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Spring concert fails to 'take you there'

Less than 17 percent of JCU students show up for Kingston concert

Emily Gaffney
Campus Editor

The annual spring concert, which featured Sean Kingston and Chamillionaire, only sold 518 tickets this year. However, only 428 students were in attendance at the concert on Sunday, April 18 in the DeCarlo Varsity Gymnasium.

Erin Flaherty, SUPB chair of major events, said, "Typically, a concert attendance is about 1,000."

Capacity for concert attendance was 1,800 people.

According to Flaherty, the concert date was moved from the original date, Friday, April 16, due to a scheduling conflict with Kingston, who filmed a guest spot on Disney Channel's "The Suite Life on Deck."

"I believe that was definitely the major variable in the shift we saw in ticket sales," said Flaherty.

Sophomore concert attendant Emily Herfel agreed that the concert time may have been a factor in the low attendance.

"I know that the timing was not so great with it being on a Sunday or during the busy time of the semester, but it was

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Taxed enough already

As Tea Party rallies are held across the nation on tax day, JCU students organized their own protest on campus

Jayne McCormack
Staff Reporter

John Carroll students and the University Heights community came together to hold a Tea Party on the quad, one of many being held across the U.S.

Organized by the John Carroll Conservatives, over 500 people

came out to the event on Thursday, April 15. They protested current U.S. government policies and spending, most specifically health care.

"Tea" generally stands for "taxed enough already," a slogan of the Tea Party movement, which is a national anti-tax movement.

Sophomore Nick Tribuzzo, president of the John Carroll Conserva-

tives, said that he was very happy with the turnout at the Tea Party.

He said, "It's been a really excellent turnout. I'm so glad that the Tea Party is reaching young people."

Not only JCU students were present at the protest. People from all over Ohio traveled to JCU to support the

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Students, as well as people from surrounding communities, participated in a Tea Party protest on campus on April 15.

New major, new opportunity

Claire Olderman
Staff Reporter

After becoming a minor only last fall, East Asian Studies will soon be offered as a major at John Carroll University starting in the fall of 2010.

Originally offered only as a concentration, EAS was approved as an official major by JCU faculty

last week.

"Student interest [in the program] has been growing steadily," said Pam Mason, a political science and East Asian Studies professor.

Nine students signed up for the minor within weeks of its approval last fall and since the major was approved, three students have started paperwork to declare the EAS major.

Students who wish to major in EAS will have to complete the 36 credit hours. This includes 12 credits in the Chinese or Japanese language and 24 credits of EAS-approved courses. The additional approved courses must include one that focuses on East Asia as

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Earth Day Fair Trade Sale

The Earth Day Fair Trade Sale will take place from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 22 in the Lombardo Student Center.

Fair Trade is not only a way to support artisans and farmers in developing countries, it is also environmentally-friendly, offering organic and environmentally safe products.

For more information, visit www.jcu.edu/fairtrade.

Centennial Leadership Summit

Catholic Charities will host their Centennial Leadership Summit from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on April 22 in Dolan Auditorium.

The day will begin with a keynote address from Fr. Larry Snyder, president of Catholic Charities USA titled "Poverty Today - A Moral Threat to the Common Good." A panel discussion on "Local Lens, Regional Response: Looking for Innovative Solutions to Poverty" will follow.

For a full schedule of events, visit www.catholic-charitiesusa.org.

Relay For Life 2010

JCU's fourth annual Relay For Life event will take place April 24-25 on the Quad. The event begins at 10 a.m. on April 24 and ends at 4 a.m. on April 25.

Relay For Life is an 18-hour, overnight event. All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society's research, education, advocacy and service programs.

This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, e-mail relay@jcu.edu or visit www.jcu.edu/relay.

JCU professor recounts WWII experience in new book

Nicole Green
Campus Editor

Richard Hansler was 19 years old when an explosion on a B-17 bomber left him stranded in enemy territory during World War II.

Hansler is currently an adjunct professor of physics and the director of The Lighting Innovations Institute at John Carroll University. In 1943, however, he was a navigator for the U.S. Army Air Force.

The explosion required him to eject out of the B-17 bomber that carried him and others during their mission to bomb an oil refinery in Germany. He leapt from the plane and parachuted to the ground, where he was forced to flee from enemy soldiers.

The book, "Prepare to bail out!" is Hansler's account of the events that led up to and followed his squadron's 25th mission, when the plane was shot down. Dorota Silaj Publishing published the book in March.

"I started writing it 65 years ago when I got back from war. I

did about 90 percent of it," said Hansler.

It was not until the release of a book by Boguslaw Zieba last year that Hansler decided to finish his book. Zieba's book "Blechhammer" accounts the crash of the B-17 on which Hansler was aboard from the perspective of the author, who was a child at the time and witnessed the crash.

He said, "When that ['Blechhammer,'] came out I thought I'd finish what I started and gave it ['Prepare to bail out!'] to the same publisher."

Hansler is profiled in Zieba's book, but "Prepare to bail out!" provides Hansler's first-hand experience.

Hansler said his parachute landed on the Czechoslovakian side of the Poland-Czechoslovakia border, where a local peasant took him back to his house and hid him from the Germans in a hayloft above his barn.

"If the Germans would have found out they would have shot him



Photo from Richard Hansler

Richard Hansler (right) receives an air medal from the commander of his military squadron in 1944.

[the peasant] on the spot," he said. "He was very brave."

"Prepare to bail out!" describes Hansler's stay in Czechoslovakia, as well as his time spent working with the Polish Partisans and the Russian front.

"We crossed the border during the night and hiked into Poland, where we were put into contact with the [Polish] Partisans," said Hansler. "We lived with them in the mountains for many months."

After staying in Poland, Hansler and others joined the Russian front. Hansler said he experienced his most terrifying near-death moment when an intoxicated Russian sergeant mistook him for a German. Later, Hansler spent six weeks at a Russian field hospital recovering from pneumonia.

Soon after his recovery, Hansler

received word that the allies would be sending a cruise ship to retrieve Hansler and other allied soldiers from Odessa.

"It was like paradise," said Hansler. "We had good food and white bread - we had only black bread all winter - it was like cake."

The cruise ship brought the men to Italy, where Hansler caught a flight to the U.S. and enrolled in college.

Today, Hansler is married with four children and ten grandchildren. After 42 years of working as a physicist for General Electric, he runs The Lighting Innovations Institute at JCU, which helps develop runway lights for several corporate and government organizations.

"Prepare to bail out!" is available for purchase on Amazon.com in paperback and Kindle editions.

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Tea Party and stand united in their dissent against the Obama administration.

Dave Krutsch traveled from Mansfield to attend the Tea Party with his wife.

He said, "I see the government going in a direction that is not in the best interests of our country and our Constitution. I'm scared for our kids, and we need to show the government that they work for us. We all have to do something to help."

Along with the residents in the community attending the rally, Jim Quinn, a conservative radio talk show host based in Pittsburgh, also attended the Tea Party and spoke to all those who were there.

Quinn said, "Capitalism raised the baseline of human existence. Free markets work - they are self-correcting. I am not against the redistribution of wealth, but I want to be the one to do the redistributing."

However, not everyone at John Carroll was excited about the day's events. Sophomore Senator Sean Cahill, said that he disagreed with the Tea Party movement.

"All of this is political rhetoric without any substance. It's just hatred slinging at other hatred, and it's the biggest farce I have witnessed on campus," said Cahill.

There were also students present to protest the Tea Party.

Sophomore Andy Bryan-Ramón was among those protesting the Tea Party.

"Although, I partially agreed with the original idea of no more taxes, the Tea Party has unfortunately attracted extremist, conservative fanatics that have taken over the momentum that the group was originally pushing for, and far away from the ideals that this nation was founded upon," said Bryan-Ramón.

The rally, which began at 11 a.m. and ended at 3 p.m., offered free food and music to those who



Photo by Taylor Horen

Students gather to protest the Tea party on JCU's campus on April 15.

attended.

There were also other activist groups at the event. The People's Constitution Coalition of Ohio had a table set up with petitions they wanted students to sign against health care reform.

Jean Coe, a member of the People's Constitution Coalition

of Ohio, said that it was great to be invited to the John Carroll Tea Party.

She said, "We need to make people more aware of what is going on, and show that with current government policies, there will be no more freedom. We're here today to wake up college students."

Campus Safety Log



April 15, 2010

A student reported that her credit card may have been stolen at 7:17 p.m.

April 18, 2010

Criminal mischief was reported in Dolan Auditorium at 2:45 p.m.

April 16, 2010

A student reported the theft of a track uniform at 2:05 p.m.

April 18, 2010

Student Affairs reported that a fire extinguisher was discharged on the 3rd floor of Murphy Hall at 2:45 a.m.

April 17, 2010

A fire alarm was sounded in Hamlin Hall at 12:41 a.m.

April 18, 2010

A male cut his finger at 3:38 a.m.

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

Shaq, Ben Stein make a scene at JCU

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Cleveland Cavaliers' center Shaquille O'Neal, and actor/commentator Ben Stein came to John Carroll University's campus on April 12 to film a commercial.

"Shaquille O'Neal and Ben Stein are the spokespeople for a national company that wanted to use a college campus as the backdrop for its latest commercial shoot," said Tonya Strong-Charles, JCU director of media relations and communications.

The company, which cannot be named, sent a location scout to several regional colleges.

According to Strong-Charles, JCU was selected for its "traditional campus appeal," but will not be identified in the commercial.

The University was modestly compensated for facilities rental and security services.

"Overall, this was a great opportunity to host national celebrities on our campus," said Strong-Charles.

- Compiled by Emily Gaffney



Photos by Zack Clark

Shaquille O'Neal and Ben Stein prepare to shoot a commercial for a national company on the JCU campus on April 12.

a region, four courses that must be at the 300-400 level and, finally, one capstone course or project, which could be an internship, during the student's senior year.

"We also strongly encourage EAS majors and minors to study abroad in China or Japan," Mason said.

There are three study abroad programs in Japan: Sophia University in Tokyo, Nanzan University in Nagoya, or Kansai-Gaidai near Osaka.

There is another study abroad program in China at the Beijing Center, a Jesuit consortium study-abroad center.

EAS provides study-tour opportunities during the summer to both Japan and China as well.

Next month, a group of faculty and students will participate in a Japanese Pop Culture study tour in Japan. This program was first offered in 2004 and runs in even-numbered years.

The China study tour was offered last summer for the first time and will continue to be offered in odd-numbered years.

Freshman Rebecca Secula is declaring an EAS major and will travel to China this summer for a two-month study program in Beijing, called China's Voice Language Program.

"I decided to do an EAS major because the Chinese culture fascinates me," said Secula. "I am excited every single day to get to my Chinese history and Chinese classes."

Junior J.R. Santosdiaz is also declaring an EAS major. He has one year of upper-level Chinese and his capstone project left to complete the major.

Santosdiaz said he recommends the major to other students.

"East Asian Studies supplements all majors. It allows students to gain an international perspective on economic, political and social issues," he said.

Santosdiaz admitted the foreign language component is difficult.

"The gain of another language, however, yields great benefits - more job opportunities - for the future and is worth the hard work," he said.

Mason is not sure yet which professors will be teaching EAS courses next semester. Some EAS courses are taught only in the spring, others only in the fall.

According to Mason, the EAS major will collaborate with many majors and minors.

The major will combine multiple aspects of East Asia including language, culture, society and economics.

"Each EAS major will have common elements, and each will be unique. We expect that some students will double major in EAS plus another discipline," said Mason. "In short, we expect that EAS will appeal to all kinds of students with all kinds of interests."

