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Obama & Hiznay promise change

Newly elected presidents deliver speeches of hope and optimism

Max Flessner
Meghan Wolf
The Carroll News

Every four or eight years, the country turns to the steps of Capitol Hill to watch the true spirit of American Democracy: The peaceful transition of power. Inauguration Day was no exception as more than a million people gathered to watch President Barack Obama take the oath of office and become the 44th president of the United States.

With former President George W. Bush looking on, Obama became president at noon Tuesday. Immediately after Chief Justice John Roberts administered the oath, Obama gave his Inaugural Address.

"The speech was exceptionally good," said Lauren Bowen, associate academic vice president and political science professor. "It was inspirational, yet a call to action. The crowd was unparalleled in my lifetime."

Obama discussed several of his campaign promises, but his main focus was on the ailing economy. He addressed the economic crisis by saying that the failures were caused by "our collective failure to make hard choices." He said our problems are "serious and they are many. They will not be met easily or in a short span of time. But know this, America – they will be met."

Bowen said, "He set the right tone. He never lost sight of the pains of U.S. history."

Communications professor Douglas Bruce was slightly more critical of the speech. "It was a good speech, not a great speech," he said. Bruce sighted echoes he recognized from Inaugural Addresses given by Franklin Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy. "I almost would've liked to hear a little more of Obama's own voice," Bruce said.

Bruce also pointed out that the economy was front and center. He said

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Emily Gaffney
Assistant Campus Editor

John Carroll University junior Matt Hiznay spoke about Student Union accountability and increased communication in his Inaugural Address last Thursday.

Hiznay was sworn in as the 87th SU president on Jan. 15 in Dolan Science Center. He outlined several areas that the Student Union hopes to improve in the coming year.

Issues such as communicating student concerns to the administration, holding all members of the Student Union accountable for their duties as outlined in the Student Union constitution, and allocating all funding appropriately were mentioned in the presidential address.

One of the main objectives of the Student Union, according to Hiznay, will be to "promote the inclusion of all members of the student body."

In the address, Hiznay said the incident of racism that occurred on campus last November following Obama's win in the presidential election was "regrettable" and he was "disgusted [with the] response from the campus community."

Hiznay also said that the mission of the Student Union is to create a just and united campus community for every student.

"We can never achieve the mission of a just and united campus community if this disrespect exists at John Carroll," said Hiznay.

He went on to say, however, that he is "confident that together, we are capable of accomplishing this goal of collective respect among the student body."

Accessibility to the student body was another issue that Hiznay mentioned

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Campus Briefs

2009 Millor Orator

Applications for the 2009 Millor Orator are now available. All applications and accompanying materials are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 13. Everything should be returned to the Office of Student Activities in Suite 201 of the Lombardo Student Center. All graduating seniors are eligible to apply. For more information or to download the application visit the Millor Orator Web site at www.jcu.edu/osa/millor_orator.htm.

Opportunity to study abroad in Italy

There will be an informational meeting for the "Summer Institute 2009 Program" in Italy. The meeting will be held at 5 p.m. on Jan. 22 and Jan. 27 in Room 112 of the O'Malley Center. Any students interested in studying abroad in Italy are welcome to attend the meeting. For more information contact Luigi Ferri at lferr@jcu.edu or Giuseppina Mileti at gmileti@jcu.edu.

JCU hosts "College Goal Sunday"

John Carroll University is hosting "College Goal Sunday" Feb. 8 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Dolan Science Center. This is an event that will assist parents and prospective students to complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

Financial aid professionals from several Ohio colleges and universities will be present at the event to walk students and parents through the process of filling out the forms necessary for grants, loans, student employment and other types of assistance. For more information, contact Claudia Wenzel at cwenzel@jcu.edu or 216-397-4294.

- Compiled by
Emily Gaffney

New restrictions placed on student printing

Caitlin Huey-Burns
Campus Editor

The John Carroll University Information Services Department has implemented new printing limits in which students will be permitted 500 pages per semester, or \$25 worth of printing, before being charged five cents per copy.

This program has been established in an effort to reduce costs and further the green initiative of the University.

JCU has already placed \$25 on each student's CarrollOne card to be used for printing only.

Jim Burke, director of information services, said that the University has been tracking printing trends over the past four years.

Information Services determined that more than 80 percent of the student body prints less than 500 pages per semester, with only a small percentage printing thousands of pages.

"It is not fair for most students to pay for unchecked consumption of paper by a few people," said Burke. "It is an unbelievable cost for students."

Printing related costs average \$50,000 per year, according to Burke, who also said that JCU is one of the last universities to implement a printing limit.

"The goal here is not to raise money, but rather, to raise awareness that there is a cost to printing,"

said Burke.

"When you put a price to something, people pay attention."

Printing will be charged five cents per side. "We did not differentiate between single and double-sided printing because the majority of the cost of printing is in the toner and equipment, not the paper," said Burke.

Heartland Payment Systems, the same company that runs the backhand process for the CarrollOne card, installed the 500-page limit and monitors students' printing. The company offered this service as part of the entire CarrollOne package.

The company established the software to tie into the students' logins and automatically draws from the \$25 given at the beginning of each semester.

Once the \$25 has been used, the system will take money from the student's Carroll Cash or it will ask the user to place funds onto the card to continue the print job.

The system tracks printing in the classrooms and labs for all accounts, but only academic accounts are charged for printing; therefore, professors will not be charged.

Burke estimates that the 500-page limit breaks down to 90 pages per class for five classes, or 75 pages for six classes.



Photo by Mike Spinelli

Senior David Somrack prints pages at the library. The University allows students to print up to 500 pages without additional charges.

Burke also recognized that it is difficult to limit printing for certain courses that require more printing than others.

The Information Services Department discussed the new printing system with the professors to generate a head count of the courses that had a legitimate need for printing over the limit and added a printing stipend for those courses.

Burke said, "We do not want to penalize students for taking those sorts of courses."

Meanwhile, some professors have adjusted their teaching styles to accommodate the printing limit.

Thomas Pace, professor of Eng-

lish, said, "I've tried to limit, mostly, photocopying by uploading files to Blackboard for students to read either on screen or by printing the copies themselves."

"I imagine it will impact the kind of materials I post on Blackboard and lead me to encourage students to read material online rather than print them."

Controlling printing consumption will also allow information services more time and resources to maintain and repair the printers to make sure they run efficiently.

Students are also allotted extra pages in the event of printer failure or misprinting.

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in the address. The Student Union will concentrate this year on making the organization more accessible to the student body.

The position of vice president of communication, which is currently held by sophomore Maura Jochum, was recently created as a paid position.

Jochum will be responsible for updating the Student Union Web site, and the new Web site will serve as the main line of communication between the Student Union and the rest of the John Carroll community.

The updated Web site will include a posting of the organization's meeting minutes, a calendar of events, meeting times, a comment and suggestion message board and a blog.

There is also a plan to establish a bi-weekly newsletter to inform

the community of Student Union activity.

"The primary goals for this semester center around a mission

it must be accessible and visible on campus.

"As vice president of communication, I am dedicated to ensuring

"The relations between the University and city affect all who attend here. John Carroll must be viewed not as a liability to this community, but as an asset."

Matt Hiznay
Student Union President

to bring the Student Union to each member of the John Carroll University community," said Jochum.

Jochum also said that in order for the Student Union to effectively serve the needs of this community,

the success of this mission," said Jochum.

Hiznay also spoke to the relationship between John Carroll and University Heights in his address and cited cooperation and com-

munication as a way to improve the relationship.

"As students of John Carroll University, we also serve as residents of University Heights. The Student Union must work with the administration to continually promote John Carroll to the citizens of University Heights," he said.

"The relations between the University and city affect all who attend here. John Carroll must be viewed not as a liability to this community, but as an asset, a place where all residents of University Heights are welcome," said Hiznay.

The Student Union will work to improve relations between the University and city, especially as the University plans to expand the campus beyond its traditional boundaries.

"This will require the unprecedented cooperation of the University, the Student Union and the city," said Hiznay.

Campus Safety Log



December 19, 2008

The smell of marijuana was reported in Murphy Hall at 10:13 p.m.

December 19, 2008

A theft in the cafeteria was reported at 11:31 a.m.

December 24, 2008

A threat made by a terminated employee was made at 9:12 a.m.

January 6, 2009

A theft was reported and the thief used the stolen credit cards at 4:28 p.m.

January 12, 2009

Graffiti was reported on the pole in the men's bathroom in the RecPlex at 4:09 p.m.

January 14, 2009

A student reported a theft at 1:20 p.m.

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

Correction

Due to an editor's error, a Q&A with professor of accountancy, Robert Bloom, in the Dec. 11 edition incorrectly paired an answer with a question regarding his favorite foods.

For the record, Dr. Bloom's favorites include yogurt, salads, cheese, chocolate, cookies and a variety of jellies.

Lowest tuition increase in history

Tim Evanko
The Carroll News

In an unprecedented response to the growing global economic crisis, John Carroll University recently announced its lowest one-year tuition rate increase in the University's 123-year history.

Tuition for the 2009-10 academic school year will be \$27,940, up only \$750 or 2.8 percent from this school year. Room and board will also be increased by 2.8 percent to \$8,330, an increase of \$396.

The University has decided to leave student activity, technology and health services fees unchanged for next school year. Rate increases of 5 to 6 percent per year had been standard.

In addressing the University's decision to keep the tuition increase as low as possible, Vice President of Finance Richard Mausser said, "There is an affordability concern."

As many households weather the current recession, JCU aims to retain its student body and continue to graduate students. The University wrestled with the idea of 0 percent rate increases across the board but found this to be fiscally impossible. Many other local and regional universities are expected to keep their tuition increases steady at 5 to 6

percent for the 2009-10 academic school year.

Brian Williams, vice president for enrollment, said, "I believe our increase this year, the smallest change in our school history, is reflective of our commitment and priority to keep JCU affordable for our students."

Williams is also confident in enrollment numbers. "John Carroll is well-positioned in relation to many schools when you consider all factors in the college selection process. We have seen good increases in applications from outside our normal region this year and see many families that value a private Jesuit education but are more sensitive to the total cost this year," he said.

JCU will be hit with cost increases in many areas next semester. Health care costs for employee benefits alone will rise 11 percent and considerably higher public utility rates are expected.

Technology licensing fees are continually on the rise, yet the JCU administration remains steadfast in its mission to deliver the highest technological quality to the student body.

The tuition increase is expected to bring in slightly less than one million dollars in additional revenue.

The University will not actually receive the full 2.8 percent increase

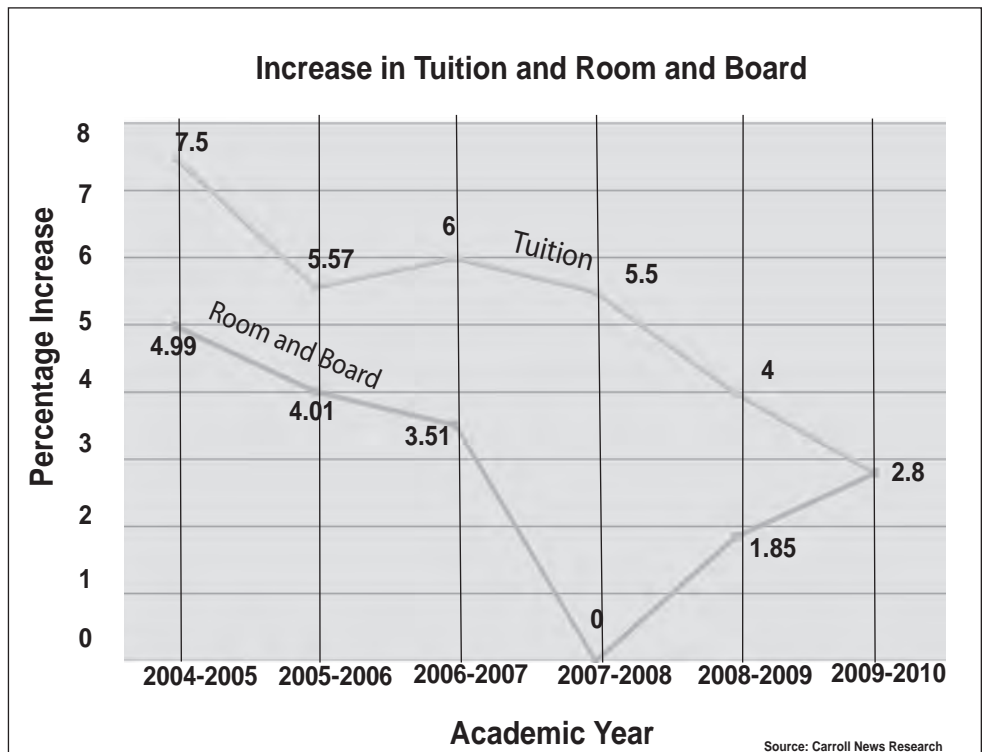
as financial aid packages will offset that amount.

