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LEARNING FROM SCANDAL

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What Penn State's failure to report sexual abuse can teach our University

In the aftermath of one of the most talked-about scandals in history, Pennsylvania State University has quickly become the example of what not to do when reports of sexual abuse are discovered on a college campus. Administrators at JCU say they are confident that their staff is well-trained on how to avoid a similar scandal.

Almost a year ago, the world learned of the unthinkable sexual acts that took place inside the Penn State locker room and home of former Nittany Lion defensive coordinator Jerry Sandusky, with boys involved in his charity program, The Second Mile. Sandusky, although retired, still had access to many of the athletic facilities on campus.

According to the Freeh Report, conducted by former FBI director Louis Freeh, when Penn State graduate assistant Mike McQueary (who later became a coach at Penn State) walked into the locker room late one night in 2001, he heard an odd noise coming from the nearby showers. When he walked over to the showers, he concluded he saw a young boy, estimated to be about 10 years old, being sexually assaulted by Jerry Sandusky. McQueary reported what he had seen to then-head football coach Joe Paterno the next morning; Paterno then passed on this information to his superior, former athletic director Tim Curley.

However, it wasn't until 10 years later that this incident resurfaced due to what seemed to be a lack of communication and a cover-up in reporting the situation further. Based on the Freeh Report, the lack of communication by the highest ranking authorities at Penn State allowed a child molester to get away with his crimes for years.

Over the summer, everyone witnessed the finale to the scandal that invaded television sets, Twitter feeds and radios for well over eight months, as a jury found Sandusky guilty on 45 counts of child sex abuse.

Following serious NCAA sanctions and media criticism, Penn State is now working to get the negative light off of them and build a brighter future. Part of that healing process is educating people and other universities on how to handle issues of sexual abuse.

This offers JCU, as a university with an NCAA athletic



Photo from neilbytes.blogspot.com

program, a chance to reflect and consider how its staff and administrators would handle a similar situation.

JCU's vice president for student affairs, Mark McCarthy, explained, "[It is University policy] that all coaches and staff in the athletic department at John Carroll have received training on sexual harassment [which includes] sexual abuse and assault. This training includes information on the forms of sexual harassment as well as the clear expectation that all forms of sexual abuse be reported immediately to Campus Safety Services. CSS [is required to] report all sex offenses to the University Heights Police Department, with whom they collaborate for thorough investigation and prosecution."

Assistant athletic director Chris Wenzler said that while these policies had already been in place at JCU for years, they have been brought to everyone's highest level of con-

sciousness in the wake of the Penn State scandal.

Skepticism arose at Penn State during the 2001 incident, because although it was reported to some of the higher up officials at the university, the execution of dealing with it seemed to fall through.

"When you work with a group of people for a long period of time [and they are] accused of something as heinous as this, I think there is an initial shock value that does take place. That being said, the shock has to wear off enough that you have to act upon something," Wenzler said.

"I think what happened [at Penn State] was that people were more worried about reputations, about the big business college athletics has become, that in a quiet community such as State College, maybe they felt that it was something

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Students deem residence halls unclean

Molly Bealin
Asst. Campus Editor

A few weeks ago, students eagerly moved onto campus to start the new school year, but a few were met with unpleasant surprises when they got there. According to Student Union reports, many students were unhappy with the condition of their rooms on move-in day.

"The main concerns have been related to the cleanliness of a resident's room on move-in day. There were some concerns raised about the Millor elevator being broken on move-in day as well," said Student Union president Greg Petsche.

According to Petsche, reports have been made that rooms were not thoroughly cleaned when students got there. There have also been complaints about resident hall bathrooms not having any paper towels.

According to Lisa Brown, the director of residence life, if students had complaints, they did not report them to the proper authorities.

"In comparison to other years, the number of complaints we have received has been limited. The maintenance and housekeeping staffs worked hard during the

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JCU to offer classes to high school students

Dan Cooney
Editor in Chief

Johnathan Hicks, a student at Cleveland Heights High School, hopes to attend college on a scholarship so he can lessen the financial burden on his parents. At this point, he wants to earn a master's degree in mechanical engineering.

Thanks to a new partnership with John Carroll University, students in the Cleveland Heights-University Heights School District can receive experience in a college classroom before they even start their college years.

Students that attend R.E.A.L. Early College High School, a small school within Cleveland Heights High School, are eligible to take classes at JCU after they have mastered material in their high school classes. R.E.A.L. stands for "Relevant, Experiential, Active Learning."

During the students' first two years of high school, they will take accelerated courses in core subjects. If they master the material, they may take classes at JCU during their junior and senior years.

Lauren Bowen, the University's associate academic vice president for student learning initiatives and diversity, and one of the administrators working on the program, said, at a minimum, students from the R.E.A.L. Early College small school will begin taking classes at JCU in the 2014-2015 academic year.

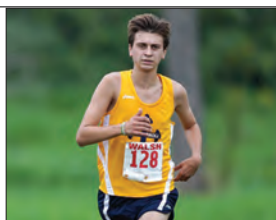
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Campus Briefs

JCU named a 'top 10' Midwest university

For the 24th consecutive year, John Carroll University has been named one of the top 10 regional institutions in U.S. News & World Report's 2013 edition of "Best Colleges."

JCU came in at No. 7 among universities in the Midwest offering master's programs, No. 4 in the "Great Schools, Great Prices" category and No. 3 for its "Strong Commitment to Undergraduate Teaching."

In a press release, JCU President, the Rev. Robert Niehoff, S.J. said, "These rankings are a reflection of what we already know: great faculty and a rigorous curriculum attract great students."

Lambda Chi Alpha presents Professor Ronald Rychlak

Ronald Rychlak, professor of law at the University of Mississippi and co-author of seven books, will speak during an event hosted by Lambda Chi Alpha on Tuesday, Sept. 25 at 6 p.m. in the Jardine Room.

Rychlak will discuss his critically acclaimed book, "Hitler, the War, and the Pope," which reveals the truth behind the controversies surrounding Pope Pius XII's papacy.

Rychlak serves on the advisory boards for the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, Ave Maria School of Law and the Catholic University of Zagreb. He has been an advisor to the Holy See's delegation to the United Nations since 2000.

Volunteer for 'Ride for Miles' bike ride

Volunteers are needed for the annual "Ride for Miles" noncompetitive bicycle ride, which takes place on Sept. 16 at 10 a.m. The event raises funds for the JCU biology department's Miles Coburn Environmental Symposium.

"Ride for Miles" is a nonprofit organization created by friends, family and colleagues of Miles Coburn, a former biology professor at JCU who passed away in a bicycle accident in August 2008. The organization aims to educate about bicycle safety and environmental issues.

Riders start and finish on the JCU campus and ride 15 miles through the eastern suburbs of Cleveland.

To volunteer or find more information, go to www.rideformiles.org.

Breaking business barriers: JCU hosts international trade conference

Brian Bayer
Managing Editor

On Monday, while most JCU students were in classrooms learning how to become the business leaders of tomorrow, the business leaders of today were busy at a conference in the Muldoon Atrium of the Dolan Center for Science and Technology, presenting brand new research that will augment trade between the Netherlands and the Great Lakes region. Even the consul general of the Netherlands in Cleveland was present.

The Sept. 10 conference, called "The Netherlands: Gateway to the Great Lakes," brought the United States, Canada and the Netherlands together to work towards a more globally connected commercial world.

According to Bradley Hull, an associate professor in the Department of Management, Marketing and Logistics, the conference was "a screaming success," with over 150 business people from all three countries and many U.S. and Canadian seaport cities.

"They [businessmen and women] came from all over," he said. "There was a great student turnout, too."

Hull attributes this to strong planning and a general enthusiasm for this project.

"We had a stellar line up of speakers from all over. [By the end of the conference], we had

trouble getting them to leave – everyone had ideas," he said.

Over the past year and a half, the Netherlands Consulate General in Chicago funded a study to find the lowest-mileage and most cost-effective route for several cargoes that are currently shipped to East Coast ports, then either transported by truck or train into the Great Lakes and Midwest regions.

The study, done last year by two Erasmus University graduate students studying abroad at JCU, found that the St. Lawrence Seaway is the most direct route between Europe and the Great Lakes. The Seaway goes from the Great Lakes, along North American waterways, into the Atlantic Ocean and straight across the Atlantic to Rotterdam, Netherlands (Rotterdam is the largest port in Europe, which connects the Atlantic to the rest of the 500 million person-European Union).

According to David Gutheil, the vice president of maritime and logistics for the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority, this new route has the potential to increase jobs in the region, reduce the cost of shipping and increase the economy and efficiency of trade between Europe and the United States.

"If a new service comes to the port, jobs would be created as a result of the increased tonnage activity," said Gutheil. "For example, longshoremen would

load and unload the vessels, truck drivers would move the additional cargo to and from the port and local companies could possibly add manufacturing or warehouse jobs."

Furthermore, this route is tremendously efficient, said Gutheil.

"Shipping cargo via an all-water route between our port and ports in Northern Europe can be just as efficient and sometimes faster than using a combination of East Coast ports and over-land transportation to move goods to or from the Midwest," he said. "In addition, moving goods directly into the Great Lakes through the St. Lawrence Seaway saves on fuel consumption (maritime transportation uses less fuel than truck or rail), and also removes trucks from the highway system, thus saving on infrastructure spending and making our highways less congested."

The project was originally the idea of Hull and his friend, Charles "Arnie" de la Porte, the Dutch Consul in Cleveland. Before coming to JCU, Hull was in the oil and chemical industry for 28 years, and gained an extensive background in logistics.

Hull explained that the idea to explore the possibility of opening the Seaway to more business came about from discussions he had with de la Porte. They both felt that there should definitely be more business through this route.

"It's a route that has been heav-

ily used [in the past], but isn't used anymore," he said. The Cleveland port, located by Browns Stadium, currently receives one or two ships every two weeks. If the St. Lawrence Seaway began to be used more, this number could increase to as many as three or four ships per week.

"That would create an enormous amount of jobs," said Hull. "[And] the ultimate prize is creating jobs in the Great Lakes region." He calls this type of industry an "engine of job creation," since it will attract jobs in just about every part of the shipping industry.

However, the conference was only the unveiling of the research.

"We've built the first step, but there are still many questions. [It would be great] if we can engage the University more," said Hull.

He is also very excited about the relationship that JCU has built with Erasmus University, in the Netherlands, largely because Erasmus is affiliated with the port of Rotterdam.

He said, "This is a growing relationship between us and [the University of Erasmus, and it has] really engaged the [shipping] community especially in the Great Lakes region."

Editor's note: Students in the Boler School of Business who have an interest in helping with the future of this project can contact David Gutheil with the Cleveland-Cuyahoga Port Authority at david.gutheil@portofcleveland.com or Bradley Hull at bzhull@jcu.edu for more details.

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We are always looking for ways to improve the living conditions for students," said Petsche.

