic's mentor for the project, helped stimulate interest among soccer players in Northeast Ohio.

"The route he chose to do this was through soccer," said Mladenovic. "I'm just trying to find him different ways to do this in the soccer world."

Luckily for Kastelic, Mladenovic has a soccer store that has heavily discounted items that can be raffled off at tournaments.

Kastelic has tagged along to youth soccer tournaments where Mladenovic is coaching and sold raffle tickets.

### What is the U.S. Passback program?

The Passback Program is a joint effort between the U.S. Soccer Foundation, Eurosport and MLS players to help meet the soccer uniform and equipment needs of all communities, regardless of income, gender or location.

- [www.passback.org](http://www.passback.org)

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**If you have any gently used sports equipment or sports apparel you would like to donate to the U.S. Passback organization, please contact Louis Kastelic at:**

**LKastelic09@jcu.edu**

From just one tournament alone, Kastelic raised \$200 from raffle tickets. Already, he has e-mailed six other clubs about donations and is planning on doing the same raffle at three more tournaments.

He also contacted other JCU coaches about donating equipment. He will be collecting donations, as well as used and new equipment for the next few weeks.



Photo courtesy of Louis Kastelic

**JCU senior Louis Kastelic, with the help of soccer coach Dejan Mladenovic, is working to gather donations for the kids of Haiti.**



# Women's basketball team has a streak of their own

## Four straight wins clinch OAC postseason tournament birth

**Chris Koller**  
Staff Reporter

They say timing is everything. The John Carroll University women's basketball team is taking that cliché to heart as they are poised to go into the Ohio Athletic Conference tournament playing some of their best basketball of the season, currently riding a four-game winning streak.

The winning streak comes on the heels of a six-game losing streak, the Blue Streaks longest such streak since 2001. With the recent run, the Blue Streaks have secured a spot in the conference postseason tournament.

"We have just started to play better," said sophomore guard Lee Jennings about the recent winning streak. "Everyone has stepped up their game."

Last Wednesday they welcomed Heidelberg College into the Tony DeCarlo Varsity Center for a rematch after JCU knocked them off by 14 points earlier in the season.

This game played out to be much closer than most had thought.

JCU had the lead for the majority of the game and was ahead 58-53 with only 22 seconds left in the second half. Heidelberg proceeded



Photo courtesy of JCU Sports Information Department

**Coach Maravalli has inserted sophomore Sadie Zander (with ball) into her starting lineup, and Zander has not disappointed her coach.**

to knock down back-to-back three pointers after senior Rachael Price made one out of two free throws to send the game to overtime tied at 59.

The Blue Streaks proved to be unshaken and took over the game in the extra period. JCU was able to pull away from Heidelberg, scoring 12 of the last 16 points in overtime to end the game by a widespread margin of 77-66.

Reigning OAC Player of the

Week Caitlin Sureck continued her stellar play, adding a double-double with 19 points and 10 rebounds. Price and Jennings also scored in double figures for the game.

The Blue Streaks then traveled to Marietta, Ohio to take on the Pioneers, a team that had not won a conference game all season.

Any worry of a possible letdown game was thrown out the window before the first half was over.

JCU trailed 9-8 early, but took

the upper hand in the game as they went on a 14-0 run. They followed that by going into the locker room on a 23-5 run that gave them 52-23 lead that crushed the hopes of the Pioneers getting their first conference win.

The women opened up the game in the second half and had a lead of 37 at one point, before the final buzzer sounded and the score was 89-62.

The Blue Streaks' depth was evident as 11 players contributed in the scoring column.

The upcoming week for JCU will be difficult to say the least. They played Wednesday night against crosstown rival Baldwin-Wallace College, currently ranked second in the conference standings.

Then to end the regular season they will bring in Wilmington College, a team JCU lost to by 28 back on Jan. 17, and who is ranked fourth in the conference standings.

"Two wins this week would be big for us," Jennings said. "It will also remind everyone that John Carroll is still a contender."

If the team can get two wins this week and a little help from other OAC opponents, they could move up to the fourth seed in the tournament.

### Streaks' streaks

**It's been a season of ... streaks ... for the Blue Streaks. Their recent four-game winning streak has them at 13-10 overall, 8-8 in the Ohio Athletic Conference. Here's how that came to be:**

**Nov. 15-21:** JCU started 0-2 after losses to Pitt-Greensburg and Albion College.

**Nov. 22-Dec. 6:** JCU improves to 4-2 after rattling off four straight victories, the last win coming against Otterbein College in the conference opener.

**Dec. 10-13:** JCU lost back-to-back OAC games at the hands of Muskingum and Capital to drop to 4-4.

**Dec. 20-Jan. 10:** JCU won five in a row, including the championship at the Posada Royale Tournament in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

**Jan. 14-31:** JCU dropped six games in a row, all to OAC opponents.

**Feb. 4-?:** JCU has won four games in a row and counting, all against OAC opponents.

## Ohio Athletic Conference Championships Preview:

### Swimming and Diving: Women look for 17th title, men pursue 14th

**Ashley Bauer**  
Staff Reporter

The John Carroll University swimming and diving teams will compete at the Ohio Athletic Conference Championships this weekend, the women trying to stay on top while the men strive to return to prominence.