Additionally, the estimated one million dollars in additional revenue will not be sufficient to cover JCU's expected cost increases for the 2009-10 school year.

Cost reductions in areas such as non-student-related janitorial services and electricity usage will be on the forefront of cuts.

The Office of Financial Aid is working closely with the administration to employ creative ways to ease the stress of tuition payments for families.

Next semester's tuition and room and board rates were announced several months earlier than usual to allow households time to make the appropriate financial preparations



for next school year.

The implementation of electronic billing will allow families greater flexibility in the timing of their tuition payments.

The student body should be assured that the lower-than-usual tuition increase is not simply a marketing ploy to attract more students; the decision to keep the rate increase as low as possible was made after the peak recruiting

season had ended.

In a letter announcing the new tuition rates to parents, the Rev. Robert Niehoff wrote, "We have an ongoing commitment, through both short-term and long-term planning, to ease the financial burden of a private, Jesuit, high-quality education. The Board of Directors' action to limit tuition increases was a very clear commitment to that philosophy."

CAMPUS CALENDAR

CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING ON CAMPUS THIS SEMESTER

Speaker Kevin Powell
Dolan Science Center
Auditorium

January 22 @ 7 p.m.

Speaker Victoria Hale
Dolan Science Center
Auditorium

January 26 @ 7:30 p.m.

Leadership Speaker Series
Speaker Jason Therrien
AD 258

January 28 @ 5 p.m.

Kappa Kappa Gamma
Dance Marathon
IM Gym

January 31

Speaker Tim Wise
Dolan Science Center
Auditorium

February 3 @ 7 p.m.

Leadership Speaker Series
Speaker Michael Struk
AD 258

February 4 @ 5 p.m.

2009 Annual Career Fair
Dolan Science Center
Auditorium

February 5 @ 4:30 p.m.

Leadership Speaker Series
Speaker Fran Broda
AD 258

February 11 @ 5 p.m.

Spoken Word Poets
Dolan Science Center
Auditorium

February 12 @ 7 p.m.

Murphy Hall Black History
Month Celebration
Jardine Room

February 17 @ 6:30 p.m.

ROTC Blood Drive
February 17-18

Classical & Modern Languages & Cultures
Mardi Gras Celebration
February 23 @ 6 p.m.

Speaker Jacque Reid
Dolan Science Center
Auditorium

February 24 @ 7 p.m.

Speaker Susan Goldberg,
Editor in Chief,
The Plain Dealer

AD 258
March 11 @ 5 p.m.

Leadership Speaker Series
Speaker David Gilbert
AD 258

March 18 @ 5 p.m.

Speaker Linda Chavez
Dolan Science Center
Auditorium

March 18 @ 7 p.m.

Marinello One Acts
Marinello Little Theatre
March 19-21 @ 7:30 p.m.
Sunday March 22 @ 2 p.m.

Leadership Speaker Series
Speaker Darren Hudach
AD 258

March 25 @ 5 p.m.

"The Importance of Being Earnest"
Kulas Theatre
March 27 & 28 @ 7:30 p.m.

April 3 & 4 @ 7:30 p.m.

Li'l Sibs Weekend
March 28-29

Leadership Speaker Series
Speaker Phil Ryan
In AD 258

April 1 @ 5 p.m.

Sacred Music Concert
St. Francis Chapel
April 4 @ 8 p.m.

Leadership Speaker Series
Speaker Barbara Danforth
AD 258

April 15 @ 5 p.m.

Greek Week
April 19-25

Third Annual Relay for Life
April 25-26

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WJCU hosts the second session of NEO Rocks



Local bands 'Everything Zen' and 'The Thrifters' performed live on WJCU on Jan. 19

Lena Chapin
Asst. Arts & Life Editor

NEO Rocks! It's true, Northeast Ohio talents "Everything Zen" and "The Thrifters" rocked out the WJCU air waves in the second NEO Rocks Sessions on Jan. 19.

The rock sessions are live concerts broadcast over the WJCU show NEO Rocks on 88.7 FM and over the Internet.

This concept, thought up and run by NEO Rocks host and John Carroll University graduate Eric Simna, first began in October 2008 with a session featuring folk rock band "The Speed Bumps" and singer/songwriter Abby Kondas. The first show served as a gateway and learning experience for the most recent production.

All rock session guests are local bands from the Northeastern region of Ohio.

Featured bands range from locations as far west as Sandusky to as far south as Mansfield. They are selected by the amount of requests made for their songs on the NEO Rocks show and whether or not the station directors think they sound worthy for live air time.

The second Rock Session was not only broadcast live over the radio, but it was also filmed in the television studio in the O'Malley Center, with JCU graduate Joe Madigan and Katy Finucane JCU junior acting as both radio and TV hosts for the evening.

The show opened with "Everything Zen," a young band from Mentor, Ohio. The four-piece band features Kevin Mitch on drums, Josh Whiteman on bass, Vince Lundi on guitar/backing vocals, and JCU student Zach McCraith on lead vocals.

"Everything Zen's" music is upbeat and fun, reminiscent of old school "Green Day" with a slight edge. When asked to describe the band's music in one word, Lundi, simply said, "Gravy."

After "Everything Zen's" set, "The Thrifters" took the stage. The five-member band from Cleveland hit the music scene in 2004. They have been featured on Cleveland radio as well as WJCU for quite some time with their fast-paced rhythms and catchy hooks.

Chris Henke on bass, vocalist and keyboardist Sergio McCollam, Steve Orlando on drums and Frank Frazza on the lead guitar finished recording their first full length LP this summer called "It's Going Down." The album is available on iTunes as well as online and at their shows.

The show aired live on Monday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., but can be heard again on the show's recap on Sunday from midnight to 2 a.m.

Also, clips of the performances along with links to the bands' Web sites can be found at Neorocks.com. The show will also be airing on JCU's campus on Channel 4 throughout the next month.

While this show was a huge success, Simna is already looking towards the future. "The goal is to eventually be doing this at a monthly rate," he said. The Rock Sessions are already gaining ground on this goal.

The band "Rosella" has been confirmed to play on the next Session airing Feb. 16. Additionally, the venue will be changing to the Marinello Little Theatre, creating more of a concert atmosphere and allowing for more of an audience.

Lead guitarist of 'The Thrifters,' Frank Frazza, performed live for WJCU. Photo by Lena Chapin

Recap of the 2009 Golden Globe Awards

Heath Ledger's highly anticipated nomination for his work in 'The Dark Knight' turned into the first Golden Globe Award to be won by a film falling under the superhero genre

Joe Marino
The Carroll News

Vying for the awards at this year's 66th annual Golden Globes included familiar stars Leonardo DiCaprio, Brad Pitt, Tom Cruise, Angelina Jolie, Robert Downey, Jr. and the late Heath Ledger. The 2009 Golden Globe Awards aired on Jan. 11.

Ledger's nomination was highly anticipated, with millions of fans eagerly waiting to see if Ledger could make "The Dark Knight" the first and only film in the superhero genre to earn a major award. Ledger competed with Tom Cruise, Robert Downey, Jr., Phillip Seymour Hoffman and Ralph Fiennes for the Best Supporting Actor award.

By the time the night was over, Ledger had officially earned his first – and, sadly, only – major award, showing that he had captured the attention of audiences and critics everywhere as the villainous Joker.

Christopher Nolan, director of "The Dark Knight," accepted the award on Ledger's behalf. During his moving acceptance speech, Nolan told how the world had been robbed of an important piece of cinema.

He also said that Ledger "will be eternally missed. But he will never be forgotten."

As a tribute to Ledger's dedication to his craft, a clip from "The Dark Knight" was played.

Kate Winslet, who has never before won any major award, earned both the Best Supporting Actress and the Best Actress award for her stunning performances in "Revolutionary Road" and "The Reader."

The films, actors and actresses awarded include: "Slumdog Millionaire" (winning Best Motion Picture, Best Director, Best Screenplay and Best Original Score), Mickey Rourke (the drama Best Actor for "The Wrestler"), Colin Farrell (the comedy Best Actor for "In Bruges"), Danny Boyle (Best Director for "Slumdog Millionaire") and "Wall-E" (Best Animated Film).

Prominent actors who lost include: Brad Pitt ("The Curious Case of Benjamin Button"), Frank Langella ("Frost/Nixon"), Dustin Hoffman ("Last Chance Harvey") and Emma Thompson ("Last Chance Harvey").



Heath Ledger as the Joker in the 2008 hit film 'The Dark Knight.' Photo courtesy of www.heathledgerjoker.co.uk

Making connections with 'THE UNINVITED'

With the upcoming film 'The Uninvited' delving into the world of the supernatural, JCU students recall their own ghostly experiences

Craig Willert
Movie Critic

Remember those days when we were convinced that either a monster lived under the bed or a ghost of some sort haunted the house? And out of the corner of our eyes, we could have sworn that we saw something move.

Maybe we did.

As brothers and co-directors of the thrilling suspense film "The Uninvited," which opens everywhere Jan. 30, Charles and Thomas Guard delve into the realm of the paranormal.

The film is based on Kim Jee-woon's 2003 Korean horror film "Changhwa, Hongryeo." In it, Anna (Emily Browning), comes home from the psychiatric ward after the tragic death of her mother, to find her father Steven (David Strathairn) engaged to her mother's former nurse, Rachel (Elizabeth Banks).

Anna's mother revisits her as a ghost, informing her that Rachel has nothing but evil intentions for the family.

Anna and her sister Alex (Arielle Kebbel) have the task of convincing their love struck father that his fiancée is not who she pretends to be.

This makes for a family situation too extreme for even Jerry Springer or Maury. This seemingly happy family reunion has turned into a death match for their lives: a battle between stepmother and stepdaughters.

Just like Anna, three John Carroll University students have experienced the unexpected, the supernatural and the mystical. Juniors Joseph Toohey, Bryan Robinett and Molly Mikolajczyk

have been audiences to the phenomena of the living dead.

Toohey was nothing but a curious 16-year-old looking for a good weekend story to bring back to school. Toohey and friends decided to explore a mental institution that had been closed for nearly 30 years. Describing the building, Toohey said, "It was definitely creepy. We saw scratches on the walls and chains hanging everywhere."

Wanting to keep this trip on record, the three adventurers decided to snap some photos. What they saw next was anything but normal.

Toohey explained that the photos contained white, fog-like

mother was standing at the door. "She told me that she had died, but that everything would be OK," Mikolajczyk said.

Molly was informed the following day that her grandmother actually had passed away. Was this dream merely a coincidence or a supernatural visit of reassurance from her grandmother?

If it were part of "The Uninvited" it would be anything but a coincidence.

orbs in the pictures that were present during the taking of the photo.

Supernatural? Possibly.

Robinett was cleaning his room one summer day when the phone rang. When he returned to his room, he found his clothes folded and neatly put back in place. Robinett was speechless. "I don't know how that happened. I was the only one home ... it was freaky," he said.

He later discovered that the old tenant of the house, the late Mrs. Henderson, was quite a clean freak. "My dad said he had experienced similar things, and that Mrs. Henderson hated a messy house," said Robinett.

Try sleeping at night knowing an old, decrepit lady is wandering the house cleaning. "It's not easy," said Robinett.

Mikolajczyk was only seven when she had a dream that soon became a reality.

Mikolajczyk dreamt that she had just come home, and heard a knock at the door. To her surprise, her grandmother was standing at the door. "She told me that she had died, but that everything would be OK," Mikolajczyk said.

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'The Uninvited'
opens nation-
wide on Jan. 30



Emily Browning and Arielle Kebbel play sisters in the new film 'The Uninvited.'

Dance your way to health and relaxation

Dancing can be a fun way to unwind and burn calories simultaneously

Jennifer Holton
Staff Reporter

Let's face it—with weather temperatures straddling zero degrees on thermometers, students find no problem staying inside dressed in sweats. They vegetate in front of their laptops with their eyes glued to Facebook. The walk to the Rec Center suddenly seems farther than the walk to Dolan, and so a workout becomes out of the question.

But what about dance? Dancing can be a great way to stay active during the winter months. Not only is it great exercise, but dancing is also a great deviation from the standard workout of running, lifting weights and doing crunches.

John Carroll University's Spanish Club offers salsa dancing classes every Tuesday night from 8 to 9 p.m., which provide great exercise for students.

Combining salsa steps with fast-paced music is a good substitute for running when it comes to exercise, according to JCU sophomore and Spanish Club member Ignacio Davila.

"The class is mainly salsa, but every now and then the instructor will add swing dance moves as well," he said. "It's a great place to meet new people and the first twenty minutes each Tuesday are review, so you can join any week."