Sean Kingston, Chamillionaire perform live at JCU

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fun to have a few hours of a break," she said.

Nonetheless, Herfel said she enjoyed the concert. She especially liked Chamillionaire, the opening act.

"He [Chamillionaire] got the crowd energized and was as interactive as much as a singer can be," said Herfel.

Herfel said she enjoyed singing along to Kingston, but felt he relied too heavily on the use of background music.

"[He] was a good performer, but I felt as if he played his CD in the background and then sang when he chose to," said Herfel.

Vice President of Student Programming Angela Petitto felt overall that the concert went well.

"The concert was an absolute success. Chamillionaire and Sean Kingston both gave a great performance and the crowd was really energetic. I think everyone in attendance really enjoyed themselves," said Petitto.



Photo by Taylor Horen

Sean Kingston performed at JCU on April 18.

New CN staff announced for 2010-2011

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CAMPUS CALENDAR: APR. 22 - APR. 28

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	The LGBTQ Variety Show will take place from 7-9 p.m. in Marinello Little Theatre.	The Greek Week Lip Sync will be held from 8-11 p.m. in the DeCarlo Varsity Gym.	Men's tennis will play at home against Marietta College at 1 p.m.	"Household Tales" will show at 2 p.m. in Kulas Auditorium.	Daily Mass will be held at 12:05 p.m. in St. Francis Chapel.	The baseball team will play at Heidelberg University at 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.	The softball team will compete at home against Heidelberg University at 3:30 p.m.						

HUMANS VS. ZOMBIES INVADES CAMPUS



Dan Cooney
Campus Spotlight Editor

John Carroll's first ever Humans vs. Zombies game played out last week across campus. Students plunged into the game, sporting bright orange bandanas on their heads and arms, signifying their roles as zombies or humans, respectively.

Organized by sophomores Chris Sarris and George Banaszak, Humans vs. Zombies is essentially a giant game of tag, pitting the original zombie against the humans.

"This original zombie must tag humans and build his army," Sarris said. "Humans can defend themselves using Nerf weapons or balled up socks, which will 'stun' the zombie, meaning the player must remain inactive for 15 minutes."

If humans are tagged, however, they become zombies and are banned from using Nerf guns or socks. Their new object is to tag humans to convert them to zombies. Overall, the key for both groups is survival.

"The object of the game is ultimately to stay alive," Sarris said. "Every player tries their best to remain human for the duration of the week, but if they happened to be turned into a zombie, their focus changes as well. The zombie goal

is to 'bite' every member of the human army, thereby eliminating humanity."

According to the Humans vs. Zombies Web site (humansvzombies.org), the game was invented in 2005 at Goucher College in Baltimore, Md. The game became a success on Goucher's campus, with students posting photos and videos to spread the game to other universities across the country.

Goucher is the only college in the country to require a study abroad experience for graduation. Due to this, students organized games at other schools around the world. Games are currently played at over 200 universities in the U.S., and also in Brazil, Canada, England, Denmark and Australia.

Junior Leslie Bissell, a participant in the game, got the idea to play from her friends.

"I have friends at [the University of Florida] who played the game, and they said it was a lot of fun," she said. "I saw pictures of them playing it, so I decided to try it just to see what it was like."

Banaszak wanted to bring something fun and different to campus.

"[Sarris] and I knew that there were other students like us who wanted an alternative event on campus and that is why we brought the phenomenon to JCU," he said.

Even though the game was time-consuming, Bissell said she had a lot of fun.

"We are all on the brink of having final projects and papers, so it was nice to relax and be a kid again," she said.

Both game moderators found Humans vs. Zombies to be extremely successful, not only because the participants donated \$116 of their game fees to the American Red Cross, but because of the reaction of students on campus.

"Everybody kept talking about it all week,"

Sarris said. "People wanted to know what was going on – students and faculty alike. I got such a kick out of hearing people tell me what they had heard in the hallways."

Banaszak said he felt the players learned an important concept throughout the course of Humans vs. Zombies.

"I think the game was successful because of the importance of teamwork," he said. "No matter who was playing, they all worked as one team, even if they didn't know anyone else on their respective teams."

Sarris said the participants of Humans vs. Zombies made the game interesting, not only through their teamwork, but also with their enthusiasm.

"I've heard so many stories of players who didn't even know each other, but would walk from building to building together because they saw an orange armband," he said. "It was unlike anything I'd heard before and because of it, so many players made a lot of new friends. It was an amazing connection that was made between players."

The game included members of each class and ran 24 hours a day. Even as students walked to and from class, they had to watch their backs.

"Even though we had missions between 7 and 8 p.m. [each night], we heard players that roamed campus all night looking for the other team and devising plans for the next day," Banaszak said.

Due to the inaugural game's success, two Humans vs. Zombies games, one in each semester, are already in the works for next year. During the times the game is not running, activities will be planned for the players.

"We will also be doing a lot of late night programming during our off-season so that

people can participate all year," Banaszak said.

Bissell is eagerly anticipating the return of Humans vs. Zombies next year.

"The people who were involved with the game were really great," she said. "Chris and George have learned a lot from this first game at John Carroll and they have many things in the works for the next year. I'm excited to see what changes will be made and how the game will progress."

Even though this year's game was successful, both moderators anticipate that improvements will make next year's battle even better.

"George and I are so happy with the results of this year, but we know we can make it even better," Sarris said. "We're thrilled to keep making the game bigger and better and we hope that everybody gets excited for the next game."

Left: Sophomore Matt Nowak is dressed as a human.
Right: Sophomore Rita Pansky shows the swagger of the champion zombie team.

Photos by Dan Cooney



Pulitzer Prize-winning poet fills Dolan

Jillian Dunn
Kaitlin Gill
The Carroll News

Paul Muldoon's quirky, mad-scientist appearance with large gray hair and glasses exemplifies his ability to formulate his own award-winning writing style.

Last Thursday evening, the Northern Irish poet and Pulitzer Prize winner, Muldoon, spoke in Dolan Auditorium.

"[He] has been called, by the [London] Times Literary Supplement, 'the most important writer in English born after the Second World War.' So he seemed like a good choice," said George Bilgere, a professor in John Carroll's English Department, in his opening remarks.

Bilgere said that the Department of English concluded, "He has a wonderful ear for the richness and beauty of the English language. And, of course, there's a great tradition of remarkable Irish writers before him: Seamus Heaney, Derek Mahon, Joyce, Yeats and on and on. It's amazing that such a small country has produced so many major writers."

Alumni, faculty, students and the community filled Dolan Auditorium to near capacity to listen to Muldoon's inspiration and poetry.

"I was going in not knowing what to expect," said freshman Nick Wojtasik. "He had a good balance of some seriousness and some humorous nonsense in his poetry which, combined with a relaxed atmosphere, made for a quite enjoyable time."

Muldoon began the event on a personal note with a poem about the birth of his daughter, Dorothy. Even as an internationally-known writer, he revealed there are more important things than his literary career. "However corny it sounds for myself, and actually for my



Photo from George Bilgere

Paul Muldoon (left) with George Bilgere (middle) and Patrick McBrine at Muldoon's welcome reception last Thursday evening.

children, much more important than anything else is for my children to like me. Seriously, that is something I would like."

Muldoon incorporated the audience by having them recite refrains from his poems such as, "with a click, and a click, and a clicky click" and other variations of this.

Dave Lucas, a 2002 John Carroll graduate, said, "I was even glad for the audience participation, too – poetry is special among the arts because it requires nothing but the human voice and ear. We hear a poet reciting his poem and can even recite it back to him. That's something you don't get when you sit down with his book."

Muldoon finds that he writes many of his pieces from personal experience. "Well, I find

it everywhere. I find that out of my usual routine I get more ideas rather than [fabricating things] just in the every day rut of things. So it can happen anywhere at all," he said about inspiration.

Through his writing, he even reveals some of the most complex aspects of human emotion, as in his poem "Sideman." In this piece, Muldoon speaks of companionship.

Muldoon affirms, "You know in many cases, poems begin with a phrase or an image that is striking." This was apparent when he read the piece, "Sideman" and repeated the memorable refrain, "I'll be your sideman, I'll be by your side."

Muldoon has a unique literary language all his own. He uses metaphors and thumping

rhymes to not only convey deeper meanings, but as a play on words to connect two or more unlike topics. For example, his poem "Hopewell Haiku" about his home in New Jersey, uses a metaphorical sumo wrestler-like bullfrog which transitions into the deeper emotion of loneliness.

Correlating with Muldoon's wishes of his own legacy, "I hope people would think I was someone who tried their best, who had adventures with language that others could enjoy."

Muldoon utilizes his personal creativity with words in his poem entitled, "Quoof." The word "quoof" is a reference that was used with his family growing up representing a hot water bottle.

Lucas said, "The poem 'Quoof' always stands out to me because it's a personal favorite of mine. I love the way he wrenches words into rhymes in the poem, but I also have a sentimental attraction to it because I read it as a sophomore in George Bilgere's poetry workshop, now ten years ago."

Muldoon ended with a familial tone with his poem, "Saab with Sandi." This piece is told from the perspective of a father of a teenage daughter who is newly entering the dating world. This poem was relatable to this Dolan Auditorium audience in a variety of ways; fathers in attendance from the community and faculty, to students who have recently entered the dating world themselves.

Muldoon participated in a Q & A session at 4 p.m., as well as a reception for faculty and a select group of students.

"At the risk of sounding a bit smarty pants, I think the favorite piece will be the next one. The reason I do it is in the hope of one of these days that I will write something really interesting," said Muldoon about his writing and future literary endeavors.

Kingston and Chamillionaire bring southern hospitality

CONCERT REVIEW

Sean Kingston
& Chamillionaire



Review by
Jeff Sigmund
Business Manager

Sean Kingston and Chamillionaire made their way north to perform at JCU's Tony DeCarlo Varsity Center last Sunday night, and lived up to the reputation of southern hospitality. The pop/R&B/hip-hop acts were the Spring Concert performers SUPB brought to campus this year.

Chamillionaire hit the stage first with his DJ Rapid Ric and ran through several songs, including "Turn It Up," "Fly as the Sky," and his latest single "Good Morning," which features a sample of Tom Petty's "Free Fallin'."

He also took a page out of T-Pain's book and performed parts of a few songs he is featured on, including Jibbs's "King Kong" and Three 6 Mafia's "Doe Boy Fresh."

Wanting to make his performance more interactive, Chamillionaire stopped at one point to ask the crowd if any one thought they were capable of getting on stage and freestyling with him. After making it clear he wasn't looking for an amateur, he chose a student out of the crowd to join him

and lay down a verse for the rest of the crowd.

A true entertainer, he added some theatrics before beginning his biggest hit. He asked a security member "You aren't a cop are you?" before asking the crowd if they were riding dirty. The crowd knew what was about to happen and started getting louder, then DJ Rapid Ric dropped the beat for Chamillionaire's number one smash hit "Ridin'."

After Chamillionaire got the crowd hyped, the headliner, Sean Kingston, came out to his hit single "Me Love" and kept the energy going. Kingston also made sure the crowd stayed involved by having them yell up to him what song they wanted to hear from him next.

Despite the fact that many of the crowd members kept yelling "911" to him, Kingston understood they meant last summer's top-5 Billboard hit "Fire Burning." He ran through some of his other hits too, such as "Beautiful Girls," "Take You There" and "Face Drop." He even performed his own remixes to Rihanna's "Rude Boy" and Drake's "Over" at the request of the students standing closest to the stage.