The event, which is hosted by Baldwin-Wallace College, will be held at the University of Akron's Ocaske Natatorium today through Sunday.

JCU will compete against four other OAC teams, including Baldwin-Wallace, Mount Union College, Ohio Northern University and Wilmington College.

The Blue Streak women are entering the contest as the defending OAC champions, a title they have won an astonishing 16 of the past 19 years.

The team is 3-1 in OAC meets this season, their only loss coming at the beginning of the season against ONU on Oct. 25.

Senior Andrea Kovacs will play a large role in the success of the team during her final OAC meet. She has been a valuable Blue Streak at each of the championships throughout her career.

"The win will require a number of outstanding performances, possibly lifetime-best swims, but because of our talent and the work we've put in this season, I'm most excited to see our team step up on the blocks and race," Kovacs said. "We have girls with the ability to place well in every event and I can't

wait to see what we each can do both individually and collectively."

The men's team also hopes to win a conference title this year.

The Blue Streaks will have to swim their hardest and record season-best times. However, the men are confident in their abilities. The team was 1-3 in OAC competitions this season; however, the Blue Streaks came up just short in defeat.

Freshmen Eric Davis and Alex Vereshchagin have made a large impact on the team this year and will look to continue their success at the championships, the biggest event in their young careers.

"I have two main goals going into OAC competition," said Davis.

"My first goal is to improve as a team from last year," he said of last year's fourth-place finish. "I would really like to see us move up to first or second this year," he said.

"My other goal is a personal goal and that is to make a National cut either in a relay or an individual event," said Davis. "I am really excited to swim in a high stakes meet again. I love the atmosphere of the big crowd and hopefully our team can take advantage of the opportunity presented to us."

Ultimately, both teams have been training all season for this weekend in hopes of earning the championship.

"These three days are always memorable and with the amount of determination we have this season, I'm sure this year won't be any different," said Kovacs.

### Who to watch: Swimming



**Heather Gilmour**  
Senior

**Gilmour won six events at the 2008 OAC Championships. She has been swimming at her best as of late, and looks poised to make another run this year.**



**Alex Vereshchagin**  
Freshman

**Vereshchagin may be young, but he's also very talented. He should have a fairly good chance at succeeding this weekend.**

### Wrestling



**Dan Mizener**  
Senior

**Mizener is very motivated after being slighted last year in the championship match at the OAC tournament. Mizener, as well as Ben Adams, look to be the odds on favorites in their respective weight classes.**

- Compiled by Tim Ertle

### Wrestling: Motivation carries over from last season's OAC Tournament

**Brian Fitts**  
Staff Reporter

After finishing second in last year's Ohio Athletic Conference Championships, the John Carroll University wrestling team spent countless hours in the gym and on the mat this season aiming for a conference title.

On Saturday, everything they have worked for will be put to the test as JCU competes in the OAC championships at Muskingum College in New Concord, Ohio.

JCU comes into the meet 10-6 overall and 3-3 in the OAC, which includes wins over Baldwin-Wallace College, Wilmington College and Muskingum College.

Senior Elie Naoum feels that the Blue Streaks should be ready to compete come Saturday.

"We've gradually been getting better," he said. "I definitely think the team is peaking now. We're hungry for an OAC title this year."

Naoum went on to say that personally, he thinks he will be well-prepared for this tournament as a result of his prior tournament experience.

"I'm anxious and I can't wait until Saturday," he said. "I've been waiting a whole year. This being my senior year, it's all about leaving everything out on the mat. Hopefully I've learned from my losses this year."

Junior Travis Hammer said the team has been working overtime in preparation for the meet.

"We've been doing some extra workouts. We swim in the morning

for extra conditioning. We've come to call ourselves the 'Dark Sharks,'" he said.

Fellow junior Tim Lambert thinks the team hasn't been at its best this entire season. "Those losses we've had this year, we weren't full strength. Saturday we'll be full strength."

Lambert also felt that the losses in the OAC will give the Streaks an edge Saturday. "[The losses] help in some cases, but mostly we've just hurt. If we can stay healthy Saturday, I know we're going to be successful."

The Blue Streaks heading back to the OAC Championships brings back memories of last year's competition, which the Blue Streaks hosted.

Junior Ben Adams, who won his weight class and the trip to the national tournament that comes with it, will look to defend his title.

Adams has had an equally superb season this year, running his record to 24-2. He has to be considered the favorite to repeat at 184 pounds.

Another Blue Streak with good odds is senior Dan Mizener.

Last year, Mizener was edged out at 149 pounds by Heidelberg's Zach Mizer. Mizer defeated Mizener 8-5 in overtime.

"I think about that match every day," said Mizener.

Mizer moved up in weight classes, so the title is Mizener's to lose.

"I'm very confident heading into this weekend," Mizener said. "Honestly, my ultimate goal is to be standing on the podium at nationals though."



## For Kirsch, dedication pays off

Tim Ertle  
Sports Editor

What a difference a year makes.

