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Contraception & the Church The discussion reaches JCU

Brian Bayer
Campus Editor

On Feb. 14, the contraception debate arrived at JCU. The Rev. Robert Niehoff, S.J. received a signed statement from 47 faculty members, nearly a quarter of the entire faculty, requesting Niehoff work with presidents of other Catholic colleges and universities to urge the bishops to reduce the intensity of their rhetoric and endorse a policy to allow faculty insurance coverage of contraception while respecting religious liberties.

Niehoff has not yet responded to the letter, except to send a short note acknowledging its receipt and to say that he and the other presidents of the Jesuit universities are discussing and working on the issue.

The Carroll News was unable to contact Niehoff or his staff for comment on the matter because they were on a retreat away from campus.

However, an explanation of the official stance of the Catholic Church on the issue was offered by Robert Tayek, director of media and public relations for the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland.

Currently, because of the position of the Catholic Church, contraception is not covered in the faculty insurance plan, but the JCU faculty who signed the letter hope to see this changed, according to Paul Lauritzen, a professor in the religious studies department.

However, according to Tayek, this kind of compromise will not be met with the approval of the U.S. bishops.

"The Church opposes any use of contraception," he said. He explained that this has been the position of the Catholic Church since Pope Paul VI published his encyclical "Humanae Vitae" in 1968, which states, "Careful consideration should be given to the danger of this power passing into the hands of those public authorities who care little for the precepts of the moral law [...] Who will prevent public authorities from favoring those contraceptive methods which they consider more effective? Should they regard this as necessary, they may even impose their use on everyone."

As for finding common ground on this issue, Tayek

said, "There is no compromise on this matter because it's a matter of morals. There's nothing that precludes a woman on the faculty from going out and getting contraception, but [the school should not have to cover it]."

Lauritzen believes that this is not an issue of morals, but a matter of women and children's health. He and the co-signers of the letter hope appealing to Niehoff will promote a change in the JCU health care plan and inspire discussion at other Jesuit universities in the country.

"Fr. Niehoff could help make that happen. My hope is that he can use our letter as evidence that this is an important issue to his faculty," Lauritzen said.

Lauritzen drafted the first letter and revised it with help from Susan Long, a professor of sociology and criminology, and James Lissemore, the chair of the biology department.

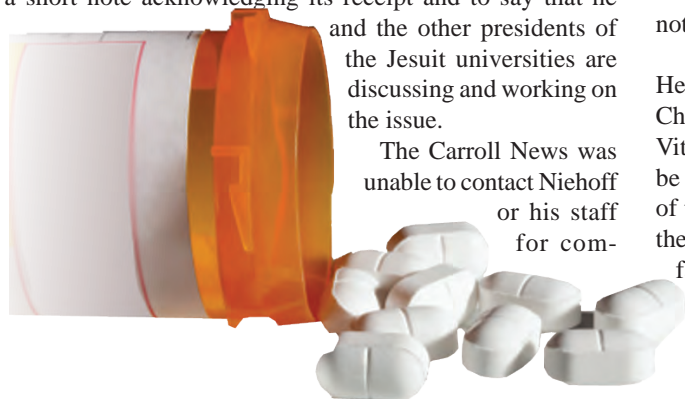
"[It] was written after the bishops rejected the guidelines released by the Department of Health and Human Services. The bishops accused the Obama administration of violating religious liberty," said Lauritzen.

According to Lauritzen, the primary concern is covering the health needs of women and children.

"Contraception should be covered, and for Catholic

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Residence Life to make changes

Camilla Thompsell
The Carroll News

For students who might have missed their floor meetings last week, there have been some changes to JCU's 2012-13 housing selection process. The deadline for applications is midnight tonight (March 1).

With the recent increase in tuition in the upcoming academic year, the cost of room and board will now include a standard double room as well as a choice of three meal plans: the 14 meal/week and 100 point meal plan, the block 175 and 150 point meal plan or the block 125 and 250 point meal plan.

The total cost of this will be \$9,610 per academic year, an increase from \$9,150 for the current academic year.

"No one wants to pay more for their room; that goes

without saying," said sophomore Veronica Lysaght.

Those choosing to live in a room other than a double or opt for a larger meal plan will be required to pay an additional premium charge. The extra meal plans are the block 250 and 100 point meal plan (an extra \$260 per year) and for those who are especially hungry the unlimited meal and 100 points plan (an extra \$680 per year).

However, students will get some relief. During Spring Break all buildings will be open to those who register, for no additional costs; and all halls will remain open for Fall, Thanksgiving and Easter breaks for anyone wanting to avoid yet another conversation back home about where their major is taking them.

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JCU honors Chardon victims

Dan Cooney
Managing Editor

Junior Vicky Roethel, a former resident of Chardon, said life in the small town nearly 40 minutes from John Carroll University was pretty quiet.

"Nothing ever happened in Chardon when I was growing up," she said. "The biggest thing that happened was that we got a lot of snow."

Early Monday morning, a gunman opened fire on a group of students in the cafeteria at Chardon High School. As of Tuesday night, three students have passed away from their injuries, one is still being treated and another has been released from the hospital. The alleged teenage gunman, who was waiting at the high school for a bus to a vocational school, fled the scene, but was apprehended by authorities a short distance away.

Roethel had friends at Chardon High School that day, but they were not involved in the shootings.

"They are all safe and doing well," she said. "Shaken up, but safe."

The entire Chardon community, which Roethel described as "tight-knit," is shaken by the events of Monday morning.



Chardon High School students file out of the building on Feb. 27.

"Everyone goes to school together for 12 [or] 13 years," she said. "We all know each other. The teachers aren't just teachers, they're more [like] parents. The students are more than that – they're your siblings. It's such a typical small town where everyone knows everyone."

Even though she's a resident student on campus, the events still shook Roethel.

"I wasn't there, but it's almost

like I was. Friends have told me what happened, and it's just crazy," she said. "I never in my wildest dreams thought something like this could happen in Chardon."

Back on campus, a prayer service was held Monday night in St. Francis Chapel. The service, which was co-celebrated by the Rev. Jim Collins, S.J., and the Rev. Bernie McAniff,

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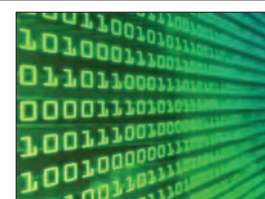
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Campus Briefs

Black Keys tickets go on sale

The Black Keys are the next concert in the spring concert series. SUPB has 36 tickets in a private room for the Black Keys show on Tuesday, March 20, at Quicken Loans Arena. Transportation is provided. Tickets cost \$25 and there is a one-ticket-per student limit. Tickets are now on sale. Purchase tickets at jcu.edu/supb/home/spring-concert. Transportation for this event will be leaving 6 p.m. on March 20, and students should meet at the Rec Desk before leaving. Email any questions to jcuspringconcertseries2012@aol.com or follow the JCU concert series on twitter at [@jcuconcert2012](https://twitter.com/jcuconcert2012).

Boys Hope Girls Hope seeking apprentice teachers

Boys Hope Girls Hope of Northeastern Ohio is seeking engaging and enthusiastic John Carroll students who have an interest in working with middle school students from under-resourced urban schools to become apprentice teachers. With this position, students will work in a six-week paid Hope Prep Summer Program on John Carroll's campus.

Students who are planning careers in education, psychology, nonprofit organizations or social services will be able to build on their own skill sets that will help them in their future careers. To learn more about the position or to apply, contact Kristin DeLong at kdelong@bhgh.org or 216-441-3980.

Counseling center celebrates International Women's Day

In celebration of International Women's Day, there will be a showing of the 2006 documentary "Pray the Devil Back to Hell" on Thursday, March 8, at noon in the University Counseling Center. This film is a documentary about the thousands of Liberian women who, through nonviolent protest, helped end the civil war in 2003 that killed over 200,000 people.

More information can be found at www.praythediabacktohell.com. All faculty, staff and administrators are welcome to meet informally to watch this documentary, which is one hour and 12 minutes long. Students can feel free to bring their lunches.

Contact Mary Ball at the University Counseling Center (mball@jcu.edu or 216-397-1756) with any questions.

Sexual assault reported on campus

Emily Gaffney
Editor in Chief

An instance of sexual battery was reported in the John Carroll University Campus Safety Services crime log on Feb. 5.

Associate Dean of Students Donna Byrnes said "sexual battery" is more of a police term. The University classifies it as "sexual assault," and it encompasses any action that violates JCU's Sex Offense Policy under the University's Community Standards.

The Sex Offense Policy covers sexual assault, non-consensual contact, sexual exploitation, sexual harassment, stalking and incapacitation, and defines each offense for students.

Byrnes said, "In this case, it involved sexual assault and sexual exploitation."

According to Byrnes, the sexual assault, which took place in Bernet Hall, involved two students.

She could not go into further detail regarding the exact circumstances of the incident or release names to protect the second student.

The alleged perpetrator is no longer a student at JCU.

According to the Sex Offense Policy, "Any student found responsible for a violation of the Sex Offense Policy will be subject to disciplinary action up to, and including, expulsion."

Byrnes said the second student filed a

report with the University Heights Police Department and the University within 24 hours of the incident.

"Reporting early definitely helps. You're less likely to forget things," said Byrnes.

The alleged perpetrator went through JCU's disciplinary process. The University Hearing Board was convened to hear the case. The UHB is separate from the Student Union Hearing Board, which operates under the Student Union.

"The University Hearing Board is convened anytime an alleged conduct violation, if a student is found guilty, could result in expulsion or suspension," Byrnes said.

Byrnes, who chairs the board, has a pool of faculty, administrators and students she emails when a case comes up and chooses people according to their availability. Byrnes chooses the board such that faculty, administrators and students are represented.

In this case, the board was comprised of one student, two faculty members, two administrators and Byrnes.

The UBH hears both sides, asks questions and then hears closing statements.

"When the board has a mental picture of what happened and has no more questions, it has closed deliberations," said Byrnes.

The board considers what was heard and reviews past conduct violations of the charged

student. Byrnes could not disclose whether the student did have past conduct violations.

The board then makes a recommendation to the dean of students, Sherri Crahen.

In this case, it was decided the student should be expelled. The expelled student does have the opportunity to appeal the decision, but no such action has been made thus far in this case.

In the case of expulsion, students' relationships with the University are severed. They may not re-enroll at JCU.

Byrnes said a focus of the University is supporting the victim. The University's Violence Prevention and Action Center provides various services for students in response to sexual violence, relationship violence and stalking. VPAC has a 24/7 hotline for students to call for help or advice, and also helps students through the criminal justice system and student conduct system, if they choose to file a report.

In this case, the student did use the center's services.

Byrnes said since the victim decided to go through UH police as well, the case is currently moving through the Cuyahoga County court system.

"We have nothing to do with that process, except to support the [second] student as best we can," Byrnes said.

Faculty letter to Niehoff inspires discussion at JCU

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colleges and universities not to cover it represents a failure to address the health needs of women and children," he said. "It arguably discriminates against non-Catholic employees."

Furthermore, the drugs that the insurance plan would cover are FDA-approved and have uses that extend beyond birth control. According to Lauritzen, sometimes non-contraceptive uses are covered, and sometimes they aren't.

"The University has no business asking its employees to what uses a legal, FDA-approved drug is being put," he said.

In the letter (printed in its entirety on p. 19), the faculty requested Niehoff to stand up to the position of the American Catholic Bishops and endorse a health care policy that covers contraceptives.

The letter states, "We thus ask that, along with the presidents of other Catholic and Jesuit universities, you urge the bishops to avoid the inflammatory rhetoric they have been using to attack the administration's policy. We ask that

you stand up to those who would play politics with women's health. We ask that you endorse a policy of insurance coverage of contraception that respects the religious liberties and health of all who teach and work at Catholic colleges and universities."

According to Lauritzen, this is not the first discussion that has taken place about contraception coverage at JCU. Other faculty groups working on this issue include the American Association of University Professors, the Faculty Handbook Committee and the Women's Caucus.

"I think it is safe to say that the issue has gotten the attention of faculty," he said.

Now, Lauritzen hopes that this letter will inspire change at the other 28 Jesuit colleges in America as well.

"I hope other university faculties issue similar letters ... I have corresponded with friends at a few other Jesuit institutions. As far as they know, there has not been a coordinated effort among faculty at their institutions. I'm hoping we can change that," said Lauritzen.

"Contraception should be covered, and for Catholic colleges and universities not to cover it represents a failure to address the health needs of women and children."

— Paul Lauritzen

Professor of religion and theology

Important documents regarding the contraceptives debate

- Humanae Vitae (Pope Paul VI's 1968 encyclical) discusses the official Catholic view of contraceptive use.
- The Obama health care plan requires that employers cover the cost of contraception for their employees.
- United States Catholic Conference of Bishops released a statement on Aug. 31, 2011 requesting the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to rescind mandate
- Faculty letter to the Rev. Robert Niehoff, S.J. sent Feb. 14 (complete letter on p. 19).

Campus Safety Log



February 25, 2012

Theft was reported in Murphy Hall at 1:33 a.m.

February 26, 2012

Criminal damaging was reported in the Auxiliary Drive at 8:58 a.m.

February 25, 2012

Sale to underage was reported at 4:21 a.m. in Sutowski Hall.

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.



Photo from AP

Mourners gather outside St. Mary's Church in Chardon during a memorial service on Feb. 28.

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reflections and prayers. About 150 people attended the service.

"Given the short notice, I was pleased that so many people found out about it and were able to attend," said Gail Roussey, campus ministry's coordinator of liturgy. "Our goal was to provide support for those most directly impacted and to give hope to all of us. I think that the music, the prayers, Fr. Jim's reflection and the presence of so many people who cared provided us all with the hope that we needed."