Kingston put on a pretty good show as well, but Chamillionaire was the better entertainer on this night. He was able to keep the crowd energized and had a planned setlist that worked to his performance's advantage. Overall, it was clear that Chamillionaire came to entertain.

Chamillionaire

The Carroll News had the chance to catch up with Chamillionaire, whose legal name is Hakeem Seriki, and ask him about what the future holds, particularly this summer, for his career.

- Interview conducted by Jeff Sigmund and Matt Mihalich



photo by Taylor Horen

\$ CN: Your next album is coming out this summer. Kanye, Eminem and Drake are all going to release albums soon. What are your picks this summer?

HS: I think Drake is not gonna disappoint. He's got Jay on there, you know? I just think he's dope. Some people just listen to him 'cause his song's on the radio, it starts getting commercial, you know? But I think he's gonna show up. Also, Eminem, he's gonna make a new album that'll be dope. Kanye too, man! People hate on him because of the whole Taylor Swift thing, but I think he did it on purpose anyways.

\$ CN: So, you've had Ultimate Victory and Mixtape Messiah 7 come out, what's up next?

HS: Venom is coming, but we had a lot of push-backs with that. The reason why is because the labels always want to crop the albums to what they want it to be for the artists. They always start turning their projects into something else. All these people come in, sign 'em for one thing and try to change 'em into another thing. That's the reason why I haven't come out yet. I want to tell my story. I didn't work this long to get here to tell someone else's story. So, Venom is coming soon it's scheduled for June 22nd. That's the same day Eminem is dropping so I don't know if I want to drop that day!

\$ CN: Do you just keep building your fanbase as you travel from campus to campus?

HS: Exactly! They got everything in here – they got the lighting right, they got candles in here! That's the way it works. When I had my first album I actually did a BET black college tour. I started from every city. We weren't even getting paid we were doing it for free. It worked because it built my fanbase.

\$ CN: What was it like starting your music career with Paul Wall?

HS: Me and Paul, we used to live next to each other, so we kind of grew up together. It just started off like I was rapping, and we didn't want him coming around just bugging us! Eventually he started getting pretty good and we realized he was pretty cool. Next thing you know we became a group. After all the independent records sold and we're pretty much household names locally, we just decided to split up. We were just growing into two different people. When we were younger it didn't matter but as we got older, we started having little problems, conflicts, arguing and everything. Then once we got to the majors we were definitely separate at that time. Everyone was putting us against each other, and we both had success. Now we come back around and we were doing a tour we just got off of, me and him, and it was pretty successful.

\$ CN: We've never been in the music business, but watching it, it seems like when you're doing well you keep doing well. But if things aren't going well how do you get your career going again?

HS: The best thing you could do is give out content – a lot of content. Because, let's say people like Charday, people in other genres – Maxwell, Janet Jackson – they're takin' their time. But rappers? You got to feed them with content because there are just so many rappers out there, it's hard to see through all the BS. You have to feed them the content but you gotta be good at it. There's a lot of people that put out a thousand raps and stuff. If you actually good, and you putting out a lot? I think that's what Lil Wayne's thing is. When I was at Universal, they were telling me and Nelly not to be on anybody else's stuff but Wayne wasn't listenin' to that he was jumpin' on everybody's stuff!

A few facts about Chamillionaire:

Birthday: Nov. 28, 1979

Legal Name: Hakeem Seriki

Nicknames: Chamilitary Man, The Mixtape Messiah and King Koopa

Information from www.imdb.com

'Death at a Funeral' lively in its comedy

MOVIE REVIEW

'Death At A Funeral'



Jennifer Holton
Arts & Life Editor

Sibling rivalry, family secrets, and a few hallucinogens threaten to blow the lid right off of the coffin in Hollywood's remake of the 2007 British film, "Death at a Funeral." The film, which was directed by Neil LaBute shows a surprisingly comical day in the life of a family in the wake of death.

While it wasn't a comedy masterpiece in the slightest sense, and the film's lack of originality was inevitable.

The material was adjusted for an American audience, yet still tried to maintain the charm of the original.

Dean Craig, who wrote the 2007 British version, adapted this film to the likes of an American audience.

Luckily, Chris Rock held up to my comedic expectations developed from viewing the trailer of the Americanized British farce.

After his father passes away, Aaron (Rock) is hoping to make it through the day without problems.

With his successful author brother (Martin Lawrence) refusing to pay for the funeral and wife (Regina Hall) desperate for a child, he has a lot on his plate.



Rock and Lawrence try to keep a secret under wraps in "Death at a Funeral."

Photo from filmofilia.com

Throw in the socially blundering guest (Tracy Morgan), the fiancé (James Marsden) of his cousin (Zoe Saldana) who happens to be under the influence of a hallucinogenic that her brother (Columbus Short) concocted.

Add in a dwarf (Peter Dinklage) claiming to be a "special friend" of the deceased, and their angry uncle Russell (Danny Glover), and you have an interesting day of mourning.

The film was carried by the

consistent, and Americanized one-liners, taking the dry humor of the British one step further.

This is seen in the beginning of the film, when the funeral director, after messing up initially, brings Rock the casket back a second time, this time with the right body inside.

Rock, infuriated, makes sure everything is in place.

"Alright, now do you got your keys? Do you got your Black Berry? Cause once we bury him, we're not

gonna dig him up so you can tweet," said Rock.

While the film's unoriginality wasn't exactly a nail in the coffin, its acting however, may have been.

Two "Saturday Night Live" veterans (Rock and Morgan) and a slew of other comedic actors isn't exactly the perfect recipe for a movie that demands some moments of acting in a state of grief.

Rock and Lawrence weren't cut for this type of acting, and it was reflected multiple times throughout

the film.

Glover, arrogant as ever, didn't disappoint as the cross and crass uncle.

Dinklage, who played the dwarf in both versions, was successful at being the awkward, small elephant in the living room.

However, it must have been Marsden's role as the hallucinogenic "white boy" in the film that was the most random, yet most hilarious.

The overly dazed and confused expression on his face remained consistent throughout, as did the numerous laughs he created from his one-liners: [On being outside in the presence of foliage]: "Everything is so green. It's like being inside of a lime."

Audiences will even get to see a bit of Marsden's forte for singing, as he sings a portion of "Amazing Grace" to the widow before getting completely distracted by a non-existent something only he can see.

Amid all the chaos that is dead people, hallucinogens and homosexual relationships, "Death at a Funeral" stays true to its theme of acceptance.

As crazy and hectic as a family may seem at times, it's a foundation based on love that keeps its members grounded.

Comedy aside, that's what "Death at a Funeral" is all about.

The Carroll News sits down with Chris Rock and Tracy Morgan of 'Funeral'

CN: What makes this film different from the 2007 British film?

CR: Anything with Tracy Morgan in it is different. Also, the cast is different and a lot of the little jokes are different.

CN: What will you leave your audience thinking about after experiencing this film?

CR: This movie is really about accepting your family for who they are, and not judging people.

CN: Your careers have spanned over ten years. What's it like still working in Hollywood after all of this time?

CR: I can't believe I'm still here.

TM: I can.

CN: Did you watch the original to prepare at all for your roles in this film?

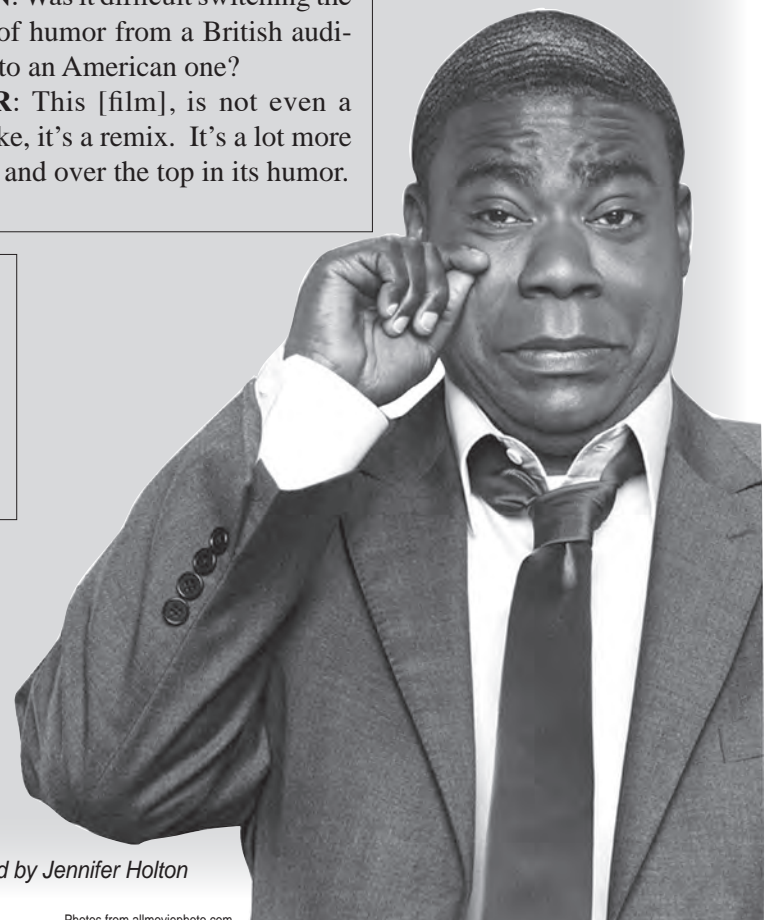
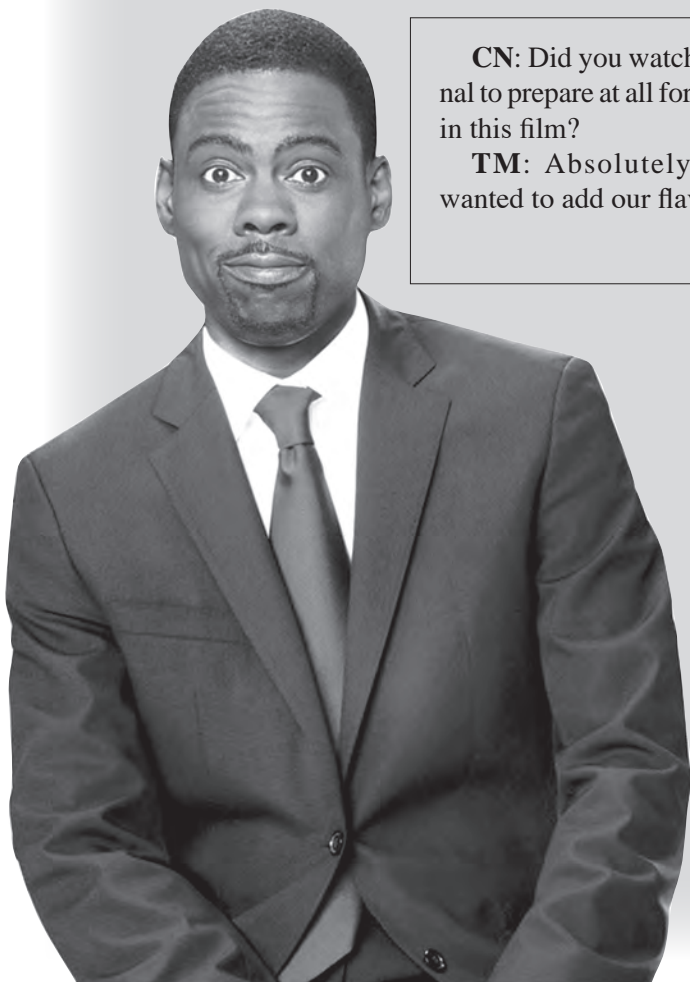
TM: Absolutely not. We wanted to add our flavor to it.