For John Carroll University junior Tyler Kirsch, as well as the men's basketball team, that adage rings particularly true.

A year ago this time, head coach Mike Moran's squad was limping to an 11-14 finish. Kirsch was limping, too.

In July 2008, the soon-to-be sophomore suffered an injury while playing in a summer league game.

It was revealed that Kirsch completely blew out his knee, tearing his ACL, MCL and meniscus. He underwent surgery three weeks after suffering the injury and was forced to sit out the entire 2007-08 season.

Although he couldn't participate in games, Kirsch made a conscious effort to stay connected with the team.

"I rehabbed every day, so I wasn't at all the practices. I was either at practice or at rehab," said Kirsch. "I went to all the home games and did my best to be with the team as much as possible."

For any athlete, suddenly being forced out of the sport they love is a wake-up call. It was no different for Kirsch.

"It was definitely a learning experience to say the least," he said. "I think that going to practice every day and watching and not being able to play, it showed me how fast something you love can be taken away from you," Kirsch said of last season.

It is looking like all the learning from the sidelines last season paid off.

Fast forward a year and the Blue Streaks own an 18-4 record, are at

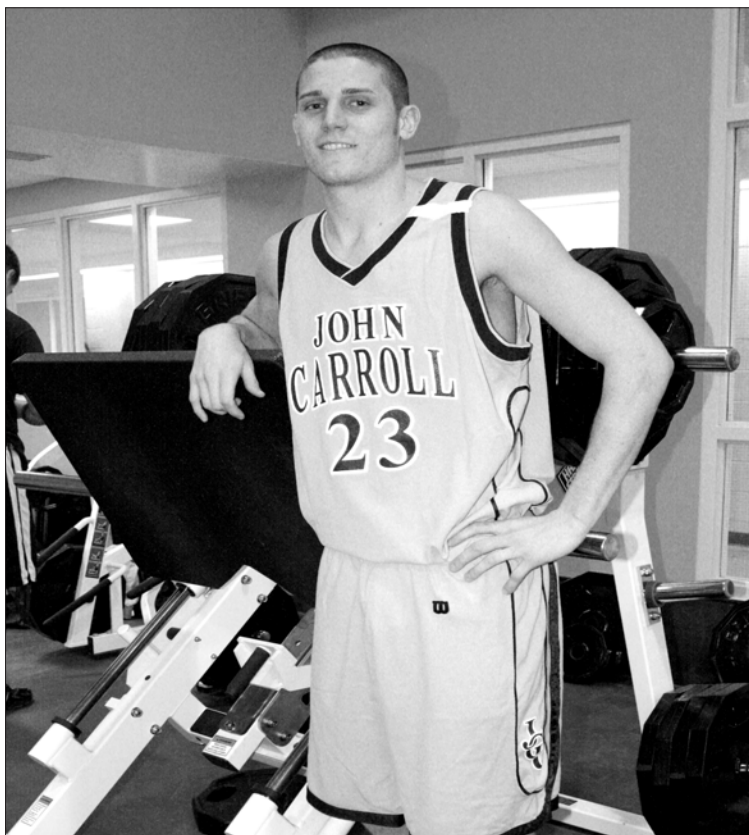


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**Last year, junior Tyler Kirsch was spending most of his time rehabbing his knee. This year, he's healthy and a huge reason why the Blue Streaks are ranked 16th nationally by d3hoops.com.**

the top of the Ohio Athletic Conference and are ranked No. 16 in the country by d3hoops.com.

Kirsch is a huge reason for the Blue Streaks success this season.

The junior from nearby Hawken School in Gates Mills, Ohio has started in all 22 games this season. His numbers don't jump off the page, but he's one of those guys that good teams need in order to be successful.

He shoots over 40 percent from the field and behind the three-point arc. He is third on the team in both blocks and steals, and fourth in rebounding.

His hard work to return to action

has certainly paid off, and it's clear that he is thrilled with the results.

"This year has been incredible. Coming off of last year, there weren't a lot of high expectations outside the locker room," Kirsch said. "Inside the locker room, we thought we had a lot of talent and we kind of took the underdog role and just relished it."

Those expectations and a new appreciation of the sport he loves have driven Kirsch.

"Once I got back to playing, I kind of went with the attitude that I can't take a day off," he said. "You never know when you won't be able to play anymore."

## JCU ATHLETICS SCOREBOARD

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JCU	105
Heidelberg	84
JCU	85
Marietta	76
JCU Leaders -	
<b>Points:</b>	
Maurice Haynes	33
<b>Rebounds:</b>	
Matt Crozier	16
<b>Assists:</b>	
Chris Zajac	6

### Women's Basketball

JCU	77
Heidelberg	OT 66
JCU	89
Marietta	62
JCU Leaders -	
<b>Points:</b>	
Caitlin Sureck	28
<b>Rebounds:</b>	
Caitlin Sureck	17
<b>Assists:</b>	
Sadie Zander	10

### Hockey

JCU	2
Adrian	4
JCU	9
Toledo	5
JCU	9
Toledo	2
JCU Leaders -	
<b>Goals:</b>	
Louis Grandinetti	4
<b>Assists:</b>	
Nick Morici	7
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Nick Fabrizio	110

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<b>Molly Gorie</b>
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## STREAKS OF THE WEEK



### Men's Basketball



Matt Crozier  
freshman

- The freshman center had a great week as the Blue Streaks went 2-0.