In addition to salsa classes to help get your exercise in, the University has a dance ensemble and dance team as well.

Allison Gase, a freshman at JCU is involved in both.

"You have to try out for both [dance ensemble and dance team] in the fall. Dance team performs at JCU halftime shows, dance ensemble includes different types of dances such as modern, lyrical, hip-hop, ballet, point and jazz," she said. "You can pick two of the dances, so I chose to dance ballet and point."

Although ballet and point may not be at the same pace as salsa dancing, Gase still sees it as a good form of exercise.

"It depends on how much you put into it, but for me, I know that dancing is an outlet

for stress relief as well as another way of working out," she said.

Alex White, a sophomore who also is in dance ensemble, said it would be interesting if John Carroll offered more dance classes.

"Zumba is a great dance class with Latin music that I think students would enjoy, but I'm not sure if John Carroll would be interested in starting one," she said.

Any type of dancing can be an enjoyable way of burning calories and helping your cardiovascular system. According to the Lets Dance! Cleveland Web site, on average, a 150-pound adult can burn 213 calories after dancing for 30 minutes.

The site also notes that dancing can raise your heart rate anywhere from 80 to 120 beats per minute, which is the equivalent of any strength training or aerobic program.

These classes offer you a fun way to manage your weight or relieve the guilt of that extra bowl of soft-serve ice cream in the dining hall.

You don't have to be limited to the classes at JCU. If salsa isn't your thing, Let's Dance! Cleveland may be the place for you.

Offering 18 different dance classes, Let's Dance! Cleveland makes it easy for you to learn new steps in dances such as the Tango, Fox Trot, Jazz, Tai Chi, Jitterbug and many more.

"We have students from Case Western Reserve and Akron University who take salsa classes every week, and have recently shown an interest in the West Coast Swing classes," said Dan Brown, part-owner of Let's Dance! Cleveland.

Located at 23366 Commerce Park in Beachwood, the studio is only seven minutes from campus by car and offers group as well as private classes.

"Group classes are \$10 each, and private lessons range anywhere from \$50-65 per class, depending on the quantity of classes purchased," Brown said. "There's no deadline to sign up for classes, and most people use the option of paying class by class."

In addition to classes, the studio has two live performances every weekend that you could take part in.

Getting out of your dorm room, away from the television, throwing aside those hefty dumbbells and stepping off the treadmill may be the right decision for you this season.

Finding an interest in a dance class will allow you to meet new people and get you in shape.

Dance Marathon

Kappa Kappa Gamma's second annual Dance Marathon will be held Jan. 31 from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the IM Gym. The cost is \$12 per participant and includes a T-shirt, five raffle tickets and food throughout the evening. The event will benefit KKG's national philanthropy, Reading is Fundamental, which promotes literacy programs in underprivileged schools.

Entertainment Calendar

Check out what's happening in Cleveland this week!

1.23

High School Rock Off
House of Blues
3:30 p.m.
\$8

1.23

Blessid Union of Souls
Beachland Ballroom
9 p.m.
\$15

1.24

The Sword
The Grog Shop
8 p.m.
\$12

1.26

WWE Monday Night Raw
The Wolstein Center
7:30 p.m.
\$20-\$60

1.28

The Virgins
The Grog Shop
8 p.m.
\$10

1.29

Despised Icon
Peabody's Down Under
6:30 p.m.
\$12

Such and Szuch

The importance of me-time



Rachel Szuch
Arts & Life Editor

If the first week of classes is any indication of what the rest of my semester will be, it is going to be spectacular. The next 15 weeks or so should be full of excessive text book expenses, awful weather, unexpected car troubles, last-minute responsibilities and forgotten obligations.

That's right, my first week back was phenomenal ... phenomenally atrocious that is!

Already running late for my 11 a.m. class on Monday, I pulled toward the front gates of John Carroll University to find two neon orange signs that read "Lot Closed."

As I approached the entrance, a stout

man in uniform kindly directed me to the shuttle lot. Since I had a meeting in downtown Cleveland right after class, waiting around for a shuttle clearly wasn't an option.

It was the perfect start to a perfect week, and the remainder of the week wasn't any better.

Yet, as I sit here trying to draw some morsel of inspiration from the past several days, all I can manage to come up with is that things couldn't get any worse.

The only thing I can really do at this point is have a positive attitude. As part of my New Year's Resolution to find more me-time, I've been trying to find ways to relax and release stress, especially with the chaos of my second semester course load.

So, after my ridiculous week, I found myself trying a new yoga video. I've been trying a lot of different yoga and pilates videos since New Year's, not to lose weight really, but to gain energy and do something to help myself unwind.

While the video wasn't extremely strenuous and didn't seem to offer very much of a workout, I did find myself very

relaxed and relieved. It was as if my horrible week had melted away in the yogic breathing techniques.

I tend to have the same feeling after taking me-time to read Cosmo or indulging in a hour-long shower.

With all of the pressures of school, work, extracurricular activities, sports and everything else we deal with on a weekly basis, it's important to find time for ourselves.

If you are feeling as stressed as I was, remember that it's important to find things that help you unwind. Whether it be reading a book that isn't part of your class requirements or simply taking a walk (probably not the most refreshing activity in the current weather, but whatever makes you happy), find something that constitutes me-time.

A good rule, although with hectic college schedules it may not always be realistic, is to spend a half hour of me-time each week for every hour of studying or homework.

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Five things you should know this week



AP Photo

Bush bids farewell

Former President George W. Bush ended his second term on Tuesday at noon. He then boarded a helicopter that took him and his wife Laura to their ranch in Crawford, Texas. Bush also kept tradition by leaving new President Barack Obama a note in the drawer of his desk in the Oval Office.

Activists want Bush prosecuted

Many activists of the group Arrest Bush are pressuring President Barack Obama to support prosecutions of former President George W. Bush and other administration officials for war crimes. Although the chances of it happening are slim, some have expressed support, including House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.).

Chrysler makes alliance

Chrysler and Italian auto giant Fiat created a strategic alliance on Tuesday. The deal gives Fiat a 35 percent stake in Chrysler, which has been fighting off the threat of bankruptcy. Fiat could essentially take full control of the company, but also hopes to gain access to major markets in the U.S.

What happened to bird flu?

China reported the country's third fatality this month due to bird flu. The World Health Organization says that cases are more common during colder months, so there is little cause for concern. However, some scientists warn that the virus could become a pandemic if it mutates.

Gitmo tribunals take a break

Guantanamo prosecutors have stopped holding military tribunals and are awaiting a decision from President Barack Obama regarding the controversial trials' future.

-Compiled By Mike Zurn



AP Photo

Wall Street traders watch as President Barack Obama delivers his Inauguration speech on Tuesday.

Wall Street waits for Obama to act

Sean Webster
The Carroll News

Last Thursday, House Democrats introduced an \$825 billion economic recovery package that includes \$275 billion in tax cuts for individuals and businesses along with multi-billion dollar investments in infrastructure, energy efficiency, education and health care.

The multi-faceted plan aims at stimulating the economy by utilizing many of the campaign promises of President Barack Obama. The new administration, hoping to establish an era of bipartisanship, is also encouraging Republican leaders to present their own alternatives to the package.

Republicans have already expressed concerns with the size of the proposed recovery package and its effect on the national debt, projected at about \$1.2 trillion for the fiscal year. Meanwhile, fears of a double-digit unemployment rate and a projected \$2 trillion loss in production over the next two years have increased support for a large, comprehensive recovery plan.

Pinpointing the exact amount of stimulus that the economy needs is a complicated ordeal. Some economists argue that, in such a severe recession, it may be best to overshoot the necessary amount to ensure that the economy recovers, and then deal with the consequences of a large deficit and inflation later.

However, Lindsay Calkins, as-

sociate professor of economics at John Carroll University, said that there are also benefits to a cautious approach that might undershoot the exact amount needed.

Regardless of whether Obama's plan offers too much or not enough, Calkins said, "I'm optimistic that we'll see results soon. People are already feeling so optimistic about him being in office that it's already starting to turn the tide."

The highlights of the recovery package include increased aid to states to cover Medicaid costs, extended benefits for the unemployed, and investments in renewable energy and a more efficient power grid.

There is speculation that the tax cuts, which make up a substantial portion of the package, may have been included by the Democrats as a means of gaining Republican votes.

However, some economists predict that the tax cuts for individuals will have a negligible impact, citing how many of the rebates issued early last year, which were of roughly the same size, were either saved or used to pay off personal debt, doing little to help stimulate the economy.

There has also been some disappointment expressed over the amount of money designated for infrastructure improvements. The American Society of Civil Engineers estimates that \$1.6 trillion is needed to fix the nation's crumbling

infrastructure.

However, of the \$825 billion, only \$90 billion will be set aside for investments in infrastructure, of which only a third will be spent on improving highways and bridges.

Furthermore, since much of that money will be given to the states, the federal government will be relatively powerless to ensure that it is spent wisely.

However, Calkins argues that such federal regulation is probably unnecessary.

"I like the idea that states have control of their own funding. They know best what their own state needs," Calkins said.

While some changes may be made to the plan in the coming weeks, most expect it to keep its current overall form. The Obama administration has expressed its determination to get it passed by mid-February.

As Calkins pointed out, "Obama has an interesting window of opportunity. If things work well, the downturn may be halted by the end of the spring."

Calkins also stressed the need for the recovery plan to encourage the creation of new businesses.

"Not big ones like G.M. or Ford, but the little guys that may end up getting hurt [by the recession]... Small businesses are one of the key features that has really enabled our country to grow as much as it has," she said.

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that although they were mentioned, many of Obama's campaign promises took a back seat to the economy in the speech.

He specifically cited health care and education as two priorities that Obama campaigned heavily on, and mentioned in the address, but seemed to take a back seat to the economy.

Bruce also addressed the size of the crowd that Obama attracted. "I haven't seen a crowd like this for a Presidential Inauguration.

It wasn't just The Mall, it was Times Square that was full for Obama, too," he said.

Bruce also agreed with Bowen that Obama set the right tone.

"He set a tone of reassurance," Bruce said.

In discussing the 44 people, himself included, who have taken the presidential oath, Obama said, "Yet, every so often, the oath is taken amidst gathering clouds and raging storms. At these moments, America has carried on not simply because of the skill or vision of those in high office, but because (We the People) have remained faithful to the ideals of our forebearers, and true to our founding documents."

While Obama did compare himself to past presidents, Bruce pointed out that he is taking the reigns of the United States of America under

"unprecedented circumstances."

Bruce said, "He has an ongoing war effort in Iraq, and yet he needs to hit the ground running on the economy."

Obama dismissed those who say that he cannot fix all the problems that face America today. He stressed that by working together America will never fail.

"Now, there are some who question the scale of our ambitions – who suggest that our system cannot tolerate too many big plans. Their memories are short. For they have forgotten what this country has already done, what men and women can achieve when imagination is joined to common purpose, and necessity to courage," Obama said.

Rome is Burning



Mike Zurn

World News Editor

Human Restoration

Over break, I had the distinct pleasure in attending an eight-day silent retreat courtesy of JCU Campus Ministry and the Jesuit Retreat House. As you can imagine, you have the opportunity to accomplish a lot of reading to pass the time.

One of the books I managed to finish was "Jesus Before Christianity" by Albert Nolan. In the book, Nolan attempts to display the human life of Jesus before he became surrounded by religion and doctrine.

Although I find myself in disagreement with much of the book, I do believe in its underlying theme. Jesus was a man of great faith and compassion. In fact, he separated himself from traditional norms to display it.

Jesus did not associate with the wealthy and powerful, but rather those who were rejected by society and deemed less than human – the oppressed, poor, diseased, etc. Nolan essentially argues that much of the world has lost faith in God and lost its feelings of empathy. Given the condition of the world, I happen to agree.

The wonderful advances in science and technology have in essence pushed us away from God. Although I have no explanation as to why, the proof of evolution coupled with knowledge of universal laws has seemed to dampen people's religious beliefs. This has led many of us to place more faith in science and to displace our faith in God.

Shouldn't discoveries that prove the universe more complex also lead to an assumption that there is a creative genius that put it into motion? To me the answer is obvious, but many others have difficulty accepting the things that cannot be explained with certainty.

This human loss of faith has contributed to a lack of compassion for others, especially in the United States. We do not seem to be as concerned for others as we used to be. For various reasons, people continue to starve and die due to our negligence and ignorance.

As my mother always joyfully puts it, "This world needs an enema." Maybe this is because we have become desensitized to many of the world's problems due to media outlets, as some philosophers like Jean Baudrillard would argue. Who knows?

What I do know is that if this path is to continue, humanity is, for lack of a better word, screwed. We need to reinvigorate that compassionate sense within ourselves; the same one with which Jesus walked the earth.

