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Slushy, soggy campus seeps into buildings

University not liable for personal belongings damaged in residence hall flooding

Dan Cooney
Campus Editor

Junior Rita Pansky, and her roommate, fellow classmate Sasha Hamilton-Cotter, heard loud banging on their door at 5:30 a.m. Monday morning.

“We thought it was a prank or fire drill and tried to ignore it,” Pansky said. “She [Hamilton-Cotter] was going to check it out and then I heard a splash, which was immediately followed by expletives from each of us.”

They found that their room, on the Kappa Delta sorority floor, had become a mini lake.

The basement of Hamlin Hall, including the Kappa Delta floor, suffered from approximately 1-2 inches of flooding early Monday morning. The cause of the flooding was a backed-up storm sewer near S. Belvoir Blvd.

“Historically, we’ve waited until we’ve had problems,” said Bernard Beyer, JCU’s director of physical plant, about when sewers and drains were cleaned.

Beyer said the plan is to put the drain lines

on schedule for jetting periodically, possibly every 3-4 years. Jetting involves spraying water at high pressure to remove blockages in the lines.

“Hopefully we’ll get them before they plug again,” he said.

Meanwhile, the Kappa Delta floor residents were waking up to flooded rooms.

“Your foot was completely underwater,” junior Taylor Greene said.

Greene also was concerned about the safety hazards posed in their surroundings.

“The fact that we were wading in two inches of water with the power still on and electrical appliances on the floor blows my mind,” she said. “The water surrounding one of my power strips was literally boiling. A fire or electrical surge could have easily occurred, endangering us all.”

Campus Safety Services, Murphy Hall area coordinator Pat Caruso and Kappa Delta floor resident assistant Emily Gorndt all assisted the residents. After gathering a few belongings to get them through the day, the floor’s residents were ushered to vacant rooms in the basement of Murphy Hall.

“They gave us all rooms in the basement

of Murphy so we could keep our stuff there and change, and if we weren’t able to be back in our rooms by that night, [we] could opt to sleep there,” Hamilton-Cotter said. “They said they wouldn’t send an e-mail to teachers about the situation and so if we couldn’t go to class, because almost everyone’s books and backpacks had been ruined, it was on us to get excused by our teachers.”

Others lost more valuable possessions, such as electronic devices. Junior Brittany Grist said her television and printer were damaged in flooding.

“Not a lot of stuff was on my floor, thankfully, because I had just cleaned my room,” she said. “But, the TV was kind of nice to watch.”

Many of the other Kappa Deltas lost iP-



Photo by Dan Cooney

Clothes, boots and other items are laid out to dry on the Kappa Delta floor in the basement of Hamlin Hall following flooding that occurred there early Monday morning.

ods, computers, computer chargers and cell phones as a result of the water damage.

Anne Kowalski, the area coordinator of Hamlin and Campion Halls, sent numerous e-mails to the residents updating them on the situation, the last one at 2:22 p.m. The last sentence of the e-mail stated, “Since this is beyond the control of the Office of Residence Life, you are responsible for damages that may have been caused by the water. Please talk to your parents to see what your

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Dominican Sisters of St. Mary visit John Carroll

Molly Wilson
Assistant Campus Editor

This past weekend, John Carroll University hosted four nuns from the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, which is located in Ann Arbor, Michigan. This order frequently visits high schools, colleges and universities to speak to students about discerning what God is calling each individual’s vocation to be.

These sisters gave three talks during the weekend. The first was on Friday and was titled “Everybody has a Vocation: Discerning God’s Calling for YOU in Today’s Culture.” This discussion revolved around explaining the ways the nuns discovered what

God was calling them to do with their lives and showing how to pay attention to God’s will. On Saturday, there were two events: the first was for women only, in which the sisters made a presentation and discussed the vocation of being a nun. The final event dealt with re-discovering true womanhood and true manhood, based on the teachings of John Paul II in his “Theology of the Body.” Students were also able to sign up for a one-on-one talk with one of the sisters.

Four nuns founded the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, in 1997. One of these original four nuns included one of the sisters that visited John Carroll over the weekend, Sister Joseph

Andrew. Originally from Tennessee, Sister Joseph Andrew has been a nun since she was 17 years old, entering right after she graduated high school. She currently serves as the vocation director of the Dominican Order. She earned her undergraduate degree from John Carroll’s neighbor, Notre Dame College. Some of the aspects that make the order unique are a strong worship of Mary, Mother of God, daily Eucharistic adoration, and a close relationship between all the sisters. Sister Joseph Andrew explained how Mary was fundamental in the original creation of the order.

“We really wanted to honor Mary and to be able to highlight her image

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Photo by John Roselle, n.s.j.

The Dominican Sisters of St. Mary visited JCU during the weekend of Feb. 25-27. The sisters set up a table in the Student Center Atrium on Friday. Pictured from left to right: Angela Weimer, Julia Blanchard, Sr. Immaculata, Sr. Maria Jose, O.P., Sr. Joseph Andrew, O.P., Sr. Mary Ignatius and Bridget Mason.

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Campus Briefs

JCU hosts speaker on Islamic feminism

Today, Hina Azam will be speaking on the topic of Islamic Feminism. She will discuss different current “Islamic Feminists” and will also discuss different religious ideals that are being developed and taught to Muslim girls about equal rights for women. She will be speaking in the Dolan Science Center at 7 p.m.

This year JCU has been hosting the Nursi Chair in Islamic Studies’ set of five different speakers. The set of speakers began on Nov. 4 and the last one will take place on April 14. The program intends to promote education about Islam and its culture. It also is to promote better relationships with other religions.

Hina Azam is an assistant professor in Islamic Studies at the University of Texas at Austin. She works in both the Middle Eastern Studies and Religious Studies programs.

For more information contact Zeki Saritoprak at (216) 397-6279 or at nursi@jcu.edu.

JCU creative writing event

JCU will host a creative writing event on March 16 from 7:30-8:30 in Rodman Hall Room A. The event will feature the famous poet Hayan Charara. Charara will read some of his poems and also answer questions. His books will be on sale after the reading. He has been described as a dynamic poet with riveting readings.

Hayan Charara wrote “The Alchemist’s Diary” and “The Sadness of Others,” which was nominated for the National Book Award. He edited “Inclined to Speak: An Anthology of Contemporary Arab American Poetry” and won the 2009 National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship for poetry.

If interested in attending the event check out the Facebook event page titled John Carroll University Creative Writing Events: Hayan Charara.

Two new resolutions passed in Student Union

Brian Bayer
Campus Editor

As the official student government organization representing all undergraduate students at John Carroll University, the Student Union has been dedicating much of its effort this semester to making sure their actions are constitutional.

“What we’re doing this semester is trying to make sure that everything that has been done in Student Union aligns with the Constitution,” said Student Union President Rita Rochford.

Two bills were discussed at the Feb. 22 Student Union meeting. One bill was intended to revise the number of senators needed to be present at the spring meetings to reach a quorum to vote. This bill was passed at that meeting. The other bill, regarding the constitutionality of the honorary senator for life status, was voted on at this week’s meeting on Tuesday, March 1.

The first bill was introduced because of the various commitments that seniors have to consider in their senior term. Every year for the past 10 years, seniors have been excused from the Tuesday meetings in their final spring term, according to Rochford.

However, this impedes productivity at meetings if another senator or two are not in attendance, because quorum (the number needed to vote on an issue) will not be reached. The bill revised the number needed to reach quorum to the fall semester number, before the freshman class has Student Union representatives.

The seniors’ attendance isn’t absolutely necessary for their jobs as senior senators, according to Rochford. Since most seniors live off campus, representing them is not their biggest priority; rather, planning senior week should be their primary responsibility. “They’re doing a great job planning senior week,” said Rochford.

Additionally, with job interviews and preparation for post-college life, seniors have a lot on their minds. “They have a lot going on – it’s a commitment they may not see a year and a half ahead [when elections are held],” said Rochford.

The other bill was proposed by Nick Grady at the Feb. 22 meeting and passed unanimously this past Tuesday. It examined and confirmed the constitutionality of granting Student Union alumni the senator for life status.

This is an honorary appointment that the Student Union president has traditionally granted to senators who served on Student Union or on the executive board for at least two years during their experience at JCU.

“It is mainly honorary – an act of appreciation for the senators,” said Rochford. Prior to this legislation, there was no constitutional foundation for this recognition. With the approval of this amendment, however, granting this status is now sanctioned by the Student Union constitution.

The alumni who receive this recognition will not be counted toward quorum at

meetings, nor will they be allowed to vote on issues.

However, they will be invited to inauguration ceremonies and state of the union addresses. Additionally, they will be allowed to “be seated with Senate during meetings and speak on issues being brought up,” according to the amendment.

As honorary senators for life, they will also receive the Student Union newsletters and minutes for each meeting.

Junior senator Megan Everett said, “I feel it is a great way for students who have spent so much time serving our community to be recognized for their work.”

Freshman senator Molly McComish agreed. “It is a fantastic way for student-alumni relations to further grow, as alumni that are recognized with this award will be able to prolong their time spent with JCU students. In addition, this bill allows for a senator to be recognized for their hard work and apply their knowledge of four plus years to the situations brought to Student Union.”

With the recent passage of both of these bills, the structure of Student Union and the traditions it recognizes now have stronger roots in its constitution.

“What these two amendments do is not creating a major change, it’s setting a constitutional precedent for practices and traditions that have long been a part of the Student Union,” said Rochford.

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homeowners insurance covers and what your deductible is to see if it’s even worth claiming the items.”

According to this school year’s Housing Contract, “JCU will assume no responsibility for the theft, destruction or loss of money, valuables or other personal property belonging to, or in the custody of student for any reason, whether such losses occur in student rooms, storage rooms, public areas, elsewhere in the hall, or in baggage related to shipment or storage. Student is encouraged to carry personal property insurance.” The same applies for next school year’s Housing Contract.

The Kappa Delta floor residents were not pleased.

“I felt her e-mail was abrupt and not supportive,” Pansky said. “Many residents are in distress and upset and there was no recognition of that fact. These girls have to rely

on their parents’ insurance to replace laptops, phones, textbooks, etc. And let’s face it, not everyone has that opportunity to rely on.”

Hamilton-Cotter went to the Office of Residence Life to explain the situation among their floor mates.

“The only help that was given to me was a printed out copy of the housing contract everyone signs with the liability clause circled, excusing John Carroll of any responsibility,” she said. “They also said that if we wanted further help, since we are a Greek floor, maybe our sorority had some kind of coverage.”

After the residents left their floor, the power was shut off. According to Heather Losneck, director of Residence Life, the facilities department

worked to pump the water out of the floor. The jetting of the sewer was completed around 1 p.m., according to maintenance supervisor Gary Paoletta.

“Housekeeping and a contractor came in to extract the rest of the water from student rooms and clean the floors, all student area rugs were extracted, cleaned and deodorized and taken to the Dolan Science Center garage to dry out,” Losneck said. “Myself, Mike Roeder and Richard Flagg from Facilities

with the situation so she went to bed. They didn’t give her any more information or warn us about the leak. When I woke up at 5 a.m., the other girls on the floor and my RA were taking control over the situation while CSS stood there. It was the residents and the RA bringing up concerns of safety and electrical issues, not CSS.”

Overall, the residents of the Hamlin basement are disappointed with the University’s response.

“The fact that we were wading in two inches of water with the power still on and electrical appliances on the floor blows my mind.”

– Taylor Greene
Junior resident of the Kappa Delta floor

went into each student room and bagged wet clothes and shoes, moved all items off the floor, and basically prepared each room to be cleaned. Students were able to go back into their rooms about 1:30 p.m. [Monday] and the power to the electrical outlets was turned back on about 3 p.m.”

According to Greene, CSS had knowledge of a leak in the basement of Hamlin earlier that morning, but failed to notify all of the residents on the Kappa Delta floor.

“CSS had known about a leak of some kind in the basement at 2 a.m. I know this because my roommate talked to a CSS [officer] in the hall at this time as they were walking down the hall,” she said. “They seemed to be dealing

“I am very glad that they did such a fast job of getting the water out and helping with our wet stuff so quickly, but beyond that, the support from the school has been almost nothing,” Hamilton-Cotter said. “In no way are they helping or advising us about what to do with all of the damages. We have to leave to go on Spring Break in four days, and I have

no idea how everything will get taken care of in time.”

They were, however, quick to praise their RA, Gorndt.

“Our RA, Emily, handled everything very well and was very helpful,” said sophomore Amanda Cook.

