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# THE CARROLL NEWS

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## Tuition continues to climb

**Dan Cooney**  
Managing Editor

John Carroll University's undergraduate full-time tuition rate will increase 4.8 percent for the 2012-2013 school year, the second consecutive year the University has raised tuition by that percentage. The increase will bring tuition from \$30,660 this year to \$32,130 for next year.

Resident students will also see an increase in room and board, from \$9,150 this year to \$9,610 next year. Fees attached in addition to tuition, including those for health and wellness, technology and student activities, will stay the same at a combined \$1,050.

In a letter sent to parents and guardians, JCU President, the Rev. Robert Niehoff, S.J. wrote that the University's Board of Directors approved the increase at its December meeting.

"We weigh this decision against the overall needs of the University to ensure that we do not compromise the high-quality experience and education that all of our students have come to expect," Niehoff wrote. "These increases are needed to improve upon the quality of our academic offerings, and support our faculty and staff in their work at the University. I assure you that we do not initiate these changes lightly."

Vice President for Finance Richard Mausser said the increase will translate into a wage adjustment for faculty and, for the first time in four years, an increase for staff.

"We need to stay competitive," Mausser said. "We've fallen behind, from a faculty perspective [in terms of compensation]."

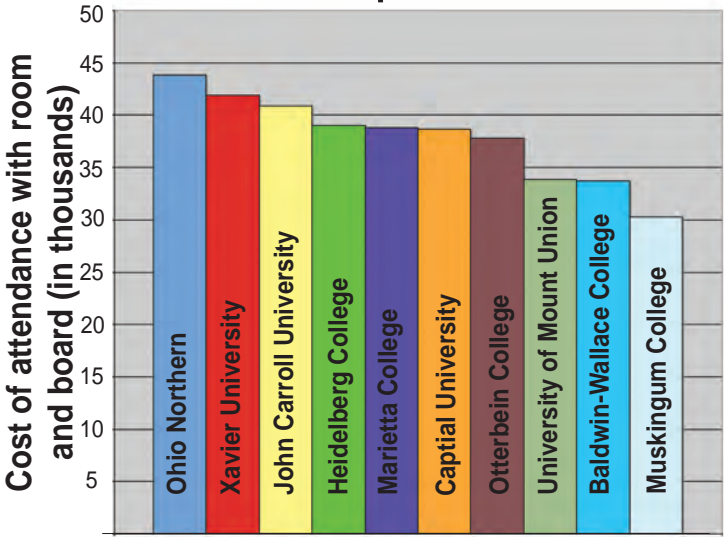
The University's endowment took a hit with the economic meltdown during the 2008-2009 school year. During the next two years, funding from the state – totaling over \$3 million – was cut and federal aid was reduced. To make up for the outside aid losses, JCU increased its institutional aid to students beginning the next year, 2009-2010.

The 2008-2009 school year saw a 4 percent tuition increase from the previous year, and students experienced a 2.8 percent increase in 2009-2010.

"So what happened in those years is even those we gave a tuition rate increase, we effectively awarded more aid to students intuitional aid, to offset the impact of that because we thought it was going to be so great," Mausser said. "And our concern [...] is that if you lost \$4,000 in state aid, and that's what some students were getting, they wouldn't be returning to campus. So we had a tuition increase, but

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### Tuition of some Ohio private universities



## A history of diversity and cooperation yields a bright future

**Camilla Thompson**  
The Carroll News

In 1935, three men represented the entire population of JCU's first African American graduates. Seventy-seven years later, JCU has become a much more diverse university. However, students, faculty and administrators are continually expanding their efforts to improve this standard.

JCU president the Rev. Robert Niehoff, S.J. has been working to promote equality. An aspect of this commitment has been seen in the celebrations of Black History Month, which have included an African American Read Through, Cultural Awareness Series speaker Daryl David and other events to promote diversity.



Graphic provided by Greg Petsche

With 15 percent of the current freshman class surveyed identifying themselves as non-Caucasian, 30 percent identifying their religion as

something other than Roman Catholic, and 40 or so current students identifying themselves as LGBTQ, it has never been more important to acknowledge and celebrate diversity.

"We owe it to ourselves and our community to be as informed as we can, so we can relate to and find commonalities with groups that we wouldn't expect and form new friendships," said sophomore Christopher Wetherill, president of Allies (a society for LGBTQ students and their supporters).

Today, JCU celebrates diversity in a variety of ways, including through the requirements for its liberal arts curriculum, its 20 cultural clubs ranging from the African

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## Uggs or flip-flops? Weird winter weather warrants wondering

**Brian Bayer**  
**Elessa Young**  
The Carroll News

With the Mayan forecasts of the apocalypse just months away, the recent Cleveland weather has some students wondering if the end really is coming. With highs in the 60s and lows in the 20s, the weather pattern has been anything but predictable this season.

At JCU, this comparatively mild winter has made being outside in the Cleveland weather a bit more bearable for many who expected much colder temperatures.

Junior Joe Hayek said, "Last year we got hit hard in February, [but] this year there hasn't been a lot of snow, [which] makes walking to class more enjoyable."

Senior Megan Lutz has also enjoyed the warmer weather. Lutz is on the JCU cross country and track teams, and trains and conditions outside in sunshine or snow.

"Out of all my winters at JCU, this has been my favorite in terms of running. It is great to go out and run on the beautiful days we have been having," said Lutz.

The typical Cleveland blizzards, high winds and sub-freezing temperatures sometimes makes it difficult to run safely or even breathe, according to Lutz.

"The worst winter was the one we had three years ago. I remember putting on every warm thing in my closet to go brave the elements at practice and still being cold. This winter, it has been the opposite and I have to say that I am

fine with that," she said.

Senior Clarence Semple is also happy with the warm weather.

"It's weird that we haven't had a lot of snow, [but] I'm a summer baby, [so I'm] enjoying the warm weather," said Semple.

The facilities and maintenance departments have been taking advantage of the high temperatures and no snow in order to prepare for the spring season.

Facilities foreman Gary Paoletta said, "[The maintenance team] got a jump on their spring cleanup, [they're] ahead of the game in getting ready for commencement, and they're actually doing their spring pruning now."

JCU Director of Physical Plant Bernie Beyer confirmed that this winter has been good for the University, due to less overtime for staff, less expensive snow removal and lower utility bills for heating.

"It's had a good impact overall," said Beyer.

However, according to Graciela Lacueva, the chair of the physics department, this mild weather is not necessarily atypical.

"With a year-by-year comparison, you cannot pin down a cause. When you look at fluctuations throughout the years, you will see a trend toward the change," she said.

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# Campus Briefs

## Pot O’ Blue and Gold Party to celebrate athletes

The booster club of the John Carroll athletics, The Blue Gold Club, will host the Pot O’ Blue and Gold Party on Friday, March 16, 2012.

Fans, alumni and friends over 21 are welcome to join members of the JCU coaching staff and community in this celebration. Tickets are \$30, and this price will include the pub fare, drinks, March Madness on TVs, Irish music and dancers featuring Larry Bachtel on bagpipes. There will be numerous raffles including the drawing for a round-trip five-night package for two to travel to Dublin, Ireland.

Go to [go.jcu.edu/pobg](http://go.jcu.edu/pobg) for details, online registration and payment. You may also contact Jane Evans at [jevans@jcu.edu](mailto:jevans@jcu.edu) or 216-397-1663. Registration closes Thursday, March 8.

## ‘Our Greatest Year’ is new play by alumni

“Our Greatest Year,” a new play by JCU English department alumni Robert Attenweiler and Scott Henkle, is coming to Cleveland’s Dobama Theater in Cleveland Heights, March 22, 23, and 24. “Our Greatest Year,” a play about love, Cleveland sports and coping with both, premiered in New York City in June 2011, and received a great review from The New York Times. The play is a blend of live stage action and projected motion comics.

Tickets are \$25 and \$10 for students. For more information visit [www.ourgreatestyear.com](http://www.ourgreatestyear.com) or contact John McBratney at [jmcbratney@jcu.edu](mailto:jmcbratney@jcu.edu).

## JCU Model Arab League victorious

John Carroll’s students walked away from Model Arab League with more total awards than the other schools participating.

The 10 students traveled down to Miami University of Ohio with advisor Mona DeBaz, a political science professor, Feb. 16-18 to participate in Model Arab League. JCU students represented various councils for Iraq and Lebanon.

Honorable mentions were given to the following students for their representation of their country in their councils: Devaughn Hammet, Samie Farhat and Paul Hanna.

Megan Everett and Diana Naoum were awarded Outstanding Delegate for their individual representations, and Rita Rochford was awarded Outstanding Chair. The Lebanon delegation received an honorable mention for its representation of Lebanon as a whole.

# Get to know... Allison West

*Services for students with disabilities has done a lot to improve the quality of education for all students. This January, JCU’s SSD welcomed back former coordinator, and now director, Allison West. After taking some time off in 2008 West has returned to JCU.*

*How long have you worked with SSD at John Carroll?*

I worked in the SSD office as the coordinator (what is now the director position) from 2005-08. After spending the last couple of years working in higher education in other settings I returned in January 2012 as the director. I now introduce myself now as the ‘old/new’ director.

*In a nutshell, what are your daily tasks?*

My daily tasks include the following: meeting with students for intake appointments, meeting with students for disability management, coordinating accommodations, consulting with faculty, administrators, staff and parents on disability needs for students, and providing education and outreach to the campus community on disability issues.

*What’s the best part of working with SSD at JCU?*

The best part of my job is working with students! This is the reason I returned to JCU, because I missed the students and the interaction I have with them. It’s so rewarding to see a student be successful after overcoming many challenges in life.

*Do you have any specific goals that you hope to achieve with SSD?*

My goals for the SSD office are to increase education and outreach to the campus community. Two initiatives I am working on are a faculty liaison program where faculty will partner with the SSD office to assist in educating the campus community and serve as advocates for students with disabilities. The second initiative is Disability Dialogues series where SSD will partner with other campus offices to offer educational brown bag lunch series throughout the academic year.

– Compiled by Molly Bealin

# Higher undergraduate tuition coming next year

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effectively that got funneled in essence as a discount.”

During both the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years, to offset the increase in institutional aid, JCU implemented approximately \$4 million in expense reductions. The areas that produced the largest savings included restructuring medical benefits (\$800,000), a two-week scheduled salary and work reduction for staff and administrators (\$750,000) and a voluntary staff and administrative separation program for employees looking to leave JCU (\$600,000). Other reductions included involuntary layoffs (\$300,000), shutting down the former Bohannon Science Center (\$200,000) and reducing part-time summer student hires (\$50,000).

Faculty wage freezes were also included during the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years. Tuition increased 4.7 percent for the 2010-2011 school year.

The tuition increase for the 2011-2012 school year primarily helped restore staff wage levels back to 2009 levels and modestly increased faculty salaries.

“We need[ed] to take those

steps to get us through that period of time,” Mausser said. “The increases that we’re making now in tuition are largely allowing us to gradually get back and build up some of the stuff that we’ve taken out that over the longer term will, in my mind, adversely affect the quality of the education.”

Mausser stressed three items JCU has not done to reduce costs. Many schools have hired more part-time faculty as a cost-saving measure, while JCU has not.

“We think that impairs the quality of an education,” Mausser added. “Is there a cost associated with [keeping more full-time faculty]? Absolutely.”

Except for minimal increases in first-year seminar, JCU has not increased its average class size. Mausser also said the University has neither reduced the number of offered class sections nor moved to an online teaching model.

In addition, JCU has not increased the average teaching load on its faculty, which is approximately three courses each semester, Mausser said.

“[Increasing the teaching load] reduces cost, but it also increases the number of students that each faculty is supposed to be in touch [with],” Mausser added. “There’s not enough hours in a day to make

that work.”

Compared to other private universities in Ohio, JCU ranks 11th in cost in terms of tuition, fees, and room and board for this school year, according to U.S. News and World Report.

Oberlin College was the most expensive at \$54,760 this year, while Franciscan University of Steubenville was the least, ranking 22nd at \$28,320.

Based on data from the National Center for Educational Statistics, JCU’s net price has come down as well. Net price comes from subtracting the average amount of financial aid awarded from the total cost of attending JCU. During the 2009-2010 school year, the most recent statistical year available, the net cost to attend JCU was \$21,850. That figure was \$95 less than the net cost the previous year. Again, JCU was in the middle of the pack, ranking 12th, in terms of net price for private universities in Ohio.

Despite the rise in tuition, freshmen enrollment has been steadily increasing. After dipping from 792 freshmen in 2008 to 661 in 2009, the last two years have seen growth. In 2010, 702 freshmen enrolled at JCU and 744 enrolled in 2011, according to statistics from the John Carroll University 2011-12 Fact Book.

Vice President for Enrollment Brian Williams agreed with Mausser that the University has increased financial support for students in recent years.

“Families are understanding more each year the importance of filing the FAFSA [Free Application for Federal Student Aid], working with our financial aid staff and understanding that in choosing a school, it is not based solely on the listed tuition and fees. So few students pay that full amount,” Williams said via email. “Further, as the economy has been challenging the last few years, families are more discerning about choosing a school. And our enrollment growth the last few years is encouraging that families do see the value and worth in JCU. However, that does not mean that we are not sensitive to every family and their situation.”

Williams said that if current students need further assistance, he encourages them to file their FAFSA as soon as possible, utilize the financial aid appeal process and consider joining the University’s Tuition Payment Plan (TPP).

Further information is available at the JCU financial aid and tuition websites.

# Higher temperatures means higher spirits at JCU

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According to Lacueva, this is a “La Niña” year, which is determined by analyzing the temperature and direction of ocean currents.

Although this is not an un-

usual change, Lacueva noted the importance of recognizing the threats of changing weather patterns.

“Climate pattern changes are causing glaciers to melt, and if this continues, segments of the population will need to migrate,” she said. “In places

like Peru, when the glaciers melt, they cannot maintain their way of life.”

Coastal cities and cities below sea level will also suffer if these patterns are not reversed and the ice caps continue to melt and raise the water level.

The key, according to Lacueva, is to educate the population on the dangers of burning fossil fuels.