In the two-game span, Crozier scored 22 points while pulling down a team-high 16 rebounds.



### Women's Basketball



Caitlin Sureck  
junior

- The reigning OAC Player of the Week had another astounding week, again helping the Blue Streaks go 2-0.

In two games, she had 28 points and recorded 17 rebounds.



### Hockey



Nick Morici  
sophomore

- Morici helped the Blue Streaks go 2-1 over the weekend by tallying at least two points in all three games.

In the three-game span he finished with three goals and seven assists.



### Women's Track



Maura Stepanski  
junior

- Stepanski's success at the All-Ohio Championships helped the Blue Streaks place fifth of 18 teams.

She placed sixth in both the long jump and triple jump.



### Men's Track



Raj Arasu  
senior

- Arasu had a great showing at the prestigious All-Ohio Championships. He was one of two Blue Streaks to earn points, placing fifth in the 55-meter dash with a time of 6.61 seconds.



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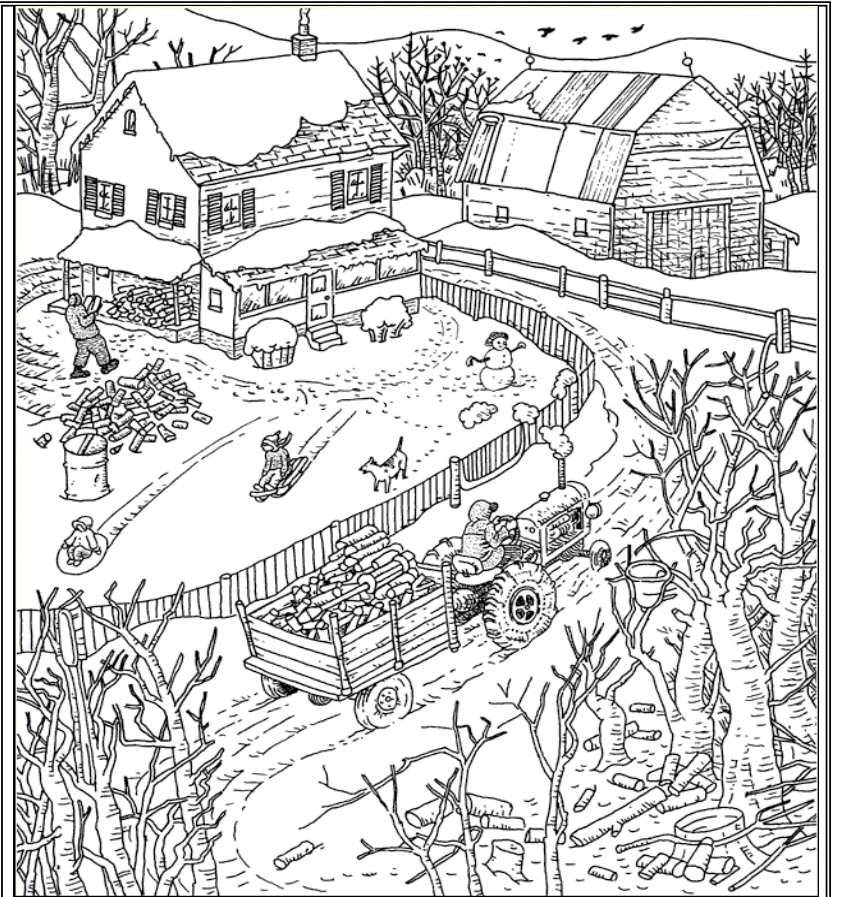
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### Editorial

## Students choose to live simply

As ideas of options for themed housing continue to circulate at John Carroll University, a new alternative will be offered to students next semester. A “living simply” program has been created through Campus Ministry. Students will get the opportunity to live in two of the University’s off-campus duplexes and embrace a simple, green lifestyle. Living here will cost the same as living in a normal University-owned house. Part of this option will require students to do weekly community service, as well as educate others on social justice issues, solidarity and poverty.

Creating this type of living community for students is innovative and a great way of exploring alternative housing opportunities. We commend Campus Ministry, Residence Life and the students who assisted in facilitating this endeavor and hope this is just the beginning of various living sub-communities.

Along with traditional housing options, there are three Greek Life living communities, as well as a housing community for aspiring entrepreneurs and an honors floor.

Offering this housing to students fosters unity, learning and creativity within the environment and encourages students to work together outside the classroom. For instance, those involved in the “living simply” community will not have a meal plan. Rather, they will work together to buy locally grown food and fair trade products in a cost-efficient manner. These students will also collectively decide and delegate other responsibilities while living in the duplexes.

While this new program may prove to be challenging to students, it will nevertheless be a great learning experience that will hopefully set the standard for various other living communities in the future.