Hamlin was not the only place on campus affected by flooding. The boiler room in the basement of Dolan Hall flooded due to a sump pump failing to operate. The problem was also corrected on Monday. The JCU Mail and Copy Centers also experienced some minor flooding due to tree roots in the sewer system and a build-up of water at the bottom of that driveway in front of the doors.

Campus Safety Log



February 22, 2011

Property damage was reported of the Murphy Hall Quad sign at 1:48 p.m.

February 26, 2011

Student Affairs reported a damaged smoke detector outside Campion 15 at 11:56 p.m.

February 23, 2011

A student called in a suspicious situation and the smell of marijuana was suspected in a room in Hamlin Hall at 12:17 a.m.

February 27, 2011

Student Affairs reported a broken handrail in Murphy Hall at 2:43 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.



In celebration of John Carroll University's 125 years of existence, The Carroll News will highlight John Carroll firsts. The achievements outline the history of the University. They are our roots and are now pillars in our culture.

This year the University is celebrating 125 years of existence, but for the first 82 years women were not admitted to the school. The status of John Carroll University as an all-male institution changed in 1968 when The College of Arts and Sciences admitted women to study.

Once women were able to study at the University they were also permitted to live on campus in Murphy Hall. The first ladies of John Carroll did not hesitate to become involved with the school. In 1968 a Glee Club began, and a woman became editor of The Carroll News. This was just the beginning of female leadership on campus.

One hundred and twenty-five years later it is hard to imagine what JCU would be like if there were no female students. According to the University's quick facts admission website, 54 percent of students today are female. For the 43 years women have been on campus there is more than just a Glee Club to become involved with. Today, John Carroll offers 10 female varsity sports and five sororities, along with the nearly 100 other student organizations and clubs. Most notably for the past two years the Student Union president has been female: senior Amanda Papa and currently junior Rita Rochford.

The leadership roles and influence women have on JCU is also celebrated with the 125 year anniversary. As we now say, “We are men and women for others.”



– Compiled by John Jackson

Several of JCU's first female students in the foyer in front of Kulas Auditorium

From <http://lib.jcu.edu/page/14326>

Heather Losneck bids JCU farewell after 17 years

Ryllie Danylko
The Carroll News

After 17 years in the John Carroll University Office of Residence Life, Heather Losneck, director of Residence Life, is stepping down from her position.

Losneck is departing from JCU in order to further her career in business training and development as well as project management, in a setting that is more accommodating to her role as a mother to two young children.

She started her career at JCU as a live-in residence hall director in 1994, and has since worked her way up through the ranks of Residence Life, from assistant director to interim director, and finally to her current position as director.

"I consider myself very lucky to have been able to stay at a place that I love so much, and to be able to grow in this field," said Losneck.

Her responsibilities as director are far-reaching, including involvement in the process of resident assistant training, monitoring the Loop Shuttle, residence hall maintenance and crisis management.

More recently she has been focusing on marketing on-campus living to students living off-campus or commuting, as well as implementing the “super-single” room option to expand the private living option for students.

Losneck has nothing but fond memories of her time at JCU, and she expressed her love for the students and her colleagues.

“To be able to help students resolve issues and help them understand why things work the way they work, and using their feedback to help make improvements is

important, and it's very rewarding," said Losneck.

During her time as director, Losneck helped to create the Residence Life Advisory Board, whose main goal is to collect student feedback through “ambassadors.”

Losneck made some interesting observations during her years here that many other administrators do not have the chance to see.

“In Res Life, we see people at their worst, as opposed to other offices like Career Development or Campus Ministry, who deal with a lot of positive experiences with students,” said Losneck.

"For us sometimes we're dealing with 'It's 3 a.m., I'm intoxicated, and I decided to punch out the ceiling tiles' kind of stuff."

She feels that her departure will allow for a fresher perspective on the position as Residence Life director.

"I think someone else being able to look at things that I could do in my sleep is going to be good for students," she said.

“To bring someone on board who can use technology in a different way, and develop some bridges with academic affairs, there’s a lot of possibilities for new opportunities.”

The University is currently conducting a national search for Losneck's replacement, when she leaves at the end of spring break.

Losneck hopes to stay connected to JCU in the future, and she has made lifelong friends across the various departments.

“Working here really opened my eyes to the values of a Jesuit education that I had no idea about when I was going to school,” she said. “It has changed my perspective about where I want my kids to go to school.”

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of motherhood in the world today through our work," she said.

Over the last 14 years, the Order has grown to include 108 sisters and to represent over 33 states and several countries. The average age of a woman entering the order is 21 and the average age of the sisters in the order is 28. One of the Dominican Sisters' main objectives is teaching grades K-12 in all subject areas. Not only do the nuns teach at schools around their mother house in Michigan, but some Dominican sisters are also located in schools in South Carolina, Arizona, California, Texas, Florida, and beginning this year, Ohio.

As the vocation director, Sister Joseph Andrew, O.P., has to travel frequently all over the country to help young people discern what God is calling them to choose as their vocation. In addition to visiting high schools and colleges, the Dominican Sisters hold three annual vocation retreats at their motherhouse in Ann Arbor. These retreats are for young women considering becoming a sister or looking to figure out what their vocation may

be. The girls are taught how to truly pray and listen for what God's vocation is for them. The retreats average about 400 girls each year and host girls from all over the world. One of the farthest girls to come to the retreat was from Switzerland.

At the sisters' first event on Friday night, the attendees were treated to a dinner and first watched a film called "The Greatest Love Story" which showed the stories of many nuns and how they decided to join the Order. These unique accounts included a sister who broke off an engagement a week before her wedding, a former lawyer from New York, and a Buddhist who converted to Catholicism after studying in America.

Andrew then began to discuss the three types of vocations: single life, married life and religious life. She explained what all three vocations entailed and the hardships and joys of each of them. The other three Dominican Sisters then each had their chance to tell their personal story of how they knew God was calling them to join religious life. Sister Maria José, O.P., had obtained a science and computer science engineering degree and

was doing very well at her job in Dallas, Texas. She was able to fully support herself and buy anything she needed but realized she was not truly happy and felt called to become a nun.

Twenty-three-year-old Sister Mary Ignatius spoke next explaining that in her freshman year of college she had actually lost her way and connection with God. After transferring to Creighton University in Nebraska she met a Jesuit who reassured her of God's love and she entered the Order shortly after.

The last to speak was 22-year-old Sister Immaculata, who although raised Catholic, grew up in a heavily Protestant area and had no real exposure to sisters until hearing about the Dominican Order on the radio and flying to Ann Arbor to attend one of the vocation retreats. After debating about entering the Order for a year of college she decided to enter. Sister Immaculata commented that she felt she could not be hesitant and, “had to take a great leap of faith.”

The evening ended with the Sisters discussing and showing a clip of their Order's appearance on Oprah. The Dominican Sisters

were the only order of nuns to agree to open their doors to Oprah's television cameras. Sister Joseph Andrew was one of the sisters that appeared on the television special. She said, "She's [Oprah is] a wonderful woman, it was a wonderful experience to be able to have this life shown to the world." Andrew now gets e-mails from all over the world after the exposure from the Oprah show. Some are in a different language but she can make out the name "Oprah" so she knows that the show only helped to make their Order more known to the world.

Sophomore Bridget Mason attended some of the sisters' events and even had a personal one-on-one with Sister Joseph Andrew. She enjoyed the experience and said, "The nuns made me think a lot about my life and my vocation. I feel that they answered many of the questions that I had. They were also very entertaining and I enjoyed the one on one with Sister Joseph Andrew."

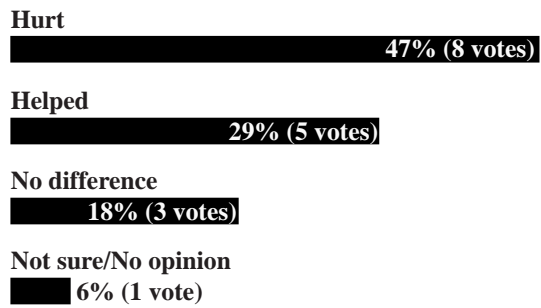
For more information on the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary, Mother of the Eucharist or their annual vocation retreats visit www.sistersofmary.org.

CAMPUS CALENDAR: MARCH 3 - MARCH 9

3	Thursday	4	Friday	5	Saturday	6	Sunday	7	Monday	8	Tuesday	9	Wednesday
Comedian Josh Sneed performing in the Atrium from 9 - 11 p.m.		Residence halls close at 7 p.m.		<div>The Carroll News wishes everyone a safe and happy Spring Break.</div>									

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World News Poll

Did the Iraq War help or hurt U.S. national security?



THIS WEEK’S QUESTION

To what extent would you support U.S. military intervention in Libya?

Go online at www.jcunews.com to vote in the poll, and check out the next issue to see the results.

WORD FOR WORD

“And one thing that I do know is his having grown up in Kenya, his view of the Brits, for example, very different than the average American.”

– Mike Huckabee, the former Republican presidential candidate and current Fox News host, on President Barack Obama. A spokesman for Huckabee later said the comment was a misstatement. (CNN)

“The American people today are demoralized, dispirited, worried and concerned because their elites have betrayed them, their system has crippled them and their government has failed them,”

– Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich on his decision to seek the Republican candidacy for president in 2012. (ABC News)

“They love me. All my people with me, they love me. They will die to protect me, my people.”

– Libyan leader Muammar Gadhafi after denying any demonstrations against him in his country (BBC)

“Let’s not get carried away by the drums of war, because the United States, I am sure that they are exaggerating and distorting things to justify an invasion,”

– Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez on U.S. media presentation of situation in Libya (CNN)

– Compiled by Michael Reiser



New Libyan recruits line up as they listen to an instructor after signing up for the forces against Libyan leader Muammar Gadhafi at a training base in Benghazi, eastern Libya, on March 1.

Libya near civil war as U.S. weighs options

Wycliffe Odhiambo
Staff Reporter

Defiant, distressed, delusional and desperate are some words that might describe Libyan leader Muammar Gadhafi as of late. As the protests against his over-four-decade rule get bloodier, Gadhafi is increasingly becoming an isolated figure.

Internally, he faces the resignation of key allies and grapples with the departure of confidants, as well as opposition forces that have instigated a virtual civil war in Libya.

Externally, the international community is responding with punitive measures aimed at checking the brutality that the pro-Gadhafi security forces have used against protestors, including the firing of live ammunition at poorly armed civilians.

More than a thousand people have already lost their lives in the continuing fighting.

Nations have gone from measured condemnations of Libya, to passing, unanimously, a UN resolution authorizing an arms embargo, travel bans and other sanctions against the Libyan ruler.

Words have slowly turned into action as the U.S. government and European Union froze nearly \$100 billion worth

of Libyan government assets this past week.

Although military intervention in Libya was originally considered off the table by the U.S. and other countries, the recent attempt by government forces to regain the eastern town of Benghazi, currently under the control of the rebel forces, has led to the reconsideration of the situation.

The U.S. Army and the British Navy have been strategically positioned to provide humanitarian aid, and are currently debating the possibility of enforcing a no-fly zone in Libya that would prevent pro-government forces from using planes to bomb cities.

Italy ended a non-aggression pact with Libya last week, opening its territory for possible use for an anti-Gadhafi offensive by the West.

Russia, however, has expressed its unwillingness to support a no-fly zone in Libya, calling the proposal “superfluous.”

Turkey, meanwhile, fears the West is only concerned with Libyan oil wealth and has urged the West to keep its nose out of Libya.

Gadhafi and his supporters, whether legitimate or phony, are in control of Tripoli, the capital city of Libya. His forces are also thought to be in control of a key town, Zawiyah, only 30 miles

south of the capital, although opposition forces have also claimed that they have captured the city.

The Libyan army has split loyalties between the pro-government forces and the anti-government revolutionists, but the split has not caused much damage to Gadhafi’s cause. The Libyan army is merely symbolic and the forces fighting for Gadhafi are mainly mercenaries from around Africa. The mercenaries are believed to be the ones behind the atrocities against the protestors.

Opposition forces in Benghazi moved to set up a structure resembling a quasi-government as the city tried to resume normalcy. Banks were reopened in Tripoli and Benghazi and oil was being shipped again after more than a two week hiatus.

Libya’s neighbors, especially Tunisia and Egypt, are experiencing a huge influx of people fleeing from the country. Thousands of refugees, especially in the western Tunisia-Libya border, are creating logistical nightmares for the few humanitarian aid agencies operating in the region and the situation is nearing a crisis.