“Everybody has to collaborate,” she said. “If it’s not reversed, it’s going to have serious consequences for everybody.”

# Campus Safety Log



**February 16, 2012**  
Criminal mischief was reported in Murphy Hall at 11:37 p.m.

**February 18, 2012**  
Criminal mischief was reported in Murphy Hall at 12:52 a.m.

**February 19, 2012**  
A theft was reported at 9:26 p.m.

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

# Student Union, SUPB and the Center for Student Diversity and Inclusion host Celebrate Diversity Week

## Sunday, Feb. 26

### *Praise & Worship*

Student Union will host a kick-off celebration to Celebrate Diversity 2012.

They will begin the week with a worship service that defines, acknowledges and celebrates diversity and inclusion.

This service will be held in St. Francis Chapel at 8 p.m. and led by pastor in residence, Rev. Valentino Lassiter from the department of religious studies.

## Monday, Feb. 27

### *Diversity Workshop*

At 7 p.m. in the LSC Conference Room, there will be an educational workshop that allows students to learn about diversity issues on college campuses and discuss these issues from the student perspective.

Samuel Offer is a leader in the field of diversity and is currently the vice president and senior consultant of the Washington Consulting Group.

## Tuesday, Feb. 28

### *Post Secrets*

Post Secret is a community project where people at JCU can tell their story of experiences with and confronting bias, discrimination and intolerance in an anonymous forum. Students can see some of the stories in the LSC Atrium or add their own story with postcards available at the table in the LSC.

## Wednesday, Feb. 29

### *Make a commitment*

As members of the JCU community, students make a commitment to welcoming everyone – faculty, staff and visitors from diverse backgrounds and will work to ensure that everyone will find the University environment free of discriminatory conduct.

Anyone on campus can make a commitment to promote a more diverse and inclusive campus community by signing a commitment card in the LSC Atrium and wearing a free commitment T-shirt.

## Thursday, March 1

### *Culture Fest*

Students can join SUPB for an exploration of culture through food, music and entertainment, where students and friends will enjoy lots of music and dance, a wide range of food, arts and crafts and cultural booths and displays in the LSC Conference Room from 7 until 10 p.m.

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American Alliance to R.I.C.E (Realizing your Love for Cultures of the East), the Center for Student Diversity and Inclusion, and the Diversity Steering Committee.

“From what I’ve seen, it seems like JCU is doing a good job promoting diversity,” said freshman Alexander Peterson, president of R.I.C.E.

Crystal Elkadi, head of the Middle Eastern Society, confirmed this sentiment. “Our society really enjoys what we do on campus, and most importantly we feel comfortable and confident in expressing our pride and knowledge of who we are and where we come from and enjoy sharing this with others,” she said.

There are still clear challenges, however. “We still need to make people more aware but it is hard recruiting new JCU students as many are already involved with other things or settled in their schedules,” said Peterson.

Wetherill said, “Bridging the gap between what you personally believe and you outwardly express day-to-day is tough.”

Furthermore, he wonders whether clubs truly engage people outside of their core members with their events.

“Everyone eats and loves the free food because we’re in college and we’re poor, but do they actually take anything away or

“Thirty years from now, the majority of the students in the United States going to college will be what we now call the minority. Never again can our students live in a world that’s 90 percent white.”

– The Rev. Edward Glynn, S.J.  
Former JCU President

change their daily routine to actively show their support?” asked Wetherill. “Members of Allies almost always have some story of discrimination or bias whether they have been a witness to or the subject of it. The fact this behavior still occurs perpetuates the idea that as a campus we are not welcoming, though this is simply not the truth as most JCU students are liberal and embrace diversity.”

Curtis Walker, a student representative on the Diversity Steering Committee, added, “We have a genuine goal beyond mere lip service but the biggest barrier for students is looking past the preconceived notions of our campus as segregated. We all create assumptions and labels and we all need to change this.”

The Center for Student Diversity and Inclusion, which was renamed last summer, works with students during their time at JCU through

speakers, programs and one-on-one guidance. Program Coordinator Salomon Rodezno said, “People come in with a range of issues who want to share their story; they just want to get their point of view across.”

The office hopes to act as a transformational force, where learning is a two way process, encouraging students to think critically about who they are as individuals and within groups.

“Our biggest challenge is getting our name out there,” said Rodezno. “We want to build healthy and meaningful relationships and let students across the campus know that we are there for them all.”

But John Carroll’s diversity strategy was not always this way.

“It is hard for me to see what it is today and make sense out of what it was for students who were here in the early 1990s and students

who were here prior to 1987 because it was so different,” said former JCU Director of Multicultural Affairs Juliana Mosley Anderson.

Despite the school’s founding in 1886, Chester Gray was one of the first three African Americans graduating from JCU in the class of 1935. About that time, he said, “We broke ground out there.”

Furthermore, up until the late 1960s the University was only open to men, not becoming fully co-educational until September 1968.

Even an alumnus from the class of 2000, Noberto Colon, acknowledged, “When I got here it hit me straight away: Where are the students of color? Especially since I know that there are students of color in all the Cleveland public high schools that are capable of attending this University.”

Former JCU president, the Rev. Edward Glynn, S.J. predicts that these demographic changes will continue.

“Thirty years from now the majority of the students in the United States going to college will be what we now call the minority,” he said. “Never again can our students live in a world that’s 90 percent white.”

Looking at our diversity and attitudes from a historical perspective we can have hope, said Walker.

“We are not quite there yet, but we are headed in the right direction,” he said.

## CAMPUS CALENDAR : FEB. 23 – FEB. 29

23	Thursday	24	Friday	25	Saturday	26	Sunday	27	Monday	28	Tuesday	29	Wednesday
SUPB hosts Coffeehouse with Comedian Arvin Mitchell 9-10 p.m. in The Underground.		C.A.L.A., SUPB and Late Night host “Chopped” Competition in the Schott Dining Hall 10 p.m.-12:30 a.m.		French Club and Late Night host Mardi Gras party in the Dolan Science Center Atrium from 10 p.m.-10a.m.		Manresa Retreat registration at 5 p.m in the LSC Atrium.		Confession at Fr. Cozzens’ office in the Administration building from 2-3 p.m.		Mass in Rodman Chapel at 5:05 p.m.		Making \$ense financial workshop “Backpacks to Briefcases” in the Jardine Room at 7 p.m.	





# Oscar predictions 2012



*This year's Academy Awards are this Sunday. There's an interesting batch of nominees in the race this year, spanning genres from silent film to gross-out comedy. It's Clooney vs. Pitt, Streep vs. Davis, Scorsese vs. Malick. Who are you rooting for? The Carroll News predicts the winners and the losers – Ben DeVictor*

## Best Picture

### The Nominees:

- “The Artist”
- “The Descendants”
- “The Help”
- “War Horse”
- “Hugo”
- “Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close”
- “The Tree of Life”
- “Moneyball”
- “Midnight in Paris”

**Should win:** “Drive,” a movie which isn’t even nominated, is the best movie of the year. Unfortunately, it’s too ballsy, imaginative and bloody for Mr. Oscar.

**Will win:** Since its release, “The Artist” has dominated the awards circuit. Odds are it has the Oscar locked up as well.

**Sidenote:** “Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close” is awful.

## Best original score

### The Nominees:

- John Williams: “The Adventures of Tintin”
- Ludovic Bource: “The Artist”
- Howard Shore: “Hugo”
- Alberto Iglesias: “Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy”
- John Williams: “War Horse”

**Should win:** “The Adventures of Tintin” is Williams’s densest, most complicated and best score in years. He’s still got it. Plus, “The Artist” score is a ripoff of the “Vertigo” score anyway.

**Will win:** Williams has won too many Oscars, so hopefully this one will go to Howard Shore.



“Midnight in Paris”

Photo from nydailynews.com

## Best Actor

### The Nominees:

- Demián Bichir: “A Better Life”
- George Clooney: “The Descendants”
- Jean Dujardin: “The Artist”
- Brad Pitt: “Moneyball”
- Gary Oldman: “Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy”

**Should win:** George Clooney’s performance is heartbreaking and hilarious. The movie relies on his performance.

**Will win:** Unless the Academy goes the route of giving an actor an award he doesn’t deserve as compensation for multiple snubs and awards the Oscar to Gary Oldman, Clooney has this in the bag.

**Sidenote:** Michael Fassbender was snubbed big time for his performance in “Shame.”



“Hugo”

Photo from fusedfilm.com

## Best supporting actor

### The Nominees:

- Kenneth Branagh: “My Week With Marilyn”
- Jonah Hill: “Moneyball”
- Nick Nolte: “Warrior”
- Christopher Plummer: “Beginners”
- Max von Sydow: “Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close”

**Should win:** We live in a world where Jonah Hill is an Oscar nominee. Think about that. Anyway, Christopher Plummer deserves it.

**Will win:** Plummer’s won everything so far. It’s his to lose.

## Best director

### The Nominees:

- Michel Hazanavicius: “The Artist”
- Alexander Payne: “The Descendants”
- Martin Scorsese: “Hugo”
- Woody Allen: “Midnight in Paris”
- Terrence Malick: “The Tree of Life”

**Should win:** Crime movie master Martin Scorsese has made an alluring children’s film in “Hugo.” This love letter to cinema is also among his best work.

**Will win:** Hazanavicius won the Director’s Guild Award and Scorsese won the Golden Globe. Usually, the winner of the DGA also wins the Oscar, so it’s more likely that Hazanavicius will take the prize.

**Sidenote:** David Fincher. Snubbed. Again.

## Best actress

### The Nominees:

- Glenn Close: “Albert Nobbs”
- Viola Davis: “The Help”
- Rooney Mara: “The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo”
- Meryl Streep: “The Iron Lady”
- Michelle Williams: “My Week With Marilyn”

**Should win:** Rooney Mara is stunning and sexy in David Fincher’s “Dragon Tattoo” adaptation. She’s one of the best young actors out there right now.

**Will win:** Even though the Academy loves cross-dressing roles, Close will probably still lose to Viola Davis, who is the favorite.

## Best supporting actress

### The Nominees:

- Bérénice Bejo: “The Artist”
- Jessica Chastain: “The Help”
- Melissa McCarthy: “Bridesmaids”
- Janet McTeer: “Albert Nobbs”
- Octavia Spencer: “The Help”

**Should win:** Melissa McCarthy is downright hilarious in “Bridesmaids.” Plus, it’s about time an Oscar goes to a comedic role.

**Will win:** Octavia Spencer gives a great performance and is the critic’s favorite.

## Best animated film

### The Nominees:

- “A Cat in Paris”
- “Chico & Rita”
- “Kung Fu Panda 2”
- “Puss in Boots”
- “Rango”

**Should win:** It’s astounding that “The Adventures of Tintin” wasn’t nominated for this award after winning the Golden Globe in the same category. Not to mention it’s far and away the best animated movie of the year.

**Will win:** “Rango,” because the Academy probably hasn’t even watched the other nominees.

**Sidenote:** “Cars 2” is so horrible that “Puss in Boots” beat it for a nomination. Ouch.



“The Adventures of Tintin”

Photo from

## Entertainment Calendar

Check out what’s happening in Cleveland this week!

2.24

**The Not So Good Ol’ Boys**  
House of Blues  
10:30 p.m.  
No cover charge

2.25

**Tropic Ice Party**  
The Cleveland Professional 20/30 Club  
9 p.m.  
No cover charge

2.26

**Lakeland Civic Jazz Orchestra**  
Lakeland College  
4 p.m.  
\$10

2.27

**Brit Floyd: Pink Floyd Cover Band**  
Akron Civic Theater  
8 p.m.  
\$47



# Students set the stage

## Marinello One Acts promise laughs, thrills and a disembodied head

**Brian Bayer**  
Campus Editor

This Thursday, Feb. 23, the curtain goes up once again in the Marinello Little Theatre for the annual Marinello One Acts. This semester, junior Sara Abbott is making her directing debut with Rich Orloff's "Playwriting 101: A rooftop lesson," and senior Shannon Carroll is returning to the Little Theatre to direct her third one-act, Fraser MacFarlane's "Earwig."

"I'm really excited for opening night," said Abbott.

Shannon Carroll is also looking forward to opening night and said that she is very confident in her cast.

The first one-act, "Playwriting

101," focuses on the comical behind-the-scenes world of playwriting and how to come up with an interesting story.

"Making fun of theater is sometimes the best part of theatre," said junior Maggie McPhee, who is once again taking the spotlight, along with senior Riley Smith and sophomore Carmen Rietta.

Abbott is enjoying a different side of the theater this semester as student director. In the past, she has been a stage manager for four shows, but this is her first time in the director's seat.

"[Directing] is a side of theatre I've never experienced," said Abbott.

She has also enjoyed working with the cast and crew to create an

entertaining production. "I always start off with one image of how it's going to be. But when you work with the actors, they give you new ideas," she said. "My favorite part is watching the show develop."

McPhee said, "[The most exciting part about theater for me is] getting to be somebody else on stage and take the audience with me."

Her favorite role was Wanda in last semester's one-act, "Wanda's Visit."

"The script was brilliantly written and it was one of the most fun characters I have played," she said.

Senior Matthew Klaben, one of the actors in "Earwig" agrees with McPhee. "[The best part of acting] is getting to be someone else for a few weeks and getting to try on a new character."

"Earwig" showcases three postal workers and their struggle to figure out what to do with a disembodied head in a package they open.

In this play, Klaben plays the role of Kevin. "The facetious part of me is Kevin. I get to use all of my sarcasm," he said.

Carroll has really enjoyed working with such an enthusiastic cast to prepare the show. "I like being collaborative and working with

different acting styles."

She has directed three plays at JCU and has also done directing work with other productions.

"I've never had any huge issues," said Carroll. "[But] if it wasn't my fifth play, I would be nervous."

Since the one-acts are completely student-produced, teamwork is essential.

"Working with student directors is a lot of fun because we work with each other; we learn from each other; it's less formal than working with a professor or a professional director," said McPhee.

Sophomore Allison Schulze, the stage manager for both one-acts, has also enjoyed working with the cast and crew.