The prayer service, Roussey said, was organized by campus ministry, Student Union, musicians and members of the choir, resident ministers, the University Counseling Center and Alpha Omega.

Roussey, who lives across the street from Chardon High School and whose daughters both attended the school, said the scene Monday morning was busy with students, parents, emergency vehicles and the media.

"One of the images I will not forget is the line of cars [of parents] trying to get to the high school to get to their children. They ended up parking many blocks away, and then rushed down the street," she said via email. "Even though they

were frantic and afraid, there was no pushing or panic. When they found their children, the relief was incredible and reunions tearful. They continued to hold onto each other, holding hands and arms as they walked back to get their cars. It is not often that you see so many parents holding the hands of 17- and 18-year-olds."

Roethel said she believes everyone responded well to the situation. She named one teacher, Joe Ricci, in particular. According to The Associated Press, Ricci reportedly not only initiated lockdown on his classroom as soon as the first shots were fired, but also pulled a wounded student out of the hallway and comforted him. Ricci is reported to have even let the wounded student use his personal cellphone to call his girlfriend and relatives.

Roussey said the tragedy is personal for many.

"This is a community that works hard," she said. "This is a terribly difficult situation, but the Chardon schools will do everything possible to help students and parents find a way to use their grief and anger for a good."

A quote from the media on Monday resonated with Roussey, as well.

"As the superintendent said, we should all hug our children and parents as soon as we see them again," she said.

Res. Life institutes changes for Greeks, honors and healthy living

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During Winter Breaks Bernet, Dolan, Murphy and Hamlin will also be open for an additional cost.

"There are some risks if people are here without homework for Christmas break that they might run a little wild but I think it is great to have the option to stay if you'd like to," said senior Hannah DUBYOSKI, a current resident of Bernet.

These are not the only changes. Starting this August, Millor Hall will be reserved exclusively for sophomores. Furthermore, in order to accommodate demand due to the large class of 2015 who are going to become sophomores and the equally large anticipated incoming class of 2016, the number of super singles in Dolan Hall will be reduced. Students looking for a super single, however, can find them on the third floor of Dolan Hall.

Some may be sad to hear that there will be no honors or healthy living option for upperclassmen. This will still remain an option for abstemious or hard-working first-year students. Any budding entrepreneurs need not worry, though; places on the entrepreneur's floor in Murphy Hall will continue to be offered.

Lisa Brown, the director of Residence Life, worked closely with the honors program chair, Julia Karolle-Berg, and a student within the honors program to come to the honors floor solution.

"Because of decreased demand for the honors and healthy living floors, we agreed it would be best to focus on first-years who are

honors students or interested in healthy living with the hope that, by concentrating on these students, we would be able to grow demand to upper classes in the future," said Brown.

Another big change will affect Greek life, as the Delta Tau Delta fraternity floor will be moved from the second floor of Millor to the third floor of Campion, meaning that Hamlin and Campion will be housing all Greek floors.

"We wanted the Greek community to all be in the same area and we hope this will foster a close-knit Greek community," said Brown.

"This move definitely could increase Greek unity," said Kappa Kappa Gamma junior Natalie Winer.

"I think it will help to get the Deltas interwoven with the other fraternity and sororities that are in Campion and Hamlin. They're not going to be excluded anymore," added Kappa Delta Brianna Eucker. Julie Nieberding agreed.

The grapevine is buzzing with rumors that freshmen no longer get to choose dorm preferences and that the lottery system is being overhauled. Brown put these rumors to rest.

She said, "We are still in the process of determining housing for the incoming year, but there are no changes to the selection process currently and we will be using the lottery system in the same way as in previous years."

All students will need to complete the online application process by midnight Thursday, March 1. Students with questions should contact their area coordinator or the Office of Residence Life.

Armbruster, Gulick nominated for Nantz Award in broadcasting

Molly Bealin
Asst. Campus Editor

Two John Carroll students were recently named to the Jim Nantz Award watch list, comprised of potential students for the 2012 sportscasting award. Junior Brendan Gulick and sophomore Dale Armbruster shared the honor.

"Making the watch list is truly humbling. There are thousands of collegiate sportscasters across the country, and I'm truly honored to be recognized as someone who is excelling at it," said Gulick.

Both Gulick and Armbruster are involved in broadcasting at JCU. Armbruster started broadcasting this year at the Homecoming football game against Otterbein on WJCU-FM. He has since announced multiple football and basketball games. Gulick started broadcasting his junior year at St. Ignatius High School, where he began a broadcasting club. At JCU, he has broadcasted football, soccer, basketball, baseball and softball games through WJCU-FM and the sports information department. He has served as both play-by-play and color commentator for seven SportsTime Ohio broadcasts of JCU football and basketball games.

"Both are extremely dedicated to making the broadcasts here at John Carroll whether they be SportsTime Ohio, WJCU-FM or

jcusports.com webcasts the best they can be. They are diligent in their preparation, and are meticulous in their attention to detail. They are also their harshest critics, which drive them to improve every time out," said Chris Wenzler, the assistant athletic director for communications and the sports information director.

Wenzler has been both Armbruster's and Gulick's employer in the sport's information office. He's worked with Gulick for six semesters and Armbruster for two.

According to the Sportscaster Talent Agency of America's website, the watch list is comprised of student sportscasters, who earned top 20 or honorable mention in recognition in the last year's rankings. However, John Carroll is the only school with multiple representatives.

"I was proud of them to earn the recognition. I also think it was validation of the work everyone has done within the communication department, at WJCU and in sports information. It has been a collective effort, and we have made great strides in recent years to upgrade our entire operation when it comes to sports broadcasting. For Dale, Brendan and everyone who has been associated with sports broadcasting at John Carroll, this is tremendous 'advertisement' of this collaborative endeavor," said Wenzler.

Gulick and Armbruster are very appreciative of Wenzler's guidance and the opportunity to broadcast at JCU.

"I'm so proud to be part of John Carroll University. It's great to see this University being recognized on a national level among other major Division I universities. Dale is an excellent broadcaster in the making, and I look forward to working with him for another year," said Gulick.

Armbruster said, "The best advice I've ever received is that the only thing that keeps broadcasters from being great is laziness. Listening to and critiquing each other's tapes makes future broadcasts that much better."

While, for now, both are focused on earning their degrees at JCU, Armbruster and Gulick are both hoping to pursue careers in sportscasting after college.

"My dream is to be a play by play broadcaster for a professional team, but I know that it'll be a long road to that goal. I'm willing to start wherever I have to as long as I'm behind the mic somewhere," said Armbruster.

Gulick shared this sentiment.

"While [I'm] only a junior, I know I have to focus on the marketing degree I'm pursuing, but come Christmas time this year, I will be applying to independent league and short-season minor league teams for play-by-play and media relations positions. My ultimate goal is to become a play-by-play announcer for a Major League Baseball team," he said.

The Nantz Award winner will be announced May 4.



Photo from Facebook

Dale Armbruster.



Photo from Brendan Gulick

Brendan Gulick.

CAMPUS CALENDAR: MARCH 1 – MARCH 7

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	
Journey to the Land of Blues will be at 7 p.m. in Donahue Auditorium.	Schott Dining Hall will close after lunch, and residence halls will close at 7 p.m.	Spring Break					

Local actor stars in 'Project X'

Star from 'Project X' shares details with The Carroll News

Oliver Cooper, from Sylvania Township, a suburb of Toledo, Ohio, stars in his first lead role in the film "Project X," a new flick from the makers of "The Hangover" about a high school party that gets way out of control. Cooper, a young actor in his early 20s, graduated from Northview High School in 2008 and attended Arizona State University for one year before heading to Los Angeles to try his hand at acting. Since filming "Project X," Cooper has completed a short film entitled "Marriage Drama," which premiered exclusively on Funny-OrDie.com. "Project X" will storm the nation starting this Friday, March 2.

The Carroll News: How was the transfer from the five-and-a-half-minute short "Marriage Drama" to the hour-and-a-half-long film, "Project X"?

Oliver Cooper: Well "Marriage Drama" was after, but it was something I wrote and did with my best friends and had more creative control in it. In "Project X," I didn't have control at all because it wasn't my movie. Shooting a movie takes over six weeks where as shooting "Marriage Drama" only took a day on a small set.

CN: Obviously "Project X" is a film that has caught a lot of attention, but have you ever been nervous that not completing college in such a competitive market would hold you back?

OC: College is great and for some people it's awesome, but for me it's a complete waste of time. I didn't take it seriously. Even if it didn't work out I wouldn't go back because

it's not for me. If something doesn't work out then I'll figure it out somehow.

CN: Did you have a friend growing up in Toledo that always volunteered to host the house party?

OC: Oh yeah, my friend Jake always had the parties and his parents were pretty cool



Oliver Cooper (center) and his best friends at the most epic party ever.

about it, but actually my house was the party house a lot of the time and my parents didn't really mind. I never really wanted to have them but my siblings always did and they were sort of instigating me to have them. We were never the tattletale type siblings. In sixth or maybe fifth grade, my parents were out of town and my siblings, who were in high school, had this massive party – over 100 people, cars were lined up down the street. My friend's mom was asking if everything was OK and I was

sitting there drinking a beer.

CN: You did stand-up comedy in high school and out in Los Angeles, do you plan on just acting from now on, or would you like to continue to do stand-up as well?

OC: I was never very good at stand-up to be honest; it was something fun for me to

OC: I never think of myself as a funny person and I never really try to be funny. People would laugh at me because I would get so mad. They would laugh at me and it was unintentional, then I would start yelling and they would laugh. And that's part of why I think I wasn't that good at stand-up.

CN: In high school do you think your life style was similar to the way that your character is in the film?

OC: I wouldn't say that, I had different phases in high school. Like I went through the ghetto phase and I was pretty annoying I guess for a while, but I have really calmed down since then.

CN: How has your reputation in Toledo changed since starring in a film?

OC: I can't really say. You mean going from the local kid to starring in a movie. The only people who matter to me are my real friends and family.

CN: What did you think when you first read the script?

OC: You know, I was so excited to get it just because this was the first big break I had, but when I was auditioning I didn't get to read it, it was a talent search and it was really pretty secretive. After reading it, I knew it would change a lot with the comedy and things. Scripts come together on scene really.

- Interview by Mitch Quataert

'21 Jump Street' – re-done and well-done

Jonah Hill and Channing Tatum lead a comedic version of the classic TV show

MOVIE REVIEW

"21 Jump Street"



Ben DeVictor
Arts & Life Editor

In recent years, Hollywood has become a barren wasteland absolutely void of creative ideas. Trying to find ideas for movies, they ruffle through books, old TV shows, video games and even board games. If they can't after that, they remake movies that have already been made. They recycle the same old crap over and over again, and think the audience is stupid enough not to notice.

The creators of the new movie adaptation of the '80s Johnny Depp TV show "21 Jump Street" seem to think the same thing. It's actually a line in the movie, except it's spoken by a police chief, and he's talking about an old undercover program. It's this self-awareness that elevates "21 Jump Street" above its peers. It's not so much an adaptation as much as

a humorous homage or spoof. And it's the funniest raunchy comedy to come out in a long time.

The film stars Jonah Hill and Channing Tatum, as Schmidt and Jenko, two under-qualified police officers who went to the same high school. Jenko was a jock bully, and Schmidt was a huge nerd (and a Slim Shady fan).

When they are training to become cops, they form a friendship, Schmidt teaching Jenko how to pass exams, and Jenko helping Schmidt to pass physical training.

After an embarrassing arrest mishap where Jenko realizes he doesn't know the Miranda rights, the two enter a program that places them undercover in a high school, searching for the dealer of a dangerous new drug.

It also stars Ice Cube as their boss, and Dave Franco as a fellow student.

One of the most surprising aspects of "21 Jump Street" is the terrific chemistry between Hill and Tatum. The two really are an odd couple; comedy vet Hill as the chubby (yet not so much anymore) and smart goofball, and Tatum as the good-looking, yet incredibly stupid partner. Tatum is new to the raunchy comedy genre, and he actually does a tremendous job. He's way funnier than one would expect him to be.

There's an especially funny scene where,

in order to get deeper undercover, the two have to take the drug that is making rounds in the school. It's a situation that audiences of these types of comedies are familiar to, but the Hill and Tatum are just so hilarious together that it doesn't matter.

Another funny aspect of the movie is how it plays with the idea of returning to high school years after you've left to find that what was cool isn't cool anymore.

When trying to give tips to Schmidt, Jenko tells him that when carrying his book bag, the cool way is to "one strap it." After seeing that the other students are using both straps, both panic.

He also tells him that to be cool, you just have to not give a crap. Unfortunately, now all the "cool kids" care about the environment and getting good grades.

When labeling the social groups, after naming the cool kids, nerds and jocks, they walk past a group of hipsters and Jenko says, "I don't know what the hell those are." It's a humorous way of comparing how different the high school experiences now compared

to when the show first aired.

Another surprising aspect of the film is how well the action scenes are choreographed and shot. The chase scenes are exciting and thrilling, and there's a gut-busting scene with exploding chickens.

"21 Jump Street" is the biggest surprise of the year so far. It's smart, funny, and unrelenting. Plus, there's a surprise at the end that will please even the most hardened Hollywood cynic. If you're a fan of gross-out, raunchy high school comedies like "Superbad" and "American Pie," it doesn't get much better than this.



Hill and Tatum at senior prom for the second time – as cops.

Entertainment Calendar

Check out what's happening in Cleveland this week!

3.1
Eddie Money
House of Blues
8 p.m.
\$27

3.2
Ryan Rini Duo
The Winchester Music Hall
9 p.m.
No cover charge

3.3
Randy J. Daniels
The Winchester Music Hall
8:30 p.m.
No cover charge

3.4
Look Out for Kids Awareness Walk
Cleveland Rape Crisis Center
1 p.m.
\$35



It's Spring Break, baby



Stuck at home with nothing to do? The CN's got you covered.