Meanwhile, Gadhafi continues to cling to his drastically fading power and it remains to be seen if he will relinquish it or die a “martyr” as he has pledged to do.

Public unions protest state bill cutting benefits and bargaining rights

Marcus Notaro
Staff Reporter

State Capitols around the country have been flooded with angry public employee unions opposing bills that would weaken their collective bargaining rights and cut both public employee salaries as well as some benefits.

State legislators’ intentions behind the protested bills are to reduce the state budget deficits to regain financial security in a rebounding economy.

In Wisconsin, an estimated 70,000 protesters surrounded the capitol building in Madison last weekend to rally against Republican Gov. Scott Walker’s new proposal that would reduce unions’ bargain-

ing rights as well as take away benefits to help fund other government programs.

The resultant pay cuts are estimated to be between six to eight percent, according to state officials. The demonstrators, who remain peaceful, are even sleeping in the Capitol building over night to show their dedication.

Thousands of demonstrators gathered in Columbus, Ohio, to protest a bill introduced by Republican Sen. Shannon Jones calls for the end of collective bargaining rights for state workers and reduce those of police officers and firefighters.

Former Gov. Ted Strickland (D-OH) joined the protestors, saying “They’re using a fiscal challenge as an excuse to consolidate politi-

cal power.” Jones said the intention behind the bill was to reduce the state budget, but many are calling it a direct attack on the public labor unions.

Similar protests have sprouted in other states as well, including Indiana, Florida and New York

Although studies show that labor unions are not exactly popular, the majority of Americans do support the public employees on the bill.

According to a poll done by The New York Times and CBS News, 60 percent of Americans opposed cutting bargaining rights while 33 percent agreed that they should be cut, a margin of nearly two to one.

The margins were slightly smaller on the issue of salary and benefit cuts with 56 percent opposing cuts,

and 37 percent supporting them.

The issue that many officials are finding themselves torn over is whether to support the unions and freedom of speech, or the taxpayers that they have sworn to represent.

Jeff Berding, a registered Democrat on the Cincinnati City Council told the Washington Post, “I believe in what unions do, but as an elected official I represent the taxpayers.”

The current division between the two sides marks a critical development in the evolving labor movement of the U.S.

In the past, union face-offs have always occurred between the employee and the corporate managers on how to share company profits.

Today, a whole new battle between the public employee and the

local government exists. What they are fighting over, wages and benefits, are provided by taxpayers.

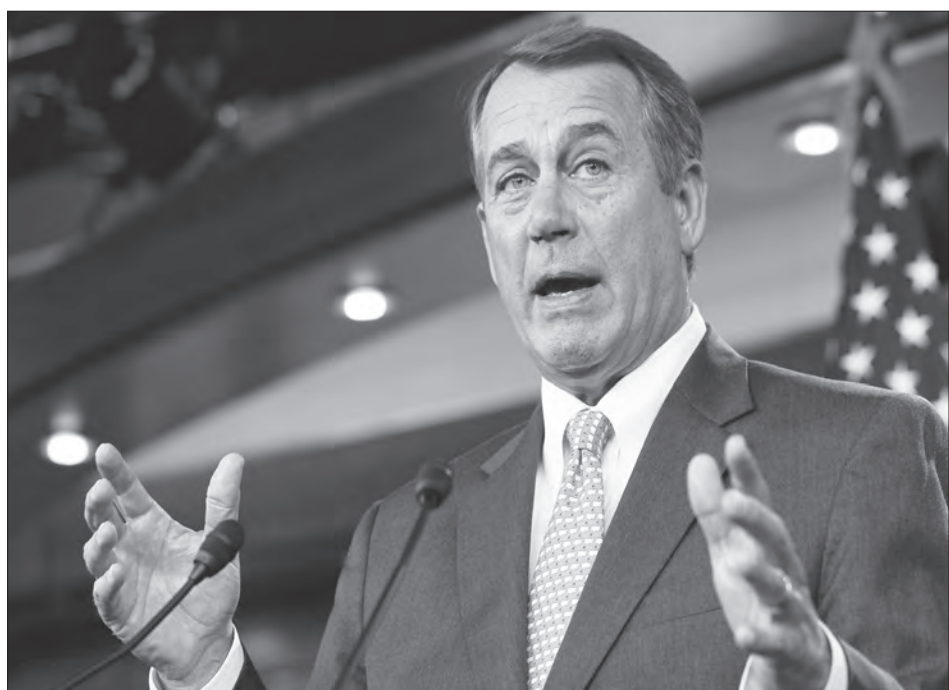
The rise of unions, historically, was a movement to protect workers’ civil rights in private industries such as coal, automobile and steel.

This was never a problem in the public industries because government workers were never exploited the way factory workers were; they always had civil service protecting them.

Therefore, it may seem extreme that the public unions react so aggressively to state cuts that are intended to reduce the budget deficits.

Ultimately, it’s the taxpayer that will pay, and the majority doesn’t seem to mind.

Congress moves to avoid gov't shutdown



House Republicans, led by House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH), pictured above, are pushing for bigger budget cuts than those offered in Obama's budget.

Michael Reiser
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It's the classic tale of the unstoppable force versus the immovable object in Washington these days as the budget battle rages on between the Republican House and Democratic Senate, exuding the threat of a potential government shutdown.

President Barack Obama's budget proposal is projected to cut nearly \$1.1 trillion of the current \$1.6 trillion deficit over the next 10 years, but Republicans want to cut as much as possible, as soon as possible, creating a legislative log-jam.

In a letter sent to Obama – signed by 150 economists – Speaker of the House John Boehner (R-OH) called the budget crisis a “critically important step, if we’re going to end the uncertainty and start to give investors

and small business people the confidence to invest in our economy.”

Despite the stalemate between the two sides, the threat of a government shutdown was put off for two weeks on March 1 when Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) announced that Senate Democrats agreed to pass a Continuing Resolution – an agreement that will keep the federal government up and running – by enacting \$4 billion in cuts proposed by the Republican House of Representatives.

The two-week agreement passed in the House, with 231 Republicans and 104 Democrats for, and 6 Republicans and 84 Democrats against.

Congress had to come to an agreement on the budget by March 4, the date the budget keeping the government running would have expired. Congress's failure last week to

reach an agreement on House Republicans' proposed \$61 billion in cuts from Obama's \$3.7 trillion budget package triggered fears of a potential shutdown.

This shutdown, though, would not include necessary government functions, such as national security and utilities, but rather non-essential programs would be put on hold.

In 1995, Democrats and Republicans, led by President Bill Clinton and Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, respectively, reached an impasse over the budget, resulting in a government shutdown under circumstances similar to today's predicament.

Federal employees from institutions like the Department of Veteran Affairs and the Social Security Administration stayed home for a period of five days and another stretch of nearly three weeks.

Tuesday signaled an important step in preventing history from repeating itself.

“We need to work our way through this. But the sooner we get this short-term funding of the government done, the quicker we can move to a [Continuing Resolution]. That is where we're headed,” said Reid.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) stated that Republican senators were also behind the two-week agreement, and that they'll “continue to talk with our Democratic friends and the White House about where to go from here with regard to the balance of this fiscal year.”

Like Reid, Obama prefers to get an even longer CR composed and enacted, though, to provide even more time for a long term deal to get done.

White House spokesman Jay Carney told reporters on March 1 that if the current deal is possible, “that \$8 billion over four or five weeks is something that we could agree on.”

Despite this, Democrats have said that Republicans, led by Boehner, will reject this proposal.

It seems that the government shutdown will be avoided – for now.

WORLD WIDE WEB



Sean Webster
World News Editor

Memo to Obama: Stay out of Libya

“We don't want and we won't accept any foreign intervention on our soil. We started this revolution, and we will finish it.”

Those are the words of Abdul Hafidh Gogha, the spokesman of the provisional government recently set up by the pro-democracy rebels in the eastern Libyan city of Benghazi.

The situation in Libya is getting worse by the day. Muammar Gadhafi has made it clear that he will not be forced out of power, and his violent crackdown on anti-government protestors has resulted in hundreds of deaths. Some even say the death count could be over 1,000.

Meanwhile, the country has been all but split in two. The eastern half of the country is largely controlled by the rebels, while the west – including the capital of Tripoli – remains mostly in Gadhafi's hands.

It wouldn't be a stretch to say that Libya is experiencing a civil war.

As the violence continues, however, the two sides seem to have reached a stalemate.

So is there anything the U.S. and the rest of the international community can do to tip the balance in favor of the rebels?

Although the United States was initially slow to take any action until all Americans were evacuated from Libya, the Obama administration now says that all options are on the table. Over the weekend, a number of sanctions were placed on Gadhafi in an effort to isolate him economically and financially.

The administration is also considering military intervention. Two of the most popular ideas seem to be arming the rebels and enforcing a no-fly zone over Libya so that Gadhafi can't use his air force to bomb rebel positions. Some have even mentioned the possibility of carrying out air strikes against Gadhafi compounds as the U.S. did in Kosovo in the '90s.

However, military intervention – unless used for humanitarian purposes like delivering medical supplies or evacuating refugees – would be a bad idea for both Libya and the United States.

First of all, military intervention would undermine the legitimacy of the rebels and the revolution. Libyans have made it clear that they want to do this on their own, and if they receive American military aid, pro-Gadhafi forces can claim the rebels are just pawns of the United States.

Secondly, the United States should only use military power when our national security is threatened. The U.S. does not need to constantly flex its military might in order to deter our enemies. Rather, it needs to conserve its military capabilities and only use them when we need them. We can support the rebels diplomatically and economically, but Libya – whether democratic or authoritarian – poses no strategic threat to the United States.

So hopefully Obama listens to Gogha (and me) and keeps the U.S. military out of Libya.

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Obama backs health care reform waiver

President Barack Obama on Feb. 28 backed a bill in Congress to let states design their own ways to expand insurance coverage sooner under the health-care overhaul, in a nod to governors' complaints that federal rules are too rigid. His proposal on increasing state flexibility involves a piece of the health law scheduled to take effect in 2017. It allows states to avoid the major mandates of the law, including the requirement that most people carry insurance or pay a fee, among other rules. To qualify, states must develop an alternate system of comparable coverage that insures as many people as the federal law, without increasing the nation's deficit. Few states are expected to seek the health-law waivers, and the move did little to appease elected Republicans, who are overwhelmingly opposed to the law. Obama also said he supported a proposal to allow the exemption in 2014, when most of the rest of the law kicks in. (Wall Street Journal)



Report finds billions in government waste

A report on government waste and inefficiencies released on Feb. 28 by the nonpartisan Government Accountability Office identified billions of dollars in duplicative spending. The report, which GAO said is not meant to be a comprehensive list, identifies 34 areas where federal agencies have overlapping objectives or provide similar services to the same populations. It identifies another 47 areas beyond those directly related to overlap where agencies and Congress could reduce the cost of operations or enhance revenue collection. GAO did not put a price tag on all the savings it identified in the new report, but Sen. Tom Coburn (R-OK) – who, pictured at left, included language in last year's debt limit measure requiring GAO to conduct the study – estimated that at least \$100 billion in savings has been identified. The largest number of duplicative areas identified fall under defense, homeland security and law enforcement spending. (The New York Times)



North Korea threatens war over leaflets

North Korea has warned the South Korean military that it will shoot at South Korea if Seoul continues its recent psychological campaign, the North's official media said. South Korea's military has been dropping leaflets into North Korea about democracy protests in Egypt, a legislator said on Friday. As part of the psychological campaign, the South Korean military also sent food, medicine and radios for residents in a bid to encourage North Koreans to think about change. North Korea maintains tight control over communications, including the use of telephones and over movements of people, leaving many in the country unaware of world events. South Korea's military has resumed its campaign of speaking directly to North Korean residents after the North bombarded an island near a disputed sea border in November, killing four people. (Al Jazeera)

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Men's basketball season comes to a tough end

Marietta's come-from-behind victory ends Blue Streaks year in OAC Championship game

Zach Mentz
Assistant Sports Editor

It was almost a redemption story for the John Carroll University men's basketball team, but the Blue Streaks fell just short in the Ohio Athletic Conference Championship game, going on the road and losing to the top-seeded Marietta College Pioneers, 88-85.

The loss ends JCU's season at 19-9 overall, while Marietta improves to 25-3 entering this week-end's NCAA Tournament.

The OAC final marked the third time the Blue Streaks and Pioneers squared off against each other this year. The first game between the two was played at Marietta on Jan. 15 with the Pioneers winning by a score of 101-90. The second match-up between the two was played on Feb. 19 in the Tony DeCarlo Varsity Center with the Pioneers hitting a shot at the buzzer to win the game 82-81.