"I love the people – we always have a good time together," said Schulze. "It's hard to get everyone to communicate sometimes. But it always works out."

Carroll confirmed this sentiment.



"Playwriting" is harder than it looks. Photo by Brian Bayer



These postmen are in a sticky situation in "Earwig." Photo by Brian Bayer

# A match made in food Heaven

## Local restaurant Sweetie Fry makes hand-crafted ice cream and incredibly good fries

**Lauren McPherson**  
The Carroll News

For the perfect combination of salty and sweet, the newly established Sweetie Fry on Lee Road is where it's at. It is conveniently located a short drive away from campus, perfect for after a night out at Coventry or The Pub.

The ice cream-french fry shop has a lot to offer with its eccentric creamy creations and flavors of fries. With reasonable prices, there is no reason not to stop for a tingling taste sensation or the complementary "Sweetie Scoop" that is 100 percent free.

Not to mention, the shop is open until 3 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays for the bar-goers to enjoy a sweet treat on the way home.

The owner, Keith Logan, is a Cleveland Heights native who has traveled around New England to learn everything there is to know about ice cream. Since Sweetie Fry's opening on Oct. 1 last year,

he has succeeded with his two goals: to become an artisan of ice cream and to open an ice cream shop on Lee Road. He thinks outside the box with unusual but tasty concoctions.

The chalkboard menu on the wall provides the 15 current flavors, which tend to rotate based on season and popularity. A few crowd favorites include strawberries & sour cream, maple bacon (strangely good), vanilla bean, deep chocolate and mango sorbet.

You may be thinking that actual bacon in ice cream would be disgusting, but those who have tasted it say that it is the perfect combination of salty sweetness, as is the case with many of Logan's questionable combinations.

The ice cream served at Sweetie



Maple Bacon ice cream. You read that right. Photo by Lauren McPherson

Fry encompasses flavors from around the world at the convenience of our neighborhood counter. Logan has sought out the best ingredients for his ice creams to create the top-notch taste, like chocolate from California, as well as vanilla beans from Madagascar and bacon from the West Side Market in downtown Cleveland.

But it would be shameful to give all the attention to the ice cream alone. The fries are big contenders as some of the best fries in the Cleveland area. While more costly than the Dollar Menu fries at McDonald's, the price is well-worth the serving of made-to-order fries. The flavors of Sweetie Fry's shoe string and waffle fries are bold and authentic, and range from \$4.95 to \$8.75. Not only do they offer regular and large servings of fries, but also entrée fries to suffice for a whole meal.

The quirky flavors do not stop for the fries, either. The pizza fries, best sellers on the menu, are loaded with cheese and other pizza

toppings of choice. The runner-up on the favorites list is the Parmesan truffle fries with Parmesan cheese imported from Italy.

Exploring the french fry selection would lead you to find the chili cheese, Gorgonzola & tabasco, funnel cake fries, and more to tempt your taste buds. A classic favorite, the sweet potato fries, also get a well-earned spot on the menu with a choice of numerous dipping sauces for experimenting.

All of the ice cream and fries are made on location by Logan and his understudies. There will be no question when you are handed your hefty scoops of hand-crafted ice cream and serving of forget-me-not fries that you are happy you gave this place a shot. Logan does not mess around with his decadent selection of ice creams and fries, but go and taste for yourself.

The tingle in your throat from the chili chocolate ice cream will leave you questioning, are they all this good? The answer is yes.

## Soundbites



"Whoever's on WJCU 88.7 in Cleveland right now, nice job. :)"

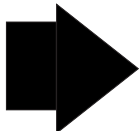
Cleveland native and "The Price is Right" host Drew Carey, via Twitter.



"Because of you there might be an 'Entourage' movie!"

An angry Liz Lemon (Tina Fey) of "30 Rock," to a gaggle of idiots outside NBC studios.

# Pick-Up Line of the Week



"Did you fart? Because you just blew me away."

Have a pick-up line you'd like to share with us? E-mail it to [bdevictor12@jcu.edu](mailto:bdevictor12@jcu.edu).



A graphic for Spring Break. It features a large, stylized palm tree in the background. Three suns are positioned around the top of the palm tree. The text "SPRING BREAK IS 8 DAYS AWAY!" is written in a bold, sans-serif font, centered above the palm tree. Below this, the phrase "JAMAICAN-ME TAN" is written in a large, bold, black, sans-serif font, arched over the palm tree.

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# Men's swimming places second, women's takes third at OAC Championships

**Gabriella Kreuz**  
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The John Carroll swimming and diving team had some stand-out performances as they finished third in the OAC this past weekend at the University of Akron's Ocasek Natatorium.

Over the course of three days, Feb. 16, 17 and 18, and a heap of events, John Carroll scored a total of 646 points trailing behind second-place Mount Union (776) and first-place Ohio Northern (859).

Day one of the competition included many Blue Streak highlights. The 200 free relay team of senior Brendan Schloendorn, senior Alex Vereshchagin, senior Eric Davis and sophomore Nick Holvey set a new OAC record (which was set by JCU last year in the event) with a winning time of 1:24.08. The Blue Streaks have now won that event for the fourth time of the last six years. Vereshchagin and Schloendorn went on to place first and second, respectively, in the 50 free finishing in 20.82 and 21.06.

John Carroll sophomore Julia Adams defended her title winning the 200 individual medley race for the second consecutive season, breaking her own record in the event by over a half second, finishing with a time of 2:09.86 and earning All-OAC honors.

Sophomore Rachel Libertin who placed second in the 500-meter freestyle with a time of 5:13.66 and freshman Karyn Adams who placed third in the 50-yard free in 24.56 both earned All-OAC reputations. Additionally, the women's 400-medley relay of Julia Adams, Melissa Fillmore, Rachel Libertin and Tori Watson earned all-league accolade honors placing second with a time of 4:02.87.

As day two rolled around, the Blue Streaks

continued to shine, although sitting behind powerhouse Ohio Northern. The men finished out the second day of competition in second place behind the Polar Bears and the women finished in third place behind second-place Mount Union and first-place Ohio Northern.

On the men's side, the Polar Bears took over, sweeping 11 of the 13 events that had taken place through day one. A notable performance came from the Polar Bears' senior Michael Schultz who won his third OAC title in the 200 free, breaking his own OAC and ONU records and surpassing the NCAA "B" cut by winning the event in 1:40.30.

JCU's Vereshchagin, took a well-earned second place in the 100-yard breaststroke in 58.69. He also lead off the 800 freestyle relay team of Holvey, Schloendorn and junior Drew Edson which finished second with a time of 6:57.94.

For the women, the Blue Streaks' Julia Adams defended yet another title finishing OAC champion in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 58.33. She went on to help her teammates Victoria Watson, Maggie Donoghue, and Rachel Libertin place second in the 800 freestyle relay with a time of 7:54.46.

In the 3-meter diving competition, freshman Blue Streak Danielle Ketterer placed third, earning a score of 316.05; she is the first JCU women's diver to finish in the top three of the OAC since 2008.

ONU and Mount Union were putting swift first place finishes on the board as well. The Polar Bears' freshman Taylor McCabe won the 400 IM and sophomore Lindsey Rayhill defended her title in the 100 fly. Mount Union's Alyson Kolesar also defended her OAC crown in the 200 free.

The final day of the 2012 OAC Swimming and Diving Championships proved to be a successful ending for John Carroll.

The men boosted their points in the 100



Photo courtesy of JCU Sports Information Dept.

**Sophomore Rachel Libertin competes in the 400 medley relay during day one of the three-day long Ohio Athletic Conference Championships last week.**

freestyle where Vereshchagin, Schloendorn, and Holvey finished first, second and third, correspondingly. The same trio plus Holvey went on to place first in the 400-yard freestyle finishing in 3:04.90. Mount Union took second in the event over four seconds behind the Blue Streaks.

JCU's Julia Adams picked up her third victory of the OAC Championships in the 200 breaststroke finishing in 2:08.83. This third spectacular win for Adams earned her OAC Swimmer of the Year honors.

"It's always a goal to do your best in something that you put a lot of hard work and dedication into. Winning my events and receiving OAC Swimmer of the Year again was a great way to end the season," said Adams.

Her younger sister, freshman Karyn Ad-

ams, finished second in the 100 freestyle with a time of 54.08. The Adams sisters helped their 400 freestyle relay team including Watson and Libertin finish second with a time of 3:37.13.

When all was swum and done, the John Carroll men placed second (639) behind Ohio Northern (1,036) and the JCU women finished third (646) behind Mount Union (776) and Ohio Northern (859).

"The guys finished right where they should have. We knew if the stars were in line the women had a chance at first or second," said coach Jason Lenhart of the impressive performances by both the men's and women's team. "But it was not a disappointing finish for them. Mount Union and Ohio Northern swam really, really well."

# Track and field teams compete, excel at Greater Cleveland Championships

## Men's team finishes in second place, women's team takes third

**Cory Biro**  
**Zach Mentz**  
The Carroll News

### Women's track and field

Three first-place finishers propelled the lady Blue Streaks to a third-place finish at the Greater Cleveland Colleges Championships on Friday at Baldwin-Wallace College. Coming one week before the conference meet, this competition gauged where the women ranked in the conference and also gave them the opportunity to achieve faster seed times and further distances.

The teams participating placed as follows: Baldwin-Wallace College (248 points), Oberlin (159), John Carroll (109) and Case Western Reserve (53).

The women's field events produced a first place finish from freshman Danielle Sample who jumped 10.69 meters in the triple jump. She also went on to place second in the 400-meter dash, running 1:04.53.

In the running events, two first place finishers became Greater Cleveland champions for the Blue Streaks. Gabriella Kreuz ran a 3:03 en route to her victory in the 10,000-meter run.

"This meet was a good indication of what we can accomplish next week," said Kreuz. "We have a ton of talent, but we are still working things out and continuing to improve. The conference meet will prove what we can do."

The final first-place finish came from sophomore Nicki Bohrer in the mile, who ran 5:19.75.



Photo courtesy of JCU Sports Information Dept.

**Sophomore Megan Landon receives a high-five from JCU head coach Dara Ford this past weekend at the Greater Cleveland College Championships.**

Other great performances included freshman Haley Turner in the 1,000-meter event, who placed second with a 3:07.42; sophomore Anna Busta, who ran in the mile in 5:21.92 clinching second; and junior Lauren DeLuca in the 5,000-meter run with a 20:21.60 also coming in second. The lady Blue Streaks also had their 4 x 4 meter relay team place second with a time of 4:13.09, which included Kreuz, Bohrer, Turner, and sophomore Megan Landon.

Head coach Dara Ford was pleased with

the performance from the women's team.

"We were really happy with the progress the women made this week," said Ford. "We had a lot of personal bests and are in a great position coming into the conference meet."

### Men's track and field

The John Carroll University men's track and field team also competed at the Greater Cleveland College Championships in Berea, Ohio this past weekend. The team fell short

of winning the entire event, but they grabbed the next best thing: second place. Hosted by Baldwin-Wallace, the host Yellow Jackets took first place in the event with 275 points while the Blue Streaks finished in second place with 156 points.

Sophomore Cory Biro picked up big points for the Blue Streaks at the event as he claimed the first of JCU's three first-place finishes by winning the 55-meter hurdles with a finish time of 7.95 seconds. Biro also picked up a second-place finish in the pole vault event with a distance of 4.1 meters.

Freshman Mike Jones then jumped into the action as well claiming his first collegiate title when he won the high jump event, recording a distance of 1.77 meters.

Junior Mike Minjock was the third and final first-place finisher for the Blue Streaks at the event as he won the long jump event with a distance of 6.81 meters, winning by nearly 7/10 of a meter.

Junior Bill Zaccardelli then picked up a second-place finish in the 200-meter dash with a time of 23.24. Zaccardelli was also a member of the Blue Streaks quartet that included Biro, junior Anthony Colbert and freshman Nick D'Amico as they finished in second place in the 4 x 200-meter dash with a finish time of 1:32.95.

Juniors John Jackson and Evan Bellan teamed with sophomore Vadim Spasiuk and freshman Justin Ball to take second place in the 400-meter dash with a finish time of 52.04.

Both the men's and women's track and field team will compete at the Ohio Athletic Conference Championships this coming weekend in Westerville, Ohio.



## Mentz's Minute



**Zach Mentz**  
Sports Editor

## Dear JCU students, can you get amped up?

It's not the weekend quite yet, but I'm asking the entire JCU student body: Can you get rowdy tonight? After all, it is a Thursday. Why am I asking this? Well, it's simple.

For those who are unaware, the John Carroll University men's basketball team (18-6, 13-5 OAC) will compete in the Ohio Athletic Conference semifinals tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Tony DeCarlo Varsity Center. As the top seed in the OAC and the regular season conference champions, the Blue Streaks not only hold home court advantage throughout the tournament, but are also the favorites to win the tournament, although it won't be easy by any means.

What's crazy to think about is how the Blue Streaks ended up in this position.

Last Saturday, on the road in Marietta, the Blue Streaks found themselves with their backs against the wall against the Marietta Pioneers. Considering the winner of this game would be awarded the top seed in the OAC Tournament and would be named the regular season conference champion, it's safe to say that the stakes were high for both sides. Trailing the Pioneers by one, 76-75, with less than 12 seconds remaining in the game, the entire JCU team knew that the time to strike gold was now.

With possession of the ball and the clock inching closer towards striking midnight, senior Corey Shontz drove to the basket for what looked like it could have been the game-winning layup attempt. However, Shontz instead swung a pass to fellow senior teammate Joey Meyer on the left elbow of the 3-point line. With the entire Marietta crowd holding their breath, Meyer jumped in the air and released a 3-pointer that could clinch not only the game, but the top seed in the OAC Tournament.

Bang. Meyer drained the shot as pure as could be with only 5.4 seconds remaining, and the Blue Streaks went on to win the game.

Now, the Blue Streaks are back home tonight, where they are 9-0 this season, to host the semifinal game. If they win, they'll host the OAC Finals game on Saturday as well.

As mentioned, JCU hasn't lost when playing at home this season, and if you've watched this team play at all, you can tell there's something special about this group.