Alexandra Higl
Staff Writer

The middle of the second semester marks a milestone in the school year of the typical college student: 20-year-olds packing cars destined for Panama City for a crazy week basking in the party scene. Diligent students putting down the books and picking up the suntan lotion.

Girls trade in their Ugg boots and henley sweaters for Victoria's Secret polka dot bikinis and pink flip-flops. College boys cram in their friend's worn and torn 1999 Toyota Corolla as they set off on a quest for the holy grail of the social scene. The Promised Land is close in reach, and it's called Spring Break.

The bags are packed. The hopes are high. The sky's the limit. You're eager to make this infamous "girls gone wild" stereotype that movie after movie has portrayed a reality.

Hopefully this expedition doesn't include any arrests for public intoxication or indecency; or even worse, a surprise trip to the emergency room after stepping on a stingray.

Then the dream vanishes, and you're back at home. Gas costs skyrocket to \$4 per gallon, your

friend's car continues to make a suspicious noise that resembles Chewbacca from "Stars Wars" and you come to the grave realization that your Spanish books alone took a huge chunk out of your disposable income.

Now what to do?

Even though your fantasy of long walks on the beach is shattered, you can still make this year's Spring Break memorable by following some of these simple ideas:



You're not missing out.

Photo from springbreakcancun



"Totally going to get a mani-pedi after this."

Photo from geneva.edu

Idea #1: De-stress and finally get the rest & relaxation that you need.

The second semester has most likely already brought its share of late-night cramming sessions and days when you have fought the urge to run out of your calculus class screaming in frustration. Why not seize the opportunity of a break from the hustle and bustle of classes to catch up on some much-needed sleep?

Take advantage of the free two-week trial at your neighborhood gym and take a yoga class to unwind through stretching and meditation or treat yourself to a day of being pampered at a hair salon and spa complete with a mani-pedi.

Idea #2: Can't go to Florida? Bring Florida to you.

So you're not quite going to make it to the Sunshine State? No need to sweat it. After a trip to your local CVS, library and grocery store that are just around the corner, you can bring a little bit of the beach back with you, and have some fun in the sun in your room, without the jellyfish.

A few simple ingredients to a day of faux-Florida include a book hot off of the best-sellers list, Jergens sunless tanning lotion, a box of Orange Creamsicles and a beach towel complete with bright colors and palm trees. Mix together and voila: a recipe for Spring Break perfection for the poor college student.

Idea #3: Explore the comforts of your hometown.

Who says you can't have fun in the city where you were born and raised? Whether you're heading back to Buffalo and spending a day at Niagara Falls, driving home to Pittsburgh and stopping at the cultural district to see a show at the Benedum Center for the Performing Arts, or staying in the Cleveland area and taking a day trip to the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, the new Cleveland Aquarium or the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, you're guaranteed to appreciate your home city a little more. Strapped for cash? The Cleveland Museum of Art is free. Spare cash? Head over to Little Italy for pizza at Mamma Santos.

Idea #4: Road trip

OK, so you can't quite afford the 20-hour drive to Florida – but why not reevaluate your group's plans? Instead of guzzling all that gas, strategize to cut your trip into about two hours or so. Or consider taking the Megabus to Chicago for a day trip to avoid putting a dent in your wallet.

With these ideas, you can have the break you deserve after all the hard work you've put in for the first half of the semester. Sure, it may not include late night parties in the Florida heat, but rest assured that you won't have to worry about that crazy Spring Break video circulating the Internet.

Hair metal plus hip-hop equals success for Sleigh Bells

Brooklyn duo impress with sophomore effort, 'Reign of Terror'

ALBUM REVIEW

"Reign of Terror"



Michael Reiser
World News Editor

Sleigh Bells ring again with their new album "Reign of Terror." Are you listening?

But seriously. Listen. And excuse the cheesy allusion to the Christmas carol.

The Brooklyn duo back up their ultra-loud first release, 2009's "Treats," with a strong sophomore effort.

Producer/guitarist Derek Miller's intricate, guitar-based melodies

and beats keep the hip-hop feel from "Treats" alive to some extent.

Tracks such as "Comeback Kid," "Born to Lose" and "Crush" all have elements that remind us of "Treats," with singer Alexis Krauss layering heavy cheerleader-esque chants over Miller's airy guitar layering.

As the album progresses, a taste of hair and death metal that we are teased with in the opening track, "True Shred Guitar," is sprinkled onto the happy-sounding album.

Echoes of Judas Priest and Def Leppard come to mind when listening to the second half of the album with tracks like "Demons" and the "Road to Hell."

The album closes with the somewhat haunting "D.O.A.," which sounds like a misplaced prayer



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Sleigh Bells ringing and rocking.

chantered by Krauss over Miller's repetitive entrancing guitar.

As dark as Miller's guitar sounds are, you're constantly picked up by Krauss' light voice that we have come to associate with the group's pop-rock anthem, "Rill, Rill."

Her voice stands in direct contrast to the metal-influenced melodies.

What Sleigh Bells accomplishes with "Reign of Terror" is not a continuation of the beat fueled fun that is to be had on "Treats," but the beauty and the beast dynamic they create on the new album.

The beautiful floating voice of Krauss and the dark and sometimes scary guitar effects of Miller combine to form a beautiful monster.

Miller's music becomes so rhythmic at times that perhaps it seems it doesn't matter what Krauss is saying. Her voice becomes an-

other instrument rather than singing poetic lyrics with meaning designed to connect to the listener.

On "Treats," Sleigh Bells never took the foot off the gas. On "Reign of Terror," though, songs like "Leader of the Pack" and "End of the Line" move at a slower pace foreign to the noise-pop that made the duo famous.

While some fans of the first album may feel a little disconnected from the original, anthem pop feel of "Treats," others will be happy with the new direction.

Both will agree on the fact that at times, "Reign of Terror," embodies the pure cathartic fun of "Treats" but with a hint of genuine pathos.

Not to say that Sleigh Bells have grown up, or become more serious, but rather they have a more profound sound and meaning in their applause-deserving second effort.

Soundbites

"You have to admit, I'm one hell of a leg."

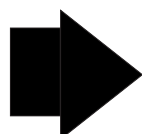
Angelina Jolie's right leg at the Oscars, via the twitter account "AngiesRightLeg."

"As Saddam Hussein once said to me, 'Socks are socks. Don't waste money.'"

Sacha Baron Cohen in character as Admiral Aladeen from his movie "The Dictator" at the Oscars red carpet.



Pick-Up Line of the Week



"I wish you were DSL so I could get high-speed access."

Have a pick-up line you'd like to share with us? E-mail it to bdevictor12@jcu.edu.

Mentz's Minute



Zach Mentz
Sports Editor

NBA midseason awards:

Who wins what?

It's that time of year, folks. With the NBA All-Star weekend having just passed, it's only appropriate that I now take the time to name my NBA midseason award winners, however meaningless it may be.

Most Valuable Player: Kevin Durant of the Oklahoma City Thunder. The 23-year-old stud is having an excellent season, averaging 28 points per game, along with eight rebounds and over three assists. The Thunder have a league best 27-7 record this season, and there's no doubt that Durant has meant as much to this team's success as anyone. Other candidates: Kobe Bryant of the Los Angeles Lakers and LeBron James of the Miami Heat.

Coach of the Year: Gregg Popovich of the San Antonio Spurs. San Antonio's season ended early in 2011 as the top-seeded Spurs fell to the eighth-seeded Memphis Grizzlies in the first round of the playoffs. With an aging roster and a closing window of an opportunity for the NBA championship, the Spurs have again proved that they're still one of the best teams in the league this season, and much of that is due in part to Popovich. Despite injuries to guard Manu Ginobili as well as other troubles, the Spurs still stand pat with a 24-12 record and are certainly contenders for the NBA Finals this June. Other candidates: Doug Collins of the Philadelphia 76ers and Tom Thibodeau of the Chicago Bulls.

Rookie of the Year: Kyrie Irving of the Cleveland Cavaliers. To me, this award is a no-brainer. Irving is quickly healing the wound that LeBron James left on the heart of all Cavaliers fans with his spectacular point guard play for the Cavs this season. He's averaging 18 points and five assists per game while shooting 47.6 percent from the field, including 41.5 percent from 3-point range. With additional pieces around him, Irving could soon be leading the city of Cleveland to the NBA Finals. Other candidates: Ricky Rubio of the Minnesota Timberwolves and Kemba Walker of the Charlotte Bobcats.

Sixth Man of the Year: James Harden of the Oklahoma City Thunder. Harden is a spark plug off the bench for the Thunder, and like Durant, is a large part of the reason that OKC is enjoying so much success this season. Off the bench, he's averaging 16.8 points per game and is averaging nearly four rebounds and four assists per game. Pretty decent for a guy that doesn't even start, isn't it? Other candidates: Louis Williams of the Philadelphia 76ers and Mo Williams of the Los Angeles Clippers.

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Men's basketball loses heartbreaker to Wilmington, 79-74

Blue Streaks fall to the sixth-seeded Quakers in the OAC semifinals

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On Thursday, Feb. 23, a packed Tony DeCarlo Varsity Center was the site for one of two Ohio Athletic Conference semifinal games, which featured the OAC regular season champion Blue Streaks (18-7, 13-6 OAC) and the Wilmington Quakers (16-13, 11-8 OAC). In the two previous meetings between these teams during the regular season, it was John Carroll that walked away with the win. However, neither of the first two contests had as high of stakes as this one would, as the winner would advance to the OAC Finals for a chance at the conference championship.

Both teams came out ready to fight right from the start, as the game began with back and forth scoring between both teams. However, with JCU up 27-25 with 8:09 to go in the first half of action, the Blue Streaks suddenly lost some of that competitive edge. Wilmington ended the first half on an 18-8 run that had them up eight points, 43-35.

The story in the first half was really the hot shooting of Wilmington, especially that of the team's catalyst, sophomore Malcolm Heard II. Heard hit eight of the 10 shots he took in the first half, and had a game-high 20 points at halftime. As a team, the Quakers were able to shoot 64 percent from the floor,



Photo courtesy of JCU Sports Information Dept.

Senior Conor Sweeney and JCU battled for 40 minutes, but couldn't complete the comeback attempt on Thursday.

knocking down 18 of their 28 shots, leading to their eight-point lead at halftime.

It was senior Patrick Sweeney that led the way with eight points for the Blue and Gold at halftime.

All season, it has seemed like adversity has not been a problem for a resilient JCU team that always found a way to fight back with its backs against the wall.

That would be no different in the most important game of the year as well, as a 21-12 run left John Carroll down just one point, 57-56 with a little under 10 minutes to go.

Senior Joey Meyer, last week's hero against Marietta, flipped the score in his team's favor by sinking two free throws that put the Blue Streaks up 58-57.

About four minutes later, with just 5:55 on the clock, the score was knotted up at 69-69, and an epic finish was in store.

Less than a minute later, junior Kyle Hubbard hit a layup that put JCU back on top 71-69.

However, sloppy play down the stretch left the Blue Streaks scratching their heads, as they didn't make another shot in the game until seven seconds remained on the clock. That was a deep 3-pointer by senior Corey Shontz, but by then it was too little, too late.

The final buzzer sounded and the packed stands emptied quietly as Wilmington celebrated a 79-74 win.

"We didn't think he [Heard] was a great perimeter player," said coach

Mike Moran about what went wrong in their defensive game plan. "At times our pressure broke down, and they got some easy baskets, too."

The scene after the game was one that would bruise the heart of any John Carroll fan, as hugs, tears and disappointment echoed through the DeCarlo Varsity Center. With the loss, the winningest class in the history of John Carroll University, in all likelihood, played its last game. They finished with an overall record of 83-28 over four years.

With tears in his eyes, senior Mark Hester spoke about what playing with his senior teammates meant to him.

"It's an honor playing with those guys. All of us are really close, and I couldn't ask for a greater group of guys to play with all four years," said Hester.

The one bright side to the sad end to the Blue Streaks' season is that Shontz was chosen by the OAC as the 2011-2012 OAC Player of the Year.

"It's an absolute honor," Shontz said. "I mean, I'd much rather go to the NCAA Tournament than get any of these accolades, but I'll take it."

That "team first" attitude that Shontz portrayed can be seen all throughout this historic group of seniors that played every game of their careers for one another.

If these seniors have instilled their wisdom in the next group of players to come through the program, then the future looks very bright for JCU basketball.

JCU hockey falls to Pitt, ends season with 24-13 record

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Losing is not something the John Carroll University club hockey team has been used to this season. After finishing the regular season with a school best 24-12 record, the Blue Streaks really wanted to prove themselves in the College Hockey Mid-America playoffs as the No. 2 seed in the tournament. Unfortunately, the Blue Streaks (24-13) fell to the Pittsburgh Panthers, 5-1, this past Saturday at the Blade Runners Ice Complex in Pittsburgh, Pa.

After receiving a bye in the first round of the tournament and after an extra night of rest, the Blue Streaks were eager to get on the ice and prove themselves against a Pitt opponent they had swept in their two meetings during the regular season.

Even though the Blue Streaks ended up on the losing end, it was still a hard-fought game by JCU. The lone goal for the Blue Streaks was scored by junior Sean Lattal, as the Blue Streaks couldn't find any offensive firepower when it was most needed. JCU struggled early to get things going, and uncharacteristic turnovers later cost them and led to goals by Pitt.

The Blue Streaks' lack of execution on special teams played a huge role in the game as JCU was 0-6 on their power-play opportunities. Meanwhile, the Panther did con-



Photo courtesy of JCU Hockey

Despite the loss to Pitt on Saturday, the Blue Streaks set the single season record for most wins in a single season (24) in John Carroll club hockey program history.

nect on their opportunities as they finished the game 2-6 on power plays.