With two close losses during the regular season, the Blue Streaks wanted a shot at redemption in the conference tournament and their wish was granted. Going into the OAC final, Marietta was ranked No. 13 in the nation by D3Hoops.com.

Knowing their postseason hopes rested solely on this one game, the Blue Streaks had to come out of the gates ready to play some of their best basketball of the season, and in the first half, they did just that.

Both teams battled for the lead as the score was 24-20 in favor of JCU with 8:56 to play in the first half.

From there, the Blue Streaks completely took the game over and increased their lead to 21 points at halftime as they led the Pioneers by

a score of 49-28.

Marietta, playing in front of their home fans in a sold out Ban Johnson Arena, responded in the second half by shooting lights out from the floor and forcing turnovers.

The lead the Blue Streaks held at halftime evaporated into a slim four-point lead after less than seven minutes ticked off the clock in the second half and with 13:07 left in the game, the Blue Streaks were clinging to a narrow 59-55 lead.

JCU led the entire game until Marietta tied the game at 69 with 6:36 to play. Shortly after, Marietta took the lead, 71-70, with 5:34 to play. JCU took the lead again, and held on to a narrow lead until the game was tied at 82 with 1:41 to play.

Marietta took a two-point lead with 49 seconds to play in regulation until junior Mark Hester, who scored a game-high 24 points, hit a layup for the Blue Streaks, once again tying the game, this time at 85 with 36 seconds remaining in the game.

Marietta took possession following Hester's layup and wisely allowed time to tick off the 35-second shot clock. The Pioneers drained nearly every second off of the shot clock before taking their final shot of the game.

Their leading scorer, Trevor Halter nailed a well-contested three-pointer to give the Pioneers an 88-85 lead.

Blue Streak junior Corey Shontz had one last attempt to tie the game with a desperation three-pointer of his own, but it was off to the left and the Marietta Pioneers pulled off an impressive come-from-behind victory to earn the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Tour-

namment.

Marietta made 19 of their 30 shots from the field in the second half, including seven of their 14 three-point attempts. The hot shooting, as well as turning the ball over five times in the second half, made the difference.

As the 2010-11 season comes to an end for the JCU men's basketball team, much of the recognition will be given to senior Maurice Haynes, the team's leading scorer and only player that will be lost due to graduation.

He went out in style, scoring 20 points and grabbing five rebounds in his last collegiate game.

Haynes joined Shontz, the heartbeat of the team, on the all-tournament team.

"These last four years have been great," Haynes said. "I couldn't have asked for more in this basketball experience. Looking back on this season, we experienced some ups and downs but overall it was the best season ever. I enjoyed every part of it. I had so much fun."

Haynes was quick to point out that aside from competing, he'll miss the people that have supported him throughout the last four years.

"Those guys in that locker room who joined me in the foxhole every night are my best friends," he said. "I love those guys from the coaches all the way down to the fans who made this experience the best. On behalf of my family and myself, I thank the John Carroll community."

As coach Mike Moran prepares for next season, he should have high expectations as he will lose only Haynes and will get redshirt sophomore Kyle Hubbard and junior Patrick Sweeney back healthy.

Highlights of Blue Streaks Season

Senior Maurice Haynes was named to the All-Ohio Athletic Conference first team, while junior guards Joey Meyer and Corey Shontz earned second-team honors.

Junior guard Michael Hartnett and Meyer each hit nine three-pointers in a game to set a new school record. Hartnett did his damage against Capital on nine of 11 shooting while Meyer hit nine of 13 at home against Muskingum on Jan. 12.

Junior Mark Hester stepped into the starting lineup and was huge down the stretch for the Blue Streaks. He averaged 13.3 points per game in the eight games he started, including 23 points per game in two games against Marietta College.

On Nov. 20, 2010, the Blue Streaks went on the road and defeated the No. 5 team in the country, Carthage College, 70-69. JCU trailed by 13 points at halftime, but with 23 points from their lone senior Haynes they pulled out a 70-69 victory.



Photo courtesy of JCU Sports Information Dept.

Junior Mark Hester (above) and the Blue Streaks had some highlights against Marietta, but ultimately the Pioneers prevailed.



STREAKS OF THE WEEK



Basketball



Maurice Haynes
senior

Haynes scored 20 points and grabbed five rebounds in his finale. He was an efficient eight of 12 from the field. In the four years Haynes was a member of the program, JCU went 76-35.



Track and Field



Maureen Creighton
sophomore

After setting a new record in the 500 meter run last weekend, Creighton bested it this weekend with a time of 1:20.63. She earned All-OAC status for her accomplishment.



Wrestling



Greg Ryan
junior

Ryan, the third seed at 141 pounds, was the runner-up at that weight class at the OAC Championships. He upset the two seed to reach the finals before falling to top seed Josh Malava of Mount Union, 2-1.



Track and Field



Mike Minjock
sophomore

For the second consecutive year, Minjock earned All-OAC honors at the conference championships in the long jump. He cleared 6.79 meters to come in second place, helping JCU to come in eighth place.



Basketball



Lee Jennings
senior

Jennings capped off a brilliant career by scoring 39 points in her last game as a Blue Streak, a loss to Mount Union in the OAC Championship. She finished the year averaging 25 points per game.

Clock strikes midnight for Cinderella story Blue Streaks

Molly Bealin
The Carroll News

The John Carroll University women's basketball season came to an end Saturday at the hands of the University of Mount Union, but not to be lost in the disappointing finish is the magical run that took them all the way to the Ohio Athletic Conference Championship game — the first team in program history to make it all the way to the title game. Unfortunately, the Blue Streaks couldn't overcome a first half deficit to capture the first conference championship in school history.

The Blue Streaks ended the first half down 43-34 but started the second half with strong defense and hot shooting. With 11:44 left on the clock, senior Lee Jennings, a first team All-OAC selection, knocked down a three-pointer to give the Blue Streaks a 58-57 lead.

JCU increased their lead when freshman Hilary Liwosz connected on a pair of free throws to give JCU a four point lead. However, the top-seeded Purple Raiders answered by going on an 11-0 run to reclaim the lead at 74-67 with 6:14 remaining in the game.



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Senior Katie Knox (above) and the Blue Streaks were within minutes of an OAC title and a berth in the NCAA Tournament.

Showing the resilience that got them to this point, the Blue Streaks responded with a 9-2 run of their own, capped off by a jumper from freshman Missy Spahar, that tied the game at 76 with four minutes remaining.

Ultimately, the Purple Raiders were just too much. They went on a 16-8 run in the final four minutes to escape with a 92-84 win. Mount Union improved to 25-3 overall and

earned the OAC's automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament. JCU ended the season with a 16-12 record.

Jennings led all scorers with 39 points on 14 of 24 shooting from the field. Strong performances were turned in by Spahar who had 20 points and junior Emilee Ritchie who chipped in 19.

"I think after the initial sadness that we all felt after losing, we realized that the only emotion we

could feel is pride," said junior Emily Day. "I don't think anyone was expecting us to be the team facing Mount Union in that final game. We were proud of ourselves for proving everyone else wrong and showing that determination and hard work can get you far."

While the season ended on a bitter note, it was a season filled with many accomplishments.

This year's team was the first since 1994 to make to the semifinals of the conference tournament. After earning the seventh seed, the Blue Streaks had to get past second-seeded Baldwin-Wallace College to reach the semifinals.

JCU then won a thriller, 71-70, over third-seeded Ohio Northern University in the semifinal round. The Blue Streaks faced an eight-point deficit with five minutes left to play but used back-to-back three-pointers from freshman Allie Lustig and Ritchie to tie the game.

With 51 seconds left, Jennings made two free throws to give the Blue Streaks a 71-70 victory and an appearance in the conference title game.

The Blue Streaks will lose Jennings and her classmate Katie Knox

to graduation.

Knox, a post who started 26 games in her final season, was quick to praise Jennings, her teammate of four years.

"The whole team really came together in the final stretch of the season and played inspired in our three playoff games, but I don't think anyone wanted the title more than Lee. She has been such an amazing teammate over the past four years that I wanted to do whatever I could to help her hang the program's first banner in the Tony DeCarlo Varsity Center," said Knox.

While saying goodbye is hard, the Blue Streaks are in good hands for the 2011-12 season. JCU will return three starters from this year's team in Lustig, Ritchie and Spahar.

"I think now that we have gotten a taste of what a championship run feels like, we have even more of a desire to win the whole thing next year," said Day. "We will have some huge shoes to fill with Lee Jennings and Katie Knox leaving, but the freshman were really impressive this year and it will be great to have them returning next year as more experienced players."

Wrestling team takes fifth at Ohio Athletic Conference Championships

Tim Ertle
Sports Editor

The John Carroll University wrestling team wrapped up the 2010-11 season on Saturday, placing fifth in the seven-team field at the Ohio Athletic Conference Championships hosted by Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio.

The University of Mount Union claimed five individual champions en route to capturing the team title. The Purple Raiders victory ended a five-year run for Heidelberg University who had won every conference tournament since 2006.

Heidelberg finished in second place, just ahead of Ohio Northern. Baldwin-Wallace College was fourth, while Muskingum University and Wilmington College rounded out the field.

"The conference was really deep this year," said senior Tim Lambert, one of just two seniors on this year's team. "I don't think there's any shame in taking fifth. Anyone that watches wrestling in this conference knows that this field was much deeper than an average year."

One thing the Blue Streaks can hang their hat on is that they will lose just Lambert and senior Jim Gilchrist to graduation.

JCU did have two runners-up as freshman John Cobos (125 pounds) and junior Greg Ryan (141 pounds), both seeded third in their respective weight classes, lost in the title match.

Cobos defeated ONU's Jerome Pasquale, avenging a loss from the regular season, in the semifinals.

His luck ran out against Ricky Reynolds from Mount Union in the

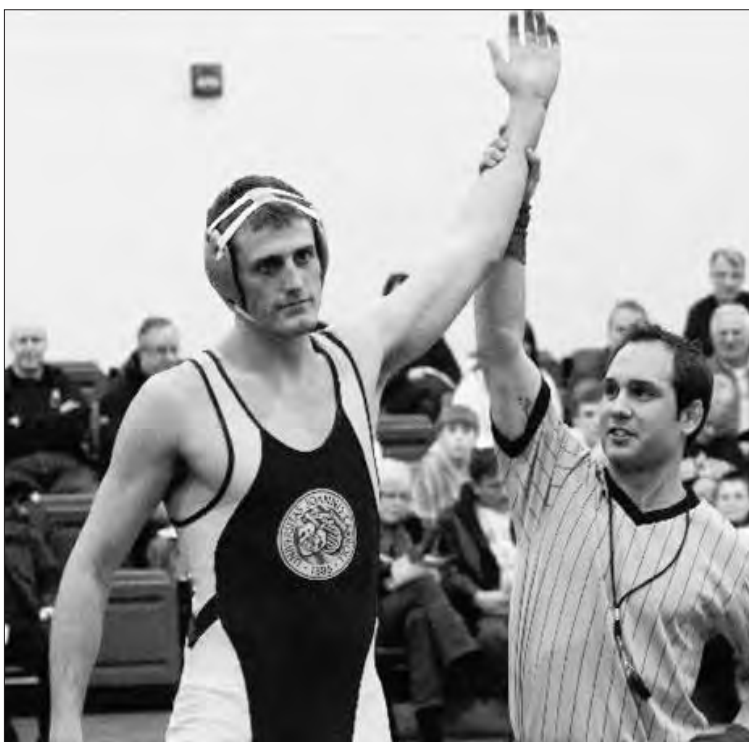


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Redshirt sophomore Bryan Steinmetz (above) had his arm raised a few times at the OAC Championships en route to placing third.

championship bout when he was pinned.

Ryan pulled off a nice upset of his own, knocking off second-seeded Jonathan Hoopes of ONU, 5-3, in the semifinals.

He was narrowly edged in the championship by Mount Union's Josh Malava, dropping the match 2-1.

Outside of Cobos and Ryan, JCU had third place finishers in freshman Ken Locesi (149 pounds) and red-shirt sophomore Bryan Steinmetz (184 pounds).

Junior Sean Gill (165 pounds) and freshman Todd Gaydosh (174 pounds) each took fourth.

The Blue Streaks end their sea-

son with an overall record of 6-6, and they finished an even 3-3 in OAC dual meets by winning their last three matches of the regular season.