CN: Was it difficult switching the type of humor from a British audience to an American one?

CR: This [film], is not even a remake, it's a remix. It's a lot more blunt and over the top in its humor.

CN: Tracy, what would be your ideal movie role?

TM: It would be in a different industry. I'd play the role of Tiger Woods or the biography of Manacanda.



— Interview conducted by Jennifer Holton

Photos from allmoviephoto.com

'Household Tales' is comically confusing



Review by
Samie Farhat
The Carroll News

How many times have you talked to a friend about your family and been too embarrassed to tell the complete truth? What if your whole life turned out to be an experiment? What are the secrets that we hide from each other?

These are all questions that are presented in the play "Household Tales," a comedy written by local playwright Jonathan Wilhelm, and directed by Karen Gygli of the Tim Russert Department of Communication and Theatre Arts. The play premiered this past weekend in Kulas Auditorium

The cast of Johnathan Bolton, Brendan Hancock, Ali Karolczak, Lisa Reichert, Cara Stamp and Emma Taylor played multiple roles while achieving the humor that was intended.

In the play, four separate families are presented. Giles (Bolton) takes his fiancée Jordan (Taylor) to meet with each family. Each family is different socially and economically, and each has its own significant secrets which leave the audience wondering what is going to happen next.

This play left the audience laughing for the majority of the scenes.

Hancock plays the father in three of the families presented. The first family is a ste-

reotypical 1950s family, and he looked the part.

The second family is a typical "hillbilly" family, and Hancock plays a rather comical alcoholic. The dis-oriented state was humorous, and was done effectively both with wardrobe, (a shirt that was not tucked in and a poor effort at a tie) and his hillbilly accent.

The third family is a liberal family consisting of two college professors. Hancock, one of the professors, was able to switch from alcoholic to intellectual fairly easy. All in all, his performance was exuberant and funny.

Hancock was able to adjust to his different roles extremely well.

In one scene he is a helpful husband, in the next he is drunk and reliant on his booze, and then he adjusts to become a liberal, well-educated professor. His ability to adjust was impressive.

The set allowed for a very homey atmosphere, as the seating was limited, as all the of audience members were required to sit on stage.

The set was the same throughout, however, the parts were moved around to create different settings for each scene and family.

The same movable parts depicted a kitchen in one scene, a living room in the second, a dining room in the third, and a sitting area in the fourth.

The biggest problem however, was that it was often difficult to hear the actors. If dialogue was taking place on the other side of the stage, it was extremely difficult to hear.



Cara Stamp, Emma Taylor, and Ali Karolczak in "Household Tales."

Photo by Taylor Horen

Another problem with the play was the ending.

The final scene ended abruptly and seemed to be rather unrelated to the rest of the play. While I left the first three scenes yearning for more, I left Kulas Auditorium a bit confused.

The play's biggest point, and the theme of "Household Tales," was family relationships and family secrets. Every family has some deep, dark secrets and it takes some digging to find out the truth.

It takes a lie or twisting of truths to make

a story sound a lot better than it actually is, but being honest with one another is more important. In each scene of the play, once the honest truth came out, the drama peaked.

Overall, "Household Tales" was a success. It portrayed its message of the importance of family relationships fairly well.

The acting was good, the set was simple yet effective, and most importantly, there were plenty of laughs.

However, the sound troubles and the very questionable ending left me craving a better resolution.

New vegan program promotes healthy dieting

Edwina Slaughter
The Carroll News

According to a few of its 11,700 Facebook fans, the "21-Day Vegan Kickstart" online program has been worthy of the buzz it has been getting lately.

Based on studies by the clinical researcher, Dr. Neal Barnard, the "21-Day Vegan Kickstart" is a community-based program offering support for beginners exploring the idea of a vegan diet, while helping the original vegans add a little life and spice to their ritual and their recipe books.

With its quick sign-up, one is able to discover and gain full access to what the Web site claims is the "easiest way to trim excess weight, prevent diabetes, cut cholesterol, lower blood pressure, prevent and reverse heart disease and reduce cancer risk."

With support from other vegans in the community forum to the daily messages, tips and recipes from registered dietitians, to the

motivational Web casts from Barnard (the main contributor to the site), the program provides vegans with all one needs to keep on the path to weight loss and improved health.

Despite its buzz, many John Carroll students are unfamiliar with the program, or with the vegan diet in general.

A vegan diet excludes any and all food, material, clothing, in relation to animals (meat

The Vegan Checklist

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Red Bull	<input type="checkbox"/> Candy Apples
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lentils	<input type="checkbox"/> Caesar Dressing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Green Peas	<input type="checkbox"/> Refried Beans
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pillsbury Pizza Dough	<input type="checkbox"/> Marshmallows

and dairy). Sophomore Jevon Page, like others on John Carroll's campus, feels the vegan diet is a good thing to try.

"It has its own great health benefits, but can be very hard," he said.

"If you [become a vegan], you have to have the discipline to give it your all."

For Page, that is something he said he doesn't have. "I love chicken too much."

It can be hard for anyone, not just Page, to commit to the vegan diet, especially on the Carroll campus. On the other hand, for senior Sasha Wallace, the lack of vegan variety on campus is no problem.

"I stopped eating meat when I was 11, and now I just do it out of habit; so if something has meat in it, I just move past it and find something else to eat," she said.

Although Wallace doesn't officially consider herself a vegan, she does not eat meat, consumes soy instead of dairy products, and tries to adhere to clothing not made from animals.

"Still, I do have a love for egg whites and leather purses," she said.

For those on the fence about whether or not to become a vegan, the "21-Day Kickstart" program is a new way to test your potential. Not only is it free, but also there's still plenty of time, the next session begins this September.

Pick-Up Line of the Week



"Girl, you look so good I wish I could plant you and grow a whole field of you."

*Submit your own pick-up lines by e-mailing jholton12@jcu.edu.

Celebrity Tweet of the Week



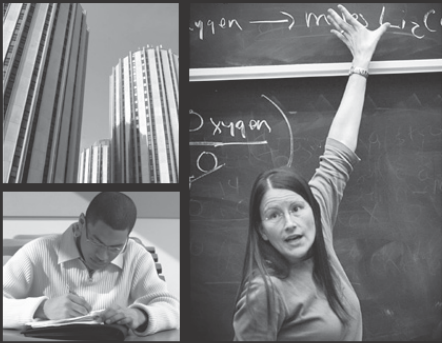
This section is dedicated to honor those Twitter-happy celebrities who take the time out of their busy day to drop us a line or two of wisdom and humor. If there is a celeb tweet you find worthy, e-mail it to jholton12@jcu.edu!



British native/actor/VMA host Russell Brand describes his reaction to the sight of a re-enactment of U.S. victory in the Revolutionary War.

"Arrived in Boston to a Patriot Day re-enactment of the War of Independence. I wept a British tear. Now I'm going to torch Harvard."

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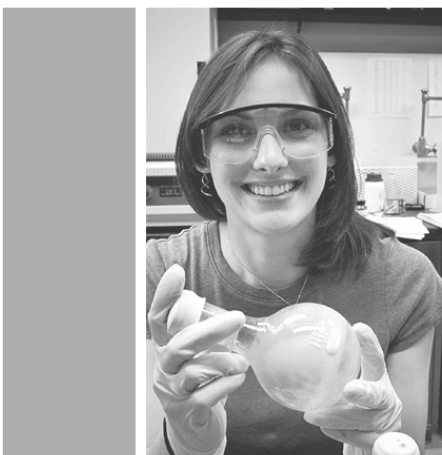
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Baseball team continues to find a way to win

Adam Miller
Staff Reporter

With two conference double-headers this past week, the Blue Streaks continued their winning ways by sweeping both Muskingum College and Capital University.

With the four conference wins in a row, the Blue Streaks have run their record to 18-8 on the season and 6-2 in the OAC.

On April 14, the Fighting Muskies of Muskingum and JCU had a big-time pitcher's duel with ten innings needed before the Blue Streaks scored the winning, and only, run of the game when senior John Skomra scored the winning run on a single from freshman Ryan Pacyga.

In the later half of the day, the Blue Streaks were able to score three unearned runs and capitalize on the Fighting Muskies errors taking the game by a final of 5-3.

Last week's OAC "Hitter of the Week" Bryan Robinett continued his dominance at the plate with a two-run homer in the third inning and finished the day going one for three with two RBIs and his fourth homerun of the season.



Photo courtesy of JCU Sports Information Department

Junior catcher Matt Lindenberger comes up ready to throw.

"One of our team's strengths is our depth of good hitters," Robinett said. "I've been fortunate to have a good couple weeks at the plate and help contribute to our success."

Junior pitcher Michael Eden picked up his second save on the season and Chris Eggleton picked

up his third win.

The Blue Streaks had two off days from competition before traveling to Bexley, Ohio on April 17 to take on the Capital Crusaders.

Yet again, JCU was able to pull off the sweep of a conference foe, winning game one by a score of 5-2,

and the second game 11-10.

In game one, senior Chris Koller earned the win on the mound allowing zero runs on two hits in the last three and a third innings.

The bats were alive and well for the Blue Streaks.

Pacyga continued making contact with the ball, belting his seventh homer of the season: a two-run homer out of the park in the first inning to get the lead and they never looked back from there.

"When I'm in the batter's box, all I really think about is trying to hit the ball hard somewhere," said Pacyga.

Skomra, as well as junior John Hastings, kept their level of play up as both added an RBI base hit in the third.

The team as a whole had 12 total hits in the first game against the Crusaders.

In the second game, the gritty Blue Streaks again found a way.

Once again it was Skomra, Pacyga and Robinett leading the Blue Streaks. Skomra had a three-run homer in the second, while Pacyga and Robinett added to that in the fourth with RBI doubles that gave JCU a 7-1 lead.

After a five-run fourth by the Crusaders narrowed it to a one-run game, both teams hung a few more on the board and pushed the game into extra innings after being tied at nine through nine innings.

However, the Blue Streaks followed the recipe from the Muskingum series and Pacyga drove in Skomra in the top half of the 10th inning which gave JCU a one-run lead.

Eden did his thing once again on the mound sending Capital's first three batters of the inning packing and JCU home with the win.

The back-to-back sweeps in conference play did a lot for the team's confidence.

"Our team has a lot of momentum going into the heart of the OAC schedule with these consecutive OAC wins," Robinett said. "We are in a good position to make a serious run for the OAC title, but we still have our work cut out for us over the next three weeks" Robinett said.

Editor's Note: Just before this edition of The Carroll News went to print, JCU lost to Case Western Reserve University, 9-4. Log on to www.jcusports.com for details.

Softball fights for sixth straight win

Macy Besch
The Carroll News

Good times continue for the John Carroll University softball team as they have won six consecutive games.

They swept a pair of games with Muskingum College and Capital University this past week, with the two wins over Muskingum marking the first time JCU swept a double-header with their conference foe since 1990.

Continuing their trend this season, they won their last four games by a combined six runs.

In the sweep, the Blue Streaks had a come-from-behind win in game one. Finding themselves in a 2-0 hole after three innings, JCU responded with a three-run fifth inning to provide sophomore pitcher Brittany Danilov with all the run support she would need.

In the fifth inning, the big hit was delivered by sophomore Olivia Mathews who hit a one-out double with the bases loaded and all three runs came around to score.

Mathews then added a solo homer in the sixth inning for an insurance run, and Danilov held the Muskies in check to allow JCU to take game one, 4-2.

After having the momentum from game one, JCU again found themselves down 2-0 in game two, this time after the first inning.