Therefore, JCU students, I ask of you: Please "hydrate up," come to the game tonight and help turn the DeCarlo Varsity Center into a Thursday night party that will hopefully continue through Saturday.

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# Men's basketball clinches OAC regular season title

## Meyer drains a game-winning three to beat Marietta, claim OAC top seed

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Last Wednesday, a senior class that has seen continued success since its first years on campus, saw its regular season home games come to an end in an 87-50 rout of the Muskingum Muskies. No matter how bittersweet the Senior Night was for this historic class of Blue Streaks, there was still more business to do.

The Blue and Gold (18-6, 13-5 OAC) still had a date with Marietta (17-8, 12-6 OAC) on Saturday, Feb. 18 in a game that would crown the OAC's regular season champion, and name the OAC Tournament's No. 1 seed.

As the team headed off the bus after arriving at Marietta, it was senior Patrick Sweeney who broke the silence when he stated simply, "Let's get after it."

The Blue Streaks got off to a slow start out of the gate as a few early turnovers and missed shots left them down 10-2 with 16:43 to go in the first half.

However, they fought back as they overcame the deficit and took their first lead of the half 27-26 at the 6:01 mark. As the half continued to wind down, the JCU lead had ballooned to as much as eight points. At the break their lead had been cut to just five, 40-35.

The second half was set for a dramatic finish, as the two teams came out of the locker room, ready to go. The score bounced back and forth between the Pioneers and

Blue Streaks as an epic finish was in store. With a little under 10 minutes to go, senior Joey Meyer banked in a layup that had JCU down just one point, 58-57. Meyer's fellow senior teammate Conor Sweeney followed that up with a 3-pointer, which put them back on top 60-58.

The clock continued to tick away, and with 54 seconds to go John Carroll led by just one point 75-74. With just 16 seconds on the clock, last year's OAC player of the year, Trevor Halter, hit a layup that put Marietta back on top.

What happened next would be a historic moment in John Carroll basketball history.

The Blue Streaks came out of a coach Mike Moran timeout, with a play set up. The ball was inbounded to senior Corey Shontz who took his time before driving the lane and drawing a double team that left Meyer wide open outside the arc. Shontz kicked it out to him and Meyer knocked down the three to put the Blue and Gold up 78-76. The gym went silent. Only six seconds remained, and Marietta could do nothing with it, as their last shot attempt was off the mark.

The experienced seniors of the team won their third OAC regular season championship in four years as their leadership clearly shined in the game that mattered most. The dynamic duo of Conor and Patrick Sweeney finished with 13 points each, and Meyer finished with a team-leading 14, which was also matched by junior Kyle Hubbard.

Perhaps the biggest points of



Photo courtesy of JCU Sports Information Dept.

**Senior guard Joey Meyer nailed a clutch three with only 5.4 seconds remaining to give JCU the 78-76 win over Marietta.**

the game though from Meyer were the three that sunk Marietta, and silenced the crowd.

"Just what happened last year against Marietta, we lost on two buzzer beaters so it's good to get one against them, but we're not done this year," said Meyer. "We have to prepare for the tournament, we want to win that."

The potential 2012 OAC player of the year, Corey Shontz, was able to share his emotion about how much the win meant to him and his fellow seniors.

"It means more than you can possibly imagine. When we lost [teammate] Matt Crozier and we couldn't win that third [OAC title], that was horrible for us," said Shontz. "We knew this was our last chance and

we gave it all we could, and we weren't going to lose this game. Not for Crozier."

The loss of Crozier last year has been perhaps one driving force for the team's success this season as his number 50 jersey has been shared by all the seniors each game.

With the No. 1 seed locked up, the Blue Streaks won't have to play until the semifinal round of the tournament, which will take place tonight at home in the Tony DeCarlo Varsity Center at 7:30 p.m. The Blue Streaks are undefeated at home this season with a 9-0 record and a win in that game sends them to the OAC Tournament final on Saturday, which they will also have the luxury of hosting, with a NCAA Tournament bid also at stake.

# JCU hockey sweeps Akron, finishes regular season 24-12

**Zach Mentz**  
Sports Editor

Success is something that the John Carroll University club hockey team has become accustomed to this season. The Blue Streaks (24-12) wrapped up the 2011-12 regular season of JCU hockey with consecutive wins over the University of Akron at home this past weekend. On Friday night, the Blue Streaks completely overwhelmed the Zips as they came away with a 7-2 win. On Saturday, JCU continued its impressive play by defeating Akron by a final score of 6-4.

Freshman P.J. Spano got the ball rolling early for the Blue Streaks on Friday as he opened up action by scoring a goal with 17 minutes remaining in the first period. The Zips responded by scoring two goals before the end of the first period and managed to take a narrow 2-1 lead with them into the first intermission.

Coming onto the ice for the second period of action, the Blue Streaks came out on fire, scoring two goals in the first seven minutes of the period as senior Geoff Abrahams and junior Jonathan Orr each found the back of the net. The last 13:25 of the second period would result in no more goals for either team and JCU led Akron by a score of 3-2 going into the final period.

Heading into the third and final period with a slim lead over the Zips, the Blue Streaks turned on



Photo courtesy of Steve Hruby

**Competition became chippy on Saturday as freshman Michael Segerdahl was involved in a confrontation with an Akron player.**

their jets and began to pour it on Akron as they scored four unanswered goals in the period. Junior Sean Lattal scored the first goal of the third period with 16:24 remaining in the game and senior John Walter scored minutes later with 13:43 remaining to extend JCU's lead to three, 5-2. To put the exclamation point on the game, Lattal scored again with 8:06 remaining before fellow junior Jesse Dietrick joined the scoring party with 27 seconds remaining in the game, sealing the 7-2 win for the Blue Streaks.

Saturday's game against the Zips

would be quite the opposite path to a win for the Blue Streaks. Senior Danny Geiger scored two first period goals with assists from Orr and Abrahams on the first and freshman Mike Gionta on the second goal. Early in the second period, sophomore Louie Morici scored a goal of his own with 17:37 remaining in the period to give JCU the 3-0 lead. Shortly after, Geiger scored another goal on a power play to give him three in the game at that point as he increased the Blue Streaks' lead to 4-0 with 15:33 remaining in the second period.

Akron scored a goal less than a minute later and Geiger responded only 31 seconds later by scoring again, his fourth goal of the game, giving JCU the 5-1 advantage.

In the third period, Dietrick scored for the Blue Streaks to push their lead to 6-1, and from there, the Zips scored three goals in the last 12 plus minutes to settle the final score at 6-4 in favor of JCU.

With the wins, the Blue Streaks not only finish the regular season on a six-game win streak, but they also finish with the most wins in Blue Streaks hockey history and an overall record of 24-12.

"Our regular season record was far better than any of us expected coming into the season," said Morici. "After realizing what potential and depth we had, we knew we could become a force not only in our league, but on a national level."

With the regular season now also over, JCU will shift its attention to the College Hockey Mid-America playoffs this coming weekend.

With the No. 2 overall seed in the playoffs, the Blue Streaks will receive a first-round bye and play the winner of Pitt and Slippery Rock on Saturday, Feb. 25 at the Blade Runners Ice Complex in Pittsburgh, Pa.

"It feels great to have the most wins in Carroll hockey history," said Morici. "We still have yet to accomplish our goal of winning the league playoffs, so we aren't satisfied yet."



# Women’s basketball season ends with 60-54 loss at Wilmington

Howard Regal  
Staff Writer

Coming into last week’s action, the hopes of postseason play for the John Carroll women’s basketball team were up in the air. Fast forward two games later, and the Blue and Gold are enjoying their third two-game winning streak of the season—their first since winning two straight against Wilmington and Muskingum between Jan. 7 and Jan. 11—and a trip to the 2012 Ohio Athletic Conference Tournament in the hopes of an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

Last Wednesday, Feb. 15, head coach Kristie Maravalli and her Blue Streaks clinched a postseason OAC Tournament spot with their dramatic 73-71 victory over the Muskingum University Fighting Muskies.

The Blue and Gold started the game on an 8-2 run, and eventually pulled ahead by 10, following a Missy Spahar 3-pointer with four minutes remaining in the stanza. Following a brief spurt by Muskingum which cut the lead to five, two consecutive buckets by sophomore guard Heidi Mervar put the Blue Streaks back up by 10.

Thirteen Spahar points to start the second half put the Blue Streaks up 11, 56-45, with 11:17 to play. The lead would not last, however, as the Muskies came storming back on a 25-14 run tying it up at 70 with 2:16 to go. Then with the game tied again at 71 with 38 seconds remaining, senior guard Emily Day drained a free throw, pulling the Blue Streaks ahead by one with three seconds remaining.

The Blue Streaks then forced a turnover from Muskingum’s Amanda Dobbins on



Photo courtesy of JCU Sports Information Dept.

Senior Emilee Ritchie helped lead the Blue Streaks to an impressive win over the Marietta College Pioneers as she had 19 points and five rebounds on the day.

the Fighting Muskies’ ensuing possession. The forced turnover led to a foul against the Fighting Muskies, sending senior Emilee Ritchie to the free-throw stripe. The senior guard clinched the victory with a free throw putting the Blue and Gold up two points with a second left. Ritchie’s second free throw was missed and grabbed by Muskingum without any chance to put up a shot.

Sophomore forward Spahar finished with 25 points, her third 25-point scoring effort of the season. Fellow sophomores Mervar and Allie Lustig finished with 11 and 10 points, respectively, shooting a combined 8 of 9 from the floor, 5 of 6 from beyond the 3-point arc. Ritchie added nine points of her

own as well. Three days later, on Feb. 18 on Senior Night, with a postseason spot already clinched, John Carroll made sure to give its two seniors, Day and Ritchie, a final home game that they will never forget.

Following a season-high 93 points scored, which was fueled by a season high nine 3-point field goals, the Blue Streaks cruised to a 93-63 victory over the Marietta Pioneers. The Blue and Gold went a season-high 50 percent from beyond the 3-point arc with four coming from last year’s honorable mention All-OAC recipient, Ritchie. Ritchie finished with 19, her highest scoring night of the season since a 22-point outing in a victory against

Ohio Wesleyan back in November. “It felt good to hit my shots early in the game,” said Ritchie. “It was good to enjoy ourselves and get the win for the last home game.”

Spahar finished with a career high 26 points. Freshman Beth Switzler finished with a career-high 15 points, and fellow freshman Meghan Weber finished with 10 en route to a proper send off for Day and Ritchie.

“I was happy for them [Day and Ritchie] to have a senior day like that,” said Maravalli. “Not everyone gets to walk off the court in the last home game of their collegiate careers with a 30-point lead. It was just a great way to end the regular season.”

The Blue Streaks resumed action Monday night for the first round of the Ohio Athletic Conference Tournament at Wilmington College. Despite battling for a full 40 minutes, the Blue Streaks (9-16, 6-13 OAC) ended up dropping a back-and-forth game between the two sides, 60-54.

Spahar finished the contest with a total of 16 points and six rebounds while Ritchie contributed with 10 points and four rebounds.

While the 2011-12 season may have officially ended for the Blue Streaks, there is plenty to look forward to next season for this JCU team. JCU will return a large majority of its roster from this season, as only Day and Ritchie will be leaving due to graduation.

Spahar, who is one of the top players in the OAC with an average of 15.8 points and 8.6 rebounds per game, and Lustig, who leads the OAC in assists per game, will both return next season along with a roster full of talented and capable underclassmen.

# JCU wrestling ends regular season with win over Muskingum

Zach Mentz  
Sports Editor

Momentum is something that every team values, especially with conference championships just around the corner. Momentum is also exactly what the Blue Streaks built as they defeated the Muskingum University Fighting Muskies at home in the Tony DeCarlo Varsity Center on Friday, Feb. 17 by an impressive score of 34-6.

Coming into what would be their final meet of the 2011-12 regular season, the Blue Streaks were in search of an impressive,

collective team effort to defeat the Fighting Muskies. Knowing that the Ohio Athletic Conference Championships are right around the corner, on Saturday, Feb. 25 in Tiffin, Ohio, the Blue Streaks wanted to end the season with a win under their belt and momentum on their side. Not only did the Blue Streaks want to end the season on a high note, but they also wanted to send their graduating seniors out in style as well by picking up a win on Senior Night.

After picking up a forfeit victory in the 125-pound weight class, JCU continued to reel in the victories as senior Kevin Nycz defeated his opponent by a final score of 8-1

to give the Blue Streaks the 9-0 lead. Freshman Phil Kail earned a victory at 141 with a hard fought 4-2 decision in his favor and senior Greg Ryan followed by pinning his opponent in only 57 seconds in the 149-pound weight class.

After losing their first match of the night in the 157-pound weight class, the Blue Streaks responded by winning four consecutive matches by major decisions as senior Sean Gill, junior Connor Suba, junior Bryan Steinmetz and senior Jim Nemunaitis all picked up necessary wins for JCU.

With the 34-6 win over Muskingum, the Blue Streaks accomplished both their goals

of not only defeating the Fighting Muskies, but ending the season and Senior Night on a good note.

“It was great for our seniors to be recognized and have the opportunity to compete in front of the home crowd tonight,” said coach Kerry Volkmann. “These six guys have offered a lot of leadership, especially this season, and they’ve all had a special year in six different ways.”

With the 2011-12 regular season now over, the Blue Streaks (6-5, 3-2 OAC) will prepare for the OAC Championships this coming weekend at Heidelberg University. Wrestling will begin at 10 a.m.