"I think we ended the regular season on a good note by winning those last three matches, so that's something to look at heading into the offseason," Lambert said.

He also pointed to the infusion of youth on the team as an encouraging sign going forward.

"When you look at how the younger guys did this weekend, especially young guys like John Cobos and Ken Locesi, they're still underclassmen and they're only going to get better," said Lambert.

Track and field has tough day at OACs

Zach Mentz
Assistant Sports Editor

It was a tough weekend for John Carroll University indoor track and field athletes, as both the men's and the women's team finished near the bottom of the standings this past weekend at the Ohio Athletic Conference Championships. The men's team finished in eighth place out of 10 teams and the women's team finished in ninth place in the loaded field.

While on the surface the final standings may look disappointing, there were some positives that occurred over the weekend, giving the Blue Streaks something to hang their collective hat on.

On the men's side, senior Bryan Wideman shined for the Blue Streaks as he set a new school record in the triple jump final.

Wideman rewrote a small part of the JCU record book when his mark of 44-05 1/4 narrowly surpassed a school record of 44-05 set by Mark Bittenbender in 2000. Wideman went on to finish in fourth place in that event.

Sophomore Mike Minjock finished highly in the long jump event for the Blue Streaks, as his distance of 22-03 1/2 (6.79 meters) was good enough to earn second place in the event.

Sophomores Anthony Colbert, Bill Zaccardelli, John Jackson and senior David Hickey combined to finish in sixth place in the 4 x 400 relay event, and their time of 3:30.20 was a season best for the quartet.

Other highlights for the Blue Streaks on the men's side of the bracket included freshman Cory

Biro finishing in third in the pole vault final and clearing 13-09 3/4 while earning All-OAC honors, and senior Lou Galiano finished seventh in the shotput with a mark of 46-06 1/4 (15.26 meters).

On the women's side, highlights for the Blue Streaks were provided by sophomore Maureen Creighton, who won her heat in the 500 meter run final with a time of 1:20.63, a mark good enough to break her own school record which she set last week.

Creighton went on to finish in third place in the overall standings and also earned All-OAC status. Junior Andrea Brown finished in eighth place in the same event with her time of 1:22.62.

Freshman Nicki Bohrer also set a school record of her own. Her time of 2:21.80 in the 800 meter run bested the previous record of 2:22.00 set by Tara Ford during the 2009 season.

Sophomore Maribeth Keppler finished in eighth place in the 400 meter dash with her season-best time of 1:03.29. Freshman Anna Busta finished seventh in the one-mile run, picking up points for JCU with her time of 5:28.83.

By looking at the standings, one would be led to believe it was an unsuccessful weekend for the JCU track and field teams. However, the Blue Streaks had some very impressive finishes over the weekend and look to build on that success as they head into the spring season and outdoor track and field season.

The first outdoor event for the Blue Streaks takes place on March 17 in Charlotte, N.C after Spring Break.

The 83rd Academy Awards

Oscars offer deserving results excluding 'Inception' and 'Black Swan'

Joe Marino
Film Critic

Surprisingly, the Academy Awards held no sweep this year.

"The King's Speech" and "Inception" each won four Oscars, with Director Tom Hooper's royal biopic taking home four of the bigger awards (with picture, director, actor and original screenplay) and Director Christopher Nolan's mind-bending masterpiece taking the major technical awards (for visual effects, cinematography, sound mixing and sound editing).

"The Social Network" won three Oscars (adapted screenplay, original score, and film editing).

Sophomore Carson Parish, was disappointed in the ultimate tally, as his favorite film was "The Social Network," the Facebook film about the frailties of the human condition.

"No other movie of the year was so perfect in virtually every category," Parish said. "From the screenplay to the performances, they were all executed impeccably."

Carson was not the only one to believe that Director David Fincher's widely-acclaimed masterpiece was a shoo-in for the Best Picture Oscar.

While "The Social Network" remains a critical favorite, it is a surprise to see how "The King's Speech" gained serious momentum with wins in the last few major award ceremonies.

In the end, "The King's Speech"

gained in popularity and resulted in a British triumph for the film.

For sophomore Rachel Halle, the best film of the year was "Inception," which was followed closely by "Toy Story 3."

Still, she felt it was a well-deserved decision when "The King's Speech" walked away with the two most coveted Oscars of the night.

"I was really excited that King's Speech won," Halle said. "It's really a fantastic movie with a great cast."

While Parish ultimately resigned his expectations to the fact that the royal favorite to nap Best Picture, he was still surprised when "The King's Speech" also won Best Director Oscar over David Fincher's work.

"The Academy loves movies about royalty, so it's reasonable that the king won Best Picture," he said. "However, there is absolutely no way that Tom Hooper's film was better directed than Fincher's—or any movie of the year, for that matter."

Both Halle and Parish agree that this year was pretty straight-forward when it comes to the expected winners coming out on top. On



"The King's Speech" took home the award for Best Picture.

the whole, there weren't too many surprises.

A slight surprise, yet still expected result, was Melissa Leo receiving her Supporting Actress Oscar for "The Fighter."

Her shameless self-promoted consideration campaigns made many people's predictions switch from her performance, to that of spunky 14-year-old Hailee Steinfeld for "True Grit."

Yet her transgressions didn't matter, as Leo still walked up to the stage and managed to squeak out an excited speech which included the first f-bomb uttered in the Oscar's 83-year history.

"True Grit" went home with none of its 10 nominations, while "Black Swan" only nabbed one

out of five for Natalie Portman's stirring performance.

Beyond the original snub of being refused a Best Director and Best Editing nomination, Christopher Nolan left without getting the much-deserved chance of standing on stage to accept an Oscar.

"Inception," while winning four awards, was still denied two of the awards it was expected to win with Nolan's labyrinthine screenplay and Hans Zimmer's rousing musical score.

"The King's Speech" is an honorable pick for Best Original Screenplay," Parish said. "Again, it's the Academy, so we get royalty and safe picks over innovation and creativity."

The greatest triumphs for Parish came from "The Social Network" scribe Aaron Sorkin having his hands on an Oscar for Best Adapted Screenplay and "Inception" winning the Oscar for Best Visual Effects.

"It's nice to see a movie that uses old-fashioned innovation over CGI," he said.

For Halle, the most deserving

awards went to Colin Firth and Natalie Portman finishing up their national sweeps in winning Best Actor and Best Actress.

"Portman in 'Black Swan' had to do things we've never seen and I think that's what got her the Oscar," she said.

As to why "Black Swan" may have not received the attention it deserved, Halle believes it has more to do with people just not getting the intricacies of the art of ballet.

"If you don't understand how ballet works, you won't understand or appreciate how well-written this film is," she said.

For Parish, the acting Oscars were also spot-on.

"Firth really was incredible, Portman deserved it, Bale [as much as it pains me to say it] definitely earned it and I thought Leo was great," he said.

"I did kind of hope that Jesse Eisenberg would win Best Actor, but I realize that Firth truly was the better performance, so I was cool with it."

Ultimately, both Parish and Halle were happy with the final result.

"2010 was just a great year for movies," Halle said, "and I really thought that the 'King's Speech' deserved everything it got."

Westerns enjoy cinematic rebirth

Dale Armbruster
Staff Writer

The saloon is alive. The noise of music and clinking glasses fill the air. Suddenly, the doors fly open and a stranger walks in, his gun in full view. In an instant, the bar goes quiet as all turn to look at the newcomer.

Everyone has seen that type of movie before: the Western. Nostalgic nods to the frontier west have been commonplace throughout cinematic history. Men like John Wayne and Clint Eastwood made their names making such films. They have been and still remain popular because many regard their Western films as close to an American-style epic as you can get.

Entering a new decade, Westerns have not been made as often as in the past. However, studios have begun to capitalize on America's quest for nostalgia by releasing new Westerns and bold new takes on the genre.

Secretary of the Carroll Cinema

Society, Megan Lowes, a sophomore, believes people will be more interested in the West.

Lowes said, "[Space] movies



were able to get people excited and interested in space, so the recent popular Western films may do the same for people and have them become more interested in the West."

On March 4, Paramount is releasing "Rango," a computer animated film starring Johnny Depp and directed by Gore Verbinski.

The film centers on Rango, a pet chameleon who is removed from his contemporary setting and put in a

Western town populated by desert animals.

It focuses on Rango's efforts to make himself the town's lawman.

"Rango" is hardly Paramount's first effort to create a hold on the new Western craze. In December, the studio released a remake of the John Wayne classic "True Grit," directed by the Coen brothers and starring Jeff Bridges as Sheriff Rooster Cogburn.

Lowes said, "The remake was written in order to catch people of the twenty first century's attention and keep them on their seats."

The movie received 10 Academy Award nominations, but was unable to win any at the Oscars last Sunday.

Others have been quick to jump on the growing trend of Western themes as well.

Jon Favreau's sci-fi epic "Cowboys and Aliens" is due out in July, starring Harrison Ford and Daniel Craig. Cable network AMC is planning a new series, "Hell on Wheels," for release in the fall.

The Reconstruction era show focuses on the story of Cullen Bohannon, a soldier out to avenge his wife's death.

Films like "Rango" and "Cowboy and Aliens" are typical of the pushing of the envelope of the western genre. By putting an animated feel or sci-fi touch on the films, directors are banking on reaching a whole new audience and new generations of fans.

What does this surge mean for the film industry?

At least for the time being, Westerns seem to be enjoying the same type of resurgence that 3D movies have gotten in the last three years.

Lowes talked about how childhood plays a big part in people's interest. "Playing games such as cops and robbers or Indians and cowboys when they are younger can contribute to some of their interests."

When producers are able to land names like Depp, Bridges, Ford and Craig, the genre appears to be viable again.

It appears safe to say that West-

erns are back in all shapes and sizes for a whole new generation of moviegoers to love.



"Rango" (left) and "True Grit" (above) are amongst the recent resurgence of Western films.

Pick-Up Line of the Week



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ny Awards Recap

Hues of red dominate the fashion radar of Tinseltown

Jennifer Holton
Arts & Life Editor

Despite the trend of bare shoulders and green jewelry, a large majority of stars that walked the red carpet this past Sunday at the 83rd Academy Awards donned different hues of red.

From the strikingly radiant red strapless Valentino gown of co-host Anne Hathaway to the tangerine Versace gown of singer/actress Jennifer Hudson, many of the female presenters and nominees made the statement that red was all the rage.

Sandra Bullock, last year's Best Actress winner for her role in "The Blind Side" returned to the Academy Awards as a presenter for the Best Actor award.

She arrived wearing a scarlet Vera Wang gown and Harry Winston diamonds. Fashion critics noted the choice as a style come-back from the recent "Golden Globes" red carpet appearance in which Bullock sported heavy bangs and an unflattering Jenny Packham gown.

Natalie Portman, who took home the Oscar for Best Actress for her role in "Black Swan" showed off her baby bump in a violet silk chiffon draped gown by Rodarte.

Scarlett Johansson chose a dress of a similar hue to Portman with a fitted Dolce & Gabbana lace gown designed with a cut out back. Mila Kunis of "Black Swan" arrived in an Elie Saab lavender chiffon gown that kept her look light yet daring.

Placed in the controversial fashion department of Sunday night's red carpet appearance were presenter Cate Blanchett, along with actresses Sharon Stone and Nicole Kidman. The lilac Givenchy gown worn by Blanchett was what some critics detested.

"Culture Map's" Clifford Pugh described Blanchett as the evening's biggest fashion loser who looked suited for battle

with armor-like shoulders and bubble wrap beading.

Others, however, believed the Givenchy piece was the epitome of art meets fashion. USA Today described Blanchett as a vision of spring and gave the actress the "People & Style" award for best-dressed.

Sharon Stone chose a black Christian Dior silk crepe one-shoulder gown with an ostrich feather detail to make her way down the red carpet.

Kidman, who opted for the same designer, received bad reviews focused on the gown's washed-out color and odd design that flared out at the hips.

Among the other A-listers were those who chose fashionable picks that ironically resembled the Oscar statuette.

Most clearly channeling the look of the statuette was "Country Strong" actress/singer Gwyneth Paltrow.

The star glistened in a liquid platinum silver Calvin Klein Collection gown and iron-straight blonde hair. The gown flaunted her fit form with its plunging chest slit and jeweled peacock resting at her waist.

Best actress nominee Michelle Williams' Chanel gown was a shoulder-covering nude piece that received modest results.

However, "InStyle" fashion director Hal Rubenstein Williams' Chanel gown, deeming it one of his best-dressed picks due to its "delicate artistry."