Those would be the only two runs the Muskies would get all game as senior pitcher Samantha Thompson held them in check, allowing just the two runs, one of which was earned, over six innings.

JCU got on the board with a single run in the third, cutting the Muskingum lead in the half, but that was all they got in the first six innings.

Trailing 2-1 entering the top half



Photo courtesy of JCU Sports Information Department

Sophomore Michelle Murphy, shown here playing defense, did it with the bat, in providing some late-game magic for the Streaks.

of the seventh, some self-inflicted mistakes by Muskingum gave JCU a chance.

After recording the first out of the inning, an error, a walk and a wild pitch before the second out of the inning, put two runners in scoring position for sophomore Erin Riccardi, with sophomore Michelle Murphy representing the go-ahead run on second base.

Riccardi came up with a huge two-out hit that knocked in two and gave JCU the lead.

Danilov shut the door in the seventh to preserve the victory.

"It was honestly the best win we have had yet this season," said Riccardi, the hero of game two. "We

have never swept Muskingum in school history. Those wins were an amazing feeling."

Magic was needed against Capital too, as a two-run homer in the 10th by Michelle Murphy was needed to take game one.

In game two, Riccardi hit a sacrifice fly that scored Murphy to give JCU a 9-8 win, part of the three-run seventh.

"It's like you could feel it in your fingertips," said junior Jamie Colley of the Blue Streaks late-inning magic.

JCU's conference record of 7-3 is good for a second place tie with the Purple Raiders from Mount Union College.

Track and field team does well at All-Ohio Championships

Gene Natale
Staff Reporter

The JCU track and field program competed and excelled at the All-Ohio Championships at Ohio Wesleyan University on April 17. The Blue Streaks were paced by several top performances and All-Ohio showings on the day.

The men's team finished sixth overall in the 19-team field, while the women's team placed 11th out of 19 teams. In placing sixth, the men showed a marked improvement over the indoor All-Ohio championships where the team placed 11th overall of 18 teams.

Junior David Hickey led the way for the Blue Streaks, placing first in the 400 meter hurdles. Not to be outdone, freshmen Mike Minjock (second in long jump, 6.63 meters) and Maureen Creighton (third in 200 meter dash, 26.05) also achieved All-Ohio status in their respective events.

Hickey was the top-seeded entrant in his event and didn't disappoint, running a season-best time of 54.32 to win his first All-Ohio championship and second career All-Ohio honor. In doing so, he came ever closer to setting a qualifying mark for the Division III national championship meet, missing the provisional qualifying time by two-hundredths of a second.

"It feels good to win," Hickey said following the race. "It's the first time I've managed to pull out the first place finish. At a championship meet like this one, some people do well, and some don't do as well as they had hoped, and we managed to get a lot of good performances today."

Minjock had his highest finish of his brief career as a Blue Streak in the long jump, as he earned his first All-Ohio accolade. He also finished eighth in the triple jump

(12.90 meters).

"Coming in as a freshman, one of my long term goals was to get All-Ohio [honors]," Minjock said, "I came up one spot short indoors, and I was just able to come through with a better performance outdoors."

Coming up just short of winning All-Ohio honors for the men were senior RK Glover and sophomore Mike Hlatky. Glover was fifth in the triple jump at 13.2 meters, and sixth in the long jump at 6.44 meters. Hlatky was fifth in the high jump at 1.90 meters, and just missed qualifying for the finals in the 110 meter hurdles with a preliminary time of 16.13 seconds.

On the women's side, Maureen Creighton led the way with her third place finish in the 200 meter dash. Her strong finish was a pleasant surprise to the freshman sprinter.

"I didn't go into it thinking I would get third," she said, "I'm only a freshman, but the coaches and everyone of the team was really supportive, got me really excited, and it all paid off." Creighton also scored team points in the 100 meters, finishing sixth in 12.91 seconds.

Also performing well for the women was junior Alicia Giannell, who just missed gaining All-Ohio status in the triple jump. She finished fourth in the event at 10.39 meters, and also was fifth in the long jump at 5.02 meters.

Creighton summed up the day for the Blue Streaks; "The team we have here is great," she said. "We're all really supportive of each other, and it definitely shows when we do well. We really push each other to perform better."

The team will attempt to continue their improvement at the Sparky Adams Invitational at Baldwin-Wallace on Saturday. The meet will be a tune-up for the OAC Championship meet at Mount Union on Saturday, May 1.

The Carroll News previews the first round of the 2010 NFL Draft

Chris Koller
Staff Reporter

The NFL Draft is one of the most exciting days of the year. The Carroll News staff reporter Chris Koller predicts round one.

1. St. Louis

QB Sam Bradford, Oklahoma

The Rams are expected to draft the former Heisman Trophy winner as their replacement for recently released franchise QB Marc Bulger.

2. Detroit

OT Russell Okung, Oklahoma St.

Okung is easily the best offensive lineman available in this year's draft and should go high in the first round. Detroit needs to protect second year quarterback Matthew Stafford.

3. Tampa Bay

DT Gerald McCoy, Oklahoma

Analysts are torn between McCoy and Ndamukong Suh from Nebraska. McCoy displays a hair more athleticism than Suh and that gets him snagged with the third pick.

4. Washington

OT Trent Williams, Oklahoma

The Sooners add to their list of top five draft picks as Williams will go to the Redskins in order to protect Donovan McNabb.

5. Kansas City

DT Ndamukong Suh, Nebraska

Kansas City will pick up whoever remains from the McCoy/Suh debate. Either way Chiefs fans should be more than pleased with whichever player comes to Arrowhead.

6. Seattle

QB Jimmy Clausen, Notre Dame

With current quarterback Matt Hasselbeck getting up in age, the Seahawks will jump at a potential long-term answer at quarterback.

7. Cleveland

S Eric Berry, Tennessee

Berry has been compared to the likes of Ed Reed in his athleticism and ability to play the ball. With such high praise, the Browns should add him to fill their need for a sideline-to-sideline safety.

8. Oakland

OT Bruce Campbell, Maryland

Al Davis has a propensity for drafting unproven, yet extremely athletic players. Campbell was an absolute freak at the combine, but there is little evidence to prove he is a lock to be successful in the league.

9. Buffalo

OT Bryan Bulaga, Iowa

Few player's draft stock has gone up as much as Bulaga's. An impressive showing at the combine launches this OT into the top 10, although Buffalo would have loved to add Clausen here.

10. Jacksonville

DE Derrick Morgan, Ga. Tech

The Jags did sign Aaron Kampman in free agency, but he is recovering from knee surgery and may not be able to be an every down rusher. Morgan is the best pure pass-rusher in the draft and fills a major need.

11. Denver

ILB Rolando McClain, Alabama

McClain is one of the fiercest players in the draft with knockout hitting ability. Denver's defense struggled down the stretch and McClain could start out of training camp.

12. Miami

DT Dan Williams, Tennessee

The 'Fins may have been looking for a wideout here, but with the addition of Pro Bowl wide receiver Brandon Marshall, expect to see Miami go the defensive route and pick up the best remaining DT.

13. San Francisco

RB CJ Spiller, Clemson

Spiller is the most dynamic and electric back in this year's draft. Reggie Bush-like abilities to make people miss will thrust Spiller into an impact role in his first season.

14. Seattle

OT Anthony Davis, Rutgers

Although some questions came in regarding Davis following the combine, Seattle needs to shore up an aging offensive line.

15. New York Giants

S Earl Thomas, Texas

The Giants have few glaring holes in their roster, aside from safety. Thomas can come in and fill a starting spot immediately and should play a big role in the 2010 season.

16. Tennessee

DE Jason Pierre-Paul, S. Florida

The Titans lost Pro Bowl DE Kyle Vanden Bosch in the off-season, and Pierre-Paul is the best remaining replacement at this point.

17. San Francisco

CB Joe Haden, Florida

If Haden is still available here the 49ers will be ecstatic. His value slipped after a disappointing showing at the combine, but he regained some clout following an impressive pro day performance.

18. Pittsburgh

OG Mike Iupati, Idaho

Iupati turned a lot of heads at the Senior Bowl and plays with a mean-streak demeanor; therefore he's a perfect choice to join the Steelers.

19. Atlanta

DE Everson Griffen, USC

Griffen excelled at USC and might not even be available at this point in the draft. Atlanta needs somebody to get to the quarterback.

20. Houston

CB Kyle Wilson, Boise State

Wilson can step in immediately for the Texans at CB and his ability to return kicks and punts makes him a lock for the middle part of the first round.

21. Cincinnati

S Taylor Mays, USC

With running back speed in a linebacker's body, Mays is possibly the most athletic player in the draft. His questionable football IQ is what causes him to slip all the way to pick 21.

22. New England

TE Jermaine Gresham, Oklahoma

If he can recover fully from a knee injury that ended his senior season, Gresham will be a steal for the Patriots at 22. He is a legitimate down-the-field threat and will cause headaches for opposing defensive coordinators.

23. Green Bay

OLB Sergio Kindle, Texas

One of the best pass-rushers in college football last year, Kindle should take on a Demarcus Ware-type role in the Packers defense, lining up at both DE and LB.

24. Philadelphia

DE Brandon Graham, Michigan

Doubts about his height are the only reason that Graham eventually falls all the way to 24. His upside should be more than enough to answer any questions regarding his physical stature.

25. Baltimore

DE/DT Jared Odrick, Penn State

Odrick would bring a lot of excitement to an aging, but still effective Raven defense. Baltimore could also go with a run-stuffing DT at this pick, but Odrick is a great pick this late.

26. Arizona

OT Charles Brown, USC

The raid on offensive tackles continues as Arizona adds the very athletic Brown.

27. Dallas

WR Dez Bryant, Oklahoma St.

Dallas would be thrilled to have Bryant fall all the way to them at 27. With Roy Williams consistently underperforming in his number one role, Bryant should put some pressure on the veteran to earn his keep in the starting lineup.

28. San Diego

RB Jonathan Dwyer, Ga. Tech

Dwyer is a big, physical back that will prove to be a nice change from the electric running style of Darren Sproles.

29. New York Jets

DT Terrence Cody, Alabama

Cody is a mountain of a man, and should do well to shore up an already stout defensive squad under head coach Rex Ryan.

30. Minnesota

C/G Maurkice Pouncey, Florida

The NFC runners-up should look to add a stabilizing force to an offensive line that struggled to run the ball, even with all-world back Adrian Peterson.

31. Indianapolis Colts

DT Brian Price, UCLA

The Colts needs a legitimate run-stopper in the middle of the defensive line. He is probably the highest-rated player left at this time.

32. New Orleans Saints

DE Carlos Dunlap, Florida

A DUI arrest prevented Dunlap from playing in the BCS game and raised some character questions. His ability on the field is undeniable, though.



STREAKS OF THE WEEK



Baseball



Chris Koller
senior

Koller appeared in relief in two of the Blue Streaks four games this week, and picked up the win in both of them. He didn't allow a run in 6 2/3 innings and was named the OAC "Pitcher of the Week."

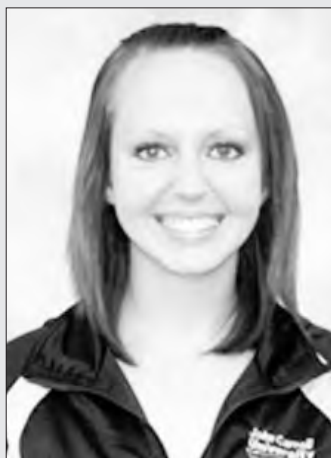


Track and Field



David Hickey
junior

Hickey was the lone member of the Blue Streak program to claim an individual title when he won the 400-meter hurdles at the All-Ohio Championships, held at Ohio Wesleyan University.