### Editorial

## SAF includes student voice

The hotly debated Student Activity Fee will come closer to representing the student body’s voice. Last week, Student Union passed a bill to include one student-at-large on its allocation committee.

The committee, which is responsible for deciding how the SAF is spent, will now consist of three students – two of whom are Student Union members – and two JCU staff members. This will give students the majority vote. The student-at-large will be chosen from a pool of applications by Student Union Vice President for Business Affairs Jill White and Director of Student Activities Lisa Ramsey from

Amending the allocation committee to include a student majority vote is a vast improvement that will not only increase the amount of input students have, but also fully reflect what students want to do with their own SAF.

We applaud White, as well as the rest of the Student Union, for making this change and hope it is carried out in the way the new bill states. Also, we hope in the future more than two students will decide to apply for such an integral position.

When the SAF was created more than ten years ago, underclassmen were able to choose three organizations that a fee increase would support. Since then, the democratic method has been abandoned, leaving students unaware and uninvolved of changes in the SAF. Reverting to a process that involves the student majority is sure to be effective. Additionally, the more students who choose to apply, the more the allocation committee will have a choice at picking the best possible candidate for the position.

The typical JCU student is essentially the best asset the committee can use in order to truly reflect the needs of the student body.



Cartoon by Joe Hinkel

## NOTABLE QUOTABLE



“He gave us a re-interpretation of the history of humans on Earth, and what we can become.”

-Historian and author James Moore, who has co-written a new book on the famous evolutionist Charles Darwin. This past Sunday commemorated Darwin’s 200th birthday.

## HIT & miss

**Hit:** Boler School of Business students rank 10th in country on audit section of CPA exam **Hit:** Spring Break starts next week **Hit:** New York Knicks player Nate Robinson wins slam dunk contest **miss:** Potholes **Hit:** New York Fashion Week **Hit:** American Red Cross Blood Drive on campus **Hit:** JCU sponsored trip to White Privilege Conference **Hit:** Presidents Day **miss:** Price of stamps to go up to 44 cents in May **miss:** Steelers kicker Jeff Reed arrested for disorderly conduct **Hit:** JCU women’s track and field finishes 5th at All-Ohio Indoor Championships **miss:** Cavs coach Mike Brown fined \$25,000 for critical comments against referee **miss:** Facebook’s 25 random things about me application

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## OUR VIEW

## Reaganomics? Bushanomics? Changeanomics?



**Mike Spinelli  
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The Carroll News

The time for change is now. Don't stop reading this, it's not liberal propaganda. With that said, President Barack Obama took office and has a slew of responsibilities.

Maybe his most important priority is to fix the economy, and as soon-to-be accountants, we have the winning game plan called "Changeanomics."

Our first Changeanomics policy involves a solid and sure-fire real estate transaction. We will sell the Louisiana Purchase back to France, but the real moneymaker will be that we will sell it for euros. This will not only take advantage of the strong foreign exchange rate of the euro, but it will eliminate almost all of the government subsidized farms in America.

For all you nongeography ma-

jors/history minors, the Louisiana Purchase covers a lot of the states west of the Mississippi. Can America do this? "Yes We Can!"

Since we are on the subject of slimming down America, we have a two-step process that will raise a little cash and cut down on spending.

Step one involves sending the remaining 3.68 percent of retired Americans over the age of 65 not already living in Florida on an all-expense-paid Greyhound trip to the Sunshine State. Step two, once all of them are there, we close the border and sell Florida back to Spain, also for euros.

The key to this transaction is the fine print, which states that Florida is being sold "as is." This will be a quick fix for the upcoming Social Security problems and may make the roads safer for the rest of us. In the spirit of sleazy used-car salesmen, caveat emptor Spain! Can America do this? "Sí, es posible!"

Now that we have eliminated the Big 12 (Midwest) and the relevant part of the SEC, Obama's plan to eliminate the BCS finally begins to make sense.

This only leaves one minor prob-

lem. Without all the bowl games, what are the sponsors going to do? Don't fear, Barack, we've got your back on this one. How about commercially-sponsored federal holidays? The Fourth of July is patriotic, but doesn't Independence Day brought to you by Bob Serpentine's Chevrolet sound better? Now you can really be "American, and proud of it!" Can America do this? "Yes we can!"

These are just a few of our many ideas for changeanomics. Others include selling the moon, since we were there first and possession is nine-tenths of the law. Another cash cow could be the "pie your favorite former president" booth, which should be just as popular as the "pie Andrew Rafferty" booth.

On a serious note, many people in the United States believe that one man will be able to solve all of our nation's problems immediately after being sworn in.

But our ridiculous ideas just go to prove that there is no quick fix and one man alone cannot fix the economy by himself. It's going to take time and teamwork from every man and woman in America. Can we do it?

Lo Castro's  
Lowdown

**Jenna  
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Editorial & Op/Ed Editor

Gettin' the  
word on:

Where have all the  
ethical doctors gone?

You're living under a rock if you haven't heard the word "octuplets" circulating through the news outlets for the past two weeks.