Res Life, as many students know, has been extremely busy arranging new renovations to dorms.

Brown stated that Hamlin recently had a new fire alarm installed as well as an additional common area lounge. The furniture has also been moved around in the rooms of Campion and Hamlin halls.

Petsche stressed the responsibility not only of the University staff, but of each student to improve the quality of the residence halls.

"Keeping the University aware of the conditions is imperative. Reporting the issue to your resident assistant will allow the situation to be remedied fairly quickly. A student could submit a work order as well. The most important thing is to tell your resident assistant so he or she can work with Facilities and Residence Life to remedy the situation," said Petsche.

Petsche and Brown both emphasized that if students have an issue with their living conditions, they must report it to their RA or fill out a work order if they would like to see it fixed.

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that would just go away, and be dealt with in-house," added Wenzler. "The problem is if you don't deal with it effectively in-house, [...] it's not just personal [reputations] but reputations of an entire university, people that had nothing to do with this, though they bought into a certain value system within a university; and anyone walking around with a Penn State degree has now been touched by this [as well]."

JCU's mission statement outlines those values in which the community here invests.

"Unlike Penn State, which is a Division I football program, at John Carroll, the athletic program is Division III – no scholarships are offered to athletes, and participants truly are student-athletes," McCarthy said. "As a Jesuit Catholic university, our mission is focused on the care of each person as well as their development as whole persons."

The situation that occurred at Penn State showed the world how the act of one can impact the lives of many. Both McCarthy and Wenzler believe the JCU faculty and staff have put themselves in a position where they feel they are able to handle criminal behavior in an appropriate way. By requiring staff members to be educated on issues such as sexual harassment and having a policy for reporting such crimes, they hope to prevent major problems that may occur from escalating any more than they need to. Nevertheless, college officials say it offers the University a chance to learn.

"I think the lesson learned is that by acting swiftly, acting courageously, acting emphatically with the victim being the person you are acting on behalf of, [...] at the very best, you can set an example that you are who you report to be as a university," said Wenzler.

Campus Safety Log



September 4, 2012

Criminal damage reported at 3:05 p.m. in the Green Road Annex Lot.

September 6, 2012

Theft of services reported at 2:03 p.m. in the Belvoir Lot.

September 5, 2012

Sexual imposition reported at 9:34 p.m.

September 9, 2012

Sale to underage reported at 1:17 a.m.

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

JCU EMS put its skills to the test

Abigail Rings
The Carroll News

Students on Sunday afternoon may have been alarmed to see fellow classmates walking around with what appeared to be life-threatening injuries. But as they probably figured out quickly, this was simply the work of some very gifted makeup artists as part of a safety drill.

On Sunday morning, as the rest of the JCU campus slept, 60 students practiced a chemical explosion scenario in one of the Dolan Center for Science and Technology labs. This event, known as a mass casualty incident, was orchestrated by one of JCU's EMS paramedics, Bethany Luketic.

Luketic explained, "It is a drill for JCU EMS, CSS [Campus Safety Services], and UHFD [University Heights Fire Department]." The event, the first of its kind at JCU, required almost a year of planning and coordination between these three departments, as well as the participation of JCU students.

Brooke Wunderly, the deputy chief of JCU EMS, told The Carroll News it was a major training opportunity for their department because of the large number of new members initiated this past spring.

"It will help to sharpen their skills along

with an understanding of how to handle a mass casualty incident if, God forbid, it would occur on campus," she said.

The event began at 7 a.m. on Sunday morning. Twenty-nine student volunteers hiked over to Dolan, where some talented makeup artists designed "injuries" for them based on what could happen in a chemical explosion. Everything from minor cuts to gaping wounds to protruding bones and chemical poisoning was represented.

The mood before the event was light and excited, as enthusiastic "victims" and student paramedics eagerly waited for the start of the exercise.

"Victims" were placed in different areas outside Dolan, while teams from UHFD and JCU EMS got into position. Then, the MCI began.

First, a pretend dispatch was sent to the UHFD to alert them that a mass casualty incident had taken place. The senior EMS students then activated their call-tree. Next, UHFD came in and started to triage the victims. Triage includes approaching a victim, determining their vital signs and their basic injuries and then marking them according to how urgently they needed care. The student paramedics took over from there. The paramedics approached the victims and accessed

their triage tags. Different areas were set up according to the urgency of care needed.

Student EMS was in charge of coordinating to which hospitals the victims would be sent. The paramedics practiced how the injuries of the victims would be handled and how to most effectively care for everyone.

In the midst of the event, William Linville, chief of JCU EMS, said he was happy with how the responders were acting. "They are keeping calm and [using] all their skills. I think the rookies will build a good administration in the years to come," he said.

Student paramedics got to practice how to deal with hysterical parents, surprise patients and gory injuries, as well as gurney and backboard work.

During the exercise, UHFD members said they were impressed with the JCU EMS program, noting that the students did an outstanding job. UHFD members also noted it was a very valuable experience because it makes people aware of what could happen if a tragedy like this were to arise.

In addition, UHFD complimented the EMS students on their ability to look past the gore and see the real injuries. They also indicated that it was a great way to build the partnership with the student paramedics, explaining that while the firemen have the tools, the paramed-

ics have the manpower.

The University Heights fire captain even mentioned how impressed he was with the size and capability of the JCU EMS program. As the event was going on, a partnership was forming between JCU EMS and UHFD.

Brian Hurd, JCU's assistant director of campus police, said that partnership between departments is important. "Now, when the student paramedics and the fire department work together, the people participating can put a name with a face because they have practiced beside them at this event. It creates a higher level of trust between the two," Hurd said.

After the event, student victims also seemed very impressed by the JCU EMS paramedics.

Senior Jessica Calanni said, "It was cool to see how they responded and that they knew what they were doing. I didn't know that they could handle serious issues like this."

Wunderly expanded on the lack of student knowledge by saying, "The major importance of EMS that most people do not realize is we are trained medical professionals. Granted, we are not doctors or nurses, but we are trained on acute care, which could be life-saving. We learn how to effectively handle critical situations and are a major asset of safety on campus."



Makeup artists created realistic "wounds" based on injuries that would result from a chemical explosion.



Members of JCU EMS calmly assessed injuries and determined to which hospitals the "victims" would go.



A volunteer "victim" awaits care at the MCI.

Photos by Abigail Rings

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"They [the CH-UH School District] could've gone to a lot of higher ed institutions in northeast Ohio, and they picked us," Bowen said. "We're grateful."

School administrators within the district are also enthusiastic about the opportunities stemming from the new program.

"Our partnership with John Carroll University is truly exciting and groundbreaking, and this partnership gives me hope that Early College/JCU students will be 'fully' prepared to compete on the global stage and become competitive, participating citizens in our society," said Marc Aden, principal of the R.E.A.L. Early College High School, by email.

Bridget Lambright, an English teacher at Cleveland Heights High School, said the program will help students focus on college earlier.

"Sometimes young people see college as

a far away destination and it's challenging to help them understand that high school is the time to be preparing for their college graduation," she said. "Early college allows us to train our students to view every lesson, expectation and activity through the lens of a college student."

According to information from the Early College High School Initiative website, the idea promotes mastery of high school subjects and concepts before moving on to enroll in college classes. Bowen explained that, as opposed to post-secondary enrollment options or dual enrollment, her understanding is that proficiency in a subject is not enough with the early college model, which is much more individualized. If a student can learn ninth grade math in four months, they can move on to 10th grade math.

"That's what makes it different than a [post-secondary enrollment option], where I might get C's in ninth and 10th grade math, but I'm still proficient enough and I go ahead and take a college-level math class because I want to

earn the credit," Bowen said. "[In] this, I'm not going to sit in a college class until I've passed the Ohio Graduation Test and I've mastered the content at better-than-90 percent."

Bowen also said a possibility of the program is what she described as a "learning center experience," where the students at R.E.A.L. Early College High School, as a group, can take a high school class, a college class related to the high school subject and an experiential learning project in connection with both classes. She said this would serve as the bridge experience before the students fully immersed themselves into courses at JCU.

"They [the students] bring that together, and the high school teacher and the college instructor work in partnership to deliver that," Bowen said. She also said one of the positive aspects to the partnership was the ability for the faculty at both JCU and Cleveland Heights High School to work together and learn best practices.

Many of the details of the program, which

is modeled after a similar one at the Ohio State University, have yet to be worked out, including which classes the students will be allowed to take. But, according to Bowen, core courses are most likely to be offered.

"We will be putting together a design team comprised of John Carroll faculty and administrators in the foreseeable future," she said. "We'll work collectively to identify the courses where we think students are most likely to be successful and also be able to make a contribution."

According to a recent story about the program in The Plain Dealer, 42 of Cleveland Heights High School's 400-member freshman class have enrolled in the small school program. One of those freshmen, Landry Snead, said she is motivated by the promise of receiving a college education more quickly. She is interested in forensics, psychology or mechanical engineering.

"I really want to be successful, and be great and do something with my life," Snead said.

CAMPUS CALENDAR: SEPT. 13 – SEPT. 19

13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Celebrate the Mass of the Holy Spirit at noon at Church of the Gesu, followed by a luncheon in the Schott Dining Hall.	Late Night at Carroll presents "The Tremont Trek." Meet in the LSC Atrium at 8 p.m.	Service Plus workshop from 10 a.m. to noon in the Muldoon Atrium of the Dolan Center for Science and Technology.	Mass in St. Francis Chapel at 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.	Homecoming Dance tickets on sale in the LSC Atrium from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Nutrition clinic in the Student Health Center from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. with nutritionist Karin Palmer.	Constitution Day with guest speaker David Wilhelm in Dolan's Donahue Auditorium at noon.

Summer 2012: fire and ice

Who was hot and who was not in Hollywood this summer?



Photo from afterelton.com

Joseph Gordon-Levitt stars opposite Bruce Willis in "Looper," as well as the blockbuster film "The Dark Knight Rises," which hinted at Levitt starring in a new series as Robin.



Photo from forum.tvcenter.cc

Not only was **Christian Bale** the lead of a film that just grossed over \$1 billion, as Bruce Wayne in Christopher Nolan's "Batman" trilogy, but Bale has been an honorable man off the screen as well. After opening night and the shootings that took place in Colorado, Bale and his wife flew out to show their support to the victims. Also, recently, Bale flew a child suffering from cancer to Disneyland in California with his family and joined them at an exclusive lunch on the lot.



Photo from dailymag.com

It was the summer of superheroes and their girlfriends, as **Emma Stone** played Miss Gwen Stacy, the girlfriend of Peter Parker, better known as Spider-Man. "The Amazing Spider-Man" has had a sequel locked in from the studios prior to the first being filmed, locking in Andrew Garfield and Stone for another popcorn flick.



Photo from hollywoodreporter.com

Charlize Theron kicked off her summer with a film called "Prometheus" that did everything but live up to its hype and earn its budget back. Her second role of the summer in "Snow White and the Huntsmen" as the evil Queen Ravenna also failed to earn back its budget.