Tennis



Anna Navatsyk
senior

Navatsyk became the first Blue Streak women's tennis player to be named the conference's "Player of the Week" since the 2006 season. She went 4-0, and managed to not lose a single game.



Golf



Jackie Leuby
sophomore

Leuby led the charge for the Blue Streaks, taking third at the 2010 JCU "Spring Fling." She was one of three members of the squad that placed in the top ten with Ashley Pettibon and Kristen Courtney.



Softball



Olivia Mathews
sophomore

The Blue Streaks went 6-0 last week, and Mathews was a big reason why. She hit .478 (11 of 23) with a homer, two doubles and seven RBI. She was named the OAC "Hitter of the Week."

WORLD WIDE WEB



Sean Webster
World News Editor

Tea Party – serious or circus act?

What a buzzkill. Maybe I was naive to expect anything more than the usual conservative talking points and propaganda at last week's Tea Party. But Tea Party supporters are naive if they think they'll ever be able to make any sort of meaningful contribution to society simply by bashing the government and predicting the downfall of America under Pres. Obama and the Democrats.

It's obvious that Tea Partiers think there are a lot of problems with the country today. The debt, deficit, taxes, stimulus and health care reform all received their fair share of criticism at the rally. And according to a recent New York Times/CBS News poll, while 46 percent of Americans disapprove of the way Obama is handling the economy, that number jumps to 91 percent among Tea Party supporters.

But amid all the criticism and complaining, what I didn't hear at last Thursday's rally were solutions. In fact, the Tea Party in general seems to be completely lacking in the solutions department, which is a shame because the problems they're trying to highlight are some of the biggest issues facing the country today.

With the economy in the pits and the deficit and debt at record levels, the Tea Party has the opportunity to bring a lot of fresh ideas to the table. But "fiscal responsibility" and "limited government" aren't policies – they're principles. And it seems as though the Tea Party is quite content on "Easy Street," playing the role of Monday morning quarterback and criticizing the policies of both Democrats and Republicans alike.

But it takes a lot of guts to seriously take part in the political arena, particularly because putting forth a policy automatically makes you vulnerable to criticism. Perhaps leaders of the Tea Party have seen the way its members have torn up other government policies and are afraid to submit any of its own?

If that's the case, then the Tea Party will remain nothing but a circus act that gives out free hot dogs and American flags on Tax Day. And you can be sure that as soon as the economy recovers, it will fade into the pages of history, just as so many other fringe political groups have before it.

Of course, it doesn't have to be that way. Many Americans support the Tea Party's principles of fiscal responsibility and limited government. If the Tea Party were to simply apply those principles to the way it confronts the problems facing the country, it could probably come up with a pretty solid platform.

So pay attention to what I'm about to say, Tea Partiers, because you're going to have to make an important decision very soon. Your party is currently stuck at a fork in the road. One path leads to certain irrelevance. The other has no guarantees of success, but definitely has a lot more potential. According to the same poll mentioned above, Tea Party members are more educated than the average American, so you're completely capable of making the right choice. You're also capable of coming up with a policy or two.

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World Briefing



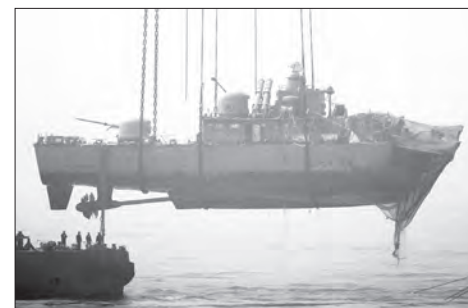
1. Syria accused of arming terrorists

Israeli officials have accused Syria of delivering long-range missiles to Hezbollah, an Islamist group based in southern Lebanon. The missiles are capable of hitting cities deep inside of Israel, including its capital, Tel Aviv. Hezbollah and Israel fought a short yet bloody war in 2006, which killed at least 1,500 people. However, Lebanon's prime minister, Saad Hariri, denied the Israeli accusations. Pictured above are Pres. Bashar al-Assad of Syria and Khaled Meshaal, the leader of Hezbollah, in a market in Damascus.



2. Long-term strategy needed for Iran

Defense Secretary Robert Gates confirmed he had written a classified memorandum to the White House in January. The memo warned that the U.S. did not have an effective long-term policy for dealing with the potential of a nuclear-capable Iran. It specifically mentioned the absence of a strategy if Iran were to assemble all the major parts it needs for a nuclear weapon but stop just short of assembling a fully operational weapon, which would allow it to remain a signatory of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.



3. External explosion sank Korean ship

South Korean investigators have said they believe that the cause of last month's sinking of a naval ship close to the country's disputed border with North Korea was most likely due to an external explosion. It was speculated that North Korea was involved in the explosion, which killed 46 sailors. However, another more likely possibility is that it hit a mine left over from the Korean War in the 1950s.

– AP images and information
compiled by Sean Webster.

Volcano paralyzes air traffic in Europe

Michael Reiser
Staff Reporter

Eyjafjallajökull. No, that is not a misprint, but the name of a large volcano on Iceland's southern coast that is spewing ash across Europe and has been halting air traffic for most of the past week.

The volcano is believed to have had a minor eruption on March 20, followed by the much larger second explosion, which occurred last Wednesday and is responsible for the flight cancellations. The ash makes visibility almost impossible and, more importantly, can cause a plane's engines to fail.

The gigantic cloud of ash, which can be seen from space, has been wreaking havoc on the airline industry in Europe. On Tuesday, the European Union began lifting air transportation bans set on the day following the eruption, last Thursday.

But, just hours later, the British National Air Traffic Service reported that the eruption was still getting stronger and that a new cloud of ash is headed toward Europe that remains unpredictable. People have been stranded away from their homes and destinations. Some airline travelers visiting certain parts of Europe have been stuck in these airports for the past week or so.

Some of these travelers include John Carroll students studying at Regents College in London, who were visiting Berlin this past weekend. Sophomore Sarah Schaner, studying in London, described her plan to journey back to Great Britain.

She said, "They are telling us we will most likely not get a flight for about a week, so we are going to have to get a bus to Holland, which is nine hours, and then take a 14-hour



The crater at the summit of the volcano in southern Iceland's Eyjafjallajökull glacier on April 17, which has released a lingering volcanic ash plume that has paralyzed air traffic in Europe.

ferry and then a two-hour train ride."

Many world leaders had made plans to attend the funeral of Poland's former president, Lech Kaczynski, who died last week with his wife and 90 others in a plane crash (unrelated to the ash) in Russia. President Barack Obama had plans to make the trip to Poland, but was forced to cancel due to the restrictions on air travel.

According to Giovanni Bisignani, the head of the International Air Transportation Association, the estimated economic impact reached \$1 billion. Bisignani called it "embarrassing" and a "European Mess." This surpasses the economic loss of the closing of

the U.S. airspace during the three days following the attacks of September 11, 2001.

However, there is hope on the horizon. Although the volcano continues to erupt, volcanologists say that the explosions are much less powerful than the original that occurred last Wednesday.

The plume being sent into the air is now only three miles high, as opposed to the original height of eight miles, which would only affect Iceland and its surrounding waters. "There is no new material being added to the ash stream affecting aviation in Europe," said Matthew Roberts, a scientist at the Iceland Meteorological Office.



Sudan's president and presidential candidate Omar al-Bashir, left, casts his vote for Sudan's first multi-party elections in Khartoum, the country's capital, on April 11.

Bashir likely winner of Sudanese elections

Joe Toohy
Asst. World News Editor

Counting is currently underway in Sudan's first multi-party elections in over 24 years. Though counting will not officially be over for some time, all signs point to sitting Pres. Omar al-Bashir as coming out on top.

Last week, election officials extended the voting period by an extra two days due to voter complaints of technical issues. These include ballots being sent to the wrong polling stations and registers missing voter names. The elections were held for the positions of president, members of parliament, and local offices. According to CNN, about 750 international and 18,000 domestic observers monitored the process.

The process, however, has come in to question. According to BBC, former U.S. Pres. Jimmy Carter said, "It is obvious that the elections will fall short of international standards that are expected of advanced democracies ... The people's expectations have not been met."

Carter was speaking not only of the irregularities at polling stations mentioned previously, but also of the fact that many of the opposition parties illegally pulled out of the election

too close to the vote.

This includes the Sudan People's Liberation Movement, the main party in the South that pulled out accusing the ruling National Congress Party of fraud.

Carter, however, did maintain that the elections were the right step toward establishing democracy.

This sentiment was echoed by Jen Ziemke, a professor of political science at John Carroll University. According to Ziemke, "Evidence shows that sham elections that are actually more window dressing or facade than anything else nevertheless sometimes help usher in openness and change in the political culture and climate of a community."

The elections were held as a main part of a 2005 peace deal that ended decades of civil war between north and south Sudan – two million people were killed during this time.

Al-Bashir has ruled since he took over in a military coup in 1989. The International Criminal Court has charged him with committing genocide and crimes against humanity in the country's western region of Darfur.

According to Reuters, al-Bashir wants a respectable victory so he can claim to have support of the Sudanese people on the heels of his indictment from the ICC.

Somali radio stations caught in middle of power struggle

Associated Press

Somalia's government on Tuesday backed off an order to close down radio stations in the capital that had obeyed an Islamist militia's order to stop playing music.

The government order, issued early Tuesday and rescinded minutes later, prompted two stations to close because they said they feared retribution. Two others followed the government's order to start playing music again.

The government had demanded that four Mogadishu radio stations start playing music again or face closure. The stations had obeyed an April 13 edict from the Hizbul Islam militant group to turn off the music.

"I informed the radio stations closed today that they can resume their operations," said Information Minister Dahir Mohamud Gelle in a statement.

Gelle suggested that the National Security Agency may have acted independently when it issued the order.

"The Somali government is not happy with the oppression of the media and will always work toward creating an enabling environment where it can operate freely," Gelle said.

A director of the Somaliweyn station, Abukar Mohamed Hassan Kadaf, said his station went off-air but resumed broadcasts 20 minutes later when the government appeared to change its mind.

Kadaf said he was not sure about the future of Mogadishu-based radio stations, "because each side is telling you to do his bidding."

Radio workers said they felt trapped between violent insurgents who are known to stone people to death and an

ineffectual government that controls only a few blocks of the capital city and cannot protect them. "We are confused. We don't know what will come next," Kadaf said.

Only two radio stations in Mogadishu appear to have been unaffected by the conflicting edicts. Throughout, a government-owned radio station and another funded by the United Nations have continued to broadcast music.

Both stations are based in the small area of Mogadishu under the control of government and African Union forces.

Hizbul Islam labeled music un-Islamic when it issued its April edict, a move reminiscent of Taliban rule in Afghanistan. The Taliban imposed strict social rules on Afghans beginning in the late 1990s that included music and movie bans.

Other militant groups in Somalia – including al-Shabaab, the country's biggest militant group that has ties to al-Qaida – have recently banned bras and musical ringtones. A group last week banned school bells in one southern town, saying they sound too much like Christian church bells.

Hizbul Islam's order affected more than a dozen stations. They have had to re-record their ads and some are using gunfire, car horns and animal cries to act as a bridge between programs.

Somalia has not had an effective government for 19 years, when the country fell into civil war. Extremist Islamic militant groups control much of southern Somalia, including most of the capital city of Mogadishu.

Thousands of civilians have died in violence-racked Mogadishu in a conflict that has intensified the last three years and the U.N. estimates some 100,000 people have been displaced in the capital this year alone.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What is your opinion of the Tea Party movement?