Nadya Suleman's recent birth to eight (that's the maximum capacity of a minivan) babies has been the center of ethical controversy between fertility clinics, doctors and mothers around the nation. This unprecedented case, just the second of its kind known in the United States, has people wondering about the standard practices of in vitro fertilization.

While IVF continues to be a sought out commodity by couples wishing to start families, there seems to be a shortage of professional medical practitioners who are adept in decision-making. Suleman's eight babies are joining her six other children.

That makes 14 children, or three strings of a basketball team, who are being raised by a single parent, subsisting on food stamps and disability payments.

Now the crux lies in the fact that these children were conceived through a controlled environment—a procedure that should be closely monitored by a doctor and/or fertility clinic. But Suleman's doctor never seemed to question the gravity of helping a mother of six who was paying for the IVF—a treatment that can cost as much as \$15,000—with her disability checks.

Further, last summer, the American Society for Reproductive Medicine revamped its guidelines for IVF treatment, including the number of embryos that should be transferred into a woman's body. It should be either two or three. Suleman was implanted with six!

Even though these guidelines are just that, and not actual laws, it is still the responsibility of medical professionals to make ethical decisions that are not based on what a

client wants, but what is deemed to be the right choice. The fact that this case was not more closely monitored by the appropriate people is a failure reflective of the medical system.

In the grander scheme of things, this calls into question the number of children people are having these days. American orphanages are filled with children whose parents cannot provide for them and all around the world there are children living on the streets, being forced into prostitution or working for cheap, all for the same reason.

We all know from Oprah that teenage pregnancy is rampant, but I think pregnancy is rampant in general. Suleman never should have been given IVF treatments in the first place because of the well-known fact that in vitro has the ability to create multiple children.

And while our culture tends to glorify motherhood and having children, we fail to see the ways in which these detrimental outcomes are hurting the children.

As of late, there is debate about whether the octuplets should be taken away from their mother. I'm not saying that the United States should try to imitate a quasi-communist country like China where the government regulates the number of kids you bare, but in this case, there is a failure of regulation.

Suleman is an unfit mother and needs to look into some type of counseling or psychiatric treatment. Those eight babies, as well as the other six, should be given the opportunity to thrive.

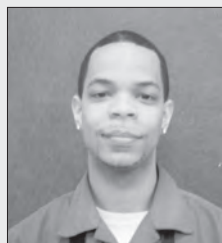
I guess in today's world, addiction doesn't always come in the form of sex, drugs, alcohol or gambling.

In this situation though, addiction could have been prevented.

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## Wonderword

What does bagatelle mean?



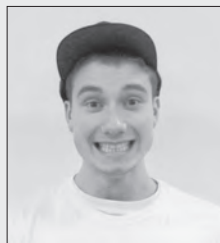
"Someone who steals a bag and doesn't tell anybody."

**Randy Conover,**  
senior



"A form of musical score."

**Emily Todd,**  
junior



"A primitive form of birth control."

**Alex Vereshchagin,**  
freshman

A trifle; a thing of little or no importance. It can also be a short, light musical or literary piece.

## That's what See said: The privileges of being a pop superstar



**Bob Seeholzer**  
Features Editor

"Did you write the book of love? And do you have faith in God above?"

Take a look at the two questions posed and tell me who has the authority to request that information from you. I bet your first answer wasn't Madonna and it definitely wasn't Don McLean.

Heck, most of you probably don't even know who Don McLean

is. (I have to admit that besides that song, I have no idea either.)

The point is that pop artists enjoy a certain freedom unknown to the common peasant who is poor in celebrity status.

They get to say outlandish things and speak for other people as though they know what those other people want to say.

They get to assume that their experiences are similar enough to the rest of the world that everyone else will want to hear about it. (Hmm, this sounds familiar, I wonder why?)

From Lil Wayne's incoherent mumbling on T-Pain's "Can't Believe It" to Taylor Swift talking about being "on the phone and you talk real slow, 'cause it's late and

your momma don't know" on a song that we'd have to assume was heard by this guy's mom, pop songs are a lot of fluff and say things that you normally can't get away with.

Kid Rock provides a textbook example by plagiarizing Lynard Skynard to get a hit record.

Singing the lyrics, "singing 'Sweet Home Alabama' all summer long," is like me writing about how I read Lo Castro's Lowdown and having everybody then read that. (That's actually not a bad idea.)

On his song "Forever," Chris Brown claims, "It's you and me, moving at the speed of light into eternity." While that's nice imagery, I've had it pointed out to me that this line describes a completely impractical act.

No human can travel at the speed of light, nevermind do it into eternity. (And he beats up Rihanna, which I also disapprove of.)

But here's the juicy part, he can get away with this crime (the lyrical one, not the assault) because 1. he's famous and B. artistic license.

You know all those poems that you read in English class but don't understand because it's some metaphysical gibberish about transcending our human condition and achieving an other-worldliness with our surroundings? The only reason those were even published is because someone came up with the idea of "artistic license," and let me tell you, that someone was a genius.

The ability to say anything based

on the fact that it is "art" is amazing. It's what makes America, well, America.