Photo from okmagazine.com

Kristen Stewart had an interesting summer, as the film she starred in, "Snow White and the Huntsmen" received a sub-par rating; but she was also in the news for a reason outside of film. Stewart cheated on her "Twilight" franchise boyfriend, Robert Pattinson, with the director of "Snow White" and later gave a public apology for her actions.



Photo from herarchy.com

We all know and love this egg-headed actor, **Adam Sandler**. However, what happened to the days of "Billy Madison" and "Happy Gilmore?" Lately, Sandler has been pumping out box-office disasters that make people wonder what happened to Happy Madison Productions. "That's My Boy," in which Sandler co-starred with Andy Samberg, earned back little over half of its estimated budget of \$65 million. Hopefully his upcoming films, "Hotel Transylvania" will be a crowd-pleaser for children, and "Grown-Ups 2" will please the rest of people who miss Adam Sandler as the comic lead who doesn't act so washed up.



Photo from broadwayworld.com

King of Scientology **Tom Cruise** had a disappointing summer both inside and outside of the box office, as his talent-and-music-filled film "Rock of Ages" bombed; not to mention mid-way through the summer, he and wife Katie Holmes divorced, but settled quickly a few days later. Not to worry for Cruise, though – he is still one of the highest paid actors in Hollywood. We'll see how Cruise bounces back after his summer flops.

'The Place Beyond the Pines': a searingly powerful drama

Toronto Film Festival hosts many new films that are already stirring the pot of landing gold statues

MOVIE REVIEW "The Place Beyond the Pines"



Joe Marino
Staff Reporter

The right thing: that elusive concept that drives so many to compromise their values and make life-shattering choices. "The Place Beyond the Pines" is a film that studies that concept and its consequences.

Director/writer Derek Cianfrance seamlessly creates an experience which is not merely an important drama, but a spellbinding piece of art. This is a special kind of drama

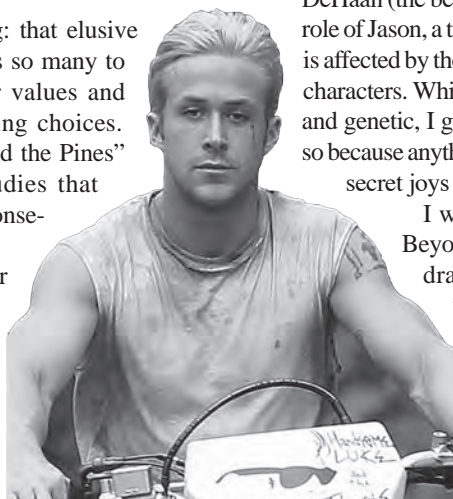


Photo from listal.com

Ryan Gosling rides a motorcycle on the set of "The Place Beyond the Pines."

we rarely see anymore: the kind where we're watching unpredictable people, not shoehorned characters.

Ryan Gosling plays Luke Glanton, a charismatic motorcycle cage daredevil who learns he has a 1-year-old child with a former flame (the excellent Eva Mendes) and is willing to go to whatever lengths, including violent robberies, to provide for them. Bradley Cooper is Avery Cross, a driven rookie cop who gets in Luke's path and leads up to a clash of ideals. Dane DeHaan (the best part of "Chronicle") takes the role of Jason, a troubled and angry teenager who is affected by the choices made by the other two characters. While this summary may seem trite and generic, I guarantee you that it only seems so because anything else would impede upon the secret joys this film has to offer.

I was blown away by "The Place Beyond the Pines." This is a daring drama that never fails to know where it wants to go and why it wants to go there. Every single line, every single character rings with a specific type of authenticity in which we can't help but become hopelessly invested. Everything works for this movie. The musical score was wowing, the cinematography was

ingenious and the writing couldn't be more ambitious and effective in this multifaceted and profound character study.

Ryan Gosling has already proven himself to be one of the most riveting actors of his generation with "Drive," and here he's just as intense and mesmerizing. As Luke Glanton, Gosling finds the subtle nuance of a lonely man who's willing to commit crimes if it means doing right by his son. His every action is gauged by the desire to do "the right thing." That loneliness and sadness is always present in Gosling's eyes, whose greatest strength is perhaps his ability to invoke immediate sympathy.

This is also the richest, most noteworthy Bradley Cooper performance to date. His acting ability has been sorely underused considering the wide range he consistently hits here. It may seem impossible to expect him to co-carry the film with Ryan Gosling and not have Gosling outshine him, but Cooper went far beyond expectations. This is a performance for which I could easily see the awards season knocking on his door.

Dramas are hard to execute well, and all the more so when they deal with a large time span and multiple characters. "Pines" is ambitious in how it takes on the prospect of juggling three interweaving storylines that overlap over the course of 15 years. Yet it never falters or makes

one false step. The three stories interlock in a tapestry of beautiful creative vision that one can't help but be affected by its touching humanity and tragic realism. "Pines" shows how our sins translate into ripples in the pond of our lives, and also how those ripples affect not only us, but the people who happen to come across us and the people who will be touched by our legacy. Each choice we make, however small, can shape who we are and who our children will be one day. These are characters who can take the heavy burden of that theme and turn themselves into those scarce actors with whom we connect with them as strongly as we would with real people. We feel, cry, hate and cheer with them. They stick with us.

"The Place Beyond the Pines" is a product of fierce and wild observation on humanity, and it proves that it never gets old to revel in a film that has mastery of itself. What makes Derek Cianfrance so consistently fascinating is how he styles himself as a pupil of psychology. "Blue Valentine," his last film, looked at the relationship spectrum in a raw and brutal way we'd never seen before. His uniqueness as a filmmaker stems in how he doesn't allow any other aspect of filming to impede upon the integrity of the characters.

As with most great dramas, the characters are key and each scene is so impeccably written and crafted because of that unfaltering focus. We can tell "Pines" is the real deal, because it asks the questions most dramas don't even know exist.

Entertainment Calendar

Check out what's happening in Cleveland this week!

9.13

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\$10

9.14

Crocker Park Wine Festival
Crocker Park
4 p.m.
\$25

9.15

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10 a.m.
Free Admission

9.16

Gordon Lightfoot
PlayhouseSquare
8 p.m.
\$58

Video Music Awards make a scene

Missed MTV's Video Music Awards? The Carroll News gives you the play-by-play.

Alexandra Higl
Arts & Life Editor

Rihanna's vibrant tones fused with hypnotic rhythms, surrounded by an army of backup dancers; Kevin Hart escorted on stage by a massive security force of "little people"; comedians Andy Samberg and Rashida Jones attempting to break it down Jay-Z style; P!nk and Miley Cyrus' matching do; a wide array of eccentric outfits: What do all these things have in common? Two sets of initials: MTV's VMAs.

Last week, on Thursday, Sept. 6, MTV launched their annual Video Music Awards show, hosted by American actor and stand-up comedian Kevin Hart.

Hart breezed through an assortment of

trending celebrity topics during his opening monologue. To say that he rocked the boat of Hollywood scandals is hardly an understatement, from his plea to the viewing population to stop giving Kristen Stewart grief in her lack of loyalty to Robert Pattinson, to his blunt piece of advice to Drake and Chris Brown to "nip [their feud] in the bud."

A wide range of entertainment styles took the stage, some exploding with special effects, others using next to nothing, relying on talent alone. Notable entertainment included P!nk, performing her latest hit, "One Last Kiss," soaring above the audience on trapeze-like contraptions shaped like a pair of bright red lips.

The ever-ageless Green Day rocked the audience, led by punk rocker Billie Joe Armstrong. In contrast, new artist Frank Ocean channeled a more down-to-earth performance, serenading the audience under the moon and stars with his fresh hit "Thinkin' 'Bout You." Alicia Keys exhibited her raw talent with minimal special effects by standing at a keyboard, belting a soulful performance of "Girl On Fire."

The VMAs were a historic night of victory for every brace-faced, bushy-haired 13-year-

old girl whose notebooks are practically vandalized with doodles of "I heart" Harry Styles." Watch out, Justin Bieber; looks like you've got competition.

The British-Irish boy band, One Direction, swept the scene clean. The night commenced with the band winning the Best Pop Video Award, for their hit "What Makes You Beautiful," beating out artists such as Maroon 5 and Fun. Mid-show, the "fab five" performed "One Thing" shortly before they were presented with their second award of the night for Best New Artist.

By the end of the night, the band won a whopping three awards: one in each category in which they were nominated.

In the battle of divas for Best Female Video, with dominant nominees such as Beyonce and Rihanna, Nicki Minaj stole the category with her video, "Starships." Best Male Video was awarded to Chris Brown for "Turn Up the Music." Best Hip-Hop Video went to Drake feat. Lil' Wayne for "HYFR," and Coldplay's "Paradise" beat out the Black Keys' "Lonely Boy" for Best Rock Video. The most-coveted award of the VMAs,



One Direction not only racked in three awards, but also performed their single, "One Thing."

Video of the Year, went to opening performer Rihanna, for "We Found Love."

The awards show closed with Taylor Swift's fun and energetic performance of "We Are Never Getting Back Together," dressed in a conservative red and white striped shirt, complete with a classic ponytail and bright red lips, keeping her "all-American girl" persona in tact.

Too busy watching the Democratic National Convention and completely missed MTV's annual show? You can still catch all the celebrities in action by watching highlights from the show on MTV's website.



Taylor Swift closed the show with her newest hit, "We Are Never Getting Back Together."

Skate Dance Dream performs at local ice arena

Lauren Michalak
The Carroll News

The Gilmour Academy Ice Arena in Gates Mills is welcoming back the group Skate Dance Dream group on Sept. 15. This is the third Ohio performance combining figure skating and dancing off of the ice.

Parker Pennington, the producer of the show, wants to inspire dancers and figure skaters with confidence and opportunities.

"Our mission is to provide a creative medium to improve awareness and participation from our youth in organized skating and dance in local communities," said Pennington. "We want to offer support, strength and encouragement for today's youth to skate and dance their way to their dreams."

Pennington was captivated by watching Fox's "So You Think You Can Dance" show, particularly when contestant Sara Von Gillen told her story of her love for skating as a child. At the time, Pennington was producing a benefit skate show for the Muscular Dystrophy Association and was inspired with a new idea. Pennington said he "loved watching 'SYTYCD' and thought, why not trying something different like combining skating and dance" in his shows? These ideas later transformed into choreographed dancing and skating sequences that make up the performances.

Pennington reached out to Sara Von Gil-

len and Gev Manoukin, another contestant on "SYTYCD," to perform in Skate for Life, the benefit for Muscular Dystrophy. This first show also included some other famous skaters including Olympians Melissa Gregory, Denis Petukhov, Jennifer Robinson and two-time national champion Alissa Czisny. He wanted every young skater to be inspired by their idols and heroes, as well as give them the opportunity to perform and train with world-class figure skaters and "SYTYCD" competitors.