"We didn't take advantage of the mistakes they made," said junior John Orr. "Going 0-6 on the power play is unacceptable. Special teams played a huge factor in this game."

Despite the earlier-than-expected exit from the playoffs, the Blue Streaks and their fans can reflect on this season with a sense of pride.

"The season and six-game win streak were great," said head coach Chris Wilk. "It's unfortunate our

season had to end like this, but I am very proud of this team and our seniors."

Adding to the accolades, senior Dan Geiger surpassed the 100-point mark for his career, finishing with 106 total points.

Senior Geoff Abrahams finished his career as the all-time leading point scorer in JCU history, recording a stunning 165 points in 135 career games.

Despite losing four seniors due to graduation, the Blue Streaks look to have a strong offseason and

prepare for their ultimate goal of qualifying for the national tournament next season.

Overall, this season was a step in the right direction for the Blue Streaks club hockey program, as JCU qualified for the CHMA playoffs for the first time in program history, along with recording the most wins in a single season in program history.

"We have a lot of young talent returning next year, so we look to continue right where we left off and build upon that," said Orr.

Blue Streaks baseball falls in consecutive games to Case Western

JCU drops its season-opening doubleheader on the road

Zach Mentz
Sports Editor

It's only March to some, but to others, it's baseball season. This past weekend, the John Carroll University baseball team traveled to Beckley, W. Va. to take on the Case Western Reserve University Spartans in a doubleheader on Friday afternoon on the closest available, best-prepared fields. After falling by a score of 18-6 in the first game, the Blue Streaks fought hard but couldn't come away with a win in game two, losing 6-5.

In their first game of the season, the Blue Streaks allowed three runs in the top of the first inning and found themselves trailing early. However, JCU responded with a four-run inning of its own. Junior Aaron Miller drove in sophomore Dan Potter to give the Blue Streaks their first run of the season. Sophomore Jimmy Spagna then joined the RBI party with a single of his own, making the score 3-2 in favor of the Spartans. Following Spagna, junior Ryan Konsler recorded a hit and drove in both senior Tom Hickey and Miller by doing so, giving JCU the 4-3 lead at the end of one inning.

Going into the fifth inning, the score was tied at four between the two teams as Case Western scored a run in the top of the third inning. From there, the wheels fell off the bicycle for the Blue Streaks as the Spartans scored a whopping 14 runs in innings five through eight while the Blue Streaks only



Photo courtesy of JCU Sports Information Dept.

Playing in Beckley, W. Va. this past weekend on drier fields, the Blue Streaks couldn't come away with a win in their doubleheader against Case Western.

managed two runs of their own. With the game in hand, the Spartans secured the 18-6 win in what was a very forgettable game for John Carroll.

"They threw strikes and we didn't," said Potter. "They also put the ball in play and we struck out quite a bit. It's not an excuse, but that stuff happens on opening day."

Game two of the doubleheader was much different for the Blue Streaks. An RBI single by sophomore Mark Huddle gave the Blue Streaks a 1-0 lead in the top of the third inning, but the Spartans would respond with three runs of their own in the bottom of the same

inning to give themselves a 3-1 lead headed into the fourth inning.

In the top of the fourth inning, Potter slapped a double to the outfield to drive in two runs for JCU, tying the game at an even score of 3-3. However, the Blue Streaks couldn't keep the lead for long as the Spartans responded once again with two more runs of their own in the bottom of the fourth inning, making the score 5-3 in favor of Case Western.

Scoring between the two sides would then halt until the eighth inning began. With the Blue Streaks still trailing by two runs, 5-3, Huddle again drove in another run with

an RBI double as Potter scored. Sophomore Mitch Herringshaw then hit a single of his own, driving in Huddle and tying the game for the Blue Streaks at five.

However, JCU again couldn't manage to stop the Spartans as Case Western scored one run in the bottom of the eighth inning to take the 6-5 lead. From there, the Blue Streaks couldn't muster a run in the top of the ninth, and the Spartans eventually closed out the 6-5 win over the Blue Streaks.

"They had all around solid hitters," said Huddle. "Our pitching needs to be on their A game every time out and we'll come around. We need to do the little things right to be a championship caliber team."

From here, the Blue Streaks (0-2) will travel to Port Charlotte, Fla. to compete in the SnowBird Baseball Classic over Spring Break. The Blue Streaks won five of their eight games in the same tournament during the 2011 season, and will be looking to improve upon that record while also picking up their first wins of the season. JCU will play Bluffton University, Medaille College, Muskingum University and Moravian College for a packed schedule with a total of eight games in seven days.

"This week of practice has been even more intense than the past few weeks, and we have been focusing a lot on the small things we failed to accomplish on Friday," said Potter. "We will be ready to go for our Florida trip, no doubt. It will be a good chance to play some good teams in some good weather."

JCU wrestling ends season, finishes in fourth at OAC Championships

Zach Mentz
Sports Editor

Seasons come and go, but the 2011-12 season of John Carroll Blue Streaks wrestling will surely be one to remember. After finishing the regular season with an overall record of 6-5, including a 3-2 mark against OAC opponents, the Blue Streaks traveled to Tiffin, Ohio this past weekend to compete in the final event of the season: the Ohio Athletic Conference Championships. After a hard fought,

gritty weekend was over, the Blue Streaks ended up taking fourth place in the OAC, an impressive feat.

Coming into the end of the season tournament, the Blue Streaks had numerous individual athletes who were coming off of a successful season and were hungry for a conference title.

Senior Sean Gill (22-8, 4-1), freshman Turner Gott (23-3, 3-0 OAC) and junior Bryan Steinmetz (25-8, 4-1) all eclipsed the 20-win mark this season while senior Jim Nemunaitis (19-9, 3-2) and sophomore Todd

Gaydosh (17-7, 1-2) also finished the season with impressive records, falling just short of 20 wins.

While the Blue Streaks had numerous high-placing performances, only Gott was able to pick up a first-place finish on Saturday. The rookie defeated Michael Letcher of Ohio Northern, 5-3, in the OAC Finals en route to winning the 157-pound title. With the win, Gott not only improves to 26-3 on the season, but also earned himself to the NCAA Division III Wrestling Championships in La Crosse, Wisc. on March 9 and 10.

Steinmetz fell just short of a conference title, losing in the 184-pound finals to Andy Jenkins of Mount Union, 4-2. Nemunaitis picked up a third-place finish at 197 pounds with a 6-1 victory while freshman Phil Kail also picked up a third-place finish at 133 pounds. Junior John Cobos also took third place at 125 pounds with a 3-0 victory over ONU's Cole Cochran.

Ohio Northern (157), Mount Union (150), and Heidelberg (135.5) all finished ahead of the Blue Streaks (103) at the OAC championships.

STREAKS OF THE WEEK



Basketball



Mark Hester
senior

In his final collegiate game, Hester recorded 10 points, three rebounds and two assists in only 15 minutes of action as the Blue Streaks fell to the Wilmington Quakers by a score of 79-74.



Ice Hockey



Sean Lattal
junior

Lattal scored the lone goal of the game for the Blue Streaks in their 5-1 loss to the Pitt Panthers in the College Hockey Mid-America playoffs this past weekend in Pittsburgh, Pa.



Wrestling



Turner Gott
freshman

The freshman stud claimed first in the Ohio Athletic Conference Championships this past weekend in the 157-pound bracket, earning a berth in the Division III College Wrestling Championships.



Baseball



Tom Hickey
senior

Hickey went 3-of-8 at the plate this past weekend in a doubleheader against Case Western Reserve while also scoring a run as well in the Blue Streaks doubleheader against the Spartans.



Baseball



Dan Potter
sophomore

The sophomore catcher finished the weekend against Case Western Reserve by going 3-7 at the plate with three runs scored and two RBI's in two games against the Spartans.

15 minutes with Cavs VP of Communications Tad Carper

Dan Gilbert's right-hand man says the Cavaliers are building with Kyrie Irving, not around him

Zach Mentz
Sports Editor

When it comes to the Cleveland Cavaliers, it's obvious that the organization has a clear plan for the future. With stud rookies Kyrie Irving and Tristan Thompson recently added to a young Cavaliers roster, it appears that the future is very bright for this Cleveland franchise. Cavaliers team spokesman and Senior VP of Communications Tad Carper spent 15 minutes with The Carroll News during halftime of the Los Angeles Clippers' game in Cleveland on Feb. 8 to discuss what led the team to drafting both Irving and Thompson, as well as the plan going forward for the Cavaliers. With a roster full of talented, youthful players and a front office that has a "crystal clear" plan for the future, Cavaliers fans should be excited for what lies ahead in the coming years. Carper, the right-hand man of Cavaliers owner Dan Gilbert, made it clear that while the top priority for the Cavaliers is to win, they don't plan on gambling the future for short-term success. Sustained success is what the Cavaliers franchise is after, and it's apparent that the Cavaliers are headed on the right path to success.

The Carroll News: There was a lot of speculation as to what the Cavaliers would do with the first and fourth pick in the 2011 NBA Draft. What ultimately sold the Cavaliers on drafting Kyrie Irving and Tristan Thompson?

Tad Carper: Well, I think to answer that, you have to understand our draft process. The draft process is something that happens literally 12 months a year. We look at player evaluation with what you hear, what you see, and you also look at the numbers part of it. You look at the person and the people and environment around them too. You add all of that up together over time, because you don't make a snap judgment on anybody. As we went through that process, it really became clear that Kyrie and Tristan were the two guys that we really wanted to get. It's a hard thing to pin-point in terms of exactly when a decision is made. We have a very inclusive process, there's a lot of people involved, and we really rely upon those opinions. At the end of the day, it's a decision that you can reach consensus on and from there, [Cavs General Manager] Chris Grant makes the final call.

CN: What was special about Kyrie and Tristan that made them stand out to you

and your colleagues?

TC: I think the obvious things that you would think of are not only their athletic ability or basketball ability, but their basketball IQ and the kind of people that they are. You combine all of those things, and each of them has the potential to be a very special player. With Tristan, you talk about his motor and how it just keeps going. His relentless pursuit of the ball and protection of the rim fit in well with our culture and our defense-first approach that [Cavs head coach] Byron Scott has. With Kyrie, even with such a small number of games played in college, the workouts backed up everything that we had seen and heard. They're tremendous people with tremendous potential and basketball IQs all around.

CN: The Cavaliers' current roster has 10 players who are 25 years old or younger. Do you feel that the roster in place is one that could perhaps be a blue print for success in the future?

TC: We look at a roster as something that is built with the draft and with trades. Those are primarily the two ways that championship teams are built. Free agency comes in a little bit, but if you look back at the course of the last 15-20 years, it's drafts and trades that bring championships. We try to be very opportunistic and we're fortunate to have owner Dan Gilbert who allows us to be very aggressive. We want to take a long-term type of view, because we want to have success that can be sustained. That's going to be our motivation in terms of every move we make. Every night that Byron and those guys go out on the floor, they're going to try to win. They're developing and I think we're all seeing it. We're excited to see guys grow and develop. Your roster is never so much of a destination as it is a journey. Even when we were winning 66 games and 61 games, we were still trying to find ways to improve the roster. You're always asking yourself, "How can we get better?" It's a balance, but at the end of the day, we're in a very good position.

ferent level of performance, which he has done this year. I think if you wrap all of those things together, it's a real strong engagement with our fan base that we can feel. We got into the NBA Development League this year with the Canton Charge and now we have the luxury of having our own exclusive development team where we're able to grow our culture and talent in a very consistent way. Being able to do that breeds excitement in the organization because you have such a clear sense of Dan Gilbert's commitment to doing this the right way. You hear so much about how fans have to have confidence and hope [in their organization], and your entire organization has to have that confidence and belief and we have that. We're fortunate because there are a bunch of teams that don't have that. We're going to grow with these guys, not around them.

CN: Kyrie is having a terrific rookie season as he's averaging 18 points and five assists per game. Can you speak about the excitement that the whole organization has about being able to build around him going into the future?

TC: This is a very key distinction. We're not building around Kyrie, we're building with Kyrie. In fact, we're building with Kyrie and Tristan and Anderson [Varejao], etc. There's a distinction between building with somebody and building around somebody. If you try to build with people as opposed to singling a guy out and building around him, we think it's a much healthier and much more true to our culture. It's exciting for the organization, the position that we're in, and Kyrie has been a big part of that. But it's not just Kyrie. It's Byron Scott and Tristan and seeing someone like Alonzo Gee continue to develop. It's seeing a player like Anderson [Varejao] get healthy again and start to really reach a dif-

a playoff spot at the end of the season?

TC: We try to keep a game-by-game approach. We're not going to label a team as a "playoff team" or not and we're not going to try to limit them. We don't think that's the best way to approach your team, your roster, it's development itself. The more we start worrying about that, then the less focus we have on tonight and tomorrow night. We really do have a commitment to that game-by-game approach. It's something that we've had as part of our culture, to take care of business right now. We're going to get better every day, and we're not going to sacrifice everything in the future to make a short-term improvement. It's a simple approach and concept, but it can be difficult to maintain it.

CN: Cavaliers center Anderson Varejao is having a career year by many standards. There's been speculation about whether he might be dealt before the trade deadline. How do you foresee that whole situation playing out?

TC: We don't comment on trade rumors and speculation. That's all part of the NBA and sports landscape, which makes our sport so compelling and engaging with fans. Anderson is as highly valued in this organization as any player. He's a big part of who we are and we think he's a big part of our future too. He's tremendous on the court and off the court, he's exactly who we want to be in terms of the way he plays and he's everything a Cavalier should be and we value that.

CN: The 2012 NBA Draft, albeit a few months away, is right around the corner. Considering how deep of a draft it is, is there a sense of excitement around the organization?