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STREAKS OF THE WEEK

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 <div><b>Basketball</b> ⚡⚡⚡ Joey Meyer senior</div> <p>The senior sharpshooter nailed a game-winning 3-pointer with 5.4 seconds left as the Blue Streaks pulled away with the 78-76 win over the Marietta College Pioneers on Saturday.</p>	 <div><b>Basketball</b> ⚡⚡⚡ Missy Spahar sophomore</div> <p>Spahar had a standout day on Saturday as she guided the Blue Streaks to a 93-63 win over Marietta by finishing the game with 26 points on 8 for 13 shooting from the floor to go with four rebounds.</p>	 <div><b>Track &amp; Field</b> ⚡⚡⚡ Cory Biro sophomore</div> <p>Biro had an impressive showing this past weekend at the Greater Cleveland College Championships as he took first place in the 55-meter hurdles with a finish time of 7.95 seconds.</p>	 <div><b>Swimming &amp; Diving</b> ⚡⚡⚡ Alex Vereshchagin senior</div> <p>Vereshchagin claimed first place in the 100-meter free-style event this past weekend at the Ohio Athletic Conference Championships to help the Blue Streaks finish in second place overall.</p>	 <div><b>Ice Hockey</b> ⚡⚡⚡ Dan Geiger senior</div> <p>Geiger helped lead the Blue Streaks to consecutive wins over Akron this past weekend as he finished the weekend with four goals, all of which came in JCU’s 6-4 victory on Saturday.</p>
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# Congress passes payroll tax cut bill



President Obama and Vice President Biden talk Tuesday about the importance of the payroll tax cut extension.

**Josuha Brossmann**  
Staff Reporter

President Obama was able to get Congress to pass the \$143 billion payroll tax cut on Friday with a 293-132 vote. The vote demonstrates once again that bipartisanship still exists in a frequently polarized Congress.

This is helpful to the Obama administration, which is trying to get the economy rolling.

While the unemployment rate is certainly getting better as it dropped 0.2 percent in January, it is still high at 8.3 percent with Election Day less than nine months away.

Although there was a debate over what all to include in the bill, Congress was still able to pass it nearly two weeks before the previous extension of the bill expired.

This was a tremendous contrast to the original extension of the bill in December and the budget battles this past summer, which lasted until the last minute.

Republicans relaxed their demands that spending reductions be attached to the bill because of the overwhelming unpopularity of them.

They also withdrew their demands of making recipients of unemployment insurance register for high school equivalency programs.

The bill included the extension of unemployment benefits by allowing

states to give subsidies to businesses who hire new employees, which will lower unemployment. However, part of the unemployment benefits extension reduces how long a person can remain on the unemployment insurance from 99 to 73 weeks.

The bill will be a two-point percentage increase in income to over 160 million Americans.

This equates to about \$1,000 more income on average to those Americans.

The additional money is supposed to increase consumer confidence and spending and create more economic circulation and growth.

While the tax cut will certainly help many middle class Americans take more income home now, there are concerns about how exactly this will affect their Social Security benefits. The payroll tax is used to pay for Social Security benefits. This “could begin unraveling Social Security,” said Sen. Tom Harkin (D-Iowa).

But others have argued that this will not affect Social Security. “This does not in any way threaten the livelihood of Social Security,” said White House Press Secretary Jay Carney. Instead, the Treasury will continue to borrow or add money to the national debt.

“The best thing we can do for our budget deficit right now is to get our economy going even faster than it is right now,” said Carney. “Quite frank-

ly, we’ve made some good progress, but it’s going to take some more time to get out of that hole.”

Obama delivered a speech on Tuesday night congratulating Americans for their hard work by sending in emails and petitions to their congressmen to pass the bill.

The celebration took place before Obama even officially signed the legislation.

“This may be an election year, but the American people have no patience for gridlock and just a reflexive partisanship and just paying attention to poll numbers and the next election instead of the next generation and what we can do to strengthen opportunity for all Americans,” Obama said. “Americans don’t have the luxury to put off tough decisions, and neither should we.”

Obama thanked Congress for doing the “right thing” and encouraged Congress to continue to push through more economic aid bills.

While the passage of the tax cut was certainly a win for Obama, it was only part of the American Jobs Act he proposed in September.

Congress has not decided whether or not to take up other measures of the American Jobs Act.

Only time will tell if Congress will continue to work together in the upcoming months or just become even more polarized as Election Day draws closer.

## jcunews.com World News Poll

Should the United States  
intervene in Syria?

No	67% (Eight votes)
Yes	17% (Two votes)
Not sure/no opinion	17% (Two votes)

### THIS WEEK’S QUESTION

Do you approve of Barack  
Obama’s job as president?

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## “WORD FOR WORD”

**“The reprehensible actions perpetrated by the Syrian regime, the brutal violence perpetrated by the Syrian leader against his own people, has led us to this situation where basic supplies, humanitarian supplies are very scarce and therefore action needs to be taken,”**  
– White House spokesman Jay Carney on the need for an immediate cease-fire in Syria.  
(The Associated Press)

**“So, defeating Barack Obama becomes, in fact, a duty of national security because the fact is that he is incapable of defending the United States.”**  
– Former Speaker of the House and presidential hopeful Newt Gingrich during a speech to students at Oral Roberts University in Oklahoma on Monday.  
(The Washington Post)

**“I don’t see it with any joy because again we’re being burdened with loans, loans, loans, with no end in sight,”**  
– An unidentified Greek citizen regarding his observations of the economic situation after the Greek government decided to implement strict austerity measures to assuage the economic distress in the country.  
(The Associated Press)

– Compiled by Sam Lane

# Santorum turns sights on Obama in Ohio campaign swing

The Associated Press

A surging Rick Santorum is making increasingly harsh remarks about President Barack Obama, questioning not just the president’s competence but his motives and even his Christian values.

Santorum, the former Pennsylvania senator who suddenly is threatening Romney in his native state of Michigan, said Obama cares only about power, not the “interests of people.”

He said “Obamacare,” the health care overhaul Obama enacted, includes a “hidden message” about the president’s disregard for impaired fetuses, which might be aborted.

Santorum even seemed to compare Obama to Adolf Hitler, although he denies trying to

do so.

Santorum’s remarks have gotten only scattered attention because he weaves them into long, sometimes rambling speeches. Romney’s team is monitoring Santorum’s comments, privately suggesting they could hurt him in a general election.

But it’s difficult for Romney to openly criticize Santorum on these points because Romney already has trouble appealing to the party’s socially conservative base.

Saturday in Columbus, Ohio, Santorum criticized Obama for requiring health insurance plans to cover prenatal testing.

He said such tests lead to “more abortions and therefore less care that has to be done, because we cull the ranks of the disabled in our society.

That too is part of Obamacare, another hidden message as to what President Obama

thinks of those who are less able than the elites who want to govern our country.”

Obama campaign spokeswoman Lisa Smith said “prenatal screenings are essential to promote the health of both the mother and baby and to ensure safe deliveries.”

At the same Ohio event, Santorum said Obama and his fellow Democrats have raised unfounded fears about hydraulic fracturing, or “fracking,” in which pressurized fluids are pumped into the ground to extract natural gas. Santorum said Obama wants to unfairly regulate fracking “as if this is some new technology out there that we don’t know anything about, and we have to be worried about.”

Speaking Sunday at First Redeemer Church in Cumming, Ga., Santorum said people who shrug off troubling signs about Obama are like those Americans who ignored the growing fascist menace in Europe before

World War II.

In Steubenville, Ohio, Santorum said Obama encourages a trend in which the church, religious-affiliated colleges and civic institutions grow weaker while government grows stronger.

“We all know that one of the ways that government has been able to accumulate power is to do so by weakening the institutions that people rely upon,” he said. “When they can rely upon them, these stable, mediating institutions in our culture, they don’t need government.”

White House spokesman Jay Carney declined Tuesday to get drawn into a point-by-point rebuttal of Santorum’s comments. He said Obama “is focused on his job as president, getting this country moving in the right direction, ensuring that the recovery, which is under way, continues forward.”





## Yemeni voters remove President Ali Abdullah after a year of violent protests

In a rare move for an Arab state where popular dissent worked to unseat a dictator, Yemenis went to polling stations on Tuesday to vote out President Ali Abdullah Saleh after more than a year of anti-government protests and violent clashes in the street. Though the election is hardly an exercise in democracy — the only candidate is Vice President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi — it represents an important transitional moment for an impoverished nation mired in a conflict that has left its troubled economy in tatters and many people dead or wounded. Last week, Human Rights Watch released a report claiming Saleh was guilty of ordering crackdowns last year that resulted in the deaths of 120 in just one city. (The New York Times)

## Iran says preemptive strikes against enemies ‘endangering national interests’ is possible

An Iranian military commander has said Iran would take preemptive action against its enemies if it felt its national interests were endangered. Mohammad Hejazi, deputy head of Iran’s armed forces, made his comments to the Iranian Fars news agency. Iran is facing mounting international pressure over its controversial nuclear program. On Monday, it unveiled fresh military exercises in the south that it said was to protect its nuclear sites. “Our strategy now is that if we feel our enemies want to endanger Iran’s national interests, and want to decide to do that, we will act without waiting for their actions,” Hejazi told Fars. Iran insists its uranium enrichment program is for peaceful purposes but Western powers suspect Tehran intends to make weapons. (BBC)



## REISER'S EDGE



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## Ahmadinejad and the Cadets of Temperance

Mark Twain captures one of the most basic facets of human nature in his timeless character Tom Sawyer. When the wily Tom joins the Cadets of Temperance — a group of young, well-behaving boys set up by the judge of the town to promote good examples for the town’s younger population — he must adopt the group’s prohibitions as his own, which include drinking, smoking, swearing and the like.

Not that Tom was the biggest drinker, smoker or swearer of the local boys, but when he joined the Cadets, he suddenly felt the irresistible urge to do all that he wasn’t allowed to do. Eventually, when he quits the Cadets, Tom’s desire to do those things he was prohibited from doing disappeared as quickly as it surfaced.

Twain’s observation about man is — due to either an inherent rebellious nature or a need for omnipotence — once regulations are placed on him, a desire to do said things arises. Once those restraints are finally lifted, the desire no longer remains.

Part of Twain’s multi-faced genius is that his theory, contrived from an observation of 19th century American life, is applicable to global politics here in our homely 21st century.

Call it a stretch, but Iran, in eerily similar ways, is going through what Tom did in Hannibal, Mo. all those years ago. Iran is being told what to do, and is pushing back in defiance. The question is, then, are the strict sanctions being placed on Iran and its economy by other countries because of its nuclear activities, causing Iran to plunge headstrong into creating nuclear weapons?

Just two weeks ago, the U.S. gave the OK for American banks to freeze the assets of organizations associated with the Iranian government. In response, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad approved the first Iranian-made nuclear fuel rods loaded into a Tehran reactor. Some experts fear Iran could have nuclear weapons by this summer. Iran then set an embargo on its oil exports to some E.U. members, including Britain and France, due to their — as Iran’s oil minister said — “hostile” attitude.

On Tuesday, an Iranian military commander warned the world that Iran would use a preemptive nuclear strike if the isolated country felt other countries were bullying them into doing what they wanted.

I am not defending Iran’s pursuit of nuclear arms by any means. What I am questioning is the handling of the situation by the U.S. and its European counterparts. If we backed down from our aggressive stance on Iran, would it feel the need to show such strong acts of defiance against the West that it has despised for so long?

Iran’s oil production has made it a key player in the Middle East’s economy. It has joined the club and must follow its rules.

Iran, unlike Tom, cannot quit the club. The powers at be will always be there to tell it how far it can go with nuclear research. The only thing that will and can change is the rules. Should the U.S. loosen its sanctions? Would offering economic incentives instead help assuage Ahmadinejad’s obsessive drive for nuclear weapons?

If only it was as simple as being told not to drink or smoke.

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## Red Cross implores halt in Syrian violence to deliver aid to civilians

The International Red Cross on Tuesday implored the Syrian regime and others engulfed in fighting to halt so it can distribute help to hungry, frightened and injured civilians. At least 106 people have died Tuesday in a conflict that has left nearly 9,000 people dead since last March, the opposition Local Coordination Committees of Syria said. The bloody day left 55 people dead in Idlib, 45 in Homs, three in the Damascus suburbs, two in Deir Ezzor and one in Aleppo. The ICRC has been trying to negotiate a cease-fire between President Bashar al-Assad’s government and the opposition so the humanitarian agency can deliver food and medical supplies to Homs and other places. (CNN)

# US general claims Quran burning ‘unintentional’

The Associated Press

Muslim holy books that were burned in a pile of garbage at a U.S. military base in Afghanistan have been removed from a library at a nearby detention center because they contained extremist messages or inscriptions, a Western military official said Tuesday.

The military official with knowledge of the incident said it appeared that the Qurans and other Islamic readings were being used to fuel extremism, and that detainees at Parwan Detention Facility were writing on the documents to exchange extremist messages.

He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the incident.

Parwan Detention Facility adjoins Bagram Air Field, a sprawling U.S. base north of Kabul, where more than 2,000 Afghans demonstrated against the incident.

The burning stoked anti-foreign sentiment that already is on the rise after a decade of war in Afghanistan. It also fueled the arguments of Afghans who claim foreign troops are not respectful of their culture or Islamic religion.

“Die, die, foreigners!” the demonstrators shouted. Some fired rifles into the air. Others threw rocks at the gate of the base and set tires ablaze. U.S. Gen. John Allen, the top commander of American and NATO forces in Afghanistan, apologized to the Afghan people and said the books were inadvertently given to troops for burning.

“It was not a decision that was made because they were religious materials,” Allen told NATO TV. “It was not a decision that was made with respect to the faith of Islam. It was a mistake. It was an error. The moment we found out about it we immediately stopped and we intervened.”

The military official said that several hundred Islamic publications, including Qurans, were removed from the library. Some of the



## More than 2,000 angry Afghans, some firing guns in the air, protested on Tuesday against the improper disposal and burning of Qurans and other Islamic religious materials at an American air base in Bagram north of Kabul.

publications had extremist content; others had extremist messages on their pages, the official said. The official said the documents were charred and burnt but that none of them were completely destroyed.

“We will look into the reason those materials were gathered,” Allen said. “We will look into the manner in which the decision was made to dispose of them in this manner.”

Allen said he would issue an order spelling out how Islamic religious materials should be handled by the coalition.

“This was unintentional,” he said, adding that no member of the coalition deliberately set out to defame Islam or desecrate the religious materials of the faith.

In a statement, Afghan President Hamid Karzai condemned the incident and appointed a delegation to investigate. He said initial reports were that four Qurans were burned.