Otherwise, we will continue losing that which makes us most human, specifically, the ability to relate to others and feel their sufferings, pains, angers and frustrations—in other words, that sense of compassion.

So next time you see a homeless or poor person begging, or for that matter anyone in need, give him or her a couple bucks or lend that person a hand. Most likely, that person is hungry and in need of food or something else. Some of you might object on grounds that the person will use the money to buy crack. Maybe so.

But I think most of us can appreciate people trying to catch a buzz; I know I can. After all, I tend to run into a lot of you down on Coventry on Thursday nights. Judging by the way that we sometimes act, including yours truly, we might want to look into the whole crack thing as an alternative.

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Israel halts offensive operations

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World News Editor

The Israeli offensive into the Gaza Strip ended suddenly on Sunday when officials declared a unilateral ceasefire. The Palestinian group Hamas responded by also declaring a ceasefire, giving Israel one week to remove troops from the Gaza region.

Israel completed its withdrawal before the Presidential Inauguration on Tuesday. The stop in fighting marks an end to a three-week offensive by Israeli Defense Forces.

According to the Palestinian Authority's Central Bureau of Statistics, the assault left over 1,300 Palestinians dead and 5,400 wounded.

Thirteen Israelis, including three civilians, were killed during the fighting. Israel maintains that it was acting in response to Hamas firing rockets aimed at Israeli civilians, but many criticize the fighting as a disproportionate use of force.

The European Union plans to mediate the dispute by holding meetings with both sides to negotiate a permanent ceasefire.

Israel controlled Gaza until it withdrew from the area in 2005. Now, Gaza inhabits a population of about 1.5 million people, many of whom are displaced Palestinian refugees from the 1948 war that followed Israel's declaration of independence. The region lacks essential resources like water and does not allow Palestinians much freedom to move.

This caused Palestinians to dig tunnels into neighboring nations like Egypt. Within these tunnels, Palestinians have smuggled in food, resources and weapons.

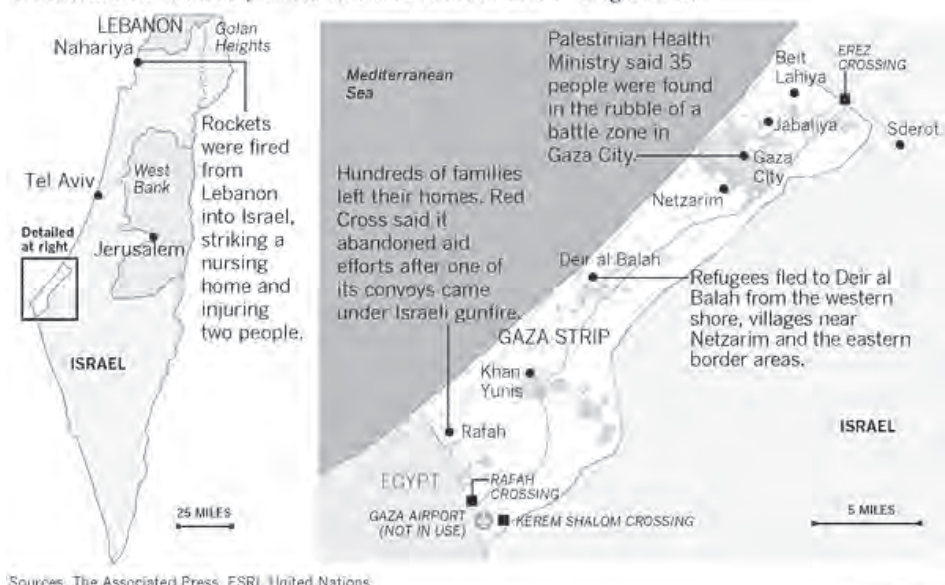
In order to end the inflow of weapons, Israel bombed many of these tunnels. As a result, many Palestinians require humanitarian assistance and face starvation.

However, the situation surrounding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is much more complicated, extending far beyond Gaza.

Philip Metres, an English professor at John Carroll University, has studied the subject extensively for 10 years and has previously visited the region.

Relief aid to Gaza disrupted

The U.N. and Red Cross stopped delivering aid, saying their workers were at risk from Israeli forces. The Israeli offensive in the Gaza Strip is meant to halt rocket attacks from the territory on southern Israeli towns and cities. Diplomats continued to seek a cease-fire agreement.



Metres has also taught a course focused on Israeli and Palestinian literatures at JCU for four years and is particularly interested in peace and justice issues.

In his pursuit of peace, Metres hopes to debunk many myths about the conflict, including the commonly held belief that there has always been fighting and that it will never end. These beliefs only serve to oversimplify the conflict and perpetuate the cycle of violence, according to Metres.

While a variety of complications broaden the fighting, the conflict, Metres said, "is fueled by a perception of each side believing that they are embattled, victimized and alone."

Both Israel and Palestine have experienced a history of oppression and isolation. Palestinians believe that they are victims and that people do not understand their experiences or accept their identity.

At the same time, Israelis feel pinned down by the Arab and outside world. Thus, the conflict is "exacerbated by the influence of other parties," Metres said. In particular, he

pointed out countries such as Iran, Syria and the United States.

"A lot of people benefit [from the conflict] economically, symbolically and politically. Peacemakers on both sides are often perceived as a threat," he said.

Although many questions must be answered to achieve peace, Israelis and Palestinians can take steps to help bring about change.

Metres believes Israel must work toward establishing peace with Syria over the Golan Heights, and the United States must offer support on the border of Iraq.

Most importantly, both Israelis and Palestinians must recognize and acknowledge one another's right to exist.

Otherwise, neither side will be able to empathize and understand the other. In addition, individual action within and outside the region can lead to a prospective peace.

"People-to-people efforts do not solve political conflict, but anticipate the possibility of coexistence," Metres said.

Guantanamo Bay detention camp will close

Jacqueline Wyman
The Carroll News

Transition officials for President Barack Obama revealed last week that the president plans to issue an executive order to close the Guantanamo Bay detention camp in Cuba.

Senior aides divulged that the president will not only issue an executive order to close the prison, but will also specifically ban the use of torture on terror suspects.

Obama hopes that this action will create a clear division between his administration and the Bush administration's approach to the war on terror.

John Carroll University political science professor Elizabeth Stiles agrees that this is the right move for Obama.

"He's trying to show clearly that he's going to do things differently. Closing Guantanamo Bay is the most visible way to show his policies are different from the Bush administration," said Stiles.

Officials close to Obama have disclosed that all prisoners who are able to stand trial will be tried. Those who cannot will then be released, pending that they do not raise any threat to the United States. The prisoners who pose a threat will be relocated with the help of other countries.

Portugal recently stepped forward as the first country to lend a hand to the United States, declaring that its government will be willing to resettle some detainees.

Luís Amado, Portugal's foreign minister, said in a letter to other European ministers,

"The time has come for the European Union to step forward."

Amado asserted that by helping resettle detainees it will reveal to the United States that the European Union is willing to help.

"We should send a clear signal of our willingness to help the U.S. government in that regard, namely through the resettlement of detainees," said Amado.

Many are not surprised by Portugal's call for action.

"[Obama] has a lot of international good will," said Stiles. "The closing of Guantanamo Bay is a good start to gaining international support, but obviously we will have to do more than just that."

Attorney General designate Eric Holder also explained in a press conference last week that time will become a problem. Due to a variety of issues, the camp's closing might not happen as soon as the Obama administration would like.

Even though there is concern that releasing detainees will cause the terror threat to rise, according to official government reports, only 18 out of over 100 detainees released have been found guilty for terrorist acts occurring after their release.

"Eighteen is a small fraction of how many detainees have been released," said Stiles.

The military prison at Guantanamo Bay has been surrounded by much controversy since it was opened seven years ago.

Throughout the years, many critics of the Bush administration have cited the prison as a symbol of the administration's negligence

and misuse of power.

"The original purpose of Guantanamo Bay was to not prosecute prisoners but meant more to put people away, find out what they know," said Stiles.

Stiles feels that much controversy was caused by inhumane conditions and torture.

"We know for sure that prisoners were put into pressure positions, such as waterboarding, which causes someone to feel as if they are drowning. How is that not torture?" questioned Stiles.

Holder pledged last week that the Obama administration will only support techniques that are "effective" and that do not violate America's treaty obligations.

He also said "waterboarding is torture" and the United States will continue to protect America from terrorism, but now "do so within the letter and spirit of the Constitution."

Holder's statement comes after former President George W. Bush declared Guantanamo Bay a symbol of America's stand for freedom.

"There are technicalities with that stance. You must ask if for U.S. freedom are you diminishing other's freedom? At what point do we become not defenders of freedom but oppressors?" said Stiles.

Some have expressed worries about whether the closing of Guantanamo Bay will take years.

In Obama's Inaugural address though, he sought to soothe those fears and promise that his administration will meet their goals, no matter how long it may take.

Distracted Much?

Professors and students cope with distracting technology in classroom and dorms

Bob Seeholzer
Feature Editor

It's 2009 and students have more distractions than ever before. Not just in the classroom, but from television to radio to the Internet, the media has become so fast-paced that it's hard to keep up. With all of this information, it's difficult to retain the images and messages we're exposed to, but it's even more difficult to remain focused on any of it long enough to learn it.

"The addictive nature of Web browsing can leave you with an attention span of nine seconds—the same as a goldfish," said a BBC report in 2002.

"Our attention span gets affected by the way we do things," Ted Selker, from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology told the British news agency. "If we spend our time flitting from one thing to another on the Web, we can get into a habit of not concentrating."

It's not the most encouraging news for students with several 75-minute classes each week. In the classroom, most professors like to use lecturing to teach their students. Their students, who have been raised on a media culture that encourages quick movement from one topic to another, might not be as fond of this method.

The problem arises that students are not predisposed to learning and retaining information using the methods that professors prefer. Most students are used to obtaining information

by scanning a news Web site, skimming an article, or catching a quick news clip.

Things change drastically in the classroom where the quick, condensed form of learning gets turned on its head and becomes an in-depth, microscopic look at a subject.

One could argue that this is not the most conducive learning environment for the current generation of students.

Professors, however, don't necessarily agree that students are at a disadvantage when it comes to learning the material.

"It's a learnable skill that any student at John Carroll is capable of learning," said Janet Larsen, chair of the psychology department at John Carroll University.

While she does agree that there is some truth to the fact that people have been forced to adjust to a society where information is covered in sound bites rather than in full detail, she doesn't think that means things need to change in the classroom. Larsen, who teaches a course titled "Memory and Cognition," sees the attention span argument as a cop out for students. She also points out that JCU isn't elementary school or high school.

"Freshman year isn't grade 13," she said. The college education process is designed to prepare students for life after college. In order to do that, sometimes students need

to buckle down and focus.

Many students are beginning to bring laptop computers to class. While some students see them as beneficial for note-taking, other find them as a distraction. Junior Megan Greene said, "I don't think, in most cases, that laptops are really a necessity in class. I know that, at least for me, it would be difficult to focus on class if I had a computer and a wireless connection right in front of me."

Other students such as sophomore Amanda Papa find that laptops not only distract other students, but are not a good alternative to regular written notes. "I don't like it when students bring laptops to class. I don't think they are beneficial for note taking. (Especially because most students don't use them to take notes anyway). Also, it helps to retain more information if you write it, so taking notes by hand is more beneficial." The mind can be trained to better handle the classroom setting with its long lectures and essays in a similar way to how it has been trained to deal with two-minute YouTube clips and Facebook on the iPhone. All it takes is a little practice and determination.

In a battle between how students learn and how professors teach, the title of winner is mutually exclusive. Since teachers help determine GPA, it's probably best for students to surrender and go with their flow.

Junior Megan Greene often finds herself procrastinating from required tasks, especially when roommates are around and Facebook is available. She said, "While [electronic devices] can sometimes be distracting, they're important tools for communication and networking." Greene said, "The distractions in my dorm definitely can make it difficult, but in class I'm usually pretty focused." In the classroom, Greene said its easy to stay on task if the lecture is interesting and the professor is passionate about what he or she is teaching.

On a typical weeknight, you may find sophomore Amy Gunderman perusing YouTube or Facebook. The biology major feels that although the communication devices students regularly use may be distracting at times, when used in moderation, they can still be effective tools. For Gunderman, however, the tools we use in our lives tend not to distract her when studying. In the classroom, Gunderman said she is not ordinarily distracted from the lecture of the professor, except for when she is tired. Gunderman also said she prefers a more interactive approach through programs such as PowerPoint to teach the material.