Pennington shared that when he was 16 years old, he had the opportunity to skate with his idol, Scott Hamilton. Hamilton is a figure skating champion, who is world renowned as well as an Olympic gold medalist. This changed Pennington's life forever.

When inviting other stars to participate, he hopes he can "light up children's faces and use the positive energy to change their lives."

According to the Skate Dance Dream website, Pennington wants to inspire, encourage and motivate today's youth skaters to dream big and chase their goals. Pennington's passion for figure skating was not the only reason he chose skating and dance for his performances. He added, "It offers the ability to freely express ourselves." He later disclosed that the sport teaches hard work and dedication.

The first shows of Skate Dance Dream were in Wooster and Mentor. These productions sold out in both venues, and had 225

participants. Those involved included young skaters, dancers and stars.

The stars of the shows are encouraged to take an informal mentoring role, and support all performers in achieving their goals.

The show on Sept. 15 at Gilmour will have 75 participants. Ashley Valerio, a "SYTYCD" contestant, Richard Dornbush, a silver medalist, and national competitor, Sean Rabbitt will all be appearing at this show. The event starts at 7 p.m. at the Gilmour Academy Ice Arena in Gates Mills. More information can be found on posters around campus, by calling (440) 865-2005 or going to the group's website.



Skate Dance Dream performed in Mentor in April.

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Mentz's Minute



Zach Mentz
Sports Editor

Another week of Cleveland Browns futility

Ever since I've been old enough to tie my own shoes, the Cleveland Browns have had one consistent tradition: losing. After an offseason which featured a change in ownership, and the drafting of a new quarterback (Brandon Weeden) and a former Heisman trophy candidate (Trent Richardson), there seemed to be at least *some* optimism surrounding the franchise. While I'm not one to exactly overreact to a week one performance, that same optimism and hope that surrounded the team heading into the regular season seems to have completely vanished.

The Browns took a new direction, again, when they drafted Brandon Weeden with the No. 22 overall pick in this past April's NFL Draft. The decision was a questionable one, to say the least, considering the Browns already have a viable starter on their roster in Colt McCoy. I have no problem with the Browns drafting a new quarterback in the first round, as long as that particular quarterback meets one requirement: he's significantly better than any available options already on the roster. Judging by his week one performance (12 for 35 passing, 118 yards, four interceptions), Weeden is not significantly better than McCoy. After all, Weeden had a QB rating on Sunday that was lower than Ubaldo Jimenez's ERA. That should scare Cleveland fans.

With so many glaring holes on the Browns' current roster, such as depth at offensive line, wide receiver, etc. I found myself a bit puzzled when the Browns decided to draft Weeden. I understand that Sunday marked Weeden's first game as a professional, but considering the fact that he turns 29 years old in October, the Browns don't have time to wait on Weeden.

If I had to guess, the Browns will draft another quarterback at the end of this season, again proving that they're only consistent in one area: disappointing fans.

It would take both hands and feet to count all the different starters the Browns have had at quarterback since their rebirth. While the quarterbacks have changed, the Browns have continued to fail to address the needs at skill positions, most importantly, wide receiver.

In the end, the Browns can draft or sign whatever QB they want, but nothing will ever change until they finally decide to give their quarterbacks some skilled players to help.

In the most competitive sports league on Earth, the Browns continue to flounder. I guess the old adage is true: "Some things just never change."

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Women's soccer goes 1-1 at 2012 Carroll Classic

Blue Streaks defeat Olivet 3-0, fall to Grove City in OT

Zach Mentz
Sports Editor

After starting the 2012 season off by losing each of their first two games, the John Carroll University women's soccer team found comfort in returning home to play at Don Shula Stadium. The Blue Streaks, hosts of the 2012 Carroll Classic, won the opening game of the Classic against Olivet College by a score of 3-0 on Friday, Sept. 7. The following day, the Blue & Gold lost a hard fought battle against the Grove City College Wolverines by a score of 2-1 in double overtime.

Searching for their first win, the Blue Streaks hosted the Olivet College Comets in their first home game of the season. The Blue & Gold proved early that they were a talented and capable team as they consistently fired shots at the Comets' goalkeeper. Despite not being able to find the back of the net early in the contest, the Blue Streaks played the waiting game, as their offense continued to find chances. With 36 seconds remaining in the first half, freshman Danielle Sharbaugh netted the go-ahead goal, giving JCU a 1-0 lead at the intermission.

Coming out in the second half, the Blue Streaks were not content with their slim lead over the Comets. JCU continued to dominate ball possession, leading to more offensive scoring opportunities. Patience from the Blue Streaks led to more good things, as Sharbaugh was once again able to find the back of the net, this time with 35:09 remaining in the game, to give JCU the 2-0 lead over the Comets.

The Blue & Gold continued to limit the Comets' scoring opportuni-



Photo courtesy of Chris Wenzler

Competing in the 2012 Carroll Classic, the Blue Streaks (dark jerseys, above) won their first game over Olivet College, before falling short against the Grove City College Wolverines this past weekend.

ties from there on out. Sophomore Kaylin Akerly even chipped in a goal of her own with 36 seconds remaining in the match to clinch the 3-0 win for the Blue Streaks.

Having picked up their first win of the season in convincing fashion, the Blue & Gold aimed to use their momentum against Grove City on Saturday, Sept. 8. The winner of the contest between the Wolverines and Blue Streaks would be the champion of this year's Carroll Classic, giving both sides more than enough motivation to pick up their second

win of the weekend. Neither team could establish dominance early, but the Blue Streaks continued to maintain ball possession while limiting chances for the Wolverines' offense.

After a scoreless first half, Akerly was able to score her second goal of the season with assists from juniors Genny Goergen and Nicki Bohrer. With the 1-0 lead in hand, the Blue & Gold focused on protecting their narrow lead. However, the Wolverines responded with a goal of their own in the final 10 minutes of

regulation. From there, both teams had chances to win the game in overtime, but Grove City capitalized first, winning the game by a 2-1 score in double overtime.

The Blue Streaks (1-3 overall) will next play this Saturday, Sept. 15 in Houghton, N.Y., as they take on Houghton College.

Editors Note: The Blue Streaks traveled to Oberlin, Ohio to play Oberlin College on Wednesday, Sept. 12. Results, game story and box score can be found at www.jcusports.com.

Men's soccer struggles at Oneonta Mayor's Cup

Blue & Gold fall short in pair of 1-0 defeats

Joe Ginley
Staff Reporter

The road has not been kind to the JCU men's soccer team this season, as the Blue Streaks dropped two road games this weekend to fall to 2-3 on the year, with all three losses coming on the road. Despite playing well in both games, the Blue & Gold could not find any way to score, dooming them to an early exit from the Oneonta State Mayor's Cup Tournament.

The Blue Streaks traveled to Oneonta, N.Y. for a match with Skidmore College on Friday, Sept. 7. The JCU squad came in flying high, fresh off a 6-1 thrashing of Marygrove College on Wednesday, Sept. 5, but the visitors would not have such an easy time against the Skidmore Thoroughbreds. Though the Blue Streaks' offense was relentless in the first period, managing 10 shots, the efforts of the Thoroughbred defense and goalkeeper Eli Kisselbach kept JCU off the scoreboard.

The contest remained scoreless halfway through the second period,

until Skidmore's Alex Hodor-Lee found the net in the 76th minute. The junior midfielder beat JCU senior goalkeeper Geoff Bloom, who was making just the fifth start of his career, for the deciding goal. The Blue Streaks, led by three shots apiece from sophomore Trenton Guy and freshman Shaq Bridges, could not answer, despite recording 15 shots.

Following the 1-0 loss to Skidmore, the JCU offense tried to reboot in its match the next day against Oneonta State, also known as the State University of New York at Oneonta (SUNY Oneonta), which reached the 2011 national semifinals of the NCAA Division III Championship.

The Red Dragons did not get the memo, as the host team came out strong, helped by a beneficial tailwind. But the stellar Blue Streak defense and senior goalkeeper Carl Contrascier did not allow the SUNY Oneonta offense to put one of its 11 first period shots into the net. It was the Blue Streaks offense's turn to take control in the second half. The squad tested the opposing goaltender, freshman Colan Balkwell, with seven shots, but he and his team's defense deflected all the opportu-

nities. The Red Dragons' offense turned sluggish in the second half, so the game remained scoreless, forcing overtime.

Both squads battled fiercely to notch the winning tally, but the first overtime did not decide a winner; however, the second overtime period did. In the 106th minute, Red Dragons sophomore Justin Rivera sent a perfect cross from the left flank to Red Dragon forward Daniel Josepher, who headed the ball past Contrascier for the victory. The Blue Streaks lost, despite outshooting their opponent 11-4 in a 60-minute segment from the start of the second half to the end of the game.

The story of the JCU men's season has been a stout defense that has kept a struggling Blue Streak offense somewhat afloat. Excluding the six goals scored against Marygrove, the unit has two goals in four games. Sophomore defender Liam Switalski, who has been a key cog in the JCU defensive machine, recently told the secret of their success.

"Our back line has done a pretty good job of playing together as a unit and making sure we communicate to avoid any breakdowns," said

Switalski. "The guys have come together well and we know we have one of the best goalkeepers in the country to help us out."

After ending the weekend with two losses and no wins to show, head coach Hector Marinero knows that there is room for improvement.

"We have to do a better job of finishing opportunities. We're creating a lot of chances, but we're just not finishing enough," said Marinero. "[They] know it, and I know it. It's been our Achilles heel for the last few years. Until we can find someone who can consistently put the ball in the goal, we're going to continue to struggle and hover around .500."

While the Blue Streaks managed to keep both games close, Marinero expects more from his team.

"It doesn't matter who we lose to, I'm always disappointed when we lose. There's really no moral victories," added Marinero. "We played well enough in both games to win [...] It goes down as a loss, and a loss is a loss. We had opportunities in both of those games. It eventually comes back and kicks you in the butt if you don't take your chances."

Cross Country teams shine at Ric Sayre Invitational

Men's team takes second place while women's team claims first

Women's Cross Country

Zach Mentz
Sports Editor

Competing in the Ric Sayre Invitational for the second consecutive season, the John Carroll University women's cross country team aimed to improve upon their second place finish from a year ago.

Mission accomplished.

The Blue Streaks proved from the start that they came ready to run, claiming first place among the six teams in their bracket.

Junior Gabriella Kreuz led all Blue Streaks runners, as she took second place overall in the 5,000-meter run with a finish time of 19:10.8. Sophomore Emily Mapes took fourth place with a time of 19:36.1, while freshman Hanna Sterle took fifth place, as she finished with a time of 20:00.0. Finishing right behind Sterle was sophomore Jenny Vrobel, who claimed sixth place with a finish time of 20:03.6.

Juniors Caroline Kapela (9th place, 20:10.1) and Alyssa Singer (10th, 20:11.9) rounded out the top 10 placers in the event, giving the Blue Streaks six finishers in the top 10.