Early Tuesday, as word of the incident spread, about 100 demonstrators gathered outside the base in Parwan province. As the

crowd grew, so did the outrage.

One protester, Mohammad Hakim, said if U.S. forces can’t bring peace to Afghanistan, they should go home.

“They should leave Afghanistan rather than disrespecting our religion, our faith,” Hakim said. “They have to leave and if next time they disrespect our religion, we will defend our holy Quran, religion and faith until the last drop of blood has left our body.”

Ahmad Zaki Zahed, chief of the provincial council, said U.S. military officials took him to a burn pit on the base where 60 to 70 books, including Qurans, were recovered. The books were used by detainees once incarcerated at the base. Zahed said five Afghans working at the pit told him that the religious books were in the garbage that two soldiers with the U.S.-led coalition transported to the pit in a truck late Monday night.

When they realized the books were in the trash, the laborers quickly worked to recover them.



# NY Times reporter dies in Syria



**Nada Bakri, wife of the late New York Times Beirut Bureau Chief, Anthony Shadid, lights candles after a memorial ceremony for her husband at the American University of Beirut, Lebanon, on Tuesday.**

**Rita Rochford**  
Staff Reporter

Anthony Shadid, a reporter for The New York Times, died in Syria this past Thursday. The 43-year-old Shadid sustained a fatal asthma attack as he attempted to escape Syria after gathering stories surrounding the protests against President Bashar al-Assad. After attempting to resuscitate Shadid for 30 minutes, his photographer, Tyler Hicks, was unable to revive him and was faced with the daunting task of carrying his body back over the border into Turkey.

The two had been smuggled into Syria and were met by guides on horseback, an animal to which Shadid was highly allergic. Hicks indicated that his colleague suffered an attack on the way into Syria, but recovered after resting.

His tragic death occurred one week later during their departure.

Hicks and Shadid were compelled to travel by nightfall to reduce the risk of detection by pro-government forces within Syria. They journeyed along the mountainous border of Turkey into Syria's Idlib Province, where

the main deterrence is a barbed wire fence. The two then wrenched their way through the fence to connect with their guides and enter the tumultuous country.

Shadid spent the majority of his professional career covering the Middle East, a topic which rendered him a two-time Pulitzer Prize winner for international reporting. He received his first in 2004 and second in 2010, both surrounding his work and unique perspective on the Iraq War.

The New York Times submitted his work on the 2011 coverage of the Arab Spring to the Pulitzer Prize committee. The nominations will not be announced until April of 2012.

In regards to his award-winning reporting, Mona DeBaz, a political science professor at John Carroll University said, "Anthony Shadid was an excellent foreign correspondent. Unlike other foreign correspondents, he was fluent in Arabic and understood the culture of the people of the Middle East.

"This made his reporting very insightful and shed light on an area of the world that needed to be explored and understood by the readers.

"Adding to that, his determination to get the real story caused us to wait for his reports

from Iraq during the Iraq War, then from Libya and finally he opened the eyes of the world to what was happening in Syria. Syria reporting was really close to his heart.

"He was smuggled in and out of Syria several times and reported on how the regime was cracking down on its own people.

He will definitely leave a void in reporting from the Middle East as we see many newspapers cutting their budgets and decreasing the number of their foreign correspondents, his loss is going to be even harder to bear."

As alluded to by DeBaz, his decision to enter Syria in pursuit of highlighting the struggles of a country in turmoil, although dangerous, was a display of Shadid's commitment to journalism. While in the West Bank in

2002, Shadid was shot in the shoulder. Later, in his coverage of the Libyan uprising this past year, he was one of four journalists to be abducted by Moammar Gadhafi's forces and freed after six days of maltreatment.

Although working for The New York Times at the time of his death, Shadid, upon first entering the realm of coverage on the Middle East, he was originally a reporter for The Associated Press, later becoming a member of The Boston Globe and then The Washington Post.

His work for The Post garnered Shadid two Pulitzer Prizes. In addition to these awards, this past Sunday, Shadid was honored posthumously "for extraordinary valor for his work in the Middle East" at the George Polk Awards in Journalism hosted at Long Island University.

Shadid, an American of Lebanese descent, became fluent in Arabic through an immersion program in Cairo after he graduated from college.

Many attribute part of his success to his ability to communicate more effectively than other journalists in his field. He leaves behind a wife and two children, as well as his parents and two siblings.

## Firing Lane



**Sam Lane**  
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## Pocket change votes

We see the numbers every day. The stocks go up, the stocks go down. A number of jobs have been lost; more have been created. Unemployment is high, but now it has begun to go down. These are the reports that we have been paying attention to keenly for the past four years. Lately it seems as though there is no set trend in the short run. Things shift from day to day. This makes me wonder, how will politicians affect this cycle?

For the American people, fiscal matters are no new concept. We have experienced problems before, such as the Great Depression and the recessions of the 1970s and early 1990s. As expected, American voters of these times were not too pleased with this economic state, and pointed the finger at politicians who held office at this time. Some presidents found themselves being traded in (Hoover to Roosevelt, Carter to Reagan, Bush to Clinton). In effect, Americans concluded that one's political policies were ineffective and another's had to be put into place.

So we are aware from some observations the economy has the ability to be a dominant issue. But can the president of the United States really accomplish a lot fiscally? One reason why politicians may act as though they have the answer to this issue is because they wish to stay relevant. By this, I mean they want to display to the voters that they understand the current issues facing them. It is not enough to talk about the need to change domestic policy or help keep the world safe from all kinds of evil. They are not on the minds of everyday American voters. If voters cannot get a job, they will want to believe that the candidate has an understanding of their situation. History can prove that from the campaign in 1992, when American voters believed that incumbent President George H. W. Bush's emphasis on foreign policy matters left him out of touch with the common voter of that year. More recently, voter opinion went from being split evenly between McCain-Obama to a majority favoring the latter once the economic crisis came into full bloom. Once elected, Obama promised to hear their voices and work for a suitable way to solve the crisis.

Well the election matter is covered, but how does that transpire once the victor enters office? To me, this seems to be a little difficult to comprehend. Looking back at some of these turbulent economic times, the results appear to be mixed. Once FDR came into office, he created his New Deal. This was designed to address three issues: relief, recovery and reform. For the most part, it did appear to stabilize the depth of the Depression, but the crisis never seemed to be averted until World War II. Voters responded positively however, granting FDR two more victories during the crisis. Ronald Reagan had similar goals as FDR, although by strictly different methods. His tax cuts initially seemed unpopular, but gained support when economic prosperity returned in the mid-1980s. Whether this was by his doing is still not widely known. Clinton receives credit for getting the deficit down.

Well, there is no easy answer to determine whether the president can greatly influence the economy. But it is certain that voters will be going to the polls with the weight of their wallets pulling the lever.

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# German president resigns amid scandal

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German Chancellor Angela Merkel accepted the resignation of her country's ceremonial leader on Friday. President Christian Wulff stepped down, amidst backlash over a series of scandals.

The scandals occurred while Wulff was the state premier of Lower Saxony, and has prompted the Public Prosecutor's Office of Hanover to call for the former president's immunity to be dropped so that they can pursue prosecution.

The allegations include receiving bribes and gifts, such as low interest loans and free hotel stays, and granting benefits while he was the governor of Lower Saxony.

A statement issued by the Public Prosecutor's Office read, "Following extensive analyses of new documents and the evaluation of further media reports, the Hanover Public Prosecutor's Office now has sufficient factual evidence and therefore grounds for initial suspicion of receiving bribes or being granted advantages." Wulff maintained that he has done nothing wrong, citing low public confidence in him as the reason that

he stepped down.

In a brief statement at the presidential palace, Wulff said that what Germany needs is "a president who is supported by the confidence not just of a majority of citizens, but a wide majority," and that "the developments of recent days and months have shown that this confidence, and therefore my ability to act, have been lastingly impaired."

Merkel moved quickly to prevent the resignation from causing any political infighting, or damaging her popularity, which could impair her ability to handle the current eurozone crisis.

Despite the fact that Wulff is the second president nominated by Merkel to resign, her popularity is still running high, mostly due to her strong handling of the eurozone crisis to date. Merkel's governing coalition has a razor-thin majority, and she immediately announced that she would be consulting the opposition over the selection of a new president for the country.

The 1,244-seat Federal Assembly has until March 18 to elect a new head of state. Presumably to avoid a conflict and settle the matter as quickly as possible so she can return her full attention to preventing a collapse of

Greece's economy, Merkel announced on Monday that she would support Joachim Gauck to fill the post.

Gauck, a pastor and former human rights activist from East Germany, was the opposition's candidate in the 2010 election against Wulff. Confirming her support for Gauck, Merkel told reporters in a press conference Monday, "It was churchmen like Joachim Gauck who helped bring about East Germany's peaceful revolution," which culminated in the initial tearing down of the Berlin Wall on Nov. 9, 1989.

The presidency, which has no official role in policy creation, is seen by many as the country's moral authority, and has the ability to influence the debate over policy. The Social Democrats and the Greens, who make up the opposition, believe that Gauck's background and prominence gives him the perfect resume for the job.

Even though Merkel's conservative party is not sold on Gauck, reportedly preferring either Wolfgang Huber or Klaus Toepfer, the election of Gauck will likely go through with ease. Gauck enjoys not only the backing of the opposition, but also the Free Democrats, a party of the majority coalition.



## Investors turn away from diversification

**Andrew Martin**  
Staff Reporter

Business schools teach their students about the benefits of a well-diversified portfolio. A diversified portfolio tends to invest in a spread of both safe and risky financial products.

The practice suggests that being well diversified provides the highest returns on average.

People practice diversification in order to avoid large amounts of risk and minimize the possibility of making bad investments.

But, according to The Wall Street Journal, investors have begun to turn away from the practice of diversification.

Why? The short answer is due to emerging markets in the global economy.

According to The WSJ, "The average diversified fund has gained 13 percent this year. But the stock markets of some individual countries have jumped even higher. Russia and Brazil have each gained 19 percent, while India has risen 29 percent and Egypt a whopping 37 percent according to data from index-compiler MSCI."

One reason for this may be due to the emerging markets having more room to grow

than the developed countries of the world.

It is difficult to say whether this growth can be sustained, which brings the diversification argument back up.

If investors are putting clients' money into these individual markets and finding large returns today, tomorrow could be a different story.

Without a portfolio of different stocks, the client could take a huge hit if these investments don't keep up the pace.

LeRoy Brooks, professor of finance at John Carroll University, thinks that it is still beneficial to maintain a diversified portfolio, especially for individuals.

Brooks said, "Because diversification really is critically important. The individual investor, they're interested in a well-diversified international exposure."

If they want to get something really diversified, but covers the entire market value weight, they can get exchanged traded funds. They can get exchanged traded funds that represent the emerging markets. That would be one way of buying something that gives full diversification but they don't have to pick stocks or anything else."

This way an investor can have a hand in



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**Investor monitors stocks in Dubai**

the emerging markets sector, as well as have a diversified portfolio to try and balance risk across different funds.

Some experts view this point in time as opportune to invest in individual emerging markets as the world moves from the European debt crisis.

The countries that are growing at the fastest rates typically will not have much in the way of debt. With little debt, these nations can be in a good position to deal with inflation or other economic slowdowns.

All this may seem like a large risk to some, but other investors look at emerging markets as an opportunity not to be passed up.

## European banks continue to accumulate cash

**Patrick Tarkey**  
The Carroll News

As the troubling economic times in Europe continue, there seems to be one major constant within all of Europe's major banks: a dramatic increase in the stashing of money in central banks.

According to The Wall Street Journal, "The eight giant European banks that have disclosed their annual results in recent weeks reported holding a total of about \$816 billion in cash and deposits at central banks as of Dec. 31."

This major stockpiling of cash in the Europe and the United States is an obvious response to the growing pressures on the European financial system.

While storing the cash in these places ensures the money's safety, it also has the possibility of creating a lending drought all over Europe.

Normally the banks would be lending the



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**The Bank of England in London**

money to individuals, businesses and other governments, but with the current economic situation in Europe, banks have been forced to change their methods.

Some bank officials believe the increase in central bank deposits reflected the European Central Bank's action in late December that provided €489 billion euro to more than 500 banks.

The large infusion of cash was meant to help lenders who were struggling to pay off and renew maturing debts.

As a response many of the European banks

that have increased their deposits claim that they were simply depositing large amounts of their borrowing back to the ECB.

Frank Navratil, professor of economics and finance at John Carroll, believes the reason for this sudden increase of cash storing at central banks is a reaction to the current economic state of the European Union. "Europe's banking system is a lot different from the banking system here in the United States. They tend to be much more interested in long-term lending than U.S. banks," he said.

But even if the major European banks are storing funds so they can continue to fund long-term loans, do the most current annual reports imply something more?

According to The WSJ, the amount of European deposits in central banks is the highest it's been in 15 years.

It seems that this increase in stashing cash is a symptom of where the markets are right now and how people generally feel safer with their money in Central banks.

## Cyber hackers threaten US economy

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Recently, the National Security Agency warned the United States about a group of cyber attackers named Anonymous.

Going forward, factors such as what cyber attacking is, its economic effects, and some predictions regarding the economic impact cyber attacks will have in our lifetime will be discussed.

Cyber attacking, as defined by Webster's New World Hacker Dictionary is, "targeting vulnerable computers, applications, or databases to make them malfunction and to disrupt flows of data."

According to Clay Wilson, a government specialist in technology and national security, cyber attacking can be defined as effect-based or intent-based, he told The WSJ.

Effect-based cyber attacking, defined by Wilson, is when computer attacks result in effects that are disruptive enough to generate fear comparable to an act of terrorism.

On the other hand, intent-based cyber attacking is when unlawful or politically motivated computer attacks are done to intimidate or coerce a government of people to further a political objective or cause severe economic damage.

Both of these types of cyber attacking are used to steal information such as credit card

and account numbers, directly putting the operations and information of businesses, financial institutions, medical facilities and government agencies at risk.