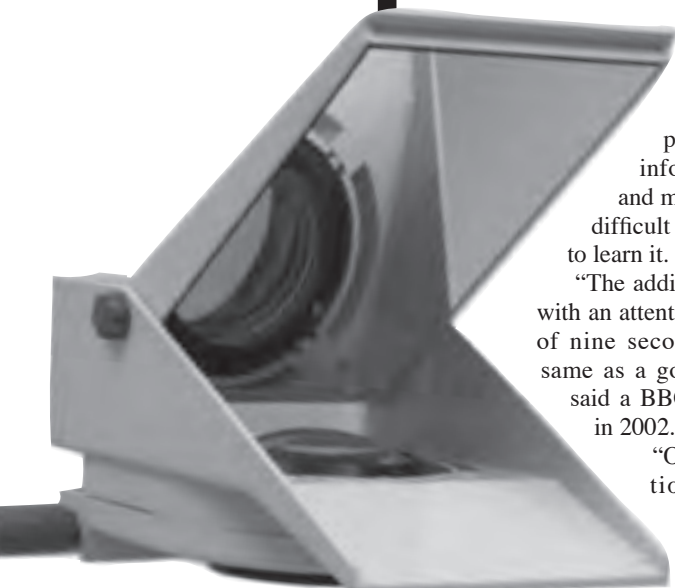
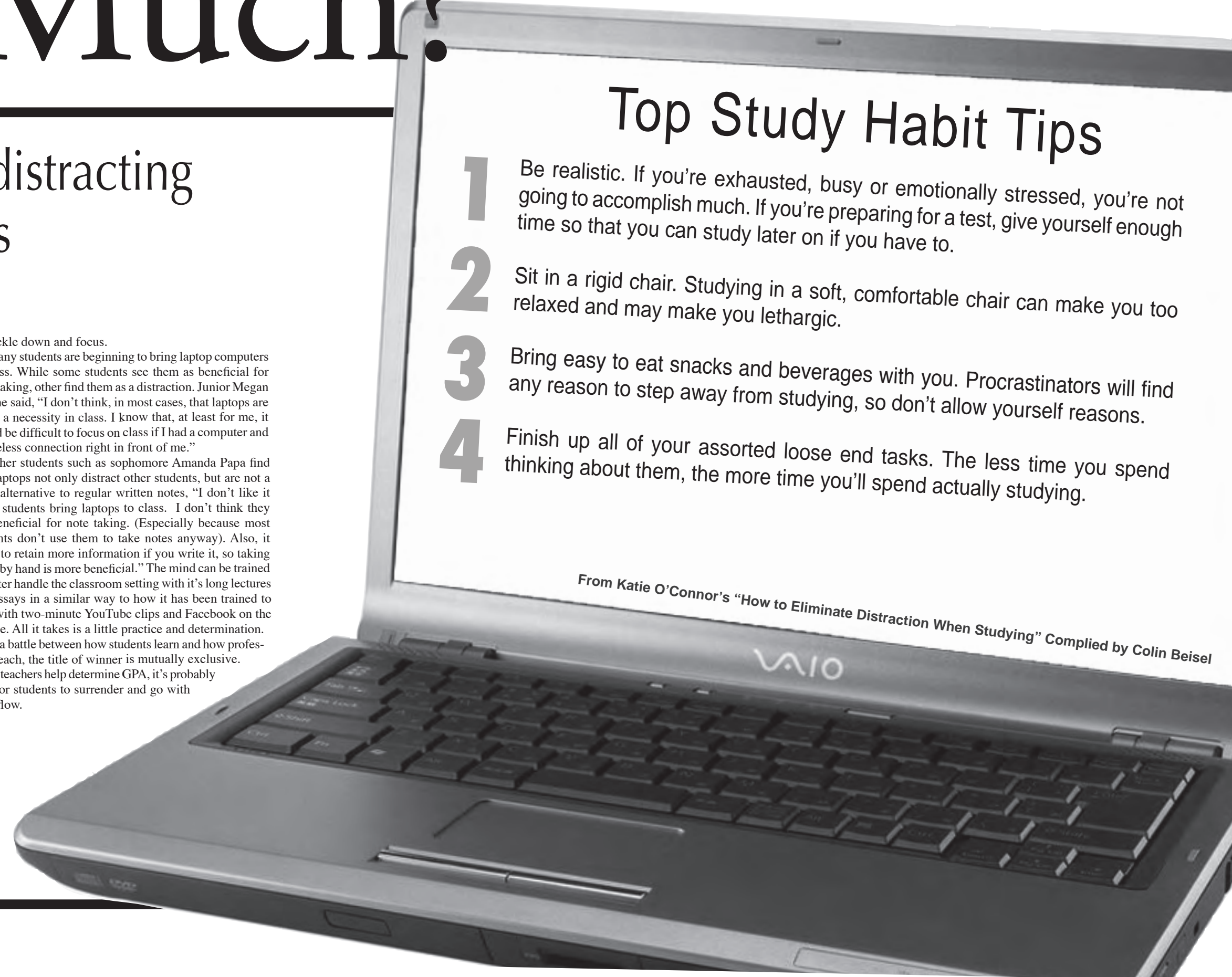
Sophomore Amanda Papa finds Facebook and her computer to be very distracting; yet, Papa said they are only distractions if students allow them to interfere. To describe her preferred method of learning in the classroom, Papa said, "I prefer discussion. I enjoy hearing other students' opinions and feel as though I retain more of the information that way." Still, Papa conceded she sometimes finds her mind wandering during long class lectures. "It's hard if the teacher is not animated or doesn't do anything to hold your attention. I definitely find my mind wandering during long lectures. If a class or review session is discussion based though, I do much better."

Complied by
Colin Beisel

Top Study Habit Tips

- 1 Be realistic. If you're exhausted, busy or emotionally stressed, you're not going to accomplish much. If you're preparing for a test, give yourself enough time so that you can study later on if you have to.
- 2 Sit in a rigid chair. Studying in a soft, comfortable chair can make you too relaxed and may make you lethargic.
- 3 Bring easy to eat snacks and beverages with you. Procrastinators will find any reason to step away from studying, so don't allow yourself reasons.
- 4 Finish up all of your assorted loose end tasks. The less time you spend thinking about them, the more time you'll spend actually studying.

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Men's basketball wins seventh in a row

Charlie Duggan
Staff Reporter

The recent cold weather that has tormented John Carroll University students since returning from Winter Break has yet to make its way into the DeCarlo Varsity Center.

Any preseason doubts that may have existed about the capability of the men's basketball team no longer exist. With their recent 92-66 thumping of Wilmington College, the Blue Streaks have won seven games in a row and trail only Capital University in the loss column in the Ohio Athletic Conference standings.

With only one senior on the roster and having five freshmen who see significant playing time, JCU features one of the youngest teams in the conference.

But age is only a number, and by watching this team play you can see that there is no real secret to their success.

"This is one of the most unselfish teams I've coached," said head coach Mike Moran. "These guys really bought into the system and they go to work every day in practice."

Their current seven-game winning streak includes victories in Virginia over the holidays, at home over Mount Union College and Heidelberg College, road wins over Marietta College and Baldwin-Wallace College, and a win this past Saturday at home against Wilmington in what was the most impressive performance by the Blue Streaks this year.

The then-first-place Quakers limped into the DeCarlo Varsity Center without leading scorer and



Photo courtesy of Sports Information

Junior Tyler Kirsch did a little bit of everything for the Blue Streaks on Saturday as he recorded a double-double in the 92-66 victory over then-Ohio Athletic Conference leader Wilmington College.

rebounder Brandon Rogers.

JCU jumped out to a 17-0 lead on three 3-pointers by junior Brian Dandrea. It was smooth sailing from there as Wilmington was never able to get any spark going.

Junior Tyler Kirsch gave the Blue Streaks a huge boost in the first half, grabbing seven offensive boards on his way to a new career high of ten rebounds. Dandrea led a balanced scoring attack, which had six players reach double figures, with 17 points.

Junior Rudy Kirbus, sophomore center Maurice Haynes, and fresh-

men Matt Crozier, Joey Meyer and Corey Shontz all chipped in ten points.

JCU took open shot after open shot as they unselfishly rotated the ball around on offense.

John Carroll went 11-22 from behind the arc and out rebounded the Quakers 46-34.

"This was one of the easiest games I've had as a coach that I can remember. Our guys executed everything we had in our game plan and just made plays the whole game," said Moran after the game.

John Carroll will get a well-

deserved break from the rigors of OAC play this Wednesday night and will start the second half of their OAC schedule on Saturday at home against Otterbein College at 2 p.m.

On Jan. 31 the Blue Streaks host Capital in what could be a pivotal game in determining the final OAC standings and have postseason tournament implications.

The second time through the conference schedule, JCU will be a marked team after perhaps sneaking to the top of the standings relatively unnoticed.

Game Statistics



92



66

GAME LEADERS

Points -

JCU: Brian Dandrea - 17

WIL: Justin Gaines - 15

Rebounds -

JCU: Maurice Haynes - 12

WIL: Kevin Colson - 7

Assists -

JCU: Zajac/Hamrick - 3

WIL: Tyler Ledford - 6

KEY STATS

Team Three-pointers -

JCU: 11 of 22 (50%)

Team rebounds -

JCU: 46

WIL: 34

Biggest Lead -

JCU: 26

WIL: Never led

Without star Jennings, Blue Streaks women's team drops two in a row

Sean Fagan
Staff Reporter

After a loss earlier in the week to crosstown rival Baldwin-Wallace College, the John Carroll University women's basketball team went on the road to battle a Wilmington College team that had lost two games in a row.

Sound like an easy task?

According to Wilmington Sports Information Director Jeff Hibbs, Wilmington had not lost three games in a row since the 2000-01 season, their first in the Ohio Athletic Conference.

JCU, shorthanded without injured sophomore star Lee Jennings, came up short as they fell to Wilmington 83-55 on Saturday.

After losses to Baldwin-Wallace and Wilmington, the Blue Streaks, who were picked to finish third in the OAC coaches' preseason poll, have fallen to seventh place in the Ohio Athletic Conference with a 4-4 conference record.

Without Jennings, JCU's leader in scoring and assists, the Blue Streak offense sputtered to their third-lowest point total of the season, and a defense that has for the most part bent but not broken this season was tortured by the aggressive Quakers' star players Kortney Kin and Marianne McGoron.

Kin, the top scorer in the OAC and second nationally, finished the game with 18 points, eight rebounds



Photo courtesy of Sports Information

Senior Caitlin Hubach, pictured above, has been a welcome addition to the Blue Streaks. At the halfway point of the OAC season, Hubach is averaging seven points and six rebounds per game.

and two blocks, and was also effective in getting the JCU forwards in foul trouble.

McGoron, the lightning-fast point guard for the Quakers, added 16 points, using her quickness to get to the basket with ease.

The game was a tight affair for much of the first half, with Wilm-

ington and JCU scoring early and often. Early Blue Streak success came from junior forward Caitlin Sureck, who finished the game with 17 points. A visible Wilmington weakness was quickly noticed by the coaching staff.

"Their defense was sagging in so much, it gave us several options

with Caitlin down low," said head coach Kristie Maravalli. "The plan was to get it down low and either let [Caitlin] take the shot or kick it out to the perimeter."

"Unfortunately, the outside shot wasn't falling for us [on Saturday]," said Maravalli.

The failure to convert jump shots

haunted JCU the entire day as the Quakers were able to adjust their game plan and dare the Blue Streaks to knock down jump shots.

After going back and forth early on, Wilmington went on a 12-4 run that put them ahead 36-24 with just under five minutes remaining in the first half.

The Quakers would come out for the second half with an 11-point lead and, despite giving up the first basket, put the rubber to the road and rattled off eight straight points.

From that point the rout was on, with JCU never again coming within 15 points of the runaway Wilmington Quakers.

Maravalli said that while the team isn't interested in making excuses, the absence of Jennings has been a key part of the team's struggles lately.

"The complexion of the team is definitely different with [Jennings]," said Maravalli. "But we need to go out and create some stops on defense."

While seventh place is certainly not where the Blue Streaks hoped to be at this point, there is still a lot of time left to salvage the season.

The team has nine games remaining, all of which are against OAC opponents. A few wins will help their seeding for the OAC tournament. Once there, with a healthy Jennings, anything is possible.