TC: We love the draft. If you're an organization that values the draft as the top way to improve your team, then the draft is your favorite time of year. It's an exciting, emotional, energy-charged time of year for us when it all come to a head. All of the data, information, insight and analysis that you've made over the prior 12 months comes to a head, and we're excited for it every year. Here we go again. It's a great time of year for us and we're looking forward to it.

Even in a shortened, 66-game season, it's clear that the Cleveland Cavaliers have made enormous strides since finishing the 2010-11 season with an overall record of 19-63, their second worst mark since the 1981-82 season.

Through 31 games this season, the Cavaliers have already won 13 games, just six less than they won throughout 82 games last season. Cleveland also has already won eight home games this season after finishing the 2010-11 season with just a 12-29 record when playing at home at Quicken Loans Arena in downtown Cleveland. On the other hand, the Cavaliers won a total of seven road games all of last season and despite not even being halfway through this season, they've already won five road games.

All the signs point to a successful future for the Cavaliers in the coming years. Considering the franchise's game-by-game approach as well as their philosophy of building a team primarily through the annual NBA draft and trades, there's no arguing that this is an organization that is well-run and it seems as if the waters ahead call for nothing but smooth sailing for the Cavaliers and their fans.

Both Irving and Thompson are currently reshaping the face of the Cavaliers franchise, and combined with sturdy leadership and a young roster full of capable players, there's no telling what the future might hold for Cleveland in the coming years.

CN: Would you say that the addition of the Canton Charge to the NBA Development League has really helped the development of your players overall?

TC: I think it has. Luke [Harangody] and Christian [Eyenga] have both been down, and we don't like to use the word "down," we like to use "over" because it's hard to picture somebody going down when they're actually getting a chance to play. We assign players [to the D-League] because they need to play. [The Canton Charge] has been better than what we imagined when we first got into it from both a business and basketball perspective. Canton has been so receptive to us and the Charge has really embraced it, which really helps because we want our guys to be in situations where it matters and the fans care because that's a great environment. We want our guys to experience that feeling where games matter. I think that the D-League is a league that is growing and developing itself and will continue to get better and better.

CN: Do you anticipate this current Cavaliers team is one that can compete for



Tad Carper

Photo courtesy of Marketing Content World



Photo courtesy of MidwestSportsFans.com

Cavaliers rookie point guard Kyrie Irving in action earlier this season.

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.



Tim Russert with his son Luke

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

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 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.

For further information contact: Mary E. Beadle, Chair of the Tim Russert Department at mbeadle@jcu.edu or visit <http://sites.jcu.edu/russert/pages/annual-photo-contest/>

Maher raises PAC questions by donating \$1 mil.



From politico.com

Talk show host Bill Maher donated \$1 million to Priorities USA Action, and encouraged other rich Democrats follow suit.

Rita Rochford
Staff Reporter

Comedian and HBO host Bill Maher, made a surprise \$1 million donation before his political comedy show last week to a super PAC called Priorities USA Action.

Maher not only pledged his million-dollar support but encouraged wealthy Democrats to follow suit. This astounding declaration was made not just before his audience in San Jose, but broadcast live on Yahoo.

A PAC, or political action committee, is an organization designed to raise and spend funds to support or defeat a candidate.

While PACs are able to raise and spend limitless amounts of money at their own discretion and in favor of whomever they would like to back, they must refrain from coordinating their efforts with the candidates they support.

However, on this seemingly independent action of the super PACs Dean Birch, chair of the political science department at John Carroll University, said, "Super PACs are being run by individuals who are in some way connected to the campaign whether it's in the

past or in some other way. There is an implicit understanding between the candidates and the super PACs. It's absurd to think they are not coordinating in some way. They use a third party to coordinate marketing, and that third party knows what both are thinking."

This ability of super PACs to play such a significant financial role in political campaigns is a new and highly controversial decision of the Supreme Court. The 5-4 ruling in the 2010 case, Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, favors those who wish to contribute large sums of money to politicians running for office. The Priorities USA Action super PAC was formed in support of President Barack Obama's re-election. Therefore, Maher's million dollar donation will help to finance the president's campaign. Although it is certain that money will influence the elections, the impact of these super PACs may not fully be recognized until after November.

Birch went on to say these limitless contributors create uncertainty in any political race. "It's hard to say right now but most of the pundits, the objective and civil pundits, are saying that one of the reasons you have a

'Romney' in the campaign is because no one else can afford to run or work up the necessary organization to run a campaign because Romney has been running for eight years. It [super PACs] will have an impact but it is too early to see. Money in the campaign has definitely had an impact already. Some of the early candidates have already left, and for some of them it was because of money. Anyone who wants to challenge the status quo will not be able to do this without a super PAC, but super PACs will not support candidates like this."

Although President Obama was initially skeptical about the role of such groups in the political arena, he has changed his stance. This is perhaps a reflection of the super PACs astounding ability to raise funds. For instance, in the Republican race, Restore Our Future and Winning Our Future, the super PACs promoting Mitt Romney and Newt Gingrich have already procured a combined \$17 million for their respective candidates.

On this change of heart by Obama, Birch said, "25 percent of money given to the super PACs has been given by just five people. The idea that you can expect a candidate with

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No 47% (Eight votes)

Yes 29% (Four votes)

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integrity to take a position that he is not going to engage in super PAC activity is like asking someone to go to a baseball game without a mitt."

Birch went on to say how super PACs have had such a major impact in winning a campaign. He said, "You can have an individual position of what the norms should be but unless you have a law that restricts super PACs, you cannot expect individuals to take a position to refrain from it. With one candidate refraining from a super PAC, you have gone beyond fairness and equality. The problem with passing a law to restrict super PACs is enterprising lawyers are going to find ways around the law, and they are going to find loopholes and we are going to use all this money around campaign financing. It's just absurd."

Regardless of what may change as a result of this election cycle and the role of super PACs, what is resoundingly clear is that they will play a part of this presidential election cycle. Furthermore, whoever will serve as the next Commander in Chief will be elected with a super PAC on his side.

Senate discussing cyber protection bill against foreign hackers

Josuha Brossmann
Staff Reporter

American citizens are not the only ones at risk of being hacked. The federal government is also vulnerable to malicious cyber attacks from Russian and Chinese hackers.

To answer these security concerns, the Senate is currently discussing the Cyber Security Act of 2012. The bill largely increases the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) role in preventing and detecting cyber crime.

Currently, most of the efforts to combat cyber crime are done at the state and local levels. This new bill authorizes a new sub-agency to be created within the DHS to oversee and act on these concerns.

"The threat posed by cyber attacks is greater than ever. It's a threat not just to companies like Sony or Google but also to the nation's infrastructure and the government itself," said one of the three cosponsors of the bill, Sen. Jay Rockefeller (D-W.Va.). "Today's cyber criminals have the ability to interrupt life-sustaining services, cause catastrophic economic damage, or severely degrade the

networks our defense and intelligence agencies rely on."

There has been a strong push to get the bill passed quickly because of the potential impact an attack could have on the United States infrastructure.

"Ask any expert in the national security field and see what keeps them up at night. They would probably tell you, as they tell me, that it is the increased possibility of a devastating cyber attack," said Rep. Cliff Stearns (R-Fla.).

The bill would allow the DHS to impose certain standards on businesses to ensure that they're adequately protected. Furthermore, the DHS is allowed to assess businesses and evaluate if they're at risk for an attack and potentially shut them down.

But with this new potential power there are many concerns. Skeptics worry about the DHS being allowed to look at businesses emails and place wiretaps, given the vagueness of what all is authorized under the countermeasures.

"We do have some serious concerns about this language," said Amie Stepanovich, counsel for the Electronic Privacy Information Center. "The bill would, essentially, allow the

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— Rep. Cliff Stearns
R-Florida

government to flag any activity which may indicate a potential crime. The bill does not specify any type of crime, or even if it has to be a felony or a misdemeanor."

There are also concerns about the effectiveness of giving all the oversight to one single agency. Currently, many different

agencies and levels of government handle these concerns. "The proposal is seriously flawed," said Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa). "It's kind of heavy-handed on the part of the federal government and I think it's unnecessarily costly."

"Ironically, it would likely slow down the ability of the United States to respond to these cyber threats."

Grassley's rationale is that this is just a massive expansion of the government bureaucracy, which is only going to increase the risks these attacks even occur. It could also slow down businesses because the time it takes to do these inspections. Furthermore, by placing more requirements on businesses it will hurt their ability to flourish.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) wrote a letter to U.S. Chamber of Commerce President Thomas Donahue regarding these issues. "You are absolutely right that a regulatory framework creating bureaucratic redundancy, over-intrusive requirements, and unmanageable costs is counterproductive and contradictory to the spirit of public-private partnership that must drive our nation's cybersecurity efforts," he wrote.



Anti-Putin protests swell in Russia as presidential election draws near

Thousands of anti-Kremlin protesters donned white ribbons and held hands along downtown Moscow's 10-mile ring highway on Sunday, demonstrating the resilience of the protest movement and the continued dissatisfaction with Prime Minister Vladimir Putin a week before he is to be on the ballot in a crucial presidential election. The Kremlin has been shaken by the recent emergence of the protest movement among middle-class Muscovites, who only a few months ago were considered to be largely politically indifferent. But tens of thousands have braved subzero temperatures, occasional arrests and the loss of weekend shopping time to attend boisterous protests against Putin's rule. (The New York Times)

Firing Lane



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Santorum the enigma

Does Rick Santorum really get it? With all the financial and economic turmoil in the country, all he seems to focus on is social issues.

The last few weeks of this campaign, the American people have really seen Santorum take charge in the polls.

But during this same time, they have been able to witness the politician side of him as well.

Some Republican voters in the primaries may welcome this, but it will not carry out to the general election.

On the campaign trail, Santorum, 53, has been the biggest advocate for social issues. In my opinion this has been the biggest mistake of his campaign. I have stated this in my previous column and will probably have to state it again, but the issue of campaign 2012 pertains to fiscal matters.

It does not do any good to campaign in states such as Arizona and Michigan, talking about birth control when these citizens are more interested in which candidate is going to give them an opportunity to work. Constantly referring to issues such as this often comes across as if the candidate does not understand what the common American individual has to go through.

The few times that he does make the economy an issue, it goes along with the status quo rhetoric common with conservatives. When I listen to him speak, it seems as though his thoughts on the economy are obsolete. What he says regarding these matters are what he believes the Republican Party voters will want.

Knowing that Santorum will probably not change the tune of his presidential campaign anytime soon, I feel that it would be appropriate for me to address what he does stand for.

In my opinion, what he wishes to see is a return to a time that cannot be brought back. It is a simpler time, one that was not necessarily awful when it came to the structure of the American family.

Those days have long past, and now we are in the 21st century. Yes, perhaps in some ways the things he preaches may be better. Quite frankly, I am too young to know and I have no interest in finding out for some time.

At the same time, I do feel that perhaps these feelings can only be shaped by personal experience, so it would be wrong for me to pass full judgment. Nevertheless, this would still fall along the lines of my argument that it is irrelevant to the issues of this election.

The one criticism that I do have with no regrets is Santorum's attack on John F. Kennedy's opinion regarding religion.

When Sen. Kennedy made his speech on this matter in September 1960, he was not advocating for complete a complete elimination of faith from politics. Instead what he meant was that no officeholder should implement a state-based faith. The fact that a man supposedly as smart as Santorum believes this makes me sick.

That being said, this is not a plea for the former Pennsylvania senator to change his emphasis to the economy. While I disagree with most of the words Santorum speaks, I can nevertheless respect him for sticking to his beliefs, no matter how absurd and outdated they may be. Despite this, the choice of Santorum would surely be devastating to the Republican Party.

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Obama signs order targeting unfair trade practices to protect U.S. businesses abroad

President Barack Obama signed an order Tuesday to create a task force to target unfair trade practices in countries such as China, as part of a strategy to more aggressively protect U.S. business interests abroad. The executive order represents "a more aggressive 'whole-of-government' approach to getting tough on trade enforcement," a White House official said. Obama said in prepared remarks to a United Auto Workers convention in Washington, "I'm creating a Trade Enforcement Unit that will bring the full resources of the federal government to bear to investigate and counter unfair trade practices around the world, including by countries like China." The task force also fits in with the president's theme of trying to show he is doing everything he can to lift the economy without needing Congress to step in. (The Wall Street Journal)



Romney beats out Santorum in Arizona and Michigan primaries

Mitt Romney won both of Tuesday's Republican primaries, beating Rick Santorum in Arizona and winning a narrow victory in Michigan, Romney's birth state. These victories provide an important boost for Romney, the former Massachusetts governor who has sought to cast himself as the GOP's inevitable nominee. He has now won nominating contests in six states: New Hampshire, Florida, Nevada, Maine, Michigan and Arizona. So far, Santorum and former House Speaker Newt Gingrich have won five states, combined. On Tuesday night, Santorum cast the close outcome in Michigan as a sign of success, noting that it came in Romney's "backyard." (The Washington Post)

Syrian violence continues as 125 are killed Monday

Shannon Parker
Staff Reporter

The streets of Homs are filled with Syrians, outraged at the continued crackdown of President Bashar Assad. Assad's security forces killed 125 protesters on Monday, according to multiple news outlets.

Due to constraints placed on the local media, there has been no independent corroboration of the body count.

The protests, which began last March, have faced significant violence from the Assad regime. The protesters were out in full force on Monday after a referendum put forth by the Syrian president was passed.

The referendum promises democratic reform, but guarantees that Assad will stay in power until at least 2018.

The referendum was immediately lambasted by the opposition as a sham. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton told CBS News, "It's a phony referendum, and it is going to be used by Assad to justify what he's doing to other Syrian citizens."

German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle called it a farce, and said that Assad must end the violence.