According to The WSJ, the group of cyber attackers named Anonymous are described as "a loose affiliation of so called hacktivist computer programmers."

They are known for recent attacks on the U.S. Department of Justice website on Feb. 12, as well as for recent attacks on two websites of the Federal Trade Commission on Feb. 17.

Furthermore, The WSJ reports that Anonymous has not so anonymously announced last week that they "plan to shutdown the Internet on March 31, which it calls Operation Global Blackout."

James Lewis, a cyber security specialist at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, said, "You want to occupy Wall Street? How about turn Wall Street off? Even for a day."

This statement shows that cyber attacking, when aimed at the right infrastructure, could have some serious negative economic effects in our lifetime.

Scott Moore, professor of economics and finance provided his outtake on the situation.

He mentioned that he was not at all an expert on this material, but believed that cyber

attacking could reduce economic activity if hackers efforts were able to consistently affect the Internet and our payment system. He said, "If the payment system is shut down, it will impact economic activity."

The question remains, how large of an economic impact will these hackers cause. One can only speculate the damage it can produce. Given the already extremely volatile market conditions, investors may react violently to this.



From WSJ.com

**National Security Agency's Gen. Keith Alexander warned Congress of cyber hackers in 2010.**

## PAT DOWN



**Patrick Perkins**  
Business & Finance Editor

### How college students match up to high school dropouts

Many students from time to time begin to wonder if college is really worth it. We are spending loads of cash to attain a well accredited degree but what good is it going to do?

Some may think they are better off dropping out and making it on there own. Others may think a degree is the only way to hedge themselves from unemployment.

Below, I will provide some information The Wall Street Journal has collected on high school drop outs and college graduates. This should help aid in making the decision on whether a college degree is worth it.

According to The Wall Street Journal, "Less than 40 percent of the 25 million Americans over age 25 who lack a high-school diploma are employed. And those who are working don't earn much. High-school dropouts earn about \$23,400 on average, compared with \$33,500 for those with a high-school diploma and \$54,700 for four-year college grads, the labor bureau says."

The WSJ went on to report that the unemployment rate for college students aged 20 to 25 with a bachelors degree or more faced an unemployment rate in 2010 of 15.5 percent and 14.6 percent in 2011.

It is no surprise that the unemployment rate for this demographic has been on the rise since 2008 and recently experienced its first decrease in 2011.

On in to 2012 the unemployment rate as a whole continues to drop. If the first month and a half are any indication as how the economy will look come May, college graduates can expect a greater probability of attaining a job.

High school 0s on the other hand are faced with a different story. The WSJ said, "In 2020, there will be nearly six million more high-school dropouts than jobs available to such U.S. workers, according to a 2011 McKinsey Global Institute study. At the same time, there will be a shortage of about 1.5 million college-educated workers by 2020."

The high school dropouts are being left in the dust and the gap between drop outs and college graduates continues to increase due to the demand for higher skilled individuals.

In my opinion, this is where the college degree truly is worth the tuition. College teaches you to become a highly skilled individual. Most people who do not obtain a degree have much trouble finding employment that pays well.

That is just the way it is. When an economy faces the trouble the U.S. did in 2008, employment opportunities diminish and only the skilled will be hired. Companies do not have the funds to hire workers that do not possess much skill. All the loose ends are cut and only the strong will survive.

With that said, high school dropouts should really take a step back and re-evaluate their future. "Of the more than 1,000 jobs listed on career site Monster.com in the Pittsburgh area one day recently, only two didn't require a high-school diploma. One was a hotel cleaning job, which paid \$8.50 an hour, or slightly higher with experience."

I guess some may say that this article is mostly common sense. That may be true for most.

However, it is important to understand that the fate of the uneducated is continuing to worsen and soon, the college graduates today will be making the income that contributes to the aid of the struggling high school dropouts in the coming years.

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# The Tim Russert Department of Communication and Theatre Arts Announces The First Annual Photo Contest

The purpose of the photo contest is to visually reflect a theme or idea that demonstrates the life of Tim Russert. Themes will vary from year to year. The theme of this contest is taken from the first book he wrote, Big Russ & Me. Mr. Russert believed that there was nothing as important as being a good father, a lesson he learned from his Father, Big Russ.

## Theme: Fathers and Lessons of Life.



Although it would seem easy to choose a political theme for this contest in the year of a Presidential election, the theme will reflect the person of Tim Russert rather than his career. In his first book, Big Russ & Me, he says:

“I hope this book will encourage readers to think about things they learned from their father. ... Whatever we achieve and whoever we are, we stand on their shoulders...Hardly a day goes by when I don’t remember to rely on something Big Russ taught me. ”

In an interview in Parade Magazine in 2011, Luke Russert said about his Father: “He was not only my best friend, but my compass. While he was alive, he guided me with his actions and advice. Since he’s been gone, those “lessons of life,” as he once called them, have continued to give me counsel and comfort.”

To read the article in full: [www.parade.com/celebrity/2011/06/luke-russert-lessons-from-my-father.html](http://www.parade.com/celebrity/2011/06/luke-russert-lessons-from-my-father.html)

Photos should either 1. reflect the unique relationship of fathers with their children or 2. a life lesson taught to you by your father.

1. Examples include but are but not limited to: Fathers showing encouragement or teaching their kids anything- school work or sports, fathers caring for or holding or comforting their children, fathers attending events in which their children participate or perform, Fathers celebrating their children’s birthdays, fathers spending quiet time with their kids, making models or playing board games – sharing time, father holding newborn, iconic ideas such as father walking and talking holding child’s hand, teaching to walk showing kids dependence on father..etc.
2. Examples include but are not limited to these descriptions. These images are more psychological and not literal. Your father is not in the image but the photo demonstrates and “idea” of what was taught to you by your father, images which call up: being prepared for the road ahead, facing the future, standing tall as a young adult, being prepared by having a solid foundation, expectations of excellence, respect for others, optimism, being a hero in your own life, helping others – charity and kindness, love and self respect, tenacity-never give up on your dreams, leadership, the importance of balanced judgments, maintaining integrity...etc.

Each photo should include a caption and approximately a 150 word explanation of how the photo captures the theme.  
Photos will be displayed in the O’Mally Center Atrium the last two weeks of the semester. Then, will be displayed in the Tully Atrium of the Library the last two weeks of May and the month of June.  
Winning photos will be permanently displayed in the Russert Department and on our website.

### Entry Form and Submission:

1. ONE form must be submitted per photograph
2. SUBMIT up to 3 different photographs
3. COMPLETE all questions on your form
4. ATTACH a form to the back of each photograph
5. INCLUDE a jpeg file
6. PLACE submission in a protective envelope and deliver them to the Photo Contest Box in Communication Department Office Room OC 47 by 3:00 pm March 30.

**INCOMPLETE forms or entries result in ineligibility for contest.**  
**Prizes will be awarded.**

### Format

All submissions must be an 8 X 10 photo print and one medium or high resolution jpeg of the same printed image. No WEB resolution please. Both formats must be submitted. Images must be submitted as prints to be judged and exhibited. Digital files must be on a disc or thumb drive and included in the submission envelope. A digital file without a print will not be judged. Remember, a form must also accompany each submission. Local photo labs can print and make the jpeg file for you.

### Eligibility

The contest is open to all JCU students currently registered. First, second and third prizes, including cash awards, will be presented. All photographs must be original and taken by a JCU student. It is the responsibility of the entrant to obtain the appropriate permissions from all concerned parties.

### Judges

Ms. Lisa Burroughs, Adjunct Professor, Russert Department  
Former Creative Photography Director, Newsweek Magazine  
Mr. Bob Noll, Professor, Russert Department  
Published playwright and author; former TV Writer/Producer at NBC-WKYC-TV, Cleveland  
Dr. Alan Stephenson, Professor, Russert Department  
Former Executive Vice-President, Complexicable; Assistant Manager, WVIZ-TV



### DISCLAIMER

The Tim Russert Department of Communication and Theatre Arts assumes all entries are original and the property of the entrant. A submission of entry acknowledges acceptance of these rules. Materials may not be returned.

Winners will be notified by email by April 20th if their work has won. A ceremony and display will open April 23, in the O’Mally Center Atrium at 5:00pm. Winners are expected to attend; all entrants are invited.

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Dear Bernie

Dear Bernie,  
My roommate and I have known each other since freshman year. We're the best of friends. You might even say we're ... "besties." But recently I found out that she is addicted to cheese-burgers. It may sound silly, but she consumers bugers of cheese complusively, and eats of to 34 a day. What do I do? How do I get her help?  
--Burger Problem

Dear Burger Problem,  
The cure for your bestie's burger addiction is BK Chicken Fries. Although you may have a new addiction on your hands.  
--Bernie

Dear Bernie,  
I'm a senior here at JCU, and I've recently realized that I've made no friends in the last four years. I literally have no friends. I spend most of my days playing "Skyrim" and playing "Pokemon Yellow" on the toilet. How can I make my final weeks count?  
--Member of the Dark Brotherhood

Dear Member of the Dark Brotherhood,  
Who needs friends when you have Skyrim? FUS DO RAH!  
--Bernie

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## Editorial

### Tumultuous tuition changes

Tuition for the 2012-2013 school year will increase 4.8 percent (\$1,470) for full-time students. This is the second consecutive year that tuition has risen by that proportion. Room and board will also increase by \$460.

The rough economic times do lead to financial instability. This affects everyone and faculty wages should be a priority; they need to survive too. The cuts in governmental aid are significant. If this trend continues, though, soon tuition will be unaffordable to many students.

When tuition must be increased repeatedly by such a degree, the places where a student's money is going must be evaluated and prioritized. Students should not have to pay for activities or services they don't use. Instead, students should be charged for technology and activities only when they use University computers or attend programming events.

Some measures, like increases- in class size or teaching load have not been taken by the University to cut costs. Though these might decrease student-professor attention, such a continual cost increase cannot continue and more aggressive measures like these might need to be taken.

JCU has maintained its status as one of the best values in education. This could be a large contributing factor to the increase in enrollment. However, the unsure economic situation makes the value factor unreliable. It is unsure if the income of students and their families will be enough to even afford an education of any price.

It is commendable that the University has increased need-based financial aid to accommodate the increase in tuition. However, this clearly is not the most sustainable way of making a quality education affordable. The sources of price increases must be identified and efforts must be taken to keep these increases under control.



Cartoon by Emily Day

## HIT & miss

**Hit:** A 30,000-year-old flower is revived and blooming **miss:** Adele makes obscene gesture to the host of the U.K.'s Brit Music Awards after cutting her acceptance speech short **Hit:** A new type of alien planet has been discovered **Hit/miss:** Sophomore Matt DeBoth's table-top cafeteria speeches **miss:** Nuclear talks between Iran and the United Nations fail **Hit:** Prince William and Kate Middleton adopt a Cocker Spaniel named Lupo **miss:** That has no significance to the world **Hit:** Stephen Colbert is releasing a children's book titled, "I Am a Pole (And So Can You!)" **miss:** Five people were killed in a shooting at a health spa in Atlanta **Hit:** Dow hits 13,000 **Hit:** Presidents day was Monday **miss:** We had school **Hit:** Rihanna and Chris Brown collaborate on two new remixes **Hit:** Lent begins **miss:** Giving something up **Hit/miss:** The crazy weather

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## NOTABLE QUOTABLE

"Back in 2008, the American people in a time of crisis went for a rock star that they believed could solve their problems."

- Rick Santorum on the election of President Obama

## Career Corner TIP OF THE WEEK

"After an interview, be sure to get the interviewer's business card and send a personalized professional thank you note. Both handwritten or emailed are acceptable."

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## OURVIEW



**Ned McGrath**  
Delivery Guy

Anyone who knows me knows I love the Internet.

YouTube is always there to make me laugh with some of its classic videos, videos like “Ultimate Dog Tease” and “Ken Lee” and of course, the countless laughing baby or puppy videos.

And when that is not enough, I check out funny new memes on imgur.com.

Or, if I really feel like wasting a whole day, I surf the whole Internet on Stumbleupon.

If I’m ever feeling lonely, I hang out with all 758 of my friends on Facebook.

I don’t even have to leave my futon or put on pants.

The best thing about Facebook is that I can show all my friends the funny videos and pictures I found on all my other favorite sites.

Facebook has its meaningful uses, too.

One can easily keep in contact with friends and family living across the country or overseas. Groups can be created to share common interests.

Parties can be planned and

## The interwebz: my best friend

invites sent out, and RSVPs have never been easier. This brings me to the status update. Mark Zuckerberg made a huge error adding this feature to his masterpiece.

Sure Facebook asks you, “What’s on your mind?” But, that doesn’t mean you have to share everything thought that has ever gone through your head.

No one cares that your “homework is so hard right now (frowny face)” or your suffering from a case of “#accountingmajorproblems.”

What is worse is when people share personal information about their lives, like the status I saw recently about a girl’s visit to her gynecologist.

Just because So-and-So and What’s-Her-Face “like” your status doesn’t mean anyone else cares.

Now, to all you Tweeters out there, please stop it.

Twitter has taken the most annoying part of Facebook and has based its whole existence off of it.

Needless to say, Twitter is pointless.

The Internet has become a medium for narcissists to voice their thoughts and opinions.

You used to have to write a column for a newspaper that no one reads to get your voice heard.

Now all you have to do is upload a video to YouTube or create a Twitter account.

Vloggers like Philip DeFranco flood the front page of YouTube.

I miss the days when people getting mildly hurt was what filled YouTube’s most popular. The Internet has become a drug and we are all addicts.

My beloved Internet is being abused.

So, this is an intervention to all Internet users.

We must use her in moderation. Next time you have the urge to put your thoughts out there for the world to see, stop and really think about what you are posting.

If it is not important in some way, then don’t post it.

If you are not sure if it is important or not, then it probably isn’t.

So to the Twitter and Facebook addicts, I give you this motto to live by: When in doubt, log out.

For more of my ramblings, please check out my YouTube vlog or you can follow me on my Twitter account @nedmcgrath.

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## Cooney Meets World: Reversing ‘The decision’?



**Dan Cooney**  
Managing Editor

Do you remember where you were on the evening of July 8, 2010?