Senior Katherine Spillman finished in 12th place, with a final time of 20:15.6, while freshman Angie Bucci came in 16th place with a time of 20:37.6.

With the impressive showing, the Blue Streaks finished, as a team, with 26 total points to record a first place finish. The University of Mount Union finished in second place (42



Photo courtesy of JCU Sports Information

For the second straight year, both Blue Streaks squads finished in either first or second place at this past weekend's Ric Sayre Invitational in North Canton, Ohio.

points) while host Walsh University finished in third place (71 points).

The Blue Streaks will compete next this coming weekend, as they travel to South Bend, Ind. to run in the National Catholic Championships, hosted by the University of Notre Dame. After finishing in 10th place out of 33 teams, including third among Division III schools, in the 2011 season, the Blue & Gold will again be aiming to improve upon their mark from a year ago. The race begins at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 16, and the Blue Streaks will be using the event as another step towards improvement.

Men's Cross Country

Jake Hirschmann
The Carroll News

The John Carroll University men's cross country team ran itself to a second place finish for the second time in two races this year. This time they fell to the hands of Walsh University at the Ric Sayre Invitational, on Saturday, Sept. 8 in North Canton, Ohio. The Blue Streaks ran an impressive race with four finishers in the top 15 and six in the top 20.

Volleyball splits 2-2 weekend at Marcia French Memorial

Beckie Reid
The Carroll News

Going 2-2 at the Marcia French Memorial Tournament this past weekend at nearby Baldwin Wallace University in Berea, Ohio, the Blue Streaks came out energized.

When asked about their mindset going into this weekend, first year head coach Laura Jensen said, "There were a lot of positives that came from losing ... we didn't feel defeated,

we just have to improve. Our mindset is to take it one match at a time and take control of what is happening on the court."

The Blue Streaks' first match of the competition was against neighboring Case Western Reserve University. Despite forcing a fifth and final set with a 27-25 win in the fourth set, the Blue Streaks lost to the Spartans in five sets. Senior Sarah Slagle showed her senior leadership with 15 kills throughout the match.

Going a total of five games, the Blue & Gold held the Franciscan Barons by winning

the last two games, yet falling short in the fifth. In the third and fourth games, the Blue Streaks volleyball team more than doubled their opponents score 25-10 and 25-16. Freshman Sarah Kaminski reported an impressive 25 digs at the end of the five games, yet it was not enough.

Losing the first two games motivated them to overcome the last few games of the invitational against Franklin and Marshall and fellow OAC competitor Baldwin Wallace. With a seesaw win against the Franklin & Marshall

Diplomats, Jessica Kodrich stole the show with a total of 26 assists. Against BW, Kodrich also gained 42 assists and Slagle and Noewer were both in double digits in kills.

Noewer came out of the competition being named to the Marcia French Memorial all-tournament team.

"Winning is a skill, and we have to learn how to do it. Hopefully we can learn to be comfortable and finish," said Jensen. "Our key in tight situations is to stay aggressive and confident."

STREAKS OF THE WEEK



Cross Country



Gabriella Kreuz
junior

The Cleveland, Ohio native led all women's Blue Streaks competitors this past weekend at the Ric Sayre Invitational, as she finished in second place in the 5,000-meter event with an impressive finish time of 19:10.8.



Volleyball



Jessica Kodrich
sophomore

The sophomore helped lead the Blue Streaks to a pair of wins on Saturday against Franklin & Marshall and Baldwin Wallace in the Marcia French Memorial Tournament as she recorded 26 and 42 assists, respectively.



Cross Country



John Honkala
sophomore

Helping the Blue Streaks in this past weekend's Ric Sayre Invitational, Honkala shaved 40 seconds off his previous race and finished in 11th overall with a time of 27:13.2 to help pick up points for the Blue & Gold.

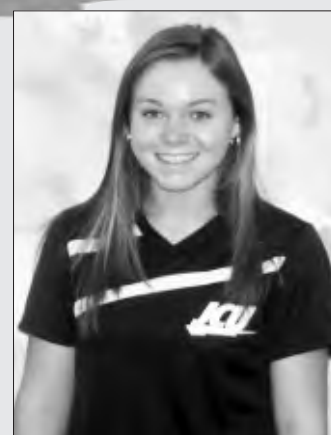


Soccer



Kaylin Akerly
sophomore

Akerly scored two goals this past weekend in the 2012 Carroll Classic, with the first being the final goal in a 3-0 win over Olivet on Friday before scoring another goal in JCU's 2-1 loss to Grove City on Saturday.



Soccer



Danielle Sharbaugh
freshman

Competing in the first game of the 2012 Carroll Classic on Friday, Sept. 7, Sharbaugh scored two of the Blue Streaks' three goals, her first two collegiate goals, in JCU's 3-0 win over the Olivet College Comets.

Around the World



1- Western sanctions on Iran continue as Canada closes embassy

Timothy Trobenter
The Carroll News

In the past, Iran and Israel were very close as far as international relations were concerned. In recent years, however, these two Middle Eastern powers have become bitter enemies of each other. Israel has lost a major ally, and Iran has gained a superior enemy in terms of military.

In recent years, Iran has threatened to develop a nuclear bomb. This terrifies many other nations, as the leaders of Iran are very militaristic and violent, especially towards countries that are homes to enemies. For this reason, both the United States and Israel remain committed to ending the program before the nuclear development of a bomb can come to fruition. In an effort to do this, many international world organizations have begun to impose harsh sanctions on Iran. By doing this, they hope to economically threaten Iran into submission.

On Sept. 7, Canada officially closed its embassy in Iran. By doing so, they have cut off all international relations with Iran. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu applauded the decision, stating that Canada's decision is of both "principle and conviction." He later went on to say that closing off international relations with Iran is important to show that Iran's nuclear program needs to end.



In Ottawa, the taped note below spelled out the forced Iranian exodus from the embassy in Canada. This is yet another blow to the increasing friction between Iran and the West.

Iran's response has been to protest a recently planned visit to Canada. The Iranian foreign embassy has stated that the removal of Canadian citizens and the closure of the embassy was "unprofessional, unconventional and unjustifiable."

The anger and resentment Iran feels will not be good for Iranian-Canadian

citizens still present in the nation, as well as those currently imprisoned. One man has been given a death sentence in the nation. His wife had been working with the embassy to ensure that the death sentence had been suspended. Without the embassy's help, she fears that he will unduly be killed for a crime that has already had its sentence reduced.

Another Iranian-Canadian man, originally from Ontario, is currently on death row for "promoting" pornographic web sites, a practice strictly in violation of Iranian law. He stated that he had been tortured and forced into confessing. Without the embassy there to help him, he may be killed for a crime he never committed.

Without the Canadian embassy, tricky political maneuvering will need to be taken to save the lives of Iranian-Canadians stuck in the Iranian penal system. With the anger Iran is feeling for losing an ally in international relations, Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper said that "nothing would surprise him," as Iran is known as a state with harsh punishments. It is also questionable how this will play out with other western countries. For now, the answer still remains with the turn of time.

2- France

Silvia Iorio
The Carroll News

Francois Hollande, the president of France, has declared a new tax rate on France's wealthiest citizens. The proclaimed Socialist has a reputation of claiming he does not like the rich, which has led to the tax rate of 75 percent on incomes of over €1 million. For one of Europe's richest economies, France's tax rate increase could eventually be dropped due to a recovery. According to Hollande, this will only help the nation, as tax rise on upperclasses and businesses will save France near €10 billion.

France's economy has developed more of market mechanism economy. This proclaims that money is exchanged by buyers and sellers with a system of value and trade offs as opposed to complete ownership and intervention. Many companies and banks are now in the works of becoming privatized, surrendering possession of stakes, or large sums of money. Companies such as Air France, a French airline, and France Telecom, a multinational telecommunications corporation, the largest in Europe, have surrendered such stakes.

The unemployment rate in France has increased from 2008 from about an estimated

seven percent to nine percent in 2011. In 2012, a report from the Trading Economics website has declared a 10.2 percent increase in the second quarter of 2012. This growth was lower than expected, and has led to an increase in borrowing costs and has cut government annual income. The market value of the goods and services recognized in a given period, or the GDP of France, decreased from an estimated 3.5 percent to a still processing decline of 2012.

Hollande, winning the May 2012 presidential election, has proved to be a good change for France's changing economy. Hollande has condoned economic policies to grow and has raised taxes on bank profits. His strategies have hired over 60,000 civil servants already and has taken steps to ensure his battle with the nation's economy will be won.

Hollande had a recent interview aimed to please citizens because of his popularity decrease throughout the summer. His approval rating fell from an estimated 62 percent to about 55 percent which has inspired his pledge of €30 billion in savings next year. Over 10 million people had watched this televised interview and insisted his reputation of a poor outlook on his presidency of the nation would soon change. Hollande's plan ensures that the economy of France will be turned around in about two years. It will be during this time that the people of France will hold Hollande to his word.

3- U.S.

Katie Warner
Staff Reporter

With the election underway, various national issues are brought forth and contested on the political stage, as parties and opponents take a specific stance. In recent weeks, that spotlight has expanded to add immigration.

Obama introduced his new immigration proposal in early June as the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, and the Department of Homeland Security began taking applications for the program by mid-August. The Deferred Action plan is an initiative to provide assistance for young immigrants who became established in the U.S. as children and have lived here since. "The administration plans to stop deporting many undocumented immigrants who arrived before the age of 16. Obama put forth this proposal at a critical juncture in the presidential race in the hopes of securing a larger population of the Hispanic vote, a population crucial to his reelection.

According to USA Today, "Obama has come under fire from Hispanic voters and others who say he hasn't fulfilled a previous campaign promise to overhaul the nation's immigration laws." In large part, Obama is

making recompense for the failed Development, Relief and Education of Alien Minors Act (DREAM) which he supported.

While the Act appears to be a step forward for immigrants and immigration advocates, the low number of immigrants applying tells a different story. "Administration officials said they had expected a flood of requests, creating in turn a large case load for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, a unit of the Department of Homeland Security. But several issues have prevented potential applicants from submitting forms, according to immigration attorneys and advocacy groups," as reported by The Wall Street Journal.

There are several explanations for the low application percentage. Many young immigrants eligible for the program refrain from applying for fear of the risk of deportation for their older family members who do not qualify. "Immigration attorneys say the outcome of the election is a source of concern for potential applicants, because Republican candidate Mitt Romney has taken a tough stance on illegal immigration," according to The Wall Street Journal.

Many immigrants wait with bated breath for the results of the election. The issue at hand is the battle between Republicans and Democrats, and which party or executive order will determine the impending and long-contested outcome of immigration.

Campaign 2012

Democrats take the limelight for the DNC

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The Carroll News

The Democratic National Convention kicked off in Charlotte, N.C. on Monday, Sept. 3. Marked by the presence of well-known democratic figures, this year's convention centered more on policy information and endorsements of President Obama than attacking the opposition.