Not everyone in Syria feels the need to overthrow the current regime, however.

Mohammed Diab, a civil servant in Syria, old The Associated Press, "This is a good constitution. It calls for party pluralism and the president can only hold the post for two terms. These did not exist in the past."

A Syrian-American woman, who identified herself to The Associated Press as "Diana," said that the government is "on the right track." She defended the regime saying, "When someone hits you, you have to hit back."

The U.N. High Commissioner on Human Rights Navi Pillay, who does not agree and has urged the international community to get involved, said, "More than at any other time, those committing atrocities in Syria have to



A family flees its home on Monday because of the Syrian Army shelling in central Idlib in north Syria. Earlier this week, 125 were killed in the latest violent crackdown of President Bashar Assad's regime.

understand that the international community will not stand by and watch this carnage and that their decisions and the actions they take today ultimately will not go unpunished."

President Obama has repeatedly said it is time for Assad to step down.

In last Wednesday's Republican presidential primary debate in Arizona, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, the leading Republican candidate, said, "We need to work with Saudi Arabia and with Turkey to say, 'You guys provide the kind of weaponry that's needed to help the rebels inside Syria.'" He went on to say that the U.S. needs to turn Syria away from Iran.

The European Union placed Syria under tighter sanctions Monday, freezing the assets of seven Syrian ministers and the central bank, and making it illegal to trade in pre-

cious metals and diamonds with Syrian public bodies.

The U.N. Security Council has repeatedly taken up the issue of pressuring Assad to step down and make way for democracy.

"What is urgently needed today is for the killings to stop. For that to happen the international community must unite in sending a clear message to the Syrian authorities and the Security Council must assume its responsibility to protect the population of Syria," Pillay told the U.N. Human Rights Council in Geneva Tuesday.

She also said that the situation should be referred to the International Criminal Court. The Security Council has been repeatedly hamstrung by Russia, backed by China, who has billions of dollars at stake in arms deals to the Assad regime.

FBI hones in on inside traders

Andrew Martin
Staff Reporter

The 1987 movie "Wall Street," with Michael Douglas and Charlie Sheen, portrayed the use of stockbrokers using inside information to trade securities. The movie summed up the pitfalls of what is known as insider trading.

According to The Wall Street Journal, authorities are currently building cases and investigating about 120 people suspected to be involved with insider trading. These people are reported to be from varying areas of finance, ranging from Wall Street to other financial industries.

United States officials have found success in recent investigations of insider trading. Since 2009, 66 people have been charged with insider trading and 57 people have been convicted or reached guilty pleas.

This spike in suspected insider trading has even found the FBI enlisting the help of Douglas. Douglas played the cold blooded, greedy corporate raider, Gordon Gekko, in "Wall Street." The actor has extended his services to a short TV spot addressing the

problem that is insider trading.

The current landscape of this insider trading crackdown in the United States is one that many believe to be the most extensive in history.

The FBI is investigating about 240 hedge fund traders and other insiders suspected of sharing information illegally.

Only about 120 of them currently have cases being built around them with suspicion of violating insider trading regulations. These 120 are called "targets" by the FBI and are the bulk of the "Perfect Hedge" investigation being undertaken.

Scott Moore, assistant professor of finance at John Carroll University, believes insider trading to have various impacts on the financial system. "The danger of it from the perspective of the perpetrator is that he gets caught. The danger of it to the markets is that there are two sides of the coin. One side of the coin is you could leave people feeling they're playing on an unlevel field," he said.

Those who may contemplate using inside information illegally to benefit from trading on the market may be deterred by the threat of prosecution.



United States Attorney Preet Bharara speaks on insider trading on Jan. 18.

On the other hand, insider trading can hinder the rate at which people invest their capital in the market. These people may feel outmatched by those with the inside information and not feel the market is fair. Moore said, "If I have an advantage to you in the marketplace, then you might be reluctant to put your capital to work in the marketplace. That's bad for the overall capital market. It's an unfair game and then people would be less likely to invest."

If people are unwilling to invest in the market due to these reasons, it could be a big problem for the economy as a whole going forward.

Angela Merkel feels the heat at home

Patrick Tarkey
The Carroll News

On Monday, the German government approved the second bailout of Greece since 2010. According to The Wall Street Journal the package includes \$174.8 billion in loans until 2014 and hefty write-downs on Greek bonds held by private investors. Most people believe this vote came as a result of Standard and Poor's making Greece the first eurozone member to be officially rated in default.

S&P reported that if Greece decided to add collective-action clauses to its sovereign debt, effectively forcing all bondholders to accept a bond swap offering, they would lower their rating from double C to default. Greece approved the measure of collective-action last week. With Standard and Poor's rating of default, other major market intelligence agencies such as Moody's Investors Service and Fitch Ratings are likely to do the same.

The bailout measure passed with a large majority of the coalition and the opposition parties. The only issue with the vote is that current Chancellor Angela Merkel didn't receive full backing from her own coalition on



Lawmakers surround German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

the rescue of Greece. This inability to win the "Chancellor's majority" robbed Merkel of a symbolic victory and highlighted the growing unease in her coalition over the rising of costs supporting Greece.

With newspaper headlines such as "Stop! It's payday again in German Parliament," the opposition to further bailouts seems to be a gathering force in Germany. Public opinion polls also show that two-thirds of all Germans are opposed to further bailout for other European nations. And while Merkel's European politics have been creating opposition in Germany, she somehow still maintains a 70 percent approval rating with the public.

Currently it looks like Merkel is fighting two wars at the same time. One battle is at home where she has to keep public support behind her efforts to aid Greece through these rough financial times. In her speech to Parliament on Monday, Merkel discussed the realities of the situation: "The road that lies for Greece is long and truly not without risk ... No one can provide a 100 percent guarantee of success." The other battle concerns the pressure Merkel is receiving from many of her European peers to increase the eurozone bailout funds.

Currently the European Financial Stability Facility, Europe's temporary bailout fund, still has about \$250 billion, but the planned European Stability Mechanism will have close to \$500 billion. These figures have some European leaders worried and they are demanding that Germany gives up its resistance to combining the funds.

While Merkel didn't receive a perfect victory, the bailout for Greece still passed. Hopefully this is a sign that Europe's economic problems may be coming to a long, drawn-out end.

Will Facebook's IPO be a success?

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The Carroll News

Ever since its launch date in February 2004, Facebook, an incorporated social networking site out of Menlo Park, Calif., has grown at a rapid rate in many areas.

The Wall Street Journal noted that Facebook has grown to currently have 845 million active users, \$3.71 billion in revenue last year and an indicated value of about \$105 billion, according to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

There is no doubt Facebook has become a very hot item to invest in and The WSJ provides several reasons why. These factors include the recent popularity of Facebook's private shares, and how California could benefit from this new fever.

Facebook is not yet a publicly traded company. The WSJ reports that the social network filed for an IPO, or initial public offering, earlier this year on Feb. 1. This proceeding has sparked a strong interest from investors who want to get in on the Facebook shares early.

This interest is represented by the rise in Facebook's share price on a secondary market for private-company shares. The WSJ reports that as of Feb. 22, Facebook's per-share price was \$42, up from \$34 on Jan. 20.

The main reasons that The WSJ gives for

the high interest represented in the rise of the private share price are the belief in a higher future offering price of the shares and the expected future difficulty to get shares at the IPO price from a broker.

According to The WSJ, brokers familiar to the matter say, "Buying shares now represents a chance for greater profits than the typical first-day trading 'pop' of a sought-after stock."

In regards to the difficulty to get shares at the IPO price from a broker, The WSJ reports that Wall Street brokers typically allocate only 10 percent to 20 percent of an IPO to individual investors, and tend to save the hottest ones for their best customers.

Judith Feder, a broker at du Pasquier & Co., commented about the high interest of Facebook's private shares and said, "Everybody is crazed with Facebook, but shares are concentrated with a few credible sources."

When Facebook's IPO occurs, its impact will be demonstrated in the market as well as in the economy.

The WSJ reports that the offering is forecast to bring in \$1.5 billion of income-tax revenue for California in the year 2013. While this is a small part of the expected \$55.7 billion in income-tax revenue California expects to have that year, The WSJ reports that the revenue will make up "a much bigger percent-

age of the deficit."

This information brings awareness to how much potential the Facebook IPO brings for individual investors, investment funds and the state economy of California. The IPO of Facebook will be event that will be worth watching for, as well as all of the reactions that follow.

One of the beauties of the finance industry is that there will always be uncertainties. Professionals may say an IPO will perform poorly, however, if finance professionals were always right, the market would clearly not be what it is today.



Mark Zuckerberg at Facebook's headquarters in Palo Alto, Calif.

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Patrick Perkins
Business & Finance Editor

The modern day investor risk strategies

Active investors react to the changing markets in many ways. The reaction usually coincides with the current economic conditions. If the global economy is facing an economic crisis, investors tend to confide in fixed income securities with good ratings.

Fixed income securities, as Investopedia defines them, are "an investment that provides a return in the form of fixed periodic payments and the eventual return of principal at maturity."

An example of a fixed income security is a bond. An investor will purchase a bond at a set price in order to receive fixed payments for an agreed upon amount of time. That price is called the principal amount.

Bonds are fixed in that they provide periodic payments that correlate to the interest rate the bond offers. Some may have yearly, half yearly or even monthly payments.

This depends on the terms that were agreed upon. Usually, by the maturity of the bond the investor will be paid back the principle of the bond plus the interest accumulated.

The investing public shifts towards these types of investments in order to guarantee a set amount upon maturity. Note that bonds are not the only type of fixed income securities. There are many types of fixed income securities available in the financial market.

If the bond is traded on the public market, the bond will have a rating awarded by rating agencies. These ratings tell an investor whether or not the bond has been able to consistently pay its obligations.

Now, back to the issue at hand. Throughout the years, investors have continued to change their investment strategies depending upon the economic conditions they are experiencing.

The following information is not meant to make you rich, rather it is meant to help create a better understanding of investor reactions. After all, if the efficient market hypothesis holds true, one can not study historical information and consistently beat the market.

With that said, I will summarize how investors are performing, according to The Wall Street Journal's article, "Is 'De-risking' Even Riskier?"

According to an investment strategist at Vanguard Group, "We don't think investors are de-risking. We think they are re-risking. Mainly they are chasing recent past performance in stocks and bonds alike."

How exactly is this happening? If an investor is trying to hedge themselves from risk, how does that cause other risks to arise?

As a side note, to hedge yourself is to place yourself in a safer position by erasing uncertainty.

The answer to these questions may lay in the fact that many people have the same strategy.

According to The WSJ, "Since the end of 2008, according to data from the Federal Reserve, pension plans have sold a net \$1.3 trillion in stocks and bought \$1 trillion in bonds." Perhaps "when everyone seems to want to unload the same risks at once, it is a good idea to ask yourself whether joining them might be the biggest risk of all."

Therefore, if your investment strategy is similar to this, maybe it is time to re-evaluate.

In my opinion, I believe that heavy diversification is the way to go and always will be. If you are looking to lessen risk, do not follow the masses. That strategy may leave you with a massive amount of losses.