It was a Thursday night, and I was back home at my church helping prepare for the opening of our annual Greek festival the next day. One of my friends had walked in late, and I remember asking him something along the lines of, “Where did LeBron end up?”

“He’s going to Miami,” he replied.

Wait, what did you say? Did I hear that right?

Even though I had a feeling LeBron James was going to leave Cleveland, hearing the news was not easy. I had a range of emotions, from “Shoot, I never got to a game at The Q when he played for the Cavs” to “You’ve got to be kidding me? You’re just going to ditch Cleveland like that? Do you have any idea what you’re in for when you come back to play the Cavs?”

Clearly, he had no clue of the impact the words “I’m going to take my talents to South Beach” would have on Cavaliers fans and most of Cleveland.

I turned on the TV as soon as I got home. Pictures of smoldering LeBron jerseys flashed across the screen. Sports commentators were all trying to get their piece in. Then came Dan Gilbert’s open letter to fans – I’d say he got his message across loud and clear.

This week, Brian Windhorst reported for ESPN’s “Miami Heat Index” that LeBron could see himself going back to Cleveland at some point later in his career. LeBron said he is happy with Miami, but wouldn’t rule out returning to play in a Cavs uniform, Windhorst wrote.

Alright, let’s look at this criti-

cally.

First, the fact that ESPN has a “Miami Heat Index” to report on anything and everything about the Heat is incredibly troublesome. And really, when I say “anything and everything,” I mean it. But, that topic is for another column.

Second, does LeBron realize how he left this town? National audiences sat glued to their TVs watching ESPN’s “The Decision,” where LeBron would make his long-awaited choice. Since when did one player deserve a special show dedicated to where he would go as a free agent?

I was disappointed that LeBron left the Cavs because I thought he would want to stay home and help Cleveland win a championship. But I understand that when an opportunity arises, you have to jump on it. He saw his chance to play with two people he already had great chemistry with, and he made the decision that was best for him. LeBron even said that it wasn’t so much about leaving Cleveland, “it’s about joining forces with the other two guys that I feel like I respect their game the most,” he told Jim Gray during “The Decision.”

But I don’t respect the way LeBron handled leaving the Cavs, at all. Cleveland fans deserved better than what they got.

So, LeBron, as much as you might be regretting your decision, you’ve made your bed. Now you’ve got to lay in it for a while. Those boos you heard on Friday night at The Q weren’t any softer than the first time Cleveland watched you return home in a Heat uniform.

I’m sure that many Cavs fans have forgiven LeBron and moved on. Rightfully so, they realized that one person does not constitute a team. The presence of Kyrie Irving has helped ease the pain a bit, too.

For LeBron’s good, he should stop talking so soon about wanting to come back. We Cavs fans still remember July 8, 2010 too clearly.

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## Wonderword: What does nystagmus mean?



“The mystique that follows around a stegasaurus”

**Dan Imfeld,**  
junior

**nystagmus:** Involuntary, rapid, oscillating movement of the eyeballs



“The mythical cousin of the centaur.”

**Carrie Vollentine and Sarah Stanley,**  
seniors



“A very old dinosaur.”

**Tom Vokac,**  
junior

## The Bayer Necessities: Looking down to look up



**Brian Bayer**  
Campus Editor

As I was sending out some emails recently, I noticed something that scared the bejesus out of me – almost all of the email addresses ended in ’14 or ’15. What was even scarier was that the email addresses with ’12 in them were graduating this year. When did I get so old?

I certainly don’t remember becoming an upperclassman, but it looks like I’m there whether I like it or not. Thank God I’m not a senior yet, because I don’t think I could handle that. But my email address ends in ’13. That’s next year. Wow...

For me, college has been a lesson in life more than any academic pursuit. As they say, a majority of the learning

is done outside of the classroom. My friends have been the best support over the past three years; but, I have also developed unique relationships with another group of people whom I think of as my mentors.

These are the people who, when I was a freshman and sophomore, guided me through the ropes of college. It can be an obstacle course at times, so it’s always nice to have a helping hand.

But now that most of these people have graduated and I am the upperclassman, I worried that I would no longer have anybody at JCU to look up to.

Over the past couple weeks, though, I have learned something very important: sometimes you have to look down to look up. Just because someone is a class or two below me doesn’t mean he or she can’t be a role model.

Allow me to share a few instances where I was impressed by my younger classmates. Friends, I salute you.

In one epic display of Valentine’s

Day confidence, I watched a freshman gent bravely approach an attractive young girl sitting at a table with six other guys during the dinner rush in the caf. He went straight up to her, handed her a rose and a box of chocolates, said “Happy Valentine’s Day” and left. Kudos. Lesson: bold is beautiful.

Another young lady I know is known to be a bit of a tease to the male population. However, I have spoken with her extensively and she never claims to want anything more than what she offers. This kind of harsh honesty seems to confuse and maybe even hurt some people, but I really can’t fault her for being true to herself. Lesson: Be true to yourself.

My third example is a dynamic freshman duo that goes together like peas and carrots. While they are seldom sober, they highlight perhaps one of the most important lessons of college: live it up.

One of my closest friends at Carroll also happens to be a year beneath me.

He is the Virgil to my Dante—a spiritual guide through the quagmire of corruption that is university life. Lesson: God is there, and He probably has a great sense of humor.

Another youngster has a view on life that just screams HAPPINESS. The irony is that although he is low-key, he’s one of the most talkative people I know. Every morning he salutes the flag and every night he says his prayers. I realized how healthy his outlook on life was one day last week when he, my roommate and I were hopelessly lost on the streets of East Cleveland. What was supposed to be an easy eight-mile run quickly turned into an adrenaline-pumping labyrinth of a 16-mile run. But even in the worst neighborhoods of the city, this young American hero smiled optimistically and helped keep our spirits up. Lesson: It doesn’t matter if the glass is half full or half empty – the glass is there, so you might as well enjoy it.

Naturally, as a jaded junior, it’s

sometimes easy to forget to enjoy the little things. Rather than laughing something off, it’s easy to take it way too seriously. And I know I can always count on one 2015er to remind me that the simple things just aren’t worth over-thinking. Lesson: Let life roll off your back because it’s really not worth the worry.

One of my best friends didn’t even exist in my life until I was a sophomore; she helped teach me one of the most important lessons I have learned yet: Love purely, unconditionally and uncritically.

Then there’s Chuck. Everyone can learn something from Chuck.

And these are just a few of the many people who might not have the same number of years as we upperclassmen do, but they certainly have plenty to offer. Take a note from them, and don’t be afraid to look down to look up – you just might learn something.

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## The Op/Ed Top Ten: Presidents

1. Nelson Mandela
2. Theodore Roosevelt
3. Abraham Lincoln
4. George Washington
5. Bill Clinton
6. The Rev. Robert Niehoff, S.J.
7. James Garfield
8. Mikhail Gorbachev
9. Josiah Bartlett
10. Greg Petsche

— Compiled by Nick Wojtasik

## Nick's Knack: Simplify me, Captain!



**Nick Wojtasik**  
Editorial & Op/Ed Editor

When the Electronic Numerical Integrator and Computer was turned on in 1947, it was the first general purpose computer. It took up 1,800 square feet of space and was made of millions of parts. Indubitably, it was the most3 intensely complex machine to ever exist. Its purpose was to ease and simplify the solving of problems and equations.

For millennia, ease has been sought through simplicity. To better understand something we ask that it be explained more simply. There are the eternal questions for which simple answers are sought. The thing is, the reason they are eternal is because in their most reduced form, they still cannot definitively be proven and typically require an extensive justification. Without complex elaboration it is very easy to be misunderstood or appear to have foundation-less thoughts, beliefs or actions.

Commonly, people are questioned about their religion. Do you believe in God? Are you Catholic? Very often, the answer is not simple. You might be a cafeteria Catholic (you pick and choose what aspects to follow). Then you would have to explain which pieces you ascribe to and elaborate on them individually.

There is no problem with wanting simplicity. Living simply is, personally, the most desirable lifestyle. The trouble lies in the manner we hope to attain simplicity. Like mostly everything, the majority of people want things to be easily achievable. Somewhat ironically, it is a difficult and complex road to simplicity.

Oliver Wendel Holmes wrote, "I would not give a fig for the simplicity this side of complexity, but I would give my life for the simplicity on the other side of complexity." It's funny that a quote about simplicity is so difficult to decipher. But, in a way, that difficulty parallels the meaning of the quote.

What Holmes meant is that the world we live in is intricate. We

must understand the complexity of things before we can simplify them. We must break down things as much as we can. Once every piece of a complex whole is extracted, the simple idea can be identified.

Contemporary culture approaches the goal of simplicity correctly. Using the ENIC was very complicated and inefficient. To improve computers the technology had to advance more, i.e. get more complicated. This new technology, which now resides in our laptops and smartphones, has made the use of such devices much simpler and easier. This hasn't come without a price, though.

Since it has become so much easier to be reachable at any time by anyone, have access to any bit of information up to the minute and even do work while on the go, we have created conditions that allow our lives to become even more complex! Our multitasking capabilities have been heightened. The "simple" technologies of today are able to do much more than the ENIC could.

This is where another part of Holmes' quote comes into play. The simplicity of today's complexity is much more stressful than before. The other end of complexity is that composed of problems of natural origin, like the complexities of emotions and human interaction. These simplicities compose the true joys of life.

Finding and embracing the simplicities of the world is a life-long journey. It must be understood the universe is made of complexities. Rarely are there easy or simple answers to anything. But, all complexities are made of simplicities. Perhaps the most difficult thing to grasp is the unity between the two.

It's strenuous to not have the immediate gratification of a simple answer or the ability to pinpoint a singular cause of a problem so it can be solved. However, if this fact of life is accepted, one will be less displeased with such inconveniences and much more efficient at dealing with complexities by reducing them to their simplest forms.

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History is a fascinating thing. It shapes who we are and how we live. It is not necessarily the textbook history that I have come to love, though, but the stories that together shape a history.

I remember when I first discovered this love. I was in fourth or fifth grade and was walking down the hall, past the various classrooms, on my way somewhere.

In my grade school, like many others I'm sure, each of the classrooms had a display of some sort outside its door. The display was usually students' artwork or something on which they had been working.

I was struck by the display outside of the eighth grade classroom. It was the picture of a young girl, a girl really not that much older looking than me, and a picture of a cool, plaid-covered book. Below these pictures were drawings by the

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eighth graders of a room. I didn't comprehend any of it until I asked, either my parents or aunt, and found out just who Anne Frank was and what the attic was all about.

From that point, I became fascinated about reading and watching people's stories from history.

I think I was drawn in by Anne Frank's story because at the base she was much like me, albeit a little older and in the midst of perhaps the greatest human tragedy of all time. But that aside, she was a girl with a love of reading, writing and questioning who was trying to figure out how to grow up.

I decided right then and there I wanted to read "The Diary of Anne Frank." So I read Anne Frank's inner thoughts about growing up in hiding during WWII, and then I read about one of her protectors, Miep Gies. I watched as Margaret Thatcher struggled as a woman in British politics to become a world leader in the biopic, "The Iron Lady." Another story I loved was that of little Amir and Hassan in Kabul, Afghanistan in "The Kite Runner;" it has stayed with me since

I read it in high school.

Each of these is the story of both great and ordinary people in times past. I love them because they give a face to history.

However, more than that, I love having a window into the lives of people of a different time period.

My recent obsession is Britain's "Downton Abbey," which is now playing on PBS. It's the story of a fictional family and their servants on a grand estate. The show in any other context would be a soap opera, but what draws me to it is its historical time period. So far the show has spanned the time between the sinking of the Titanic and World War I.

It is amazing to me to think of people who are just like you, with some of the same fears and thoughts, but who are growing up in entirely different worlds in entirely different circumstances. It leads me to believe that, at the end of the day, people are people, but it sure is all the more interesting with a historical backdrop.

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## Alumni Corner

Written by Lex Tomaszewski '01, Carroll News Alumnus

Hey you. Glad you're picking up the latest edition of The Carroll News with the intention of reading it cover-to-cover. Or stuff it in your backpack and pull it out later during classes like film & communication, sports journalism or campaign issues and images (all some of my favorites).

I did the same back in my day, learning all things seen and heard on JCU's campus, as well as re-reading my prose – seeing it in print to figure what I could've possibly done better as a budding beat writer. Covering various sports for The Carroll News, primarily football, I had it easy as the teams were consistently successful ... except against the school in Alliance that shall go unnamed. It was a great experience, for I was using what I was learning as a communications major while preparing for my then-desired career as a sportswriter. I landed an internship in the sports department at The Plain Dealer and parlayed that into a position as a full-time sportswriter at a

hometown newspaper covering prep sports and Ohio State football after graduating in 2001.

Now more than 10 years later, I find myself leading marketing programs and initiatives in the university banking segment of consumer marketing at PNC Bank. My work takes me to colleges and universities across our 19-state footprint. One of many reasons I enjoy my job is because it's a steady reminder of how great the college experience is and what mine at John Carroll University has meant to me both professionally and personally. I met my wife here and boast many friendships with classmates I still see regularly. Needless to say I'm a proud alum.

Along the way during my career pursuits, the interview question always came up: "Where do you want to be in 10 years?" In college, I'd never imagine I'd be a sportswriter turned banker. And I still feel that it's a trick question. Who really knows what they want to be when they grow up? I don't know – I'm still trying to determine an answer to that one.

I do know that, through all of its offerings and experiences, JCU taught me transcendent skills that I've come to rely upon as I've navigated my own professional endeavors across various functions from consumer/small business underwriting to retail distribution strategy to marketing. The 5-part programming series Backpacks 2 Briefcases (BP2BC) is a great opportunity to learn and practice the intangible skills that leave lasting impressions, like how to stand out from other applicants during job interviews all while networking and building relationships with fellow students and members of the local Cleveland business scene.

One's professional and career development – much like the college experience – is what you make of it. So my advice to you? Take full advantage of all the opportunities JCU provides to exercise and enhance your personal brand, thereby living the John Carroll University brand of learning, leadership and service.

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