Wrestling team continues to impress

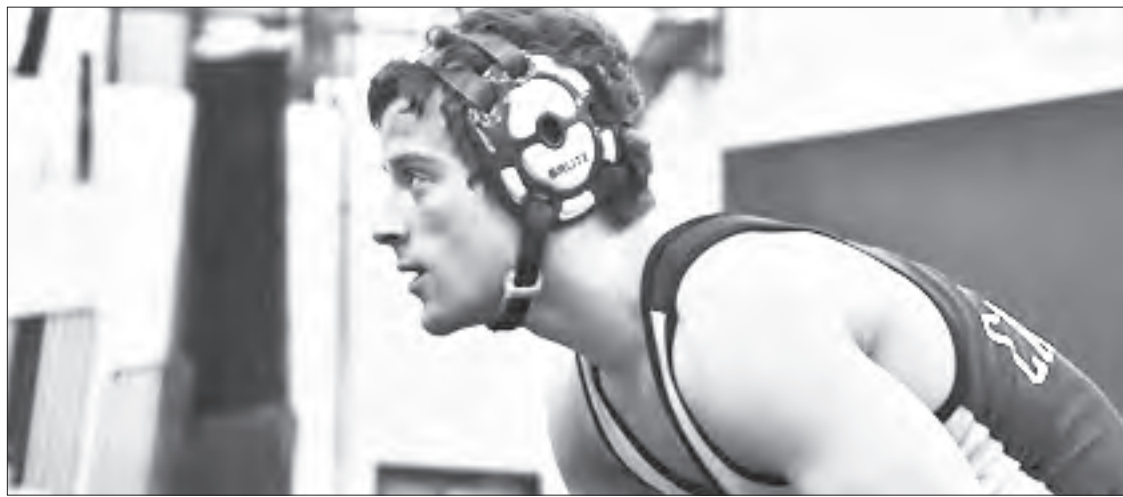


Photo courtesy of Sports Information

Senior Dan Mizener continued his superb season by going 5-0 at the 21st annual Whitehill Duals. The fifth-place finish by JCU was the best finish at this event since the 2003 team placed third.

Brian Fitts
Staff Reporter

There was little time for relaxation over Winter Break for the John Carroll wrestling team. The team spent part of their break in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. and have continued to be busy since returning to Cleveland.

The Blue Streaks were in Fort Lauderdale for the 2008 Florida Citrus Open. After having 11 wrestlers place, including three in the 141-pound weight class, JCU was able to finish second out of the 11 teams competing in the prestigious tournament.

Freshman Clarence Semple won his first collegiate title in the 141-pound weight class, with sophomore Chris Romeo finishing third and freshman Mauricio Gonzales finishing sixth. Seniors Elie Naoum (125), Dan Mizener (149), Ben Adams (184) and Matt Harmon (197), and sophomore Adam Kriwinsky (133) all placed second in their respective weight classes. Kriwinsky is currently ranked seventh in the country in his weight class.

Also placing were junior Travis Hammer, fifth in the 174-pound

weight class, sophomore James Nemunaitis, fourth in the 197-pound weight class, and junior Tim Lambert, who placed sixth in the 285-pound weight class.

While the Blue Streaks did not win the tournament, the high placing and overall experience will help them in the long run.

"We were banged up, but to still be able to finish that high shows a lot about our team," said Lambert. "We also saw some conference teams there, so that will also help us in the long run."

Following the trip to Florida was the Whitehill Duals at Lycoming College in Williamsport, Pa. The Blue Streaks defeated two nationally-ranked teams on the second day of the tournament en route to a fifth-place finish.

While JCU was unseeded at the tournament and may have snuck up on some people, they did not surprise themselves.

"We knew we could go with these teams, but since we've had some injuries, we haven't been getting a lot of attention," said Lambert. "Now that we're healthy, I think teams will start noticing us."

Lambert's teammate Travis Hammer agreed that the recent competition has helped the team and will payoff in the long run.

"Coming off a tough dual loss at Mount Union, those wins are definitely a boost," he said. "Beating nationally-ranked teams helps."

Once back at school, JCU resumed conference play at the DeCarlo Varsity Center against Wilmington College. Freshmen Kevin Nycz and Andrew Schafer, junior Devon Jurczak, senior Matt Harmon and Naoum, Romeo, Mizener, Hammer and Adams all posted victories for the Blue Streaks.

Lambert felt the big wins from the Whitehill Duals gave the Blue Streaks momentum heading into the dual match against Wilmington.

"We definitely wrestled our best against Wilmington," said Lambert.

The win marked the fifth consecutive dual match win for the Blue Streaks, who improved to 8-4 on the year and 1-1 in the OAC.

John Carroll's next home match will be against Heidelberg College, Jan. 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the DeCarlo Varsity Center.

JCU ATHLETICS SCOREBOARD

JAN. 12 - JAN. 20

Men's Basketball

JCU	77
Baldwin-Wallace	70
JCU	92
Wilmington	66
JCU Leaders - Points:	
Joe Meyer	27
Rebounds:	
Maurice Haynes	17
Assists:	
Corey Shontz	6

Hockey

JCU	9
Slippery Rock	8
JCU	0
Kent State	9
JCU Leaders - Goals:	
Zack Skook	3
Assists:	
Geoff Abrahams	2
Scott Matthews	2
Nick Morici	2
Saves:	
Nick Fabrizio	35

Women's Basketball

JCU	52
Baldwin-Wallace	67
JCU	55
Wilmington	83
JCU Leaders - Points:	
Rachael Price	26
Rebounds:	
Caitlin Sureck	15
Assists:	
Sadie Zander	4
Caitlin Sureck	4

Wrestling

JCU	38
Wilmington	3

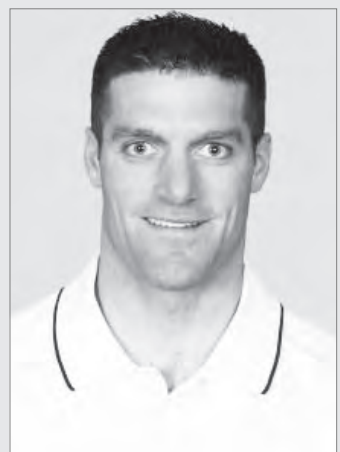
JCU Winners (Class):

- Elie Naoum (125)
- Kevin Nycz (133)
- Chris Romeo (141)
- Dan Mizener (149)
- Andrew Schaffer (157)
- Devon Jurczak (165)
- Travis Hammer (174)
- Ben Adams (184)
- Matt Harmon (197)

* If you are a member of a John Carroll University club sport and would like your scores or statistics published in The Carroll News, please e-mail results by 5 p.m. on Sunday to: jcunews@jcu.edu



STREAKS OF THE WEEK



Football



Josh McDaniels
John Carroll '99

- McDaniels was named the eleventh head coach of the Denver Broncos. McDaniels was hired away from the New England Patriots, where he had worked since 2001 and won three Super Bowls.

Basketball



Brian Dandrea
junior

- Dandrea hit three 3-point shots in the first four minutes of the Blue Streaks game against Wilmington to propel JCU to a 17-0 lead. He finished the game 6-7 from the field with a game-high 17 points.

Wrestling



Dan Mizener
senior

- Mizener led the charge by going a perfect 5-0 at 149 pounds at the Whitehill Duals. Mizener and Co. went on to earn a fifth-place finish, including two victories over nationally-ranked teams.

Basketball



Rachael Price
senior

- With the absence of Lee Jennings, Price averaged 15 points per game in her last three games. She scored 19 points, including two free throws in the final seconds to beat Wilmington 63-61.

Football



Nick Caserio
John Carroll '99

- The former Blue Streak quarterback was promoted to Vice President of Player Personnel for the New England Patriots. Caserio replaced Scott Pioli, who left for the Kansas City Chiefs.

Two John Carroll grads realize NFL dreams

McDaniels to be head coach in Denver, former teammate Caserio VP for Patriots

Tim Ertle
Chris Koller
The Carroll News

A decade ago, friends Josh McDaniels and Nick Caserio graduated from John Carroll University and headed to the state of Michigan to pursue coaching and graduate assistant jobs, McDaniels at Michigan State University and Caserio at Saginaw Valley State.

The two Michigan cities where they studied and worked, East Lansing and University Center, are a far cry from the bright lights and big salaries that accompany the National Football League.

Still, in just a decade, these two JCU alums have worked their way to the top of their professions as each was promoted to a high profile position in the NFL over the last two weeks.

For McDaniels, who served as the offensive coordinator of the New England Patriots and quarterbacks coach from 2005-08, the big day came on Jan. 11 when he was named the eleventh head coach of the Denver Broncos. McDaniels replaces future Hall of Fame coach Mike Shanahan, who was fired after 14 seasons, which included two Super Bowl titles and a record of 138-86.

At just 32 years of age, McDaniels is the sixth youngest man to be

named head coach in the history of the NFL.

While some speculated that age was a factor in McDaniels being turned down for other head coaching jobs, such as the one here in Cleveland, others laughed at the notion that he is too young to lead a team.

"All of his players in New England had great respect for him," said Tony DeCarlo, who coached both McDaniels and Caserio during their days in University Heights. "He is certainly capable of taking his team to the top."

In order to get to the top, McDaniels will have to go through the mighty power that is the New England Patriots. That will involve him beating his former JCU teammate Nick Caserio, who was recently promoted to vice president of player personnel in New England.

Like McDaniels, Caserio has big shoes to fill. This offseason, Caserio's predecessor Scott Pioli was one of the most coveted front office executives in recent years after helping Bill Belichick build a team that won three Super Bowl titles. When Pioli left to take over as General Manager of the Kansas City Chiefs, Caserio was promoted from his previous post of director of player personnel. Before that, Caserio served as the wide receivers coach for the

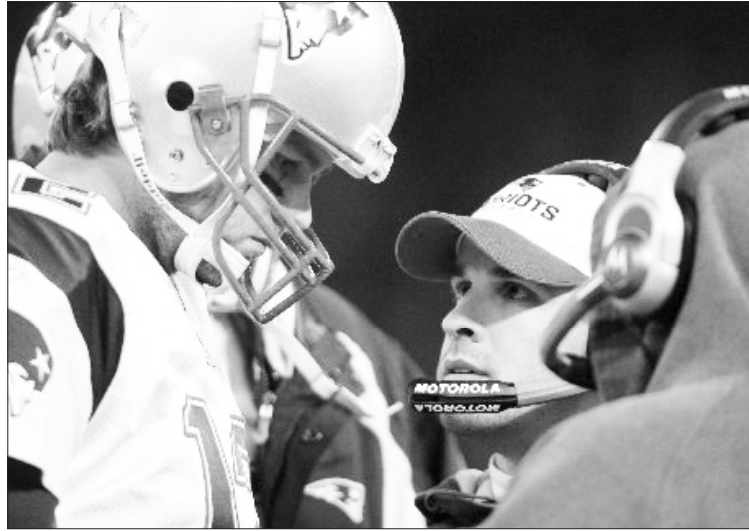


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JCU graduate Josh McDaniels, shown here talking to Tom Brady, has been named the eleventh head coach of the Denver Broncos.

Patriots.

Some believe this will not be the last stop Caserio will make in the NFL.

"Nick was one of the hardest working players on the team, by far," former Blue Streak teammate London Fletcher told the Boston Herald. "When I think about his work ethic and his skills, I don't even think general manager will be his last stop. He'll be a president or something like that."

While people in Denver and New England were happy with the new hires, many on John Carroll's cam-

pus, where Bears, Bills, Browns and Steelers fans dominate, were happy to have some of their own reach the top in the NFL.

Current JCU offensive coordinator Ron Dolciato, who was in charge of the running backs during the McDaniels/Caserio era in the late 1990s, remembered the playing days before these two were big-time names in professional football.

"I remember Josh and Nick being very good friends," said Dolciato. They both had a lot in common in terms of a strong passion

for the game. Both came here as quarterbacks and were extremely intelligent young men. I'm very proud to see what they have made of themselves."

Current JCU head coach Regis Scafe was happy for both guys, although he was hired just after their senior seasons and never had the opportunity to coach either player.

"This is great for our program," said Scafe. "Anytime a Division III school can get this much exposure for something as positive as this, it's certainly going to help in terms of recruiting."

Scafe went on to mention that the Blue Streaks have quite a coaching tradition, especially for a small school, with McDaniels joining Don Shula on the list of NFL head coaches to come from JCU. He added, "I don't know of another Division III program other than Wesleyan University [Bill Belichick and Eric Mangini] that has produced two NFL head coaches. That's something that JCU can be very proud of."

JCU Assistant Athletic Director for Communications/ Sports Information Director Chris Wenzler noted that he had five calls, two from newspapers and three from television stations in the Denver area that were looking to retrace McDaniels' steps at JCU.

Auditions!

The Department of Communication and Theatre Arts

Spring productions

Dates: January 21, 22-January 23 Call backs

7-10pm- Marinello One acts

5:30- 7pm The Importance of Being Earnest

Auditions for Earnest are in Kulas Auditorium

Auditions for the One acts are in Marinello Little Theatre

Auditions are open to all JCU students, Staff and Faculty

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST

BY Oscar Wilde

Directed by Martin Friedman

Be prepared to read from the script. Call backs will be held on Friday January 23 if needed.

The classic Victorian comedy is about two men who are enamored of two young women and their alter egos that get them into serious mishaps. When the old battleaxe Lady Bracknell appears the intrigue and satire leads to more laughs.