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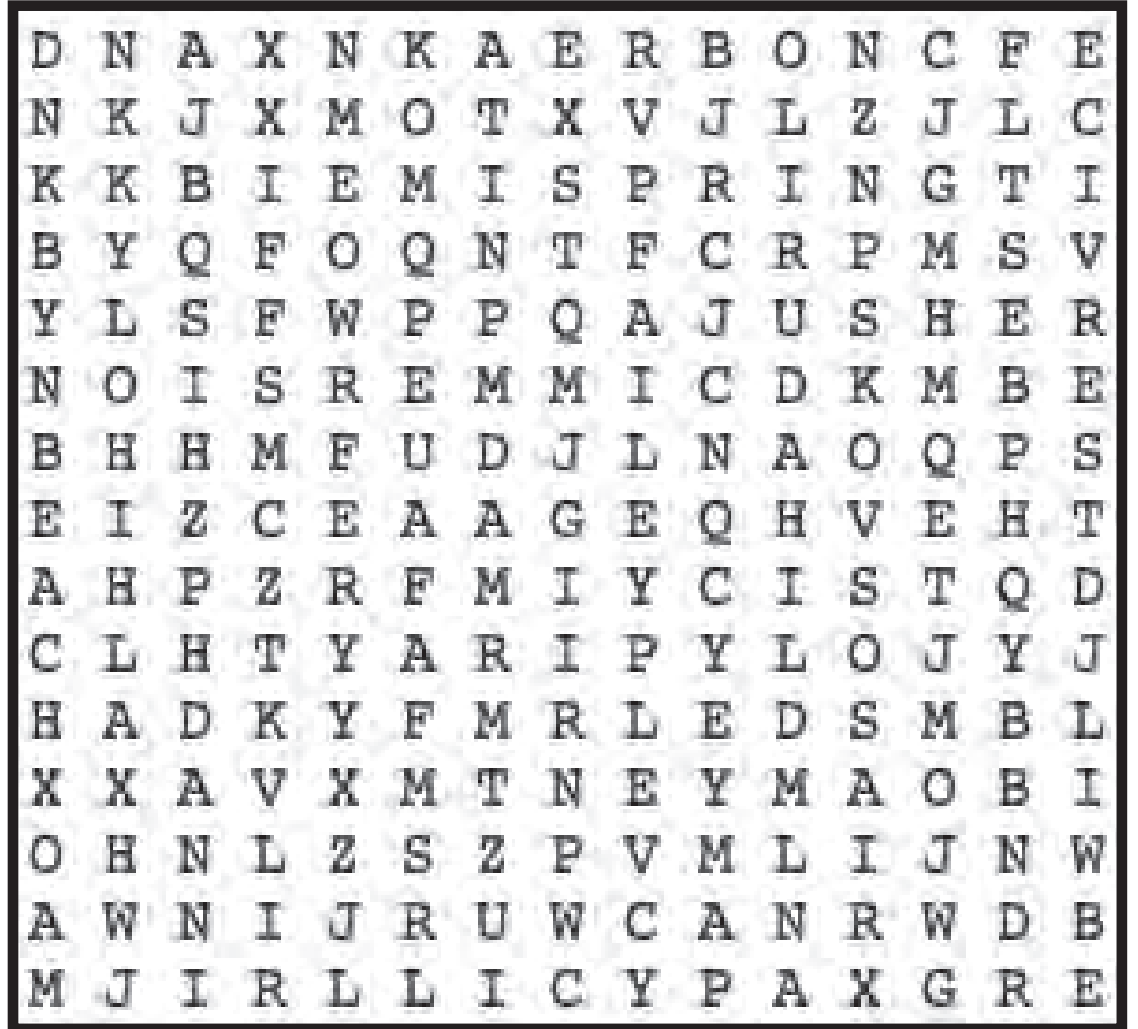
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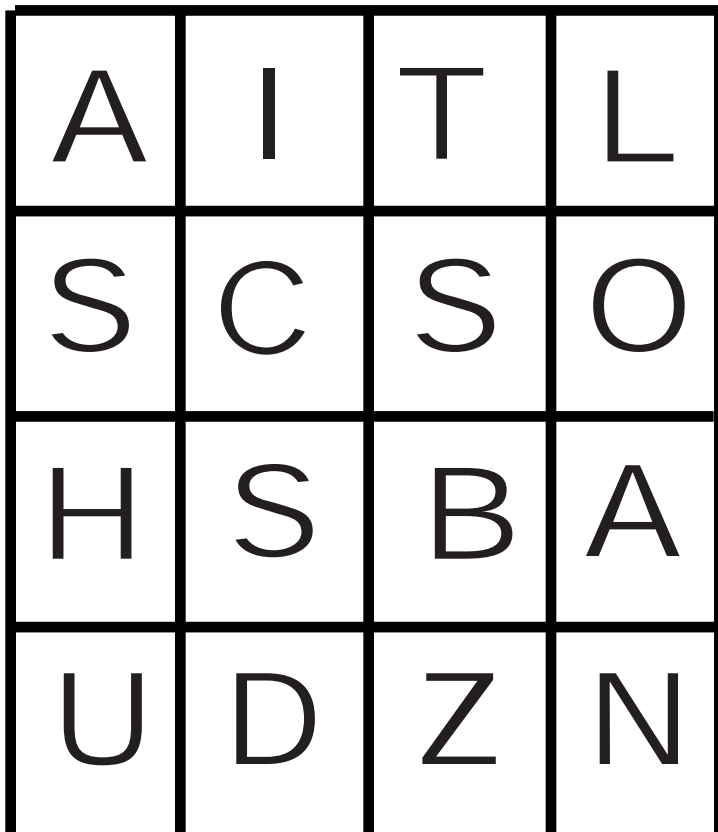
Word bank

- Beach
- Break
- Family
- Friends
- Home
- Immersion
- March
- Service
- Sleep
- Spring
- STLF
- Vacation



Boggle board of the week

Try to find as many three or more letter words as possible. The words must only use a single letter on the Boggle board once and all letters in the word must be connected horizontally, vertically or diagonally.



#Randomfacts

Instead of hitting the beach, groups of JCU students will be participating in study abroad and Immersion Experiences while on Spring Break.

Spring Break tradition began in 1938 when Ft. Lauderdale hosted a swimming competition in which 300 swimmer and their student bodies attended.

In 1985, 370,000 students showed up for Spring Break. The Ft. Lauderdale's mayor stated students were no longer welcome, alcohol was banned on beaches, MTV's presence was banned and 2,500 students were arrested.

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Dear Bernie

Dear Bernie,
My roommate has been acting weird lately. He's been stealing all of the toilet paper in our house and hiding it in his room next to his collection of donuts and deodorant. What's the deal?
--Sweat

Dear Sweat,
Get a new roommate.
--Bernie

Dear Bernie,
I've been searching for my soulmate all my life. My friends all tease me about it, but really I'm a hopeless romantic. Every girl I date, I picture as being my wife. It's hard sometimes, since my best friend is happily married and my other best friend is a womanizing playboy who is always setting up these legendary pick-ups. Should I just give up on love?
--Architect of Destruction

Dear Architect of Destruction,
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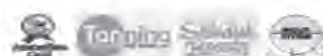
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Editorial

Contraceptive controversy

On Feb. 14, 47 faculty members signed and sent a letter to the Rev. Robert Niehoff, S.J. petitioning the University's policy on insurance coverage of contraception.

The current policy of the Catholic Church prohibits the use of any contraceptives. The insurance policy of the University is consistent with the Church's view and does not cover the use of contraceptives for some purposes.

As the faculty letter states, the purpose for the use of contraceptives would be for the sake of women and children's health. The aggressive words of Iowa Bishop R. Walker Nickless and Pittsburgh Bishop David Zubik are those of a Church too firmly stuck in the past.

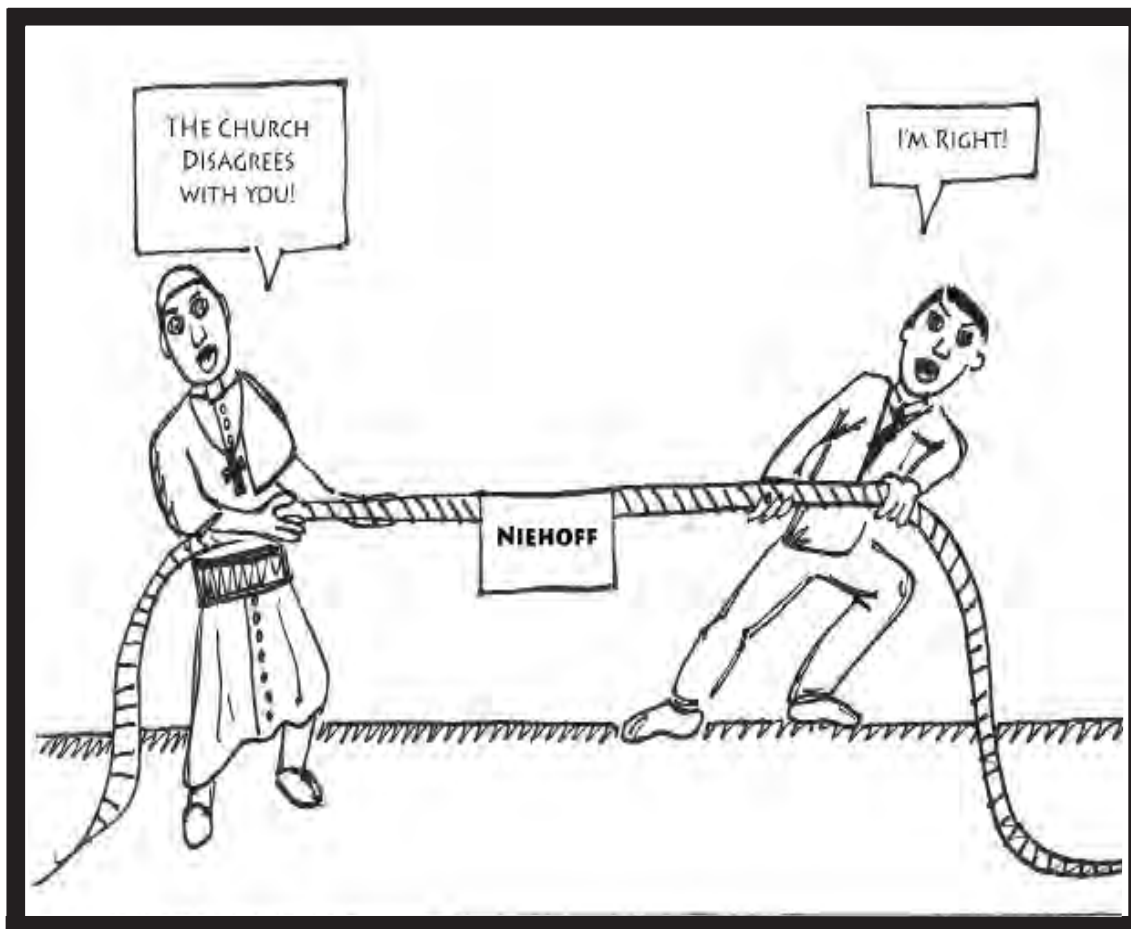
While it is important for Church leaders to adhere to the fundamental beliefs and principles of the Church, they must ensure that the Church is current with issues, especially the health and wellness of the world's people.

Zubik says that Obama's health care policies are damning to all Catholics. If the policy does not include the option of contraceptive coverage then it is actually discriminating against all non-Catholics, as Paul Lauritzen, professor of religious studies, says. The insurance policy holders should be able to have contraceptives covered if they are necessary to their health.

If an unplanned pregnancy occurs, the likelihood of an abortion increases. The entire Catholic Church must consider the role of contraceptives as a preventative measure against abortion. It must be asked what is the lesser of these two "evils"?

Contraceptives, like birth control medicine, are also used to balance hormones in women. Insurance should cover any medication necessary for the health of a person.

The Jesuit order has a heritage of social action, however controversial. It is expected that Niehoff maintain the proactive spirit of the Jesuits and work toward a compromise between Church leaders and those who the insurance policy affects.



Cartoon by Emily Day

HIT & miss

Hit: Rich Mausser, vice president of finance, has, for the second time, had one of his crossword puzzles published by the LA Times (and consequently the Cleveland Plain Dealer) **miss:** Three students killed and two wounded in the shooting at Chardon High School **Hit/miss:** Actress Lucy Lawless was arrested in New Zealand for climbing aboard an oil-drilling ship to protest the drilling of Arctic oil **Hit:** The Academy Awards **miss:** Two F-bombs were dropped in Oscar acceptance speeches **Hit:** A plot to assassinate Russian leader Vladimir Putin has been foiled **miss:** Jan Berenstain, co-creator of "The Berenstain Bears" died **Hit:** Former Cal quarterback, Joe Ayooob sets the world record for the longest paper airplane throw with 226 feet, 10 inches **miss:** The first attempt at a quadruple limb transplant surgery has failed **Hit:** Minnesota high school junior Anders Broman scores 71 points in a basketball game **miss:** His team still lost **Hit/miss:** Osama bin Laden's Pakistani hideout where he was killed has been demolished

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NOTABLE QUOTABLE

"You're only two years older than me my darling[...]where have you been all my life?"

- Christopher Plummer to his Oscar after winning Best Supporting Actor for his role in "Beginners"

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Everyone knows what it's like to feel awkward. Let's face it, most of us can't go a day without having at least one awkward encounter. It happens to me all the time.

Often it's just the usual. You wave at someone and then they don't wave back so you just have to stand there grinning like an idiot and pretend you had to scratch your head or smooth your hair.

Or you walk into a building and perhaps you lose your footing and have to lunge for the door and, in the meantime, you make yourself look like a total spazz in front of the really cute kid who just held the door open for you.

Or you're walking down the sidewalk and you remember something really funny and you start laughing to yourself. You're alone. And you're laughing. And people are giving you strange looks because, let's face it, you look like your mental health could be in question.

Awkward occurrences are un-

An awkward embrace

avoidable. As suave as you may think you are, you're bound to slip up every once in a while and when you do, you need help from an expert like me – an expert who can help you deal with any awkward situation. Here are just a few tips on how to deal with just about any awkward situation, from the slightly awkward to the very awkward.

Playing it off like it's no big deal is the best way to handle with Pretend nothing happened. So, you waved at your friend and they snubbed you. Keep waving. Odds are, nobody knows that that's the friend that you were waving to, so odds are, they don't care that that person's not waving back.

Laugh at yourself. If you can't laugh at yourself the world is a lot less funny. You're funny. Awkwardness is funny, but not if you get angry about it. If you get angry about it, it just scares people and then everyone thinks that you're one of those people who take themselves too seriously. That's no fun. So, the next time you trip up the stairs between O'Malley and Admin, just laugh because then other people realize it's OK to laugh, and then all awkwardness dissipates.

So, you threw the leafy top of a pineapple out of your window

and it almost hit a priest in the head. Just say you're conducting an experiment to make sure that gravity was still working. The grandioseness of your lie will most likely mask all awkwardness and eventually everyone will forget what was awkward in the first place.

Say you yell something obscene and offensive out of your window to a friend who happens to be passing by, and a professor is standing nearby and happens to hear everything you uttered. How do you play that off? You can't. Just apologize and try to laugh about it and hope that they remember that they were young once too. And maybe say a little prayer.

Awkward situations happen. They happen to you. They happen to me (probably on a higher-than-average basis). They're almost entirely unavoidable. But if you know how to properly deal with an awkward situation you will find that they really are humorous.

And remember, situations are only awkward if you make them awkward.

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Cooney Meets World: Remember Chardon

Dan Cooney
Managing Editor

On Monday morning – just like any other morning – I sleepily shut off my alarm clock, climbed down from my bunk bed and grabbed a quick shower before the cleaning crew arrived to kick me out. I pulled on my clothes and opened my computer to scan the Web for the morning's news.

When I logged on to Facebook, a friend's status caught my eye: "Holy crap, Chardon High's had a shooting?!! I sincerely hope everyone is OK!!!"

I'm not from the greater Cleveland area but I had heard of Chardon. I didn't realize how close it was – just 42 minutes from the JCU campus to the high school.

An image I'll always remember was walking into the student center atrium, where three or four administrators stood with their eyes glued to the TV, the news coverage flashing the latest updates from Chardon across the screen.

I was stunned. How could this type of senselessness be happening again? Weren't precautions taken to make sure school shootings were a thing of the past?