Pop music gets pulled over all the time for crimes of ridiculousness, but when asked for license and registration it hands the cop that get-out-of-scrutiny-free card known as artistic license, flirts with him a little in that halter top and then gets away scot free.

Yep, I love this country.

If pop artists couldn't get away with whatever they liked, then Britney Spears wouldn't have a career anymore and a world without Britney isn't one I want to live in. I mean, who would be left to seek Amy?

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## You're wrong, I'm Rafferty:

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Read it at: <http://www.jcu.edu/ENGLISH/positionprogram/plagiarism.htm>



**Andrew Rafferty**  
Editor in Chief

This school takes plagiarism very seriously, and so do I.

That's why I need to point out that JCU's First Year Composition Web page on plagiarism is plagiarized.

The definition above looks eerily similar to Cornell University's definition: "Plagiarism is the unacknowledged use of the words or ideas of others."

Maybe an even more blatant example of JCU's plagiaristic ways is in the history of plagiarism provided on the JCU site. It reads, "The word plagiarism come the Latin word plagiarus, meaning 'kidnapper.'" You can read that again. It's not a typo on our part; it's taken directly from JCU's site. But The CN does not have a lot of room to call out people for typos.

There is a rule in publishing that once you make fun of someone/thing for a typo, you will naturally commit an error twice as egregious as the one you mocked.

Anyway, JCU's nugget of etymological genius looks a lot like Aarhus University's Web page on plagiarism that reads, "The term comes from the Latin plagiarus and originally had to do with kidnapping." Those look like facts to me — facts that are taken from someone else and not cited.

Aarhus is in Denmark. But just because it's international doesn't mean it's fair game to steal from. Am I really arguing that JCU lifted some stuff from a school in Denmark? I have no idea; JCU presented a fact but did not cite where they got that fact from.

By JCU's own definition, plagiarism in itself is plagiarized. I doubt this University was the first to come up with the idea that you can't steal other people's ideas. They stole that idea from someone else, and I don't see a footnote or works cited.

JCU's site also says that when you plagiarize, you're "stealing someone, not just their ideas." Apparently by ripping off someone's writing, you are actually stealing a human being. Anytime you plagiarize something, be sure to attach a ransom note.

By this line of thinking, making a cheat sheet for a test is equivalent to water boarding the professor's mother and making her walk barefoot across the entrance to the Dolan Science Center after a fresh snowfall.

A story recently appeared in USA Today that reported how

Southern Illinois University blatantly plagiarized the plagiarism statement it crafted in 2007. Before I was being a little facetious with the JCU-Cornell comparison, but Southern Illinois pretty much copied and pasted Indiana University's policy without giving any attribution.

The director of government and media relations for Southern Illinois said, "It hasn't become official yet. If there's a problem with the draft, we will correct it."

Oh, so if I rip a paper off some site and a professor happens to catch me, I'll just correct it. Don't worry, I'll just throw some more of my own BS and take some out from the version the Internet provided for me. You'll know my work because I don't know the difference between "your" and "you're." But I guess I shouldn't be using contractions in formal papers anyway.

An administrator from Indiana said, "It's not unusual for universities to share best practices." Well, it's not unusual for fraternities and sororities to share best papers either. That can also apply to any person who has ever known someone who has taken a class before him or her.

Here are some tips for my peers to avoid plagiarism. JCU, you guys can publish these if you give me some love. If you're copying and pasting things without putting quote marks around them, you're probably plagiarizing.

That doesn't mean you're OK if you type things into your paper verbatim from sources off the Net. It's the same thing, even if you don't actually copy and paste, though if I had to explain that to you, you're probably hopeless anyway.

The whole stealing ideas thing, yeah it's bad, but it's pretty tough to get caught for stealing ideas. Most of the time we use other people's arguments to construct our own, so it generally helps our case to cite experts and scholars.

Professors get mad when you plagiarize because then they have to fail you, and they really don't want to fail you for a really stupid lapse in judgement. So, if you find yourself reading something and thinking, "Wow, this is pretty good, I'm going to use it in my paper," then you should cite it.