Cast requirements (4 Males, 5 Females)

EARNEST Show Dates: March 27, 28, April 3, 4 (7:30pm), April 5 (2pm)

Marinello One Act Series:

THE CLOAK

by Clifford Bax

Directed by Georgia Michael

A dark mystery that pokes at the institutions of religion and individuality. What happens to you when you meet the grim reaper and the choices you have to make?

Cast Requirements: 3 live people

BUCK FEVER

by Bill Bozzone

Directed by Holly Noffsinger

A hunting trip turns into an evening of comedy about relationships and a plan for revenge that goes bust for all!

Cast requirements-3 males, 2 females

ONE ACT Show Dates: March 19, 20, 21, (7:30pm), March 22 (2pm)

Scripts are available after Wednesday January 14 from the Dept. Secretary at O'Malley center #45 - between 10am and 5pm! Questions? Call Keith Nagy at #4308

Editorial

Tuition increase manageable

While an ominous cloud continues to loom over the United States' economical stability and create unease for college students, John Carroll University has attempted to lift some of that stress off of its students' shoulders.

This past December, a 2.8 percent increase in tuition for the 2009-10 school year was approved by the Board of Directors, making it the smallest increase in the University's history. At a time when educational costs seem to be on the minds of students, the administration prevailed with passing an acceptable and manageable tuition increase.

This increase reflects the administration's attempt to meet the needs of students and their families. Now more than ever, young adults are unable to afford an education because of rising costs and are forced to either drop out or place their program on hold. Increasing tuition by only \$750 allows both current and prospective students to maintain a positive outlook on the affordability of attending JCU.

Additionally, the administration should also be commended for creating accommodations that are geared toward easing the payment process. Now, current student financial aid awards will be processed beginning March 1 — five months earlier than usual. This allows students to work out financial problems earlier to ensure a smooth start to a semester.

Also, the University will begin to put into place electronic billing and payment plan options. This will allow families to easily budget, plan pay installments and use other payment methods such as Automated Clearing House bank withdrawal.

JCU's small tuition increase couldn't have come at a better time. The administration and Board of Directors should continue to push for an affordable education as well as ways in which to accommodate families.

New paper fee vexes students

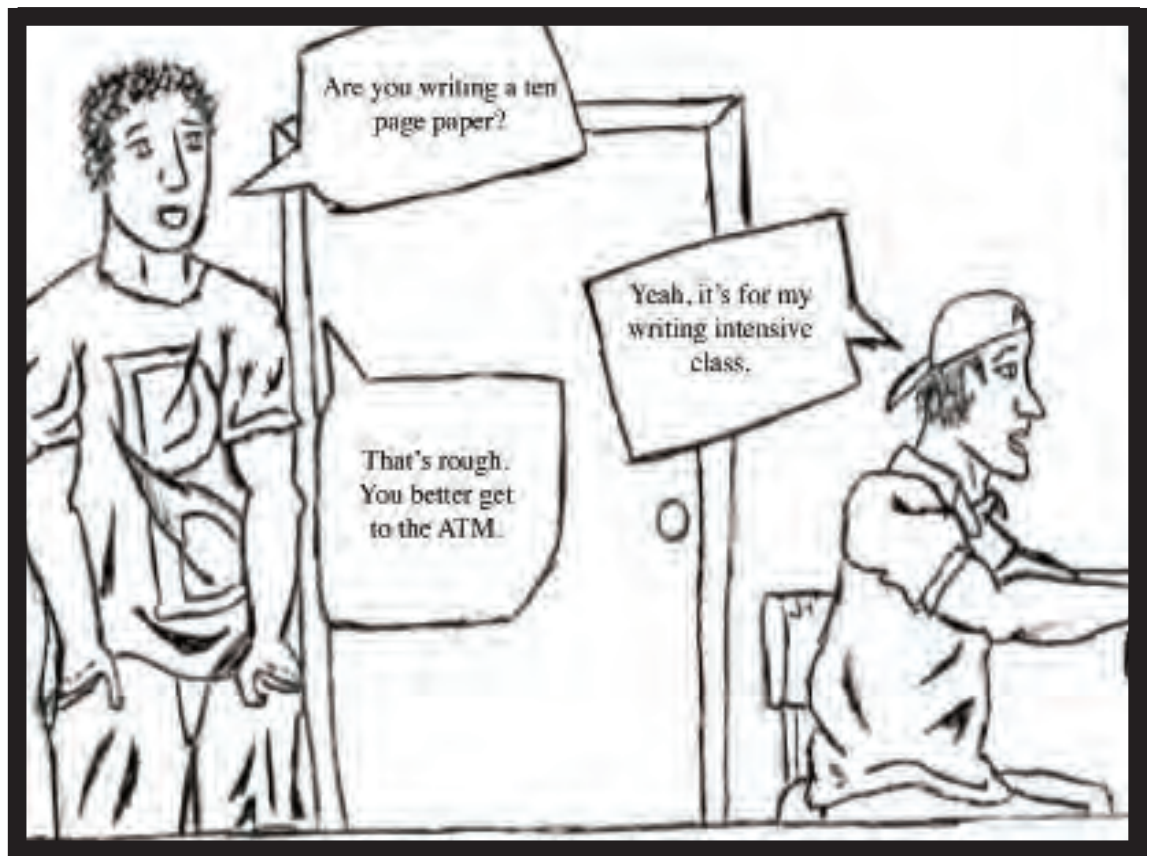
The spring semester has marked the start of Grasselli Library's attempt to cut down on paper waste. Every student has been given a \$25 allowance to use during the course of the semester, with black and white pages costing five cents and color pages costing 30 cents. This gives every student the ability to print 500 pages on their account for free without having to pay additional fees.

But with less than two weeks of the semester under the belt, both students and faculty are beginning to see flaws in the process. According to Director of Computer Systems and Services Jim Burke, students are not supposed to be charged for misprints or printer failures. But students have noticed that they are still getting charged for these mishaps. Also, Burke explained that there have been exceptions made for classes that necessitate more printing than usual. But not all professors who have asked for extra printing for their classes have been approved.

Rather than focus on taxing students, Computer Systems and Services should focus on other means to cut down printing. A simple solution to nix print waste would be to mandate that professors use the Blackboard system. Posting things like the class syllabus and various handouts would significantly cut down on costs.

Lastly, in order to conserve individual students' printing accounts, organizations should be given their own accounts. This would allow groups and clubs to print items for their members without tapping into one specific member's account.

While it is imperative to reduce paper waste, the University also needs to focus on accommodating students' needs as well.



Cartoon by Joe Hinkel

NOTABLE QUOTABLE



“With hope and virtue, let us brave once more the icy currents, and endure what storms may come.”

-The United States' 44th President Barack Obama, during his Inauguration speech this past Tuesday.

HIT & miss

- Hit:** The Inauguration **Hit:** JCU junior Franco Carapellotti wins CNN.com documentary contest **Hit:** JCU alum Josh McDaniels hired as Broncos head coach **Hit:** Celebration of Democracy event **Hit:** JCU men's basketball win against Wilmington **Hit:** Monday wing night at Pizzazz **miss:** Sub-freezing temperatures **miss(ing):** Class cancellations **Hit:** Steelers and Cardinals will play in Super Bowl **Hit:** Successful landing of airplane on the Hudson River **Hit:** No class last Monday **Hit:** Bill Rancic event this Wednesday **Hit:** Next week's Career Week **miss:** Printing fees **Hit:** Tuition increase is smallest in school's history **Hit:** Campus Ministry's Simply Living pilot program **Hit:** Israel pulls troops out of Gaza **Hit:** I Think, I Respect campaign **Hit:** Doctors separate conjoined twins in Oklahoma

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OUR VIEW

Not as far as we thought on race



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Watching Barack Obama being sworn in as the 44th president of these United States was an exceptionally proud moment for me. I've been an Obama supporter from day one, and so the coverage this weekend has been especially exciting.

Despite the excitement, there was one thing that bothered me: the constant discussion of our progress on race.

While we did elect a black president only 60 years after Jim Crow, which is laudable, we still have not come as far on the issue of race as we think.

Last semester I wasn't at JCU. I was working on political campaigns, and one of those that I worked on was the Saxby Chambliss/Jim Martin run-off race for U.S. Senate in Georgia.

I was in Augusta. Unfortunately Jim Martin lost, and Georgia re-

elects a senator that actually once said, "If we had better intelligence during the Civil War we'd be quoting Jefferson Davis, not Lincoln."

One thing that was alarming to me was the issue of politics and race in the South. I've heard story after story, but you cannot digest the reality until you actually see it.

The city was divided – whites on one side, blacks on the other. Working for a Democrat, I was quickly introduced to the politics of race; for the most part, white means Republican, black means Democratic.

There are many other symbols of race. While I wouldn't necessarily describe too many people down there as well-off, the poverty in the black neighborhoods was profound. It weighed heavily on my thoughts and my heart.

The prevalence of the Confederate flag, a symbol of a racist, secessionist South, is displayed proudly and prevalently.

Disenfranchising black voters is a common practice. Flyers were passed out that said, "Be sure to vote on Wednesday, December 3," when Election Day was the Tuesday before that.

Black ex-felons were consistently told that they were not allowed to re-register to vote, when legally they were after payroll was completed.

In this country, that happens.

While we look to our president, we must never forget that we are only as strong as our weakest link, and while that ignorance exists, while that backwards, racist thinking is alive and well, we have not come as far as we might have liked to.

America is an idea. A notion that has lit the world for two centuries, but one thing that has always scared this great nation is the tremendous racial tensions.

Just because we no longer define any human being as only three-fifths of one, or tolerate the mask of "separate but equal," we have not bridged the racial divide. Simply because, on paper, we hold that we are all equal regardless of skin color does not make it so.

If we truly want to become one nation, with one people, and move forward to fix the enormous problems that we face, then we must not let this ignorance live.

Lo Castro's
Lowdown

Jenna Lo Castro
Editorial & Op/Ed Editor

Gettin' the
word on:

It's Gun Season,
Folks

What do Texas, George Bush, NASCAR and this Lo Castro's Lowdown all have in common? They all encompass individuals who are partial to buying, shooting or owning a gun(s). No, that last one on the list was not a typo. Whoever said flaming liberals typically don't get trigger happy was wrong.

Over the course of Winter Break, I broke the mold and did the most Republican thing I'll probably ever aim to do in my life: I shot a gun. More importantly though, I shot a gun and really enjoyed doing it.

I think I should preface the proceeding comments by saying that shooting a gun did not have cathartic effects on me; it didn't leave me slobbering at the mouth for deer hunting season or propel me to get the Confederate flag tatted onto my back.

What did resonate with me throughout the experience though, was a sense of empowerment and confidence. In a hour I had accomplished a learned ability to load, shoot and unload four (two revolvers, two semi-automatics) weapons. And I was sweating buckets the whole time.

Before my experience, the idea of shooting guns brought two comical thoughts to my mind: a. Dick Cheney and b. that scene in "Wayne's World" where Wayne's ex-girlfriend Stacy buys him a gun rack for their non-existent anniversary. But we all know that Mike Myers' character doesn't even own a gun, leaving him perplexed and painfully awkward. Sort of how I was when I walked into the shooting range over break, only to come face to face with the echoing sound of gun shots and the stench of cheap musky cologne and gun powder.

The 45 or so stuffed dead animals scattered along the lobby of the shooting range also added some special drama and heightened feelings of curiosity. I was dying to do a little

two-finger touch action on these creatures, but my inner conscious convinced me that repercussions at a shooting range would be far more detrimental to my health than on any museum field trip—especially when the guy behind the counter looked like a real life version of Col. Sanders. "Perhaps I'll be handsomely rewarded with a bucket of extra crispy chicken if I hit a bull's-eye," I thought to myself.

But if I had to pick out my favorite part of this Winter Break experience, I'd definitely have to go with the choosing of my target. Forget black and white bull's eyes—this place was way ahead of the hillbilly curve. I was able to choose from an assortment of both dangerous and downright hilarious targets including: The infamous Osama bin Laden, an overweight, scruffy middle-aged man holding a weapon and wearing flannel – funny, I could have sworn I saw that guy shooting in the corral right beside me – a guy with a black ski mask and black glasses holding a women "hostage," and lastly a guy who was the spitting image of Dave Chapelle's Tyrone Diggums. Oh, there was an Andrew Rafferty target too, but the range was sold out of them.

After selecting my target – which I'll leave you guessing about – I entered the range clad in a sexy array of shooting paraphernalia including oversized ear muffers and shop class-esque eyewear.

After lightin' it up for about 45 minutes, Col. Sanders approached us and mumbled something about, "gettin' the hell out because it was getting late." I was sorely disappointed for having to flee, but vowed to Sanders I would be back again one day. If you're wondering how I ended up doing, let's just say I would make any member of the NRA shed a tear.