Actually, drills were in place at Chardon High School, just as they are in many other schools across the country. And students and staff seemed to be well practiced in the event something like this happened.

The most common theme I found in the news coverage and in the people I talked to for the story I wrote (check the front page) is that they never expected something like this to happen in Chardon. "Chardon is widely recognized as the center of Ohio's maple syrup industry, as well as the center of the state's snow belt," the city's website reads. The town square features, among other things, "charming retail shops, a public library and a variety of eateries all within the relaxed setting of an historic walking district."

But all that peacefulness got turned

on its head this week. As of Tuesday night, three families are mourning the losses of their loved ones.

Here at John Carroll, a prayer service was held in remembrance of the victims and their families. For me, it was a powerful moment where prayer seemed like absolutely the right option.

Life offers us teaching moments at every turn. This tragedy offers important lessons.

First, schools must continue to practice safety drills in the event that something like this happens, and students need to take them seriously. That old Boy Scout motto, "Be Prepared," resonates loud and clear in these instances. Don't worry about possibilities, just be aware of what to do if a situation arises.

Some students have reported that the teenager who admitted firing the shots was bullied, while others have disputed that fact. Whatever the case might be, schools need to make a conscious effort to eradicate bullying. That kind of behavior has no place, anywhere.

The Plain Dealer is reporting the parents of the alleged shooter have been arrested numerous times for domestic violence crimes. Troubles in the family poorly socialized the alleged shooter to the world around him, possibly even contributing to his outburst on Monday. Does this excuse his behavior? Not at all, but it does show the importance of good parenting. Many of us hope to take on the role of a parent later on in our lives, and the more love and support we can show our kids, the better individuals they can become.

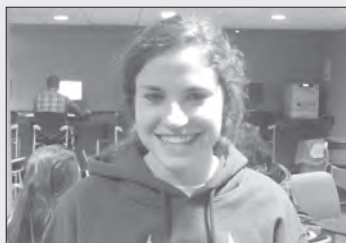
If, for some reason, you see suspicious behavior on this campus, speak up. Call CSS, tell an administrator or find your resident assistant.

I pray that all involved in this tragedy can find some type of comfort and peace in all the chaos. As the Chardon schools superintendent told the media that Monday, "[Parents] hug your kids, kids hug your parents."

That's one moment that, to me, makes sense.

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Wonderword: What does mansuetude mean?



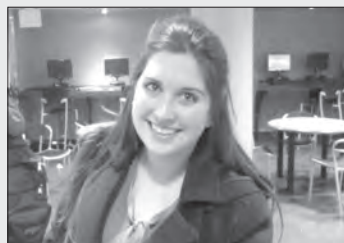
"A man with a sweet attitude."

Nicki Bohrer,
sophomore



"A moustache with curly ends."

Jimmy Riter,
senior



"What Indiana Jones has and all the guys want."

Emily Stolfer,
sophomore

mansuetude: gentleness, meekness, docility

Brian Bayer
Campus Editor

The Bayer Necessities: Conspiracy

This kind of two-faced atrocity simply can't be tolerated. And now that I know that I have Morris on my side, I feel comfortable announcing my own conspiracy theories.

The Salvation Army is at the top of my list. They're an army; of course we should be nervous. That \$3 pinstripe suit you got last month was a gateway purchase. Soon, they'll be vending discounted Tommy guns, and before we know it, there will be a hipster uprising led by the strategic generals of the Salvation Army. I never trust a company that sells reversible 1965 neon orange blazers for less than a thousand dollars.

The Catholic Church is another group I'm not sure I trust. There's been an awful lot of purple lately; and purple just plain sketches me out. It's an indecisive color – not quite Advent blue, but not quite Pentecost red either. Make a deci-

sion, purple. You can't have the best of both primary colors.

And then there's the whole "no gay marriage" thing – another confusing and indecisive belief. You say I can't have two dads, but then you say I have to call both the priest and God "father." Then there's my real father. That sounds like three dads to me.

Unfortunately, this plague of double-dealing organizations isn't just at the national level – I have my suspicions about some JCU groups too.

Take Greek life for example. On the surface, they come off as a network that promotes service and fraternity. But let's take a closer look – it's obviously the strategic recruiting arm of Greece's imperialist global conquest. Sure, it might look like Greece doesn't have an economy right now, but when they have the wallets of 25 percent of

American college students, the Greek empire will once again be a global power.

Sorry, Beta Tau Epsilon, I'm a proud Scotsman, and your underhanded recruiting won't switch my kilt for a toga.

Project Labre is another on campus project that I suspect isn't what it seems. You claim to be working towards social justice. But I know the real reason you go out onto the freezing streets of Cleveland every Friday night – you are all corporate puppets catering to Campbell's evil plan to monopolize the soup market. Well you aren't fooling me, you pseudo-Samaritans.

And I really shouldn't say this last one, but I am almost positive The Carroll News is up to something too. Now, I can't confirm this, but I'm pretty sure Dan Cooney, our managing editor, is working with Op/Ed editor Nick Wojtasik to com-

mit massive identity theft.

Have you ever noticed how overly friendly Cooney is? And how about when Nick goes snooping around the "Tween for Wonderword? If he ever asks for your social security number while you're trying to figure out what "nystagmus" means, don't be fooled. Just say no.

So next time you see one of these nefarious organizations (like the Girl Scouts, the Salvation Army or Labre), make sure you understand what their real goal is ... because if you don't, you might end up accidentally promoting civil liberties or advancing human rights. And, as Bob Morris knows, that would be a true violation of our right to suppress rights.

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The Op/Ed Top Ten: Spring Break spots

1. Mexico - For bad water and burritos
2. South America - For scant bathing suits
3. Morocco - It's Africa on the Mediterranean
4. Colorado - Because it's Colorado
5. Bratislava - If you're really bored
6. Kerguelan Islands - To hide in exile
7. California - They can't beat California girls
8. Home - If you're lame
9. Antarctica - To play with penguins
10. Florida - To rage, if you lack creativity

– Compiled by Nick Wojtasik

Nick's Knack: Progressing backward



Nick Wojtasik
Editorial & Op/Ed Editor

There is the constant impression that everything we do should be improved upon. In fact, progress seems to be an innate part of the human condition.

Day in and day out, we, as students, are generally working on improving our knowledge or abilities on a given subject. In turn, our grades will improve. That will improve our transcripts and resumes. Our chances of getting a good job will improve and, once that job has been obtained, the pay will increase and so will our freedom and security to buy whatever we want. This job might even give us opportunity to do something great for the world. Once we have been established we will then procreate and give our spawn the same opportunities to progress.

To assume that humans have the absolute power to infinitely improve every condition of the world is an arrogant claim. Not only that, but we give our species an omniscience that gives us the ability to know what needs improved upon and how to improve it.

For about 10,000 years, humans have lived by these assumed capabilities. While we have made the ways of life less rigorous for the developed world, humanity has failed to realize that we don't actually have these powers of omniscience. Consequently, we have progressed down a path that has given us more problems than it has solved. Furthermore, the most influential, powerful people of the past and today have and continue to fail to realize this. We are so blinded by progress, that we don't see that it's actually pulling us backward.

For example, the horseless carriage seemed to be a great invention at first. It made transportation easier and faster. Over the years it has led to the destruction of the Earth, the draining of its resources and a society dominated by obesity.

The agricultural revolution made obtaining food in great quantities much more consistent and reliable. The idea of agriculture seemed so good that it was imposed it upon people living in places where agriculture is not practical. By trying to develop those societies inequality, violence and suffering have increased.

Now that the world's population is at an absurdly high level, the quantity

of food that can be grown naturally is not enough. Major corporations like Monsanto create genetically modified organisms that are larger and more resilient, equalling more food. Yet, the long term effects of the consumption of some GMOs has not been tested and could be very harmful.

The Internet brings the entire world to our finger tips and we can learn about the most advanced ideas across the world. Yet, indigenous cultures that have knowledge about their environments that have been gained over thousands of years are being drowned in modernization and the environments are being destroyed. These "primitive" people, who have more knowledge than our most advanced ecologists, are being eliminated along with their oral traditions.

The way of life that has been developing for the past 10,000 years has brought us to a very delicate state. Continuing to mine the world's natural resources, all the while destroying the very earth that all known life has depending on for hundreds of millions of years is both unethical and not sustainable. Fossil fuels are not necessary for survival of any species, including our own. However, organisms are absolutely necessary for the continuation of life. By destroying the forests, we are only accelerating the process of our own demise.

Though it appears that we live in a more intelligent society, over the past few hundred years, human brains have been shrinking. Though it is unsure what the cause is, some scientists think that our "civilized" diet is deficient in nutrients. Others claim that we've domesticated ourselves, which has shown to cause brain shrinkage in domesticated generations of foxes. When we lived in the wild, we needed to be smarter to survive. We've eliminated human evolution and inferior genes spread into the next generations.

By attempting to change the conditions of the world, we've messed it up more. We've denied our true nature and pretended to be something we aren't. This lie has brought along an influx of even more lies. Most of us have bought into the great lie that how we are living is good for us and there has never possibly been a better way.

Our progress has now encountered the law of diminishing returns. What happens next is up to us. We are at our own mercy.

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Emily Gaffney
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This week on "Meet the Press," moderator David Gregory interviewed Republican presidential candidate Rick Santorum. There are a lot of things on which I do not agree with Rick Santorum (like most of what he says). He talked about fellow Republican presidential hopeful Mitt Romney, and the upcoming primaries. He also spent some time defending remarks he made the previous week about the separation of church and state, whether to encourage people to seek a college education and his voting record on No Child Left Behind (he said he voted for it, even though it was against his conscious).

The interview was interesting, but not earth shattering by any means. Rick Santorum has views I don't agree with, but it's not news to me. What I found particularly interesting was the discussion during the roundtable segment. Steve Schmidt, a Republican strategist who ran John McCain's campaign in 2008, mentioned that Santorum has been losing momentum because he's had to backtrack to explain and defend statements he's made, rather than focusing on his campaign's message.

Kathleen Parker, a columnist for The Washington Post, further honed in this point. She said, "[Santorum has] that lack of prudence in selecting your battles and choosing your words

Graciously Gaffney:

Communicate your words

wisely [...]” This, she said is his biggest flaw.

These points got me thinking about what role communication plays not only in campaigns, but government as a whole.

Anger, distrust and confusion ensue when leaders and politicians fail to competently communicate to people what they mean and what they do and why they do it.

I think Santorum is a good example of not communicating well. Because he does not pick his battles or words well, he ends up off message and on tangents. This past week, while at a tea party event in Michigan, Santorum mentioned President Obama once said he wanted everyone in America to go to college. Santorum then said, "What a snob."

In defending his statement afterward, Santorum said he meant that everyone should have the opportunity to attend college but that it isn't for everyone and we as a nation shouldn't look down upon those who attend trade schools instead.

In defending his position on multiple news programs afterward, he better communicated his position. But by this time what people were talking about was his snob comment. I don't necessarily agree that we shouldn't set a goal to get all people to attend college; I think it has a greater value than simply attaining a degree. But his view that not all people should attend college is just that – his view – and perhaps one that others share. Effectively communicating his view and explaining why he thinks that

way would better serve him. Explain to people how it will benefit them and society.

I don't want to pick only on Santorum. Many fall prey to the pitfalls of bad communication.

Take the health care law, for example. I think that health care is important for all to have. As a student, I particularly like being able to stay on my parents' insurance longer.

However, what I remember most clearly when the law passed was the mob-like town hall meetings. While I think the law was an important step in health care, I think the White House and Democrats did not do their jobs in effectively communicating to people what the health care law entailed or how it would benefit them.

Communication is fundamental to human existence. It's how we relate to one another. If our leaders don't communicate with us effectively, how can they effectively lead us? Aside from having policy ideas, our leaders need to have good communication skills. A person may be the smartest person in the world, but I don't think he/she would accomplish much if they could not successfully explain their ideas and plans to people.

Maybe it's because I'm a communication minor, maybe it's because I fancy myself a good writer, but I think communication skills are the most important skills a person can have. If you can't communicate to someone what you want, you won't get it.

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Letter to the Rev. Robert Niehoff, S.J.

We, the faculty of John Carroll University named below, are committed to freedom of conscience and religious liberty. We believe that the American Catholic bishops have the right to proclaim Catholic teaching vigorously and loudly. However, we also believe that access to contraception is central to the health and well being of women and children. This is why the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Society of Adolescent Medicine, the American Medical Association, and the American Public Health Association have all recommended family planning services as part of preventive health care regimens for women.

Some of us did not think the Obama administration needed to revise the HHS guidelines on mandated insurance coverage of contraception; others believed that the guidelines needed revision. However, we all are troubled that the bishops have chosen a path of continued confrontation. The fact that the bishops have rejected the accommodation offered by the administration leads us to wonder

what motivates their continued resistance.

The American bishops have accused the Obama administration of attacking religious liberty in mandating insurance coverage of contraception. On the contrary, we believe the insurance mandate is driven by concern for women's health. Despite the rhetoric being used by opponents of the mandate and the accommodation, we should not lose sight of the fact that the Institute of Medicine recommended insurance coverage of contraception without cost-sharing or deductibles because unplanned pregnancies harm the health of women and children and lead to more abortions.

We believe that the faculty and the administration of John Carroll University need to take a stand in the face of the bishops' unwillingness to accept the accommodation offered by the Obama administration. We thus ask that, along with the president of other Catholic and Jesuit universities, you urge the bishops to avoid the inflammatory rhetoric they have been using to attack the administration's policy. We ask that you stand up to those who would play politics with women's health. We ask that you endorse a policy of insurance coverage of contraception that respects

the religious liberties and health of all who teach and work at Catholic colleges and universities.

Sincerely,

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