First lady Michelle Obama gave the first speech of the convention on Tuesday evening, identifying the president as a family man, as well as informing the country of his social views. "Barack knows the 'American Dream' because he's lived it," she explained to an awestruck audience. "He wants everyone in this country to have the same opportunity, no matter who we are, or where we're from, or what we look like, or who we love." Her speech was relatable to the working class, which makes up the majority of Democratic voters. Ron Reagan, son of the former conservative president Ronald Reagan, hailed Michelle Obama's speech as "the best speech [given] by a first lady," comparing it to those of his mother, Nancy Reagan, as well as Eleanor Roosevelt.

Perhaps the most notable speech of the convention was given by former President Bill Clinton on Wednesday night. Originally slated to be 30 minutes in length, he improvised another 2,300 words that added nearly 20 minutes. Many remarks were added to make the discourse appear more conversational, while other comments were jokes or satirical remarks.

Filled with statistics and rebuttals to comments from the Republican base, Clinton's endorsement of President Obama is being viewed as a major eye-opener meant to sway independent voters. A main point that Clinton made was that there have been nearly twice as many jobs created in Democratic presidencies as in Republican ones since the 1960s.

On Thursday, Sept. 6, both Vice President Joe Biden and Obama gave speeches on their views on policies and the upcoming election. Biden acted as a character witness for the president, exciting the audience shortly before Obama arrived on stage. Biden used his signature phrase, "Osama bin Laden is dead, and GM is alive" to remind the country that Obama kept the country out of a depression, in comparison to GOP candidate Mitt Romney's comment that he would have allowed General Motors to go bankrupt. Possibly his most inspiring quote of the night, Biden remarked, "You never quit on America. And you deserve a president who will never quit on you."

The president's speech concluded the convention. While it hardly mentioned the state of the economy over the course of his presidency, the central word of the speech was "choice." "When you pick up that ballot to vote," he declared, "you will face the clearest choice of any time in a generation. Over the



The President and First Lady greet the delegates at the Democratic National Convention.

next few years, big decisions will be made on jobs, the economy, taxes and deficits, energy, education, war and peace." Following this, the president announced his plans to create 1 million more jobs in manufacturing by 2016.

Two days after closing, Reuters polled nearly 1,500 individuals to discover that 47 percent of those polled would vote for Obama over Romney if the elections had been held that day. This gives Obama a four-point lead over Romney, and the gap between the two is continuing to widen. A pollster from Ipsos stated, "We don't have another convention now to turn our attention to, so it may maintain." All in all, it seems like the next two months will determine the outcome.

Firing Lane



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World News Editor

Winning alignment

The stage had been set and the schedule lined up. Only a week had passed since the last faction made their pitch. The setting was different, yet in some ways similar: a Southern city that reflected both the potential economic growth and more bipartisan nature of its inhabitants versus the rest of the country. But after President Barack Obama made his acceptance speech for a second term, the 2012 presidential election went into full gear.

Just like last week, the question was, "What did this symbolize for the Democratic Party?" There are obvious signs, such as helping to re-elect an embattled candidate while carrying further party members into office. It appears that many can admit the event was generally beneficial for the president. He performed what was expected of him, by giving a rousing yet civil speech on his aims for the next four years. By comparison, the style did not differ much from his Republican opponent Mitt Romney a week earlier, but the value of incumbency makes this acceptable. One weapon of choice proved handy as well: former President Bill Clinton giving the nomination speech. Now all that is left is the general election.

Like the Republicans, the Democrats are affirming what it is they stand for. The biggest issue has been the economic factor. In previous years, the Democratic Party attempted to find some common ground with the private sector, while still supporting the poor. This time, a lot more were championing for the lower classes of Americans. Over and over again, speakers emphasized how they came from nothing. When the former president spoke, he referred to the days that the government had helped his family. The party also stressed it would help the working class and minorities.

Democrats have one big perk in their favor. The country is in tune with their message. In a way, it is just reverse for what assisted the Republican Party 40 years ago. Today, we often hear people chanting about how they despise big government. With the amount of protest going on, many would assume this is a reflection of widespread political sentiment throughout the United States. However, reality is that this is just a loud minority. Most Americans do not share the full-blown sentiment that the government should be essentially obliterated. Granted, there are some who believe that it crosses boundaries, but nothing to the extreme. In many ways, the Democrats now have a hold on who President Richard Nixon famously coined, "the Silent Majority."

The independent voters, a growing number in the United States, are the main subjects of this majority. As far as they are concerned, politics is a necessary burden. Elections, in particular, reflect a choice between the lesser of two evils. For many years, the Republicans appeared to be less radical in their ideas with talk of conformity and economic stability. But their recent arguments about the danger of the United States government has proven to be simply unelectable. Also, the Democrats' staunch support for tolerance, which is becoming increasingly acceptable in American society, also strengthens this support.

So, this is the honor that has been bestowed among the Democratic Party. Of course, it will falter at some point, as all alignments do. But as far as the next few elections are concerned, the Democrats will have the higher ground.

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Romney responds to Democratic convention

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As the Democratic National Convention came to a close on Friday, Sept. 7, the president had much to be happy about, as he shot ahead to a four-point lead in the polls. However, Gov. Mitt Romney didn't seem to think the president had much to celebrate, nor did he commend the president on his closing speech. In an interview with Fox News, Romney stated that while he did not watch the president's speech, he did read the transcript, and nothing in it gave him confidence that "the president knows what he's doing" when it comes to job and economy growth. Romney went on to say, "As a matter of fact, he hardly even mentioned jobs and the economy."

Romney also took the Fox interview as a chance to highlight what he believes were positives of his own speech and the Republican National Convention, especially the fact that he is the first GOP nominee since 1952 not to mention war in his own convention speech. Romney said, "I didn't use the word 'troops.' I used the word 'military.' I think they refer to the same thing. Of course, going to the American Legion the day before during the middle of our convention made a much bigger statement to our military and our troops than the president, who did not go to meet with the American Legion."

However, the Republican Party didn't wait for the Democratic National Convention to end to take an aggressive stance against the president and his team. Just 230 miles away from Charlotte, vice presidential candidate, Sen. Paul Ryan campaigned in Greenville, N.C. atop the platform asking, "Are you better off than you were four years ago?" Polling suggests that this campaign tactic resonates

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Which party's Convention was more influential?

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heavily with voters who like Obama personally, but are discouraged by the slow pace of recovery. Republican National Communications Director Sean Spicer believes this a very strong campaign strategy. Spicer said, "Team Obama can't say the country is better off after four years. This will be the most effective counter-programming effort ever conducted by the GOP." Ryan's campaign event featured speakers prominent in the Republican Party, while Romney spent the time in New Hampshire and Vermont, preparing for his debates with the president, starting on October 3.

Although Team Romney is projecting a calm and collected face post-DNC, the four-point gap may be concerning to many Romney supporters.

Colin Swearingen, a professor of U.S. politics and elections at John Carroll University, predicts that although the election bounce will dissipate, a rating above 48 percent, which the president is currently holding, has historically proven beneficial for re-

election. In order to combat the president's high polls, Swearingen predicts the GOP will run an "ad blitz," especially since the GOP still holds the majority of the money they've raised on the campaign trail. As far as the October debates go, Swearingen is looking forward to the vice presidential debate, which he predicts will be interesting, as many consider Paul Ryan the "intellectual forebearer of the GOP."

Although Obama's high poll rating has the Dems cheering, Romney supporters need not lose hope yet; with about 60 days until the election, the public can certainly expect the campaign to heat up.



Republican nominee Mitt Romney greets supporters. He currently trails the president by four points.

U.S. Treasury recovers commitment to AIG

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Four years ago, the U.S. Treasury and Federal Reserve Bank bailed out American International Group, Inc., which is an American multinational insurance corporation.

These government agencies funded the company with \$182.3 billion in the bailout, and ended up controlling 1.65 billion of AIG shares.

This past Monday, The Wall Street Journal reported that the U.S. Treasury and Federal Reserve have now recovered a combined total of \$194.7 billion, "representing a positive return to date."

This news was sparked by the "fifth biggest global follow-on stock offering since the financial crisis," in which the U.S. Treasury sold 551 million AIG shares to the public on Monday at \$32.50 apiece, for a total of \$18 billion.

The government's stake in the company has now been reduced from 92 percent to 22 percent.

The WSJ reports that the U.S. Treasury now has 317 million shares left, ending its majority ownership of the company that nearly toppled the financial system in 2008.

AIG avoided bankruptcy on Sept. 16, 2008, when the Federal Reserve announced it would loan \$85 billion to enable AIG to meet its cash obligations.

During this time, adjustable-rate mortgages began to reset at higher interest rates, which caused higher monthly payments. This was due to toxic subprime mortgages and caused a boom of mortgage delinquencies.

A liquidity crisis resulted for

AIG when many of their financial products units' securities that were backed with subprime mortgages, loans to people who may have difficulty maintaining the repayment schedule, lost their value.

The government's rescue of AIG ultimately totaled \$182 billion, including an agreement to clear the insurer of its obligations on about \$53.5 billion in toxic mortgage debt.

Jim Ryan, an insurance analyst for Morningstar, Inc., stated that what the current management of AIG has done since the bailout has been "nothing short of remarkable."

Ryan said, "They've worked very hard to get the company back on its feet." By selling away toxic assets and improving operations, AIG has returned to profitability. Bruce Ballentine, a senior credit officer at Moody's Investors Service, said that AIG "has made a lot of progress over the past couple

years in strengthening its core operations and exciting noncore businesses."

— Jim Ryan
MorningStar, Inc.

While this news comes as an achievement for the government, the moral hazards that were exploited in the financial crisis four years ago have surely not been forgotten. The investing world hopes the markets do not experience such troubles again.

U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Timothy F. Geithner said, "To stabilize and then restructure the company with a very substantial positive gain for the American taxpayer is a significant accomplishment, but we need to continue the critical task of implementing Wall Street reform so that the American economy is never put in this position again."

Another new Apple device on the way

Patrick Burns

Staff Reporter

It's about that time again: Apple is expected to release yet another version of the iPhone. Many have speculated that this version will be the long awaited iPhone 5, and many smartphone users will soon be clamoring for an upgrade.

It comes as no surprise that Apple will make an attractive sum of money on this product. However, most people tend to overlook the carriers who provide the service for these devices.

Several large carriers such as AT&T and Verizon's profits are heavily driven by the iPhone. But surprisingly enough, these devices are quite expensive for these carriers to have in their armada, and thus the amount of money made is not quite as big as you'd expect.

Before Apple allows these phones to the carriers, they must first pay massive fees to the tune of billions of dollars, which makes quite the dent on the return. AT&T and Verizon both have plans to fight back in hopes of better margins on this product. This will result in additional expenses for anyone who uses this product.

First off, the carriers plan on charging an upgrade fee for those who would like to get their hands on the new iPhone. This will likely not be anything outrageous—expensive, but serves as a means of paying down the fees of carrying the product.