In a slimming Armani Prive choice, singer Celine Dion showed off her post-twins figure in a metallic dress.

Pairing the piece with a Bulgari broach necklace, the 1998 Academy Award winner for best original song "My Heart Will Go On" reminded us of a certain special "Titanic" jewel.

Of all the bright colors presented on the red carpet, one of the most coveted looks of the night was a simple black and white gown.

Actress Reese Witherspoon's sleek black Armani Prive gown with a white band at the bustline reminded critics of Julia Robert's vintage Valentino gown of the 2001 Oscars.

The 60s style up-do completed the classy look that had

Internet fashion critics calling for the "Oscar Barbie" to hit store shelves nationwide. Perez Hilton stated Witherspoon was "practically the spitting image of the very first Barbie doll at the Oscars."

With the minor exception of Blanchett's Givenchy gown, it was evident that the red carpet was void of any fashion choices that pushed boundaries.

It seems as if most of the stars took to the safe-side of style.



The women of the red carpet: (clockwise from top) Michelle Williams, Reese Witherspoon, Scarlett Johansson, Cate Blanchett, Natalie Portman, Anne Hathaway, Jennifer Hudson, Gwyneth Paltrow, Mila Kunis and Sandra Bullock.

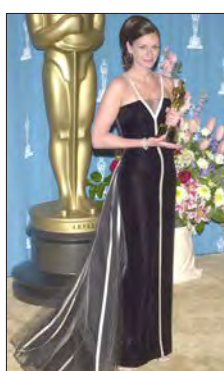
The best and worst moments of Oscar fashion history

Best:
Audrey Hepburn
1954, Givenchy



Worst:
Demi Moore
1989, self-designed

Best:
Julia Roberts
2001, vintage Valentino



Worst:
Gwyneth Paltrow
2002, Alexander McQueen



Best:
Halle Berry
2002, Elie Saab



Worst:
Diane Keaton
2004, Ralph Lauren

Best:
Hilary Swank
2005, Guy Laroche



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Word Jumble

Unscramble the jumbles to form words. Now unjumble the circled letters to form a word described by the clue.

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CLUE: The ____ heard around the world. Also, a JCU facility.

Answer here: " "

Last Week: ZYGOTE, BURNT, HUNTING, THIRST, NUTTIN BUT STRINGZ

This Day in History

On the surface, March 1 may just seem like the commencement of yet another unbearably dull and stodgy month. However, when given a closer examination, this date was particularly important for both American and European history. Specifically, it was on this day that:

- 1) In 1845, Florida became the 27th state of the United States.
- 2) In 1861, Tsar Alexander II of Russia issued the Emancipation Manifesto, effectively abolishing serfdom in Russia.
- 3) In 1918, Bolshevik Russia signed the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk with the Central Powers, ending Russia's involvement in World War I.
- 4) In 1923, TIME Magazine began publication.

-Compiled by Pietro Shakarian

Word Search

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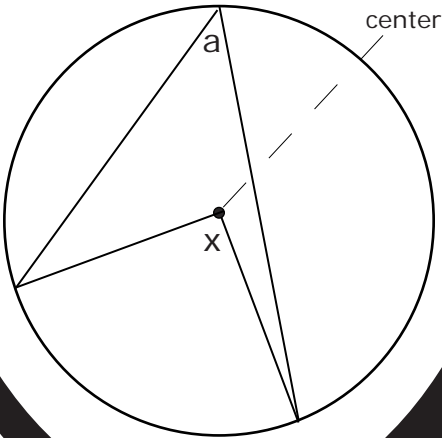
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Answer the Question

Is there a relationship between angle "a" and angle "x"?



Last week: When does Daylight Savings time begin in 2011?
-March 13

Guess this week's word search theme and YOU can pick next week's!

Answer: _____

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The first five people to submit a correct sudoku solution will be mentioned in next week’s CN!

Name That Toon!

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 WINNER



Evan Bellan

Last issue’s Toon:
“All of the Lights”
by Kanye West

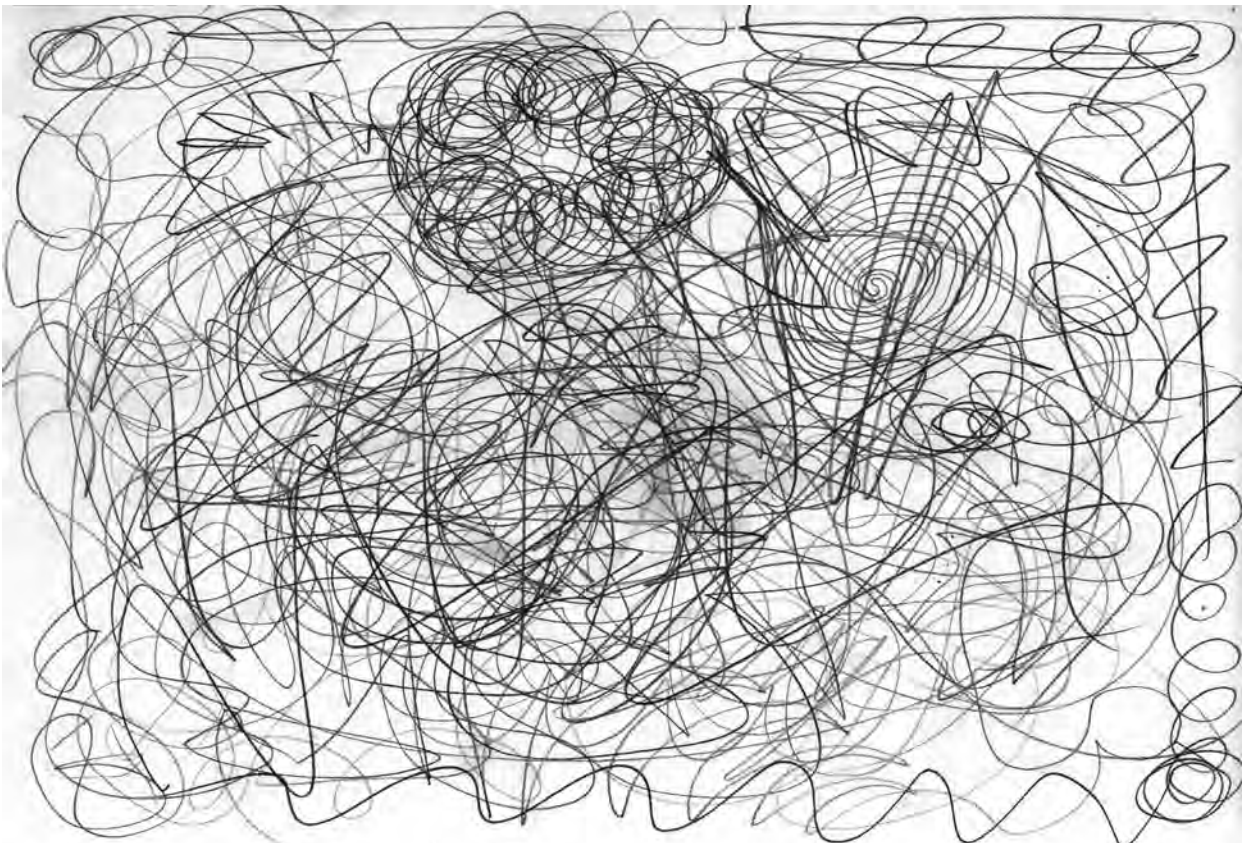
WHAT THE TOON
DOESN’T SAY
ABOUT
THE TUNE:

“So what if I go out on
a million dates,
you never call or listen
to me anyway.”

Artist/title: _____

Name: _____

E-mail: _____



Cartoon by David Hickey

Editorial

Flood damage causes further problems

The storm that brought a snow day to John Carroll University brought flooding to the basement in Hamlin Hall.

This type of situation should be handled better in the future. The University should be proactive in working to prevent future weather-related problems.

“Historically, we’ve waited until we’ve had problems” said Bernard Beyer, JCU’s director of physical plant, about how they handle these kinds of situations.

The plan is to jet the drain lines by spraying water at a high pressure to remove blockages in the lines every 3-4 years. “Hopefully we’ll get them before they plug again,” said Beyer.

This does not seem to be very proactive in preventing flooding like this from happening again.

There should be preventative measures taken rather than waiting until a situation like this happens again.

JCU requires all freshmen and sophomores to live on campus and sign a Housing Contract. This Housing Contract states that “JCU will assume no responsibility for the theft, destruction or loss of money, valuables or other personal property belonging to, or in the custody of, students for any reason, whether such losses occur in student rooms, storage rooms, public areas, elsewhere in the hall, or in baggage related to shipment or storage. Student is encouraged to carry personal property insurance.”

If it is mandatory for all first and second year students to live on campus, the Housing Contract should be rewritten to be more accommodating to students as far as helping to cover damages in situations like this, or room and board fees should be used to purchase property insurance in the residence halls.

Decreasing the chance of weather damage happening would prevent students from having to worry about their living space being jeopardized, like the Kappa Deltas.

Editorial

Student Union appoints ‘senators for life’

On March 1, Student Union passed a bill granting John Carroll University alumni senators senator for life status. Any previous senator who served on Student Union or on the executive board for a minimum of two years during their time as a JCU student qualifies.

The senator for life status is a positive addition to the Student Union and the JCU community.

This position is a way to thank the senators and the time they dedicated to JCU Student Union. It is a good way to recognize the accomplishments of senators. This allows senators to be recognized for their efforts.

The senator for life position encourages student-alumni connections. Alumni who are awarded this status will be able to spend more time with current JCU students.

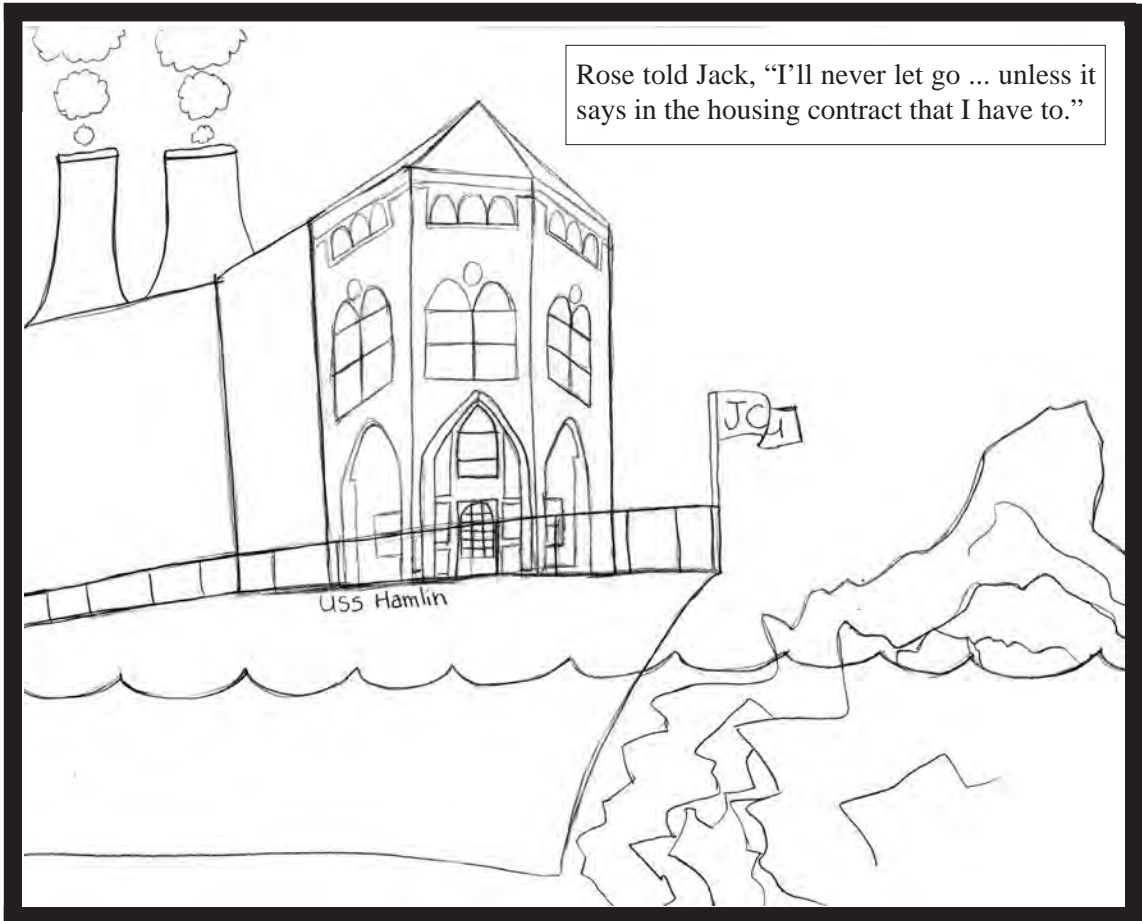
This student-alumni interaction is a positive way for current students to learn from the previous senators’ Student Union experience. This is a good way for senators for life to apply their knowledge of Student Union or from their time on the executive board.