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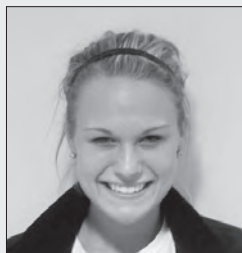
What does cupidity mean?



"Falling stupidly in love."
Kelly Spilker,
freshman



"The level of love you feel on Valentine's Day that is related to the number of arrows Cupid hits you with."
Joe Toohey,
junior



"A hopeless romantic on Valentine's Day."
Kelly Roelen,
freshman

Cupidity is eager or excessive desire, especially for wealth.

That's what See said: My 2009 JCU New Year's resolutions



Bob Seeholzer
Features Editor

It's a new year and like most other Americans, I've got a list of resolutions. Despite my incredible collection of natural talents and nearly perfect bone structure, there are still a few things I'd like to make improvements on.

The typical things from people's lists like "lose weight" or "quit my addiction" won't be found on mine because I actually plan on follow-

ing through.

First on my list is joining Student Union. I'm often overly ambitious but underwhelming in performance. I've proven capable of putting in the excessive amount of time necessary to accomplish a whole lot of nothing.

So when I heard about a position where you need to talk the talk but not walk the walk, I thought, "I'm perfect for this." I wouldn't even bother campaigning because I'd probably be running unopposed anyway.

I also plan on trying out for Rhapsody Blue. I'd re-direct their music towards a boy band style with me playing the Justin Timberlake role. If the guys weren't feeling it – or more likely, I bomb my audition

– then I'd form a rival male capella group. We'd be called Cobalt Crescendo and would feature guest performances from former members of Menudo, so that in comparison we'd look like rising stars.

Random? Of course. Successful? Darn straight.

Greek Life is a little outdated to me, so I've come up with an alternative: Roman Life. Who wants to go see Lip Sync when you can participate in events like Gladiator Battles, Chariot NASCAR (which might be called Formula I, I haven't decided yet), and dictatorship seminars?

I'm working on writing up a proposition for a student-run Neighborhood Watch to take the place of CSS. It would increase student involvement and provide real world

experience preparing them for adulthood in the suburbs. Plus it'll give people a chance to play with their flashlights.

With all these extracurricular-oriented ideas I need to balance it out by adding an academic one. I want to conduct a psychology experiment to see if repetitive use of a subtle phrase can trick people into reading something on a weekly basis.

I might be biting off more than I can chew (that's what she said), but I'm not too worried. No project is too big for me.

On top of that, I'm going to contribute to another award-winning year of the CN. In order to do that I might need to say some things that make others upset or uncomfortable,

but I've learned that if nobody's upset with what you're doing then you're not doing it right. It's a hard job, but somebody's gotta do it.

I'm also dedicated to including more "that's what she said" jokes in 2009. It's only fair to all the people who misread the title. Once I fill my quota, I'll work on using them correctly rather than just forcing them in there.

Finally, I'd like to work on my image. I want people to see that I'm a good-natured guy who doesn't want to offend anyone, start conflict, stir up controversy or waste people's time.

I think I'm off to a good start.

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YOURVIEW

Letters to the Editor

Where's the cancellation?

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Having class when the weather is terrible is nothing new. We live in Cleveland; that's just how it goes. And while I've seen my fair share of absurd calls at John Carroll my four years here, Friday was a level of ridiculousness I never imagined. It was cold. Like really cold. Like I can't make it down my driveway without losing feeling in my face

On Gay Marriage

Jacob Dunton
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I feel I must begin by admitting that I am, in fact, a practicing heterosexual male who has managed to maintain a steady relationship with my girlfriend for almost four years. This means that I have no true, personal stake in whether or not gay marriage is allowed. However, I have never heard a single, convincing argument as to why it should be deemed illegal, including those presented by sophomore Brendan McCreary in the last issue of The Carroll News. A common argument against gay marriage is biblical in nature, citing particular passages condemning homosexuality. While I could spend this letter addressing the hypocrisy of picking and choosing certain lines for personal or political gain while conveniently forgetting others (Leviticus 19:19, anyone?), I would rather point your

Gay Rights

Ellen Bauer
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Due to the fact that Brendan McCreary's letter to the editor in the Dec. 11 edition of The Carroll News displayed such an egregious lack of compassion and understanding for a marginalized minority group, I find it to be my duty to present the opposite arguments and show that not everyone in the John Carroll community has these same views.

McCreary says that he believes in small government but also in constitutional amendments banning gay marriage, which makes me think that he only believes in small government when it reinforces his own bigotry and heterosexual privilege. He claims that the "Full Faith and Credit Clause" is his reason for justifying his stance, but I believe that this same clause would be ample reason for necessitating the legality of gay marriage, considering that the Massachusetts courts legalized gay marriage months before any official bans to it were voted on in other states. Gay marriage is now legal in Connecticut as well, and New York recognizes marriages which were performed in other states.

I'm sorry to disappoint the heterosexuals of the world, but in order to properly honor this clause, gay marriages should have been recognized across the United States in 2004.

McCreary goes on to argue that "gays have the exact same rights

cold.

Well OK, just drive then. Oh yeah, right, there's no parking because even if you bought a parking pass, there's no room for you because everybody and their brother was allowed to park on campus last week. So walking it is. Be careful though, because once you finally make it to Dolan there may be "falling snow and ice," since someone didn't take the fact that we live in Cleveland into account when they were making an apparently abnormally steep roof for our brand new, state-of-the-art science center.

attention toward the First Amendment, which calls for a separation of church and state. The United States may "make no law respecting an establishment of religion," nor shall we adopt any laws based on the views of a particular religion. Pope Pius IX even said that "the Church ought to be separated from the State, and the State from the Church."

Mr. McCreary brings up the frequent argument that heterosexuality has been the norm for "all of recorded history," which, many classic history buffs may realize, is simply not true. Among the ancient Greeks, homosexuality was considered one of the highest forms of relationship, partially because they saw women as intellectually inferior. In fact, there is a history of homosexual behavior on almost every continent in the world, whether it was utilized for population reduction, religious beliefs or simple attraction.

Another popular argument is that homosexuality is simply "not right." If we ignore the fact that this

as every other American. They are entirely free to marry, so long as it is heterosexually." Here, a hierarchy of people is established: In McCreary's ideal world, all straight people would be allowed to marry the person they loved, gay men and lesbians could have loveless sham marriages, and somehow this would work out to "the exact same rights."

McCreary will readily admit that there have been prior redefinitions of marriage: polygamy, a system which was at one time legal, now is not, at least in many nations. Marriage also used to be an exchange of property between a woman's father and her husband, now this too is not the norm in much of the world. The conclusion of McCreary's "slippery slope" argument, "can't a man love his dog," is deeply flawed and unoriginal. This same argument was made by former U.S. Senator Rick Santorum (R-Pa.), who lost his reelection bid in 2006 partially due to an online campaign intended to inform voters of his bigotry against LGBT people.

This should show exactly how effective and endearing such arguments are. Marriage between humans and animals will never be legalized, gay marriage or no gay marriage, because animals cannot consent to such marriages.

You need not worry, unless consent somehow becomes an irrelevant issue.

I too have a hope with which to end my letter: The hope that some day, people stop judging others

I'd really like to know who makes the call to cancel class. Some guy who gets to go sit in a nice heated office after walking all of 100 feet from his parking space in front of the door? Seriously, if you know who it is, let me know.

Maybe next time it's below negative 20 degrees I'll call them up bright and early and invite them to take a little stroll with me to my 8 a.m.

Editor's note: The Academic Vice President has traditionally held the responsibility of deciding whether or not to cancel class.

argument is rhetorically unsound, we might understand the biological concepts which reject the feasibility of homosexuality in terms of procreation. To say that, among animals, homosexuality is uncommon, however, is to say that any sexual behavior is uncommon. There have been countless studies conducted which address homosexuality among other mammals, most notably among non-human, female primates who display social, homosexual tendencies on a regular basis.

So what does, truly, drive this push against gay marriage?

Simply: fear. A psychological fear of that which we do not understand, motivated by scare tactics and alarmism.

A fear rooted in our social discomfort and ignorance. A fear that could very easily tear at the moral foundation of this great country of acceptance.

A fear that has no place in our judicial system, in any way, shape or form.

based on the color of their skin or who they love, but on the quality of their character, the only thing that truly matters.

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You're wrong, I'm Rafferty:

Save a tree, join The Carroll News



Andrew Rafferty
Editor in Chief

The price of parking passes went up this semester. In the fall, I paid \$125 to park on campus, but last week I paid \$125.10.

Campus Safety Services was nice enough to allow us to print the two-page online permit application so that they could take the information from the paper and put it in their computers. At five cents a pop, I'm down to \$24.90.

In October, The Carroll News wrote an editorial supporting JCU's decision to encourage students to think before they print. We've all seen reams of wasted paper lying next to printers throughout campus. It seemed like a good idea to try to cut down on that. It has made me think twice before printing the lyrics to every Kelly Clarkson song ever recorded. (I still printed them because they're totally worth it.)

Honestly, I didn't think too many people would notice the new printing policy. I thought only the highest volume printers would be affected. Contrary to the title of this column, I was wrong. It took no longer than the first day of classes for people to start blowing up my two-way and hollering about how much money they spent buying syllabi.

It has become clear that JCU did not think this all the way through. Administrators need to become a little more progressive when trying to implement policy.

The parking pass is a perfect example. It does not make much sense for me to fill something out electronically, print it, then give it to someone to type into a computer. Why can't I just submit it electronically?

The JCU printing system isn't good enough to support this. There are way too many problems. If you print a three-page paper, but there is only one page loaded in the printer, you're screwed. If the printers run out of ink, you're also screwed. Your nickels go down the drain and no paper is coming out.

It is clear JCU doesn't have the infrastructure to support this initiative.

So on this week's editorial page, The CN has changed its position. From listening to what both students and faculty are saying, the system needs to be re-examined. Obviously, early backlash could be anticipated from this sort of thing. It's not like we didn't pay for printing before, it's just that we weren't reminded of it each time we hit print.

The biggest problem with our new printing system is that it is changing the way some professors are teaching. Teachers who previously asked students to print PowerPoint slides and bring them to class are now telling them they do not have to, even if they feel it is the best way to learn.

Other teachers are more cautious towards the changes, and I don't blame them. If I was a professor who believed he had an effective way to teach a subject, I wouldn't change – even if it meant my students needed to print off 15-page PowerPoints each class.

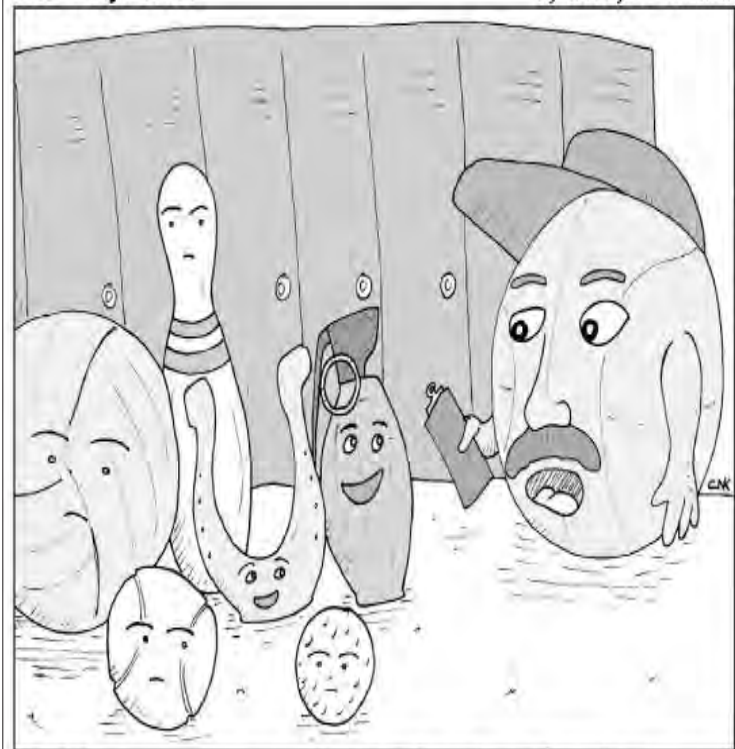
Of course, professors can apply to allow their students more printing if a course calls for it. So now we've created a situation where someone from Information Technology decides how much paper needs to be printed to teach things like sociology. That makes sense because IT people keep tabs on these things.

I never thought this would be a selling point, but if you join The Carroll News, you get free printing. I can print all I want for free in the newsroom. You can too, just join staff.

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The Why? Files

by Casey N. Kindle



"Well, guys, it was a good effort, but almost doesn't count-- actually - Howie, Stevie - I guess you guys are okay... but the rest of you better give me some laps."

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