Secondly, keep your eyes on

your next data plan. If this iPhone indeed has 4G capabilities, we could very likely see a change in our smartphone bill as a result of the speed increase.

Verizon Chief Executive Officer Lowell McAdam said, "these new devices and the apps that roll with them are going to drive more data usage." If we weren't addicted to our phones before, we may soon be more so than ever before.

Lastly, these companies are almost pushing you into a new data plan if you want to get the upgrade.

Verizon plans on making its customers purchase one of its new tiered data plans if they would like to purchase the iPhone at a discounted price. AT&T will make you do the same if you would like to make use of the FaceTime feature.

If you intend on buying this product, you are more than likely not going to be able to avoid these fees. But they will do tremendous things for the phone carriers' margins, making it significantly more profitable for them to carry the phone. This is the route that must be taken to make selling the iPhone a more compelling investment.

Despite all the harshness that iPhone users will have to endure

in pricing, a significant drop in demand for the device is not foreseeable.

The carriers will likely see massive revenues over the next few months and carry over into improved general financial health. Stocks such as NYSE:T and NYSE:VZ could be appreciating in value as a result of these sales.



The iPhone 5 was presented by Apple yesterday.

From techradar.com

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Business & Finance Editor

Red Devils cross into the New York Stock Exchange

Manchester United, arguably the most storied and valuable European football club, issued an Initial Public Offering on the NYSE at \$14 this past August, with the ticker symbol, "MANU."

The idea of combining finance and the English Premier League caught my interest, even if it's Man United. According to The Economist, this IPO was lower than the anticipated \$16-20 share price for which the club had hoped. The Red Devil IPO issued 16.7 million class A shares, or a value of one-tenth of the club.

This past summer, Forbes Magazine reported the estimated value of top sports clubs across the world.

Their estimation was close to the \$2.3 billion value after the club's stock went public. This is the first sports franchise to be publicly traded since the Cleveland Indians in 1998.

One of the main deterrents of purchasing stock in a sports club is the minimal return on investment they have historically seen.

The club is not expected to issue any dividends, and is trading below their IPO. The only real draw to the stock of a die-hard supporter is the MANU stock certificate.

As of Sept. 11, 2012, the football legends are trading at \$12.31. United is currently in dire straits financially, despite being one of the most highly valued clubs on the planet. Their debt is estimated at \$662 million, according to The Economist.

The club owners are expected to hold some of the equity raised from the IPO, and use the rest on their debt. This news comes much to the chagrin of United supporters in Britain and abroad.

In a sport where exorbitant sums of money are spent each summer and winter transfer window on the top footballers from around the globe, Man United should raise funds wherever possible. The real money in these competitions comes from corporate sponsorship and investment groups.

United's rivals to the south, Chelsea FC, have Samsung as a major sponsor; and the Qatar Foundation, a group of Middle-Eastern investors, sponsors FC Barcelona.

The sport is also being taken over by extremely wealthy owners, such as Roman Abramovich at Chelsea FC in London.

This leads to the never-ending debate in club football to institute Financial Fair Play or "FFP." This would attempt to level the playing field in the transfer market. In other words, it would aim to keep smaller clubs from being priced out of the market.

Using the IPO as a method of fundraising for the club should spark some interest in long-time supporters of the Old Trafford faithful. Something that any sports franchise should never forget is to keep the supporters happy. Even though these clubs are run as businesses, their customer is the supporter. Keeping supporters engaged and behind the club is vital to a club's popularity and success.

If I were a United supporter, I would not be very enthused with the issuance of an IPO for my football club if it was not being used to bring in talented players.

That being said, it is still going to generate some buzz around the world. Manchester United is the first foreign club to be featured on the NYSE.

Using the IPO as a method of fundraising for the club should spark some interest in long-time supporters of the team from Old Trafford.

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Facebook CEO opens up over stock performance

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Staff Reporter

This week, Mark Zuckerberg, the CEO of Facebook, sat down for his first interview since Facebook's initial public offering (IPO) earlier this summer.

Since the May 17 IPO, Facebook stock has dropped a staggering 49 percent, and in his interview, it appears that this is a major concern for Zuckerberg.

He was quoted saying, "The performance of the stock has obviously been disappointing, and we care about our shareholders and the commitment that we made was to execute this mission to make the world more open and connected, and we are going to continue to do things that we think will build value over the long run." The idea of making the world a more connected and open place has been stressed by Zuckerberg in the past.

On May 18, the day after Facebook went public, he was recorded saying that while going public was important for the company, it wasn't the main focus. He still stresses the

fact that he dreams to connect the world on a more integrated level.

During the interview, Zuckerberg stressed the fact that Facebook had evolved into a "mobile company," and he says that over the next three to five years, the biggest question on everyone's mind in regards to how Facebook performs is dependent on how well they do with their mobile app.

In comparison to other Internet-based companies, the mobile world may be the only area of the business where Facebook is behind. While other brands like Twitter and Instagram have taken the mobile world by storm, Facebook lagged behind when it came to keeping their app current and constantly upgraded.

Zuckerberg said, "The biggest mistake we've made as a company is betting too much on HTML5." To address the missteps, Facebook is lessening its reliance on those tools, and it has built an application tailored specifically for Apple's mobile software. The company is also working on an application for Google's Android.

He expects to make more money from mo-

mobile advertising than from desktop advertising because the ads are far more integrated into the platform. He stated that all the code being written for Facebook at this time is focusing on mobile.

While the stock has been hovering in the high teens for the last few months, which is a significant drop from its IPO of 41, it seems that Zuckerberg's long overdue interview has calmed some investors. The stock closed on Tuesday, Sept. 11 up 3.3 percent at 19.43.



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Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg speaks at TechCrunch Disrupt about his company's stock price performance.



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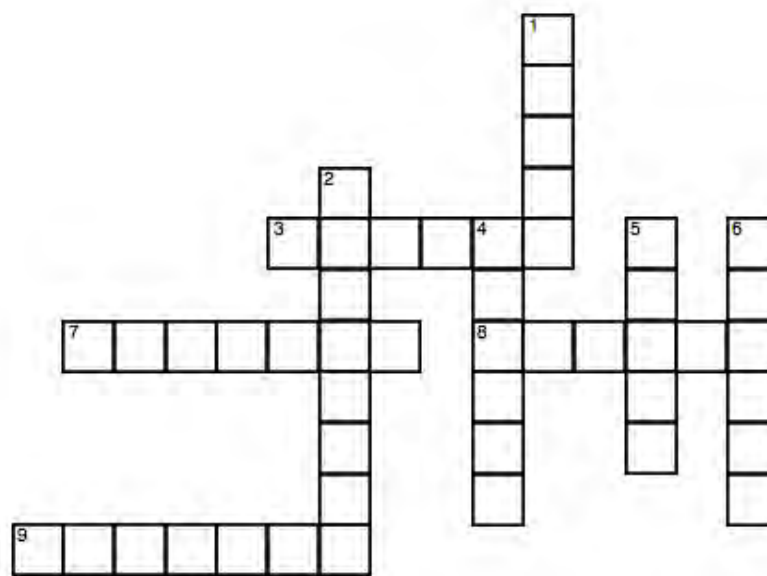
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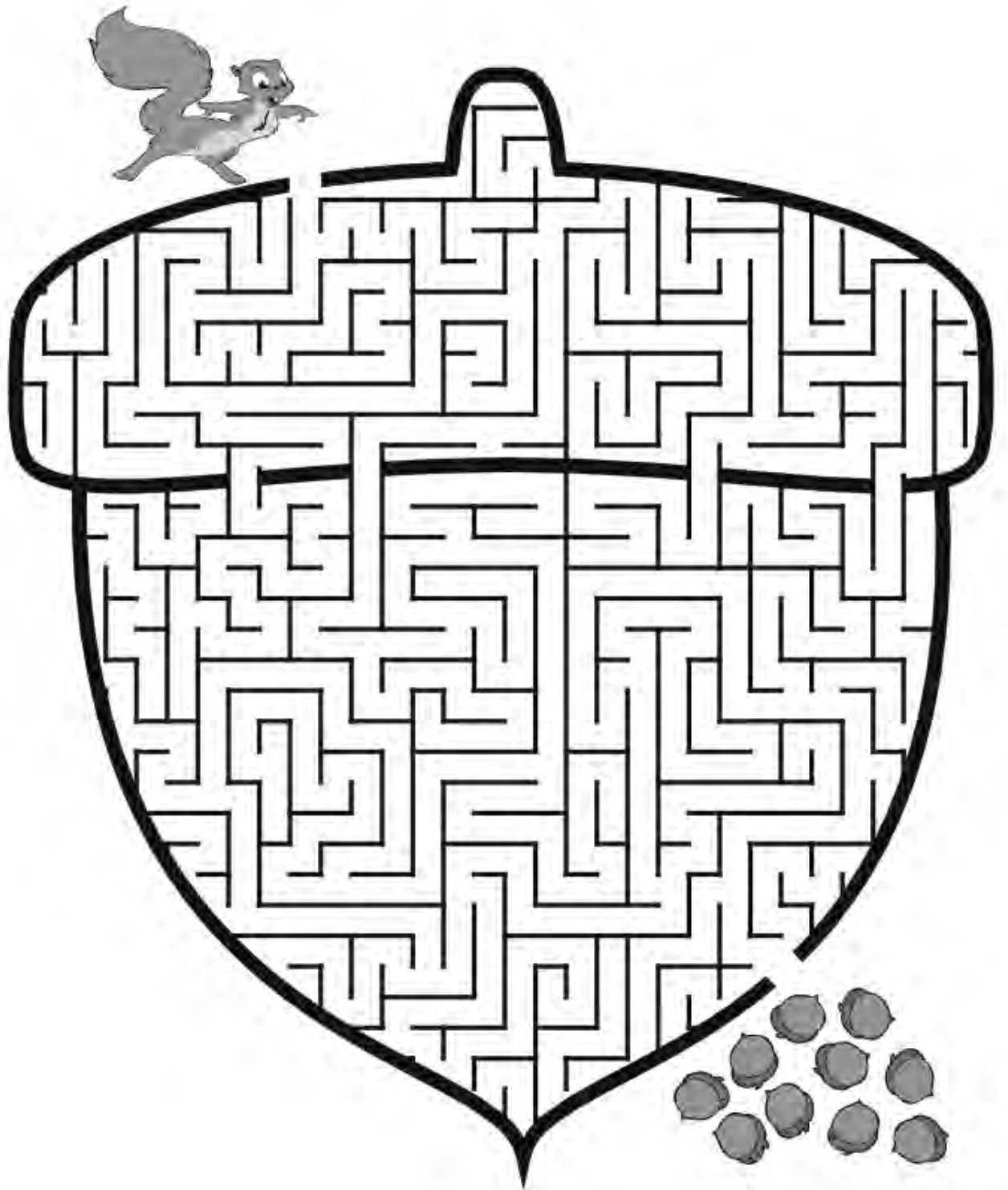
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Directed by Ali Karolczak

Math meets mayhem when studious Kate agrees to tutor Keith, an arrogant actor who's more interested in Kate than in calculus. He shows up late, he's still in costume, and he doesn't know or care what the angle of inclination is. Answering such burning questions as how many actors it takes to screw in a light bulb, Math for Actors explores the relationship between art and algebra, and finds a common denominator.