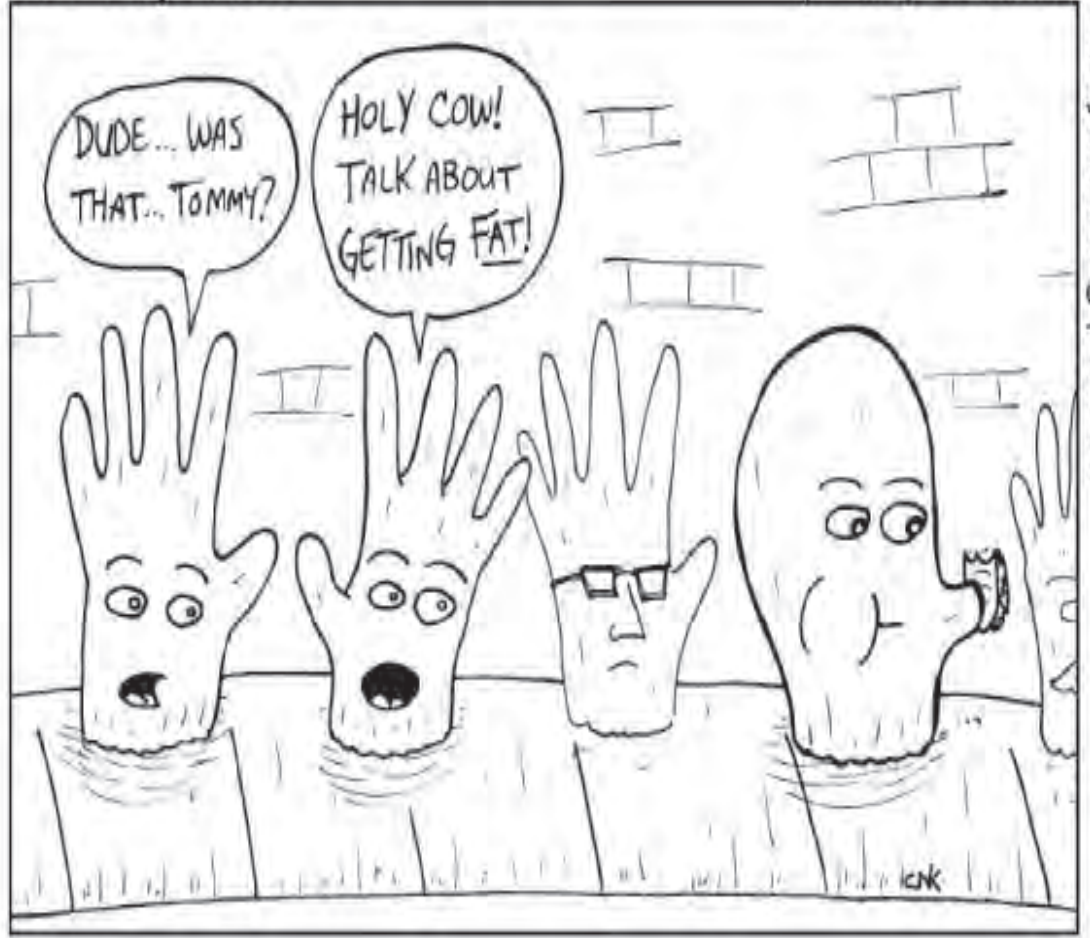
People who plagiarize generally aren't great writers, so it's a red flag when they hand professors a paper that is different from the usual.

Moral of the story: If you ever copy and paste, use some quote marks and attribution. It's the best method to avoid the "p" word. Plagiarism is a lot like porn. I can't really explain it, but I know it when I see it.

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# BUSINESS CORNER

## How the economic stimulus package will affect you



**Marylou Bontempo**  
The Carroll News

With the passing of President Barack Obama's economic stimulus plan this past week, many taxpayers are left wondering exactly how this \$789 billion bill will truly affect their bottom lines.

This is the largest showing of government fiscal power in the face of a recession since World War II and will make a difference for college students, young professionals and their families.

For those students who will be returning to John Carroll University next year, the stimulus plan has instated a tax credit of up to \$2,500 to help pay for tuition and related expenses during the 2009–10 school year.

This will be extremely important for students and their families who are feeling the pinch during the recessionary times. The Federal Pell Grant maximum is also being increased in two installments, up from its current \$4,731 to \$5,350 starting July 1, and then enlarged to

\$5,550 in 2010-11. This is thought to cover three quarters of the average college tuition, and will affect more than 800,000 students in the United States.

With the class of 2009 gearing up for graduation and frantically searching for companies that are hiring, the thought of not getting a job is increasingly more realistic. Unemployment benefits were an issue addressed in the stimulus package, and those collecting will not have to pay federal income taxes on the first \$2,400 received.

Hopefully, this will give recent graduates and other laid off workers enough leeway to find a new position. For those who have been cut in a recent round of layoffs, the stimulus package has also lessened the burden of health insurance premiums.

Most workers laid off from medium to large-sized companies can keep their coverage for up to 18 months, but with out-of-pocket expenses often exceeding \$1,000 a month.

With the new stimulus package, the government will pay for 65 percent of the premiums for the first nine months, which can save a worker more than \$5,000 while they search for a new job.

With real estate prices remaining at all time lows, talk continues

that we are in the midst of a buyer's market. The stimulus package is encouraging new home ownership with an \$8,000 tax credit for first-time home buyers who make their purchase before Dec. 1.

In addition, current homeowners who invest in eco-friendly improvements will be eligible for up to \$1,500 in tax credits for projects including installing energy-efficient windows, furnaces and air conditioners.

What does this mean for the average college student? If you are not quite finished with your four-year education, look into the tax credits and federal grants that are available to you and your family.

These are great ways of cutting back tuition expenses, and the John Carroll Office of Financial Aid is always available to answer any questions. For students graduating this May, look for new opportunities to save and remember to pay yourself first.

If you are in the position to buy a home, this might be the time to go for it and take advantage of the breaks that are offered.

Either way, the No. 1 rule of financial stability is to always do your homework, a lesson that many JCU students are familiar with.

—Bontempo is a senior finance major.

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