Go online at www.jcunews.com to place your vote, and tune in next week for the results.

Last week we asked, "Do you think the United States should pursue a policy of ridding the world of nuclear weapons?" Out of a total of 12 votes, 58 percent (seven votes) said "Yes" while 42 percent (five votes) said "No."

WORD FOR WORD

"How can anyone call them human beings? They are beasts who are killing people. The government should finish them off once and for all."

– Jabbar Ali, a Pakistani man whose leg was wounded in a suicide bombing at a center for refugees displaced by a Pakistani military offensive against militants. The attack killed 38 people and wounded 65.

"I lost faith, everything, because people like you have done damage to me."

– Lawrence Grech to Pope Benedict XVI. Grech was one of a group of victims of sexual abuse by priests that met with the Pope in Malta on April 18.

"I'm proud of you. I pray for you for your courage to come forward and speak out."

– Pope Benedict XVI responding to Grech's statement.

"We want to save lives. They see this tragedy as an opportunity to make propaganda."

– Ga Tsai, a Buddhist monk, criticizing the relief effort of the Chinese government after an earthquake killed at least 1,400 people in Jiegu, a Tibetan city in China, last week.

"If he is still alive and walking around, that does not simply mean he has managed to survive. The Almighty is giving him the chance to find the strength to acknowledge the evil he has brought to people."

– Yunus-Bek Yevkurov, the president of the Russian republic of Ingushetia, on Doku Umarov, a rebel leader who is said to have ordered an attack on Yevkurov last June.

– Compiled by Sean Webster

CASUALTIES

The Department of Defense confirmed the death of four U.S. soldiers in Afghanistan during the week of April 11 – 17. No casualties were reported in Iraq.

According to icasualties.org, a total of 4,392 U.S. soldiers have been killed in Iraq since Operation Iraqi Freedom commenced in 2003, while 1,045 have been killed in Afghanistan since Operation Enduring Freedom commenced in 2001.

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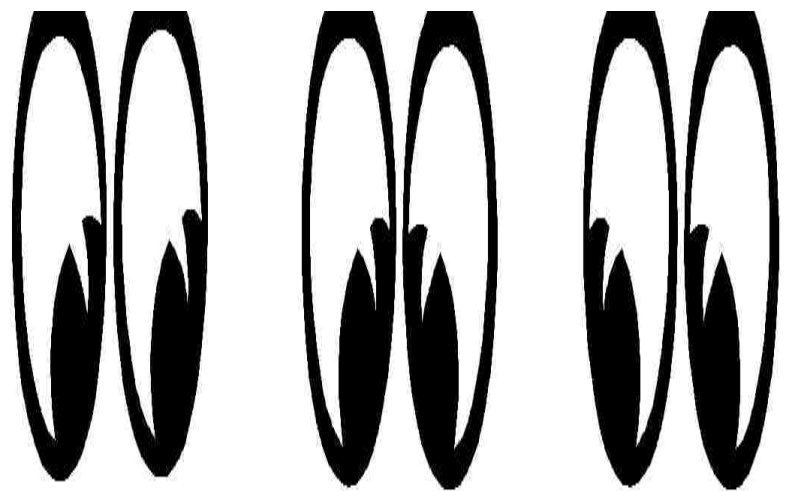
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The following picture relates to a popular song. The first person to submit the correct answer will get his/her name and picture in the next CN! Just fill in your guess along with your name and e-mail then drop off your submission at the CN office to win!

LAST ISSUE'S NAME THAT TOON WINNER



Josh Tatro

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Editorial

Infeld's commitment must continue

April 10 marked University Heights Mayor Susan Infeld's first 100 days in office. Mayor Infeld was sworn into office in January after former-Mayor Beryl Rothschild was forced to step down from her seat after 32 years in office, due to term limits.

We commend Infeld for her efforts to re-evaluate the City's budget, re-format the newsletter, and improve communication between the University and the City. These are the hallmark accomplishments of her first 100 days, but she is looking forward to many other reforms as well.

Her plans include modernizing the City's Web site and putting City procedures into writing. The goal for the University Heights Web site is to make it more interactive and user-friendly and make online bill payment available to the community.

We appreciate her aggressive agenda, but the University and the city's residents must continue to hold her accountable. Just because she achieved parts of her agenda in her first several months in office does not mean that both parties should become complacent and fail to act as watchdogs.

One of her biggest goals is to improve the relationship between John Carroll University and the rest of the University Heights community.

Mayor Infeld already demonstrated her willingness to cooperate with JCU when she proposed a successful motion that Relay for Life, the East-West high school football game and the Continental Cup be held outside without petitioning City Council each year. We feel that this is the type of progress that is needed to improve relations.

There are many other programs that she plans to implement that will mutually benefit the University and surrounding neighborhoods.

Among them are: environmental programs, community gardens, and a bicycle donation program. Her plan to donate confiscated bicycles to JCU for student use is a beneficial and practical plan. However, we must ensure that she follows through with these actions.

We feel Mayor Infeld has a lot to offer the community, including the University, and JCU should take advantage of this opportunity and once again open up a two-way dialogue.



Cartoon by Joe Hinkel

NOTABLE QUOTABLE



“This country is definitely in need of a homegrown industry, and this could be it.”

-Bucky Fisher, national sales manager for Medical Marijuana Inc.

Editorial

Tea Party shows that JCU doesn't take sides

On Thursday, April 15, the John Carroll Conservatives hosted a Tea Party on campus. Over 500 people from northeastern Ohio and John Carroll University were in attendance. The purpose of the event was to take a stand against policies of the current U.S. government and the Obama administration. Along with supporters of the cause some student protestors against the Tea Party ideals were also present.

The Carroll News commends the JCU administration for allowing a protest of this magnitude and controversy to be held on campus. We also commend the students and members of John Carroll Conservatives for organizing the event. The magnitude of the event was impressive, however, with classes still in session the music was disruptive. This may be something to take into consideration for future events during school hours.

We commend the student protestors for their peaceful protest of the event as well. The welcoming attitude of the Tea Party to the student protestors was also commendable.

It is encouraging to see a healthy, engaged political discussion among students and adults. For all members of the JCU community, no matter their political affiliation, the Tea Party movement was beneficial because it exhibited democracy in action.

The Carroll News believes that more debates and events of this nature should be held on campus. For example, political debates between party members or even political rallies. This would help to engage our generation in the political discourse and participate in the freedom of democracy.

HIT & miss

- Hit:** Sean Kingston and Chamillionare perform in the Varsity Gym
- miss:** Barely half of the tickets for the show were sold
- Hit:** Relay for Life this weekend
- miss(ing):** Lighting on the quad
- miss:** the influx of work before finals
- Hit/miss:** Only three weeks left of school
- Hit:** NFL Draft begins today
- Hit/miss:** Greek Week this week on campus
- miss:** Icelandic volcano erupts grounding flights indefinitely
- Hit:** JCU softball and baseball teams ranked second in the OAC
- miss:** Craig Willert and Lena Chapin's last issue this week
- Hit:** Cavaliers win their first two playoff games
- miss:** Somalian Islamists outlaw school bells for sounding too much like church bells
- Hit:** The Indians are doing well, for once
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OURVIEW

No matter your party, let's all party with the Tea Party



Emily Gaffney
Campus Editor

This past week, John Carroll University students organized and participated in a Tea Party protest on campus. The protest was to voice the opinions of those who feel that the government spending is excessive and their expansion is an encroachment on their personal liberties.

While I do not necessarily agree with the Tea Party ideals, I was proud that it took place on our campus.

One of my professors told me that it was the only one in the area to take place on a college campus.

The Tea Party is not the only protest that has taken place on campus this year. At the Tea Party protest, there were actually people protesting the protest.

Also, this past February, a group of students protested a decision not to include sexual orientation in the University's Equal Employment Opportunity Policy.

Students at JCU have taken a stand for what they believe, and whether or not you agree with what they believe you have to feel a certain degree of pride because of it.

It's nice to know that we are not an entirely apathetic generation in a society which seems almost too captivated by "reality" shows and the latest gossip in OK Magazine. It is entirely possible that most people in society today know more about the ongoing Kate Gosselin drama than what the Tea Party protest actually is.

In fact, in thinking about this, I recalled watching multiple times on YouTube.com the now infamous video of Miss South Carolina in the 2007 Miss Teen USA competition. For those of you who have not had the pleasure of watching this, in the question and answer part of the competition she was asked why one-fifth of Americans could not find the United States on a map.

Somehow she started talking about South Africa and "the Iraq" (seriously, if you have not seen it, go watch it).

I am not sure what bothered me more – the fact that apparently one-fifth of Americans cannot find the distinctly shaped United States on a map, or that Miss South Carolina could not formulate a coherent answer about the issue.

The fact that JCU students seem to be somewhat aware of what is happening in the world around us is definitely a positive, in my opinion. Knowing what is going on is the first step to getting involved and potentially making a difference. No matter how cliché it may be, I still choose to believe that you can make a difference.

While the effect of JCU's Tea Party protest, or even the effects of the nationwide protest, is yet to be seen, the LGBT protest certainly had an impact.

Because of their protest, the administration is now working on revising JCU's policy to include sexual orientation.

So whether you agree or disagree – that is not the most important part. The most important part is that something is being said. If you don't agree with what is said, voice your own opinion.

If you do agree, voice that opinion. Be aware of what is happening on and off campus so that you can make an informed decision about what you want to believe in.

If anything at all, at least you will be able to come up with an informed and coherent answer when someone asks you a question.

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CHAPstick: it's an addiction



Lena Chapin
Editorial & Op/Ed Editor

I don't like Oprah. There isn't a reason behind it or anything, it's just the way I feel.

I often think when watching her show that the melodrama of it all is annoying and her facial expressions never really change, whether she's happy, sad or giving away hump-back whales.

It always annoyed me that she gave away free cars. Not everyone needs a free car, especially when they have to pay for gas, insurance and taxes on that brand new freebie.

I get mad with most of the giveaways. For instance, a few weeks ago I was forced to watch Oprah because the cast of "Glee" was on her show. She talked to them for awhile, but then doing her philanthropic duty took over.

She brought in the best show choir in the nation, had them perform, and then gave them a brand new grand piano. That was all well and good, except these kids had just performed in head-to-toe flashy 17th century ball gowns and velvet suits that they had bought on their own.

Coming from a show choir that was a little more Glee-esque with one broken, out of tune, old piano and thirteen-year-old hand-me-down costumes that made us look like hostesses, I became a little upset with Oprah for once again giving something to those who weren't very needy.

It sparked some anger and I changed my Facebook status to "I hate Oprah. I don't know why; she just makes me angry." It immediately sparked a response. After eight comments and two likes, I found out that I wasn't alone in my unjustified distaste for the woman.

Many of the comments suggested I write my column on the matter, and what the public demands I deliver. So I sat down to write, but in the good sense of scholarship I decided I should be a little more

N-Oprah

educated on the topic. So I did what any self-respecting soon to be college graduate would do in my situation ... I Wiki'd her.

Turns out I can't hate Oprah. I can disagree with what she does and a few of the ways she uses her money, but all in all, that woman deserves and has earned quite a bit of my respect.

Did you know that her teenage mother raised her, in poverty? Her life didn't get easier for a long time. She has been through an amazing amount of hardships, experiencing everything from rape to the loss of a child. She has overcome so much that it isn't any wonder why she is so well-loved by the American population.

Even though I can't bring myself to love her, I have to admit that my opinion has been swayed a little bit. No, I still don't agree she should have nearly as much power as she does. She has been called the most influential woman in the world and I think that's a crock of hooey. She hosts a talk show for gosh sakes.