Being appointed this position is a means for senators for life to stay updated on current Student Union issues and be an on-going part of the JCU community.

Those who are senators for life will be invited to inauguration ceremonies and will provide help and advice on current Student Union issues. They will not be able to vote on issues or be counted toward quorum at meetings.

Some might argue that those who hold the position of senator for life ought to be able to have their vote counted toward issues, and be counted toward quorum, since they are able to be consulted for issues brought up at Student Union meetings.

The senator for life status is a positive way for alumni and previous Student Union members to remain an active part of the JCU student body and provide knowledge from experience to current JCU Student Union members.



Cartoon by David Hickey

NOTABLE QUOTABLE



“I’m afraid I have to warn you that I’m experiencing stirrings somewhere in the upper abdominals which are threatening to form themselves into dance moves. Joyous as they may be for me, it would be extremely problematic if they make it to my legs before I get offstage.”

-Colin Firth accepting his Oscar for Best Actor.

HIT& miss

Hit: Dick Goddard turns 80 **miss:** Iran claims London’s 2012 Olympic logo is offensive to Muslims **miss(ing):** Clean dishes in JCU’s cafeteria **Hit:** Spring Break **miss:** Frank Buckles, America’s last living WWI veteran, dies at 110 **Hit/miss:** Thunderstorms **Hit:** Baseball season is here **miss:** Floods on campus **Hit/miss:** OSU basketball is back to number one **Hit/miss:** Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez finally make their relationship public **miss:** Actress Jane Russell dies at 89 **Hit:** Snow Day **miss:** War games begin between North and South Korea **miss:** Study claims half of men may have HPV infections **miss(ing):** Salt on the sidewalk **miss:** Dorm bathrooms **Hit:** “The King’s Speech” wins best picture **miss:** “The Social Network” didn’t win best picture **(big)miss:** Charlie Sheen not getting help

e-mail your hits & misses to jcunews@gmail.com

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YOURVIEW

Lessons from the Loster Pages

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The Loster Facebook pages have received much attention, I would like to call attention to responses that have been given and the lessons that those responses could teach students about sex roles and about who they can count on within our university. The Loster pages are typical of the general attitude toward women that exists in our society. I'm including the second page created to vote on men in this because objectifying people by rating their physical attractiveness falls into the patriarchal thought paradigm — male students objectify female students and female students respond in kind.

The message sent by the response given by administration is somewhat more problematic for a few reasons. First, the response informs these young women that they are being left to deal with their objectification on their own. Since students at JCU tend to be of traditional college age this means that these are very young women who are being told that it is their responsibility to deal with this treatment based on limited experience in the world, even though it seems that they are asking for assistance.

Secondly, this response is problematic because, instead of holding the young men responsible for their actions, it holds the young women, who did not initiate this, responsible for dealing with the behavior of the young men who are involved. This is a typical response to patriarchal behavior, women have to

deal with sexism because any other response would hold men responsible for their own behavior and that is contradictory to patriarchal social norms. Historically, women have been held accountable for the patriarchal behavior of men.

Thirdly, this response further entrenches patriarchal ideas about sex roles by teaching female students that the status quo precludes appeal to authority figures for support against sexism.

Finally, leaving students to influence each other also allows administration to refrain from policing student behavior by expecting students to do this for themselves. It seems to me that, as a student at a Jesuit university, I should be able to expect the administration to deal with the behavior of students who engage in public sexist behavior.

This holding up of the influence that students have on each other also does not do justice to the effort that many faculty members put forth in mentoring students. Many faculty members spend a significant amount of time with their students. The feminist scholars who have mentored me here, both while I was an undergraduate and as a graduate student and new adjunct professor, have had more of an impact on my life than the rest of the campus put together.

This response seems as if it could discourage students from seeking support from the university. As a new adjunct professor at a nearby women's college, I model the mentoring of my own students on the support that I have received at JCU. I wonder how the new lessons that are now being taught will affect this generation of undergraduate women.

Mubarak Dictatorship

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In his Feb. 24 piece, Paul Hanna asks his readers and the people of Egypt to remember the good times under the Mubarak dictatorship. Sure, 30 years of repression of the rights of an entire nation to self-determination and civil autonomy is kind of bad, but what about the regional stability?

On top of that, surely the fact that he fired his cabinet and appointed a new prime minister (who, it is worth noting, committed his own share of atrocities in the name of stability) in the face of his failure to put down the popular rebellion is

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something to be considered before casting judgment, right?

This same, tired argument is trotted out every time a cruel, self-serving oligarch is deposed. Just as we were asked to forgive Pinochet for his black-bagging, massacres, and exploitation of the Chilean people because the GDP (Gross Domestic Product) of the country went up near the end of his reign, Hanna asks us to forgive because Hosni Mubarak helped the United States in its attempt to establish hegemony over oil and mineral rights in the region.

It is Hanna who should remember that people have suffered and died as a result of this man and his policies.

The American justice system

does not consider the prior good deeds of a murderer when the time comes for conviction, nor how such an offender comes into custody.

If we are to do as apologists like Hanna ask, and remember the wonderful stability that Mubarak offered, let us also remember the impoverishment, torture and extra-legal killings that paid for this vaunted stability, as well as the other crimes that he conveniently neglected to mention outside of a single, hedging paragraph.

Let us also not forget that the ends rarely justify the means, and that the Mubarak regime is no exception to that maxim.

Editor's note: In Hanna's commentary, he never asked readers to forgive Mubarak.

Financial crisis Overview

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On Thursday Feb. 24, John Carroll University's Accounting Association, Finance Association, and KPMG Professor of Accountancy, Robert Bloom, put on a panel discussion covering topics relating to lessons learned from the recent financial crisis. Topics discussed include: enterprise risk management, moral hazard, capital maintenance, and financial instruments.

Panelist Victor Alexander of Key Bank illustrated how the definition and understanding of what encompasses risk has evolved as a result of the financial crisis. There are no decisions made without considering how all aspects of the company will be exposed.

Carl Grassi, of law firm McDonald Hopkins LLC, asserted that banks need to write loans that they are willing to hold themselves. He believes that to push away moral hazard, the business community needs personal responsibility at the forefront. If banks can hide behind the corporate veil, moral hazard will continue to be a major

problem until there is personal risk. However, it was Martha Raber of Key Bank who maintained that collateralizing debt into securities to obtain liquidity is not problematic and is a sound practice. The problematic aspect was the lack of due diligence in connection to those securities in the years that led up to the financial crisis.

Jason Painley of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland outlined the process of "stress testing" which was used to determine if banks would be able to survive the economic downturn. This process proved to be difficult for him when it came down to expressing opinions about hard realities concerning various banks' futures. It is difficult to make assertions when it is known that those opinions will affect a company's future. Mariah Webinger of the accountancy department similarly explained how fair valuation can be a vital tool for companies to give fair representation as to their financial position, but also a burden to the company when the markets are falling. This creates a burden because major write-downs — losses — are required to be taken.

Martha Raber went on to point out that valuation becomes more difficult when these "toxic assets" which have to be written-down do not have ready markets and have to be valued by models. She went on to explain that some of these losses were not as bad as expected. This observation is manifested in the large gains investors made when they came in and provided liquidity to troubled companies during the financial crisis. Additionally during the discussion it was pointed out that many sectors of the economy have revived and are either close to or even ahead of their position before the financial crisis.

The objective of the panel discussion was to enlighten the John Carroll community about the events and decisions that led up to the financial crisis so that the business community as a whole will be better able to ensure that the same path is not traveled again.

Overall this discussion yielded positive results because of both the expertise of the guest-panelists and the insightful questions brought from both the student-panel and students in attendance.

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First Things First

By Ashlee Burrs, assistant director of student activities

A snow day at John Carroll? I was just as surprised as you were! A day off was a great surprise for my Friday. With how crazy the weather has been, I am sure you are as excited as I am that Spring Break is just days away!

Hopefully you are using this week off of classes to relax. The spring semester is always packed full of activities and always seems so much busier than the fall semester, Spring Break seems to always come at such a great time and should be used to take a break from the craziness.

For those of you who are lucky enough to be hitting the beach for Spring Break, make sure to take care of yourself while you are there. While you think it is awesome to come back with an awesome tan to show off to your friends, remember that the sun is harmful. Wear sunscreen and make sure that you have extra on hand at all times. Sunglasses and a hat go a long way too ... and who knows ... someone could mistake you for a celebrity. Also, if you are napping,

be careful not to fall asleep without the sunscreen or an umbrella covering you. The lobster red look is not good on anyone and is also not healthy at all.

If you are at the beach, be careful. The beach is about fun, but make sure that there is a lifeguard on duty just in case you get out too far. If you are swimming, make sure that you are in a designated swimming area and swim with a buddy. Even the best swimmers can be in danger in the water. And if you are in the ocean — watch out for the jellyfish!

If you are sticking around Northeast Ohio for break, take the time to relax and catch up on things. Spring Break is about relaxing no matter where you spend it. It is a good time to prioritize your life for the rest of the semester. Take the time to catch up with friends and family, get a head start on end-of-the year homework, or just veg out and watch movies. Do whatever makes you

happy and at ease.

If you choose to go out over your break, remember to always stick with your friends. A good way to keep yourself safe is to remember to go out with your friends, and to also return home with your friends at the end of the night. If you set that as your goal and keep it, you can eliminate drama and stay safe during your evening.

Remember that no matter what you decide to do for Spring Break, the focus should be on relaxation and rejuvenating yourself for the rest of the semester. When you get back, you will most likely be busy with work and activities, so make sure to take Spring Break for what it is — a break.

Above all, remember to stay safe and enjoy yourself!

OURVIEW

Terry Pegula is Buffalo sports' Barack Obama



Michael Reiser
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Let's play word association. Ready? Hope and Change. Let me guess, you thought of Barack Obama, that is, unless you are a Buffalo sports fan. A man by the name of Terry Pegula recently bought the Buffalo Sabres, and that's whom you probably thought of if you are a Sabres die-hard, or if you are simply from the best area code in America.

Pegula, who is worth \$3 billion dollars, takes the reins from Tom Golisano, who saved the team from bankruptcy and possibly even relocation. Buffalo is known for being a small-market team, and Golisano knew that, and it affected our personnel.

We let big names go after back-to-back runs to the conference finals because we did could not afford them, and it was a couple of painful years for Buffalo sports fans.

Golisano made sure we broke even rather than won; he was business first. He remained in the shadows so as not to disrupt the transition of ownership.

Enter Pegula. First and foremost, the guy's a fan. He's willing to spend what it takes to field a great team. He has taken off the financial chains holding General Manager Darcy Regier back from signing and trading for expensive, good players (disclaimer: not all good players are expensive).

Pegula made and founded East Resources, a natural gas drilling company. "If I wanna make money, I'll go drill a gas well," he said at his first Sabres press conference in response to a question regarding financial commitment to the team. And most importantly, the new owner said, "The Buffalo Sabres' sole reason for existence is to win a Stanley Cup."

Sabres fans have been celebrating ever since, drooling at the prospect of winning the Stanley Cup, and shaking the ghosts that haunt Buffalo sports.

Even people who are the most pessimistic of the tortured Buffalo sports fans I know are blindly accepting the fact that we will win the

Cup, perhaps even multiple ones.

And I don't get it. Nothing against Pegula, (he'll be the first one to tell you that spending to the cap doesn't equate with winning) but there is still so much to be proved.

Sure the Sabres made a good acquisition of a scoring winger at the trade deadline in Brad Boyes, a move we would not have made in the financially conservative days of Mr. Golisano. During his press conference, he looked at Sabre legend Gilbert Perreault and said tearfully, "You're my hero."

Even my 86-year-old grandfather said he felt "like 10 years younger" after Pegula's press conference and the Sabres first win of his administration. It goes to show how desperate Buffalo sports fans truly are. Don't get me wrong either, I'm probably one of the most desperate out there.

Winning the Stanley Cup is the hardest thing to do in all of sports. Hope is a great thing, but it's also a dangerous thing. Be careful Sabres fans, we're not in the Promised Land. Yet.

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LICENSE TO GILL:

Dorm life is not for me



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When I invest in something, I want to know that I am getting my money's worth. I want to be assured that all of the money invested is worth the expense.

There is currently one expense in my life that I do not feel is worth the investment.

This happens to be living in the dorms. In my opinion, living in the dorms is not a fun experience.

Living in a small room, barely big enough to fit enough of my belongings, with white brick walls and bare furniture, is just not my cup of tea.

Even with a tie-dye curtain, pictures covering my walls, and a brightly colored comforter on my bed, the room still has a rather depressing tone.

I like my personal space, and living with another person and all of their belongings in such a small space is just not my favorite way to live.

I have a pretty nice sized bed at my parents' house, so I really wish I didn't have to sleep in a twin bed when I am at school. Especially since I know that so many people have slept on the same mattress before me.

Though the small, bland dorm room is bad enough, the worst part of dorm life is the community bathrooms.

The thought of having to share shower stalls with a bunch of other people I don't really know makes me cringe. I can't wait for the day when I won't have to wear shower shoes due to fear that I will catch a nasty foot disease from somebody else.

I always clean up after myself. I don't leave hair on the walls of the shower; but some people feel the need to leave their hair plastered to the shower tiles. This is not even as bad as the hair that people leave in the sinks on a daily basis. This makes it quite the miserable experience when brushing my teeth.

Such a small, plain, jail-cell-looking room, packed with too much stuff and another person, along with having to use a gross community bathroom, is most definitely not worth the expense.

With the increase in tuition next year, the price of room and board at JCU will be over \$9,000. In my opinion, this lifestyle is not worth nearly that much money.

In addition to my disdain for living in a dorm room and using community bathrooms, there is another investment that I do not feel is worth the expense: eating in the cafeteria.

Lately there has been a significant problem with the dishes available for use in the cafeteria. The majority of them are still dirty, even after being washed.

Last week I was trying to find a clean glass to fill with water, and must have gone through ten glasses searching for one without bits of food still stuck to it.

The same goes for the plates and bowls. I have to search for clean dishes anytime I want to put some food on my plate. Even if it looks clean, it most likely isn't because you can still feel the grime that is stuck to it.

I am not the only person who feels this way. I see people every time I go to the cafeteria who are searching through plates, bowls and glasses trying to find one that is clean enough to use.

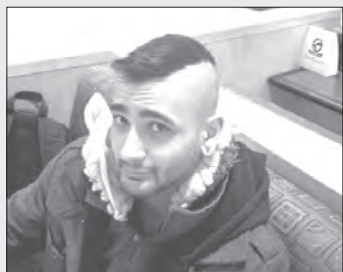
This is extremely frustrating to me because a meal plan is far too expensive to eat off of dishes that are dirty. I want to know that all of the money I am spending is worth the cost. I want to eat meals on clean dishes!

I don't want to deter people who enjoy living the dorm lifestyle. I am sure some people like sharing a small room with another person, and sharing a bathroom with floormates, but it is just not for me.

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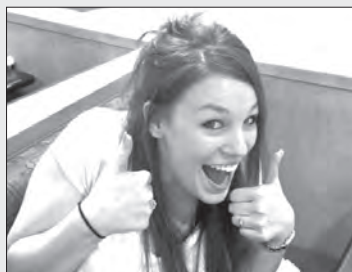
Wonderword

What does antipaedobaptist mean?



"Someone who doesn't like washing bugs."

Scott Jones,
sophomore



"Fighting white Protestants."

Karissa Thomas,
junior



"Someone who doesn't like black Baptists."

Mark Hester,
junior

Antipaedobaptist: denying validity of infant baptism

That's what See said: Don't worry, I got this, I'm a senior



Bob Seeholzer
Editor in Chief

I'm in my final semester of college. That means a few things.

Most importantly, I have lots of countdowns now.

I've been counting down how many days until my half-semester jogging and weight lifting classes end (I had the last one today), how many hours until my last final (as of noon today it's down to 1,875), and how many issues of the award-

winning Carroll News are left in my future (two plus a few surprise appearances).

This poses a dilemma: how do I put this time to use? Do I juice the orange that is spring 2011 for every pulpy drop, or do I crawl my way through the final lap giving just enough effort to cross the finish line and get my free T-shirt for participating?

Both. How? Simple, I'm a senior.

A lot can happen over the course of an undergraduate career. Between freshman orientation and commencement, one can pick up quite a few responsibilities, resume boosters, and Facebook pictures that should probably be untagged.

In the fourth year of that under-

grad career though (or fifth for some people) things just seem to click a little faster. I have no real explanation for it other than development of the "senior quality."

The senior quality is what separates those of us expected to have jobs within the next couple months with those who still care about their GPA.

Why stress out about stuff? We've been around the block before, and we know things usually work out. Just put your faith in the system and things will probably turn out alright.

Since a college career has a typical lifespan of four years that ranges from egg to larva to pupa to adult butterfly, there are a lot of growing pains along the way, but they result

in a butterfly that can fly and knows where the good nectar is at.

The general structure of most organizations and groups on campus require all of its members to contribute in their own way. Generally, there is a president or leader of some sort that helps delegate duties and explains them to the members of the group so they know what they're expected to do.

Some of the more veteran members, though, just get things done on their own. You need a case of water carried from this side of the room to the other? Don't worry, it's already been taken care of.

There are varying degrees of these "seniors." Some just need less direction than their fellow students, while others possess

almost superhuman abilities to go above and beyond the call of duty while being a shining example for underclassmen. Regardless of their dedication to their position, all of them are invaluable.

Don't get me wrong, senioritis has been setting in since at least February of last year and that takes a toll on productivity for sure. A real senior knows how to balance things though so they can still be a slacking, procrastinating, productive, success.

And that's something you don't learn in a classroom (unless you're using your smart phone to look it up on our website, www.jcunews.com).

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The Bayer Necessities: When nature calls



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This week as I was comfortably browsing the pages of The CN, my toilet decided to flush on me without warning. Not only did this make my hind-quarters wet, but I hadn't even finished what I was there to do. That is why I would like to take this opportunity, much as Spunk and White did with the "Elements of Style" literary guide, to establish the "Elements of a Proper Lavatory."

To me and many friends with whom I have talked about this, the bathroom should be a place of serenity for a man. If a man's home is his castle, then no doubt his john is his throne. Here at John Carroll, we pride ourselves on diversity, and our lavatories definitely contribute to this effort; but sometimes this isn't always for the better. So after two years of investigatory research, I have come up with criteria for what I believe creates the proper bathroom environment.

The first thing that comes to mind is cleanliness. Perhaps there is a stereotype that guys don't mind a mess. While this is true in some cases, when determining which facilities to use, most people choose the cleaner one. Toilet paper on the floor is gross, and I don't want the risk of walking out of the bathroom with it trailing on my foot. Additionally, a pool of water on the tile is very unpleasant – if I am there for more than number one, I don't want my trousers getting wet. And as for a clean seat, I expect a perfectly hinged and polished stool.

Another criterion I tend to look for is whether or not the bathroom is equipped with adequate reading material. Chances are, if I lock the stall door I am making it my residence for a comfortable while; obviously, I need something to read. My first choice is always the latest issue of The Carroll News. Bathrooms with these in them have an immediately higher quality than most others. But The Plain Dealer is also a fair substitute.

If absolutely necessary, I will resort to a good novel or trivia book. However, it should also be noted that the bathroom is not a classroom. Keep your homework out of it. It defiles the homework and robs the bathroom of its sacred anti-academic

atmosphere. Shame on you, if you have ever done this.

Naturally, with cleanliness and reading material as factors that make for the perfect water closet, you may be wondering where graffiti fits into this whole scheme. On one hand, it makes the bathroom less clean. On the other hand, it's something to read while you're passing the time. My stance on bathroom graffiti is one of discretion. If it is appropriate or funny, I can appreciate it. I am actually a big fan of philosophical debates scratched into the stall door, as these give me something to contemplate while I am answering nature's call.

However if it is vulgar or begins with the phrase, "Here I sit all broken hearted...", I do not stand for this kind of powder room vandalism. Nor do I tolerate the classic, "For a good time, call (insert number here)." In case anyone is curious, good times do not usually come from calling this number. This is another instance of poor excretory conduct.

A fourth standard I consider is the bathroom's smell. It should be a neutral odor, despite the nefarious affairs conducted in its walls. If it smells like the sewage treatment plant where the product will end up, then I won't use it. Disgusting. Conversely, if it smells overtly of flowers and vanilla, I am suspicious of what they are trying to hide – probably the foul stench of users past. And that's just trying too hard.

The final criteria I would like to consider are the standards of general comfort. The more private a bathroom is, the higher it ranks on my list. Isolation is a must. Softness of the toilet paper is also something to look at. I am not expecting Charmin Ultra with built in moisturizer in my public bathrooms, but I also don't want to tenderize my rump with 80-grit sandpaper.

Simply put, for me, a bathroom should be like a hotel room – a place that you can make your temporary residence and still feel the comforts of home. It should be a clean environment with plenty of reading material to occupy my thoughts during my stay. If a lavatory meets these basic standards, then it meets my expectations for a truly Bayer Bathroom. And a Bayer Bathroom is a happy bathroom.

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Graciously Gaffney:



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I was going to write this column about why I like news and knowing what is happening around me, but then news happened.

I'm sure most people have heard by this point about Charlie Sheen's recent lunacy and slight break from reality. Yep, after being basically fired by CBS and having the 10th season of his hit TV show "Two and a Half Men" canceled, Charlie Sheen did what any sane-minded, reasonable individual who has recently been embroiled in scandal involving both drugs and hookers (America's favorite kind of scandal) would do – he went on the talk show circuit.

This week he's done interviews with the "Today Show," "Good Morning America" and "Piers Morgan Tonight."

Listening to him talk to these journalists was, in a word, interesting. A couple of other words I would throw out there to describe the interviews include confusing, disturbing and hilarious.

Sheen declared he wasn't on drugs during the interviews. My initial thought: yeah, right.

However, Charlie voluntarily opened the results of his drug test on camera, and they revealed a negative test result.

Charlie's definitely off his rocker

Don't get me wrong here, but I was seriously concerned by the fact that Charlie was apparently clean. At least if he were on drugs it would explain his behavior.

Although drugs are certainly bad (and illegal), I think I was more concerned by the fact that good old Charlie was clean at that moment because he sounded absolutely high.

Among his declarations were the assertion that he had "tiger blood" and that he was a "winner."

Charlie also stated, "I'm tired of pretending I'm not special." He made the statement in regards to his demand for CBS to raise his per episode salary to \$3 million once he returns to "Two and a Half Men."

In all of these interviews he sounds like a raging lunatic, but he maintains that he's happy with his life right now (other than his apparent unhappiness with CBS, who he claims wished they had his life).

Based on my vast experience in psychology (I'm being facetious), I would say Charlie needs some serious help.

However, his delusional attitude is only fueled by the fact that shows compete for the exclusive interview with him, and there's no doubt that all of the major networks did so. The news media that I love and want to be a part of is not helping this man so clearly in need of help.

And why would they? They are competing for viewers and thus

must give us viewers what we want. We love watching these celebrities fall to pieces.

We continuously follow the ongoing drama that surrounds Lindsay Lohan's addictions, jail stints and court dates. We devoured the stories about Tiger Woods' many, many affairs and loss of sponsorships. We took in every word of Mel Gibson's myriad of ridiculous rants. We followed the mental breakdown of pop star Britney Spears. We seem to revel in other people's demise.

I thought Lady Gaga said it really well in her "60 Minutes" interview with Anderson Cooper.

He was asking about the performance when she acted out her bloody death on stage at the MTV Music Awards. She simply said that people want the drama. They want to see what she'll look like when she overdoses on drugs she's supposedly using or when she falls on stages. "Everyone wants to see the decay of the superstar," she said.

"Isn't that the age we live in? We want to see people who have it all lose it all."

Instead of continuing to propel Charlie Sheen's behavior, the media and the people around him should encourage him to seek help.

It is not likely that anyone will do this, however. Why? To put it simply we love the drama.

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The Op/Ed Top Ten: Best bathrooms

1. Father Niehoff's private commode
2. DeCarlo athletic office hallway
3. Lombardo Student Center mailbox corridor
4. Single restrooms – Library third floor
5. Creepy Administration restroom – second floor
6. Behind the Inn Between
7. Across from the O'Dea Room
8. Dolan Science Center- first floor West
9. Dolan Science Center- third floor East
10. Third bush to the right along side of Rodman

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