I respect the fact that she took her life and turned it around to launch her own production company, magazine, book club, school for girls, and whatever else she has under her belt. As an entrepreneur she's amazing; as a philanthropist she's good, but could be a bit better; as a person she's probably doing her best like everyone else out there.

If there is one thing I've learned from Oprah, it's the age-old tale of don't judge a book by its cover.

It's easy to judge people and your initial interaction without getting to know them or anything about them, but it's important to keep in mind that there is a whole life behind these people that you don't even know about. You can't just decide someone is annoying or weird and hate them for no reason.

Who knows, you could be missing out on your best friend.

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Wonderword

What does flibbertigibbet mean?



"How a small animal might move or act."

Greg Gutmann,
freshman



"Something flapping."

Nicole Hajma,
sophomore



"Frog roadkill."

Nate Krieger,
senior

Flibbertigibbet a silly, flighty or scatterbrained person, especially a pert young woman with such qualities.

That's what See said: Leave lip synching to the professionals



Bob Seeholzer
Managing Editor

Milli Vanilli at Lake Compounce, Ashlee Simpson on "Saturday Night Live," and Greek Week at JCU.

What do they all have in common? They're three of the most famous examples of lip-synching. Well, at least until I get involved.

For those of you who don't know, "Lip Sync" is the name of the grand finale of Greek Week where all of the fraternities and sororities

put on a skit. Outside of my weekly column and Jeff Sigmund rapping with Chamillionaire at the Spring Concert, it's arguably the most entertaining thing that happens all year.

Now, I'm not in a Greek organization, but I have seen the movie "300" a few times, so I know what I'm talking about.

You probably didn't hear about it (because it wasn't covered in the award-winning Carroll News), but I've got a pretty impressive resume when it comes to skit battles. In three competitions against my track and cross country teammates, I've never finished out of the medals.

I won't say I'm the Michael Phelps of this performing thing, but I wouldn't shy away from calling myself the Apolo Ohno of it.

So now that we're all on the same page (literally, because this is in a newspaper), it's time to answer some questions, like what group would I represent and what would my skit be about?

That's none of your business.

Just kidding. My organization, and odds are you definitely did not see this one coming, would be The Carroll News.

One thing I like when planning a skit is an abundance of talent. Talent that's willing to stay up past its bedtime to make sure it comes up with a top-notch final product. If there's one thing the staff of this newspaper can do well, it's stay up late.

Not to mention, we can dance. If Lil Mama or JC Chasez is one of the judges then we're shoo-ins.

As far as the content of our

skit, it would be a loose parody of R. Kelly's hip-hopera "Trapped in the Closet," except our version would be called "Trapped in the Newsroom."

That's probably where the similarities would end because I don't think I could find a way to work in a reference to a Baretta, repeat the same lyric 10 times in a row, or get into anywhere near as much legal trouble as R. Kelly has.

Our skit would reference all of the newsmaking events that have happened on campus this year. From a new mayor being elected to basketball sit-ins to zombies running amok on the quad and a mystery woman named Kim Meadows causing headaches for everyone.

The thing that would put our performance over the top is our

secret guest: Ray J. Nobody can deny his entertainment value, and more importantly, nobody would expect it.

I'm thinking he could do a medley of this year's "Name That Tune!" songs with "MMMBop" getting stuck on replay (and the Milli Vanilli reference makes a comeback). Then our big finish could be a couple landlords soliciting local apartments and houses and giving out their contact information. (If you don't get it, then turn the page, I'll still be here when you get back).

While we're not entered in this year's competition, I think it's pretty clear we would be the winners.

If you disagree, you can go fly a kite.

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The Op/Ed Top Ten:

Most disliked celebs

1. Michael Vick - America will always side with their four-legged best friends
2. Tiger Woods - he cheated, he lied, and he still did well
3. Naomi Campbell - she's still gorgeous and still infamous
4. Elizabeth Hasselbeck - she should have faded away after Survivor
5. David Hasselhoff - We're hassled by the Hoff
6. Joe Biden
7. Rush Limbaugh/Larry King - enough said
8. Papa John - everybody hates those commercials
9. Kanye West - you diss Tay-Tay, you diss America
10. Darth Vader - he gets the award for worst father of the last millennium

-Compiled by Lena Chapin and Craig Willert

Sher it like it is:

Hit/miss: a conference at The New York Times



Katie Sheridan
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The New York Times is known around the world as a prestigious and reputable news source. In New York City, it is the namesake of Times Square.

Last weekend, it was also the site of "Inside The Times," a workshop for college newspaper editors. Bob Seeholzer and I were two of those editors. With high hopes and the desire for another resume bullet, we boarded the plane for La Guardia Airport.

The whirlwind trip began on Sunday afternoon. After one large pizza, several cans of Coke, and one very dull seminar, the trip was over.

The trip was a hit and miss, so that is how I will recap it for you. In the style of The CN's editorial page, here is my Times trip Hit/miss starting from the beginning.

Hit: We flew to New York instead of driving.

Hit: We ordered a large Villa pizza in the airport and saved by buying in bulk.

miss: It took so long to make it, that by the time it was done we had to take the entire large pizza on the

plane with us.

miss: It barely fit down the aisle.

Hit: Our hotel was very close to Times Square.

miss: It was also next to a shady night club with a bouncer who had "TapOut" shaved into his head.

Hit/miss: According to urban-dictionary.com "Tapout" is a brand of clothing for martial artists.

Hit/miss: Walking around Times Square after midnight listening to Bob recording on the "I am T-Pain" app.

[We were] **miss(ing):** sleep the night before the conference.

Hit: There was a free continental breakfast.

miss: They were out of orange juice.

Hit: Lectures from Managing Director for Education, Susan Mills; Deputy Managing Editor, Bill Schmidt; Blogs and Continuous News reporter, Jenna Wortham; Director of The New York Times Student Journalism Institute, Don Hecker; Metropolitan reporter, Mireya Navarro; and Investigative Reporter, David Barstow.

miss: They were all lectures, not presentations. Only two included handouts, and not one had graphic aids.

miss: Most of the information included very basic editing tips for a room full of editors.

Hit: The lobby of The Times has really cool artwork called "movable type." It selects words, phrases, and incomplete thoughts from The Times newsroom and projects them on small electronic screens. The

variety and frequency reflects the productivity of the newsroom. It serves as a pretty cool form of artwork.

miss: We didn't get to see anything at The Times except the lobby and a conference room.

Hit: I stumbled upon their cafeteria while I was looking for an approved place to use my cell phone. It was also pretty cool.

Hit: The Times building is environmentally friendly.

miss: We heard way too much about it because one of the other scheduled speakers didn't show.

Hit: Lunch was pretty good and included three types of cookies.

Hit: Barstow told us about when a minister took out an \$80,000 hit on his life because of an article Barstow wrote about the man's church related fraud.

miss: Several editors told us we're crazy for getting into this field and that we'd never make much money.

Hit: They said we should stick with it anyway.

Hit: They gave us a free water bottle, hat, pen, notebook, Frisbee and drawstring bag.

I am very grateful that I was able to attend, but the conference was slightly underwhelming.

I was expecting intriguing editors with bold presentations and a tour of the building. It is The New York Times after all, not the Sun Press. Even at The Carroll News we'll give you a tour if you ask nicely.

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POLITICAL VOICE

Taxation of the nation



Jennifer Holton
Arts & Life Editor

Another potential gift from the Obama Administration is coming for the American public. It's called the Value Added Tax.

It's something that not only every college student should be aware of, but also every American consumer.

The federal government is starting to seem more and more like a pubescent teen who receives his/her paycheck from work only to subconsciously spend it on things he/she doesn't realize he/she doesn't need.

Now, the government is slightly concerned, wondering how it's going to pay for all of this. So it turns to the easy solution—the people.

It's fact: rather than admit their own mistake for spending trillions of dollars, the federal government will make you, the taxpayer, pay for their senseless spending. Literally.

Paul Volcker, senior economic adviser to Pres. Obama said we need to raise taxes in order to bring deficits under control. He proposed the European-style "Value Added

Tax," or VAT.

In addition, the tax, used in 100 countries around the world, is essentially a sales tax. However, it is a tax collected at every stage of production.

Now, Volcker was the Federal Reserve Chairman under Ronald Reagan who successfully beat down inflation during that administration. Still, why is he saying the VAT wouldn't be a "toxic idea"?

There is no way that the people of America can sit back and be alright with the fact that this tax will touch every transaction made.

Bruce Bartlett, a former Reagan economic adviser, states that the "U.S. needs a money machine" because by the end of the year, the Office of Management and Budget estimates the gross federal debt to be at \$13.8 trillion.

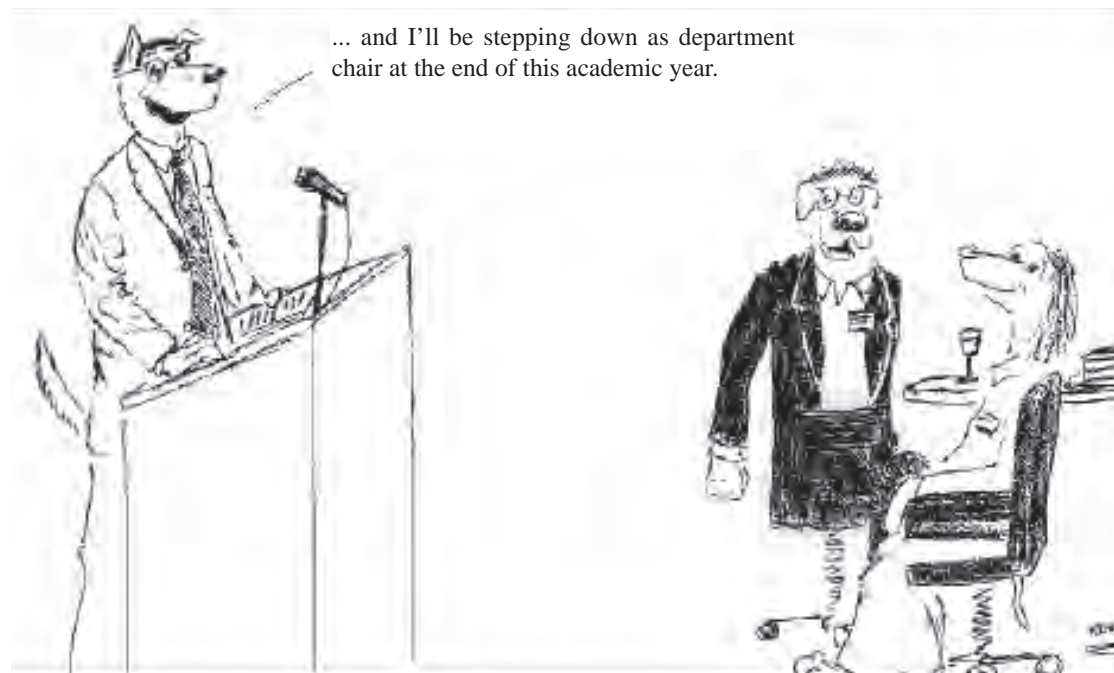
The administration is seeing this as a real way to rake in money. They just think they can put it on the American people and leave it up to them to pay for their reckless spending. It seems to me the economy will just suffer more. Why?

Because people won't be making as many transactions as before, now that they know their extra tax is going straight to the federal government to pay for a problem they didn't cause in the first place.

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Almost Free

by Kath Duncan



... and I'll be stepping down as department chair at the end of this academic year.

"Well, no wonder! I'd get tired of people sitting on me, too."

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