Cast requirements: 1 male, 1 female

The Jewish Wife

By Bertold Brecht

Directed by Sara Abbott

When the curtain goes up we find Judith Keith packing her bags. We find out that she is a Jew married to an Aryan and Hitler's propaganda is beginning to infiltrate their lives. Fritz, a surgeon, has been facing some unpleasantness at work on her account and she worries it is all going to get much worse. By now Judith has worked herself up into near hysteria as she lashes out at the powers that have divided the country and its people.

Cast Requirements: 1 Male, 1 Female

Talk To Me Like The Rain...And Let me Listen

By Tennessee Williams

Directed by Robert (Bo) Smith

A favorite with actors-it's a two person play. There are two unnamed characters: man and Woman. They live in a cold water flat on the Lower East side. He is drunk. She is wasting away to nothing. There is intimacy between the-the intimacy of desperation.

Cast Requirements: 1 man, 1 woman



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Editorial

Rank residence halls

At the beginning of this semester, many students complained about the cleanliness of their dorm rooms upon their arrival on campus. The number of complaints this year was higher than in years past.

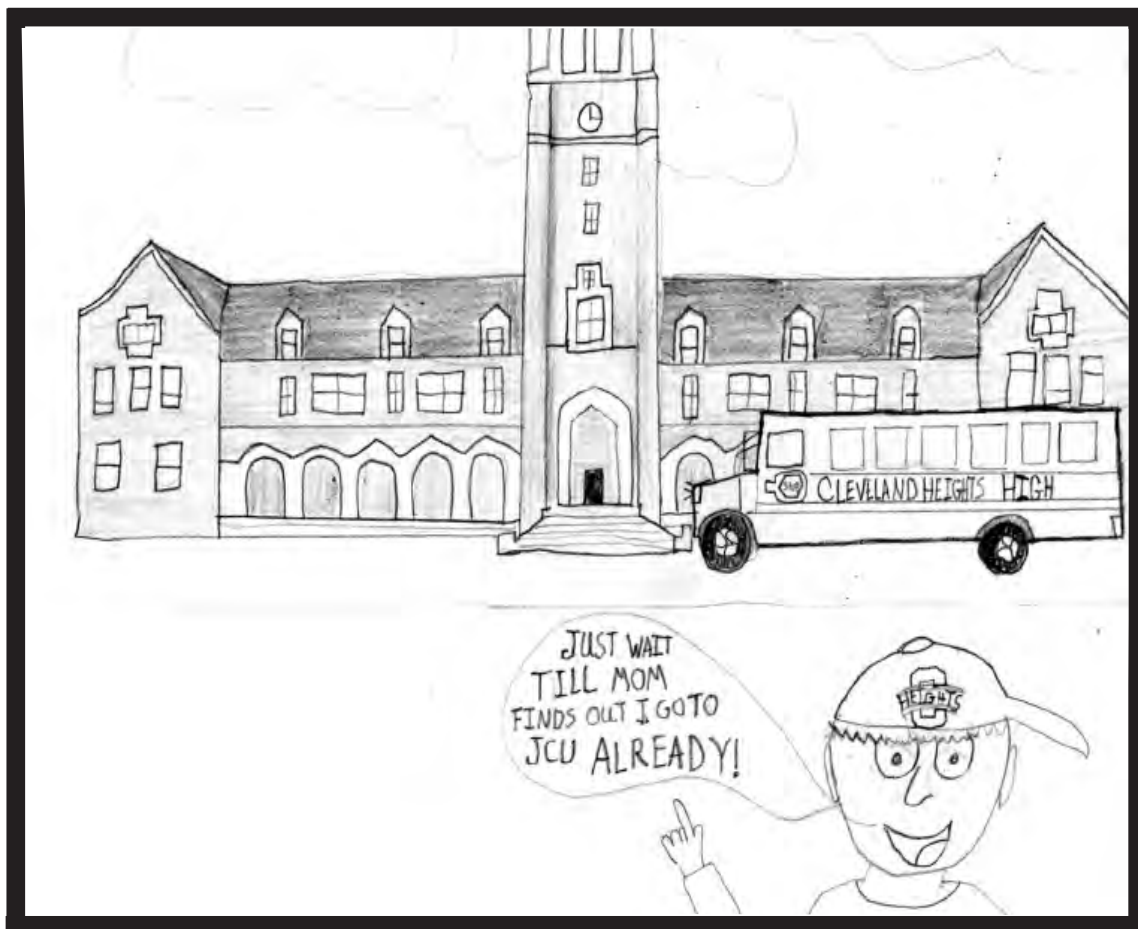
With over 1,000 rooms on campus, it is understandably difficult to make sure that all of the rooms are perfectly clean for students at the beginning of the school year. However, it is the responsibility of the Office of Residence Life to make sure that the dorms are clean when students move into them.

Res Life has been busy with renovations all summer, but that is no excuse for the poor conditions of the dorms. Although the renovations improve the residence halls, if they are not maintained on the basic level of cleanliness, the renovations are in vain.

Since students are paying roughly \$10,000 a year for room and board, they are entitled to clean rooms upon their arrival on campus.

Meetings with the Student Union's Committee on Residence Life and Facilities, and staff and administrators are already in order, where these issues will be discussed and remedied. Students should be notified of all actions being taken to fix the problems.

Students with complaints about the state of their dormitories should be sure to voice their concerns to their resident assistants so the issues can be resolved in a timely and effective manner.



Cartoon by Nicholas Sciarappa

Editorial

Hometown advantage

The 2014-2015 academic year at John Carroll University will present a new opportunity to high school students wishing to gain college credit. Due to a new partnership between JCU and the Cleveland Heights-University Heights School District, high school juniors and seniors who have completed R.E.A.L. Early College High School are now eligible to take classes at the University.

R.E.A.L. Early College High School is an acronym for "Relevant, Experiential, Active Learning." This is a small school within Cleveland Heights High School. The program promotes early mastery of high school subjects so that students can move on to college level work faster.

This new option for high school students will better prepare them for the full-time college experience. The head-start on college will give them more time to adapt to the challenging and comprehensive collegiate atmosphere which could allow them to reach a higher potential by the end of their college years.

Earning college credit early on will increase the likelihood that they will get a college scholarship in the future. It may also provide them with the opportunity to graduate ahead of schedule, which will save them even more money.

The chance to get ahead by working hard in these advanced programs can be more motivational to students and give them more immediate goals to pursue.

JCU students should be approachable, encouraging and helpful to these high school students. This program could mean future enrollment gains for the University and improve its reputation with the surrounding communities.

NOTABLE QUOTABLE



"Education is like a bad marriage, where we've thought about everything else except the underlying issue. That's personnel, which leads invariably to the unions."

— Andrew Rotherham, co-founder of the Bellweather Foundation, in regards to the Chicago public schools strike

HIT & miss

- Hit:** JCU ranked again in U.S. News and World Report
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- miss:** Chicago public schools teachers are on strike
- Hit:** Serena Williams wins fourth U.S. Open title
- miss:** Two damaging tornadoes hit New York City, and many are left without power as strong storms pummel the East Coast
- Hit/miss:** Romney falls farther behind Obama in the polls
- Hit:** U.S. to soon lift Cold War-era trade sanctions on Russia
- Hit:** First JCU home football game
- Hit:** Joe Biden invites Shanksville, Pa. firefighters to the White House
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- Hit/miss:** Cooler weather
- Hit:** 19-year-old fisherman survives more than 24 hours afloat in a plastic crate after his boat overturned
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OURVIEW



Nicholas Sciarappa
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I feel as though I should introduce myself. My name is Nicholas Sciarappa, and I am so very good looking. I play the drums for Carly Rae Jepsen, I am a world renowned calligraphy artist and I'm Bobby Flay's sous chef at his world famous Las Vegas restaurant, Mesa Grill.

I have voted for every winning president to run for office, starting with Reagan, of course. It's also important to note that I am a "Catholic," an Italian and did I mention that, when I smile, the sun gets jealous of the beautiful radiant light that gleams from my pearly white teeth? Yes, it has been said before (on an hourly basis) that I resemble Brad Pitt, George Clooney and that dude from Twilight (you know, the attractive one, with the hair, eyes and face; you know, the one that the girls drool over. Yeah, that one.) What I'm trying to get across to my readers today, is that I, Nick Sciarappa, am 100 percent of your daily recommended dose of single, suave and delicious manliness.

I like to sing too! My voice

A portrait of the author as a young man

has been compared to the choirs of saints and angels in heaven, Meat Loaf and Michael Bolton, all comfortably combined together. I'm pretty athletic, too. I'm into Parkour, having scaled the Grasselli Tower of John Carroll (yes, the "clock tower" has a name). You could say I'm an okay guy.

I know the obvious question racing through your head now, as you read this: "Nick, how on earth are you still single?" I know, I know; I've pondered that myself.

People say I'm picky, but I would disagree. I have only two things I'm looking for in a girl (Girls, take out your notes, this is good stuff).

Number one: I like Catholic girls. What does that mean? Jesus didn't want people to be "good people." Everyone wants to be a good person, and that's good. I do not mean to patronize people who are content with being "good." I would, however, make the claim that being a disciple is so much more attractive to me than just being a good person. A disciple loves in a radical way. She believes in a right and a wrong, and is actively in the pursuit of figuring out which is which. A disciple tries her hardest to be the best "her" she can be every day of her life. No, that does not mean that she is perfect; far

from it. A disciple knows she has flaws, flaws that harm her livelihood, but does not fear to fight them. Most importantly, a disciple wills the good of another because she recognizes that is where true Disney World "butterflies in the stomach" love is found.

Number two: She has to think I'm totally "freakin'" sweet, but want me to be even more awesome. She has to love me for my natural talents (singing like Bolton) but want me to push for more (having soul like Marvin Gaye). She should drool over my good looks (Twilight dude), but tell me to get a better haircut (anything but Trump).

Essentially, she should help me become the best "me" I can be, as I reciprocate that love back to her.

Picky? I don't think so. If my girl has those qualities, I'd be fine if she was a scuba-diving, philatelic astrophysicist. I could learn to love any of her interests and hobbies.

So, future girlfriend (who my parents are not paying to date me), as you look deep into the eyes of the black and white picture of me right above this article, know that I'm searching for you too.

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Cooney Meets World: A cellphone chronicle



Dan Cooney
Editor in Chief

Up until earlier this summer, I was stuck in prehistoric times. Okay, maybe that's a bit of an exaggeration.

From my senior year of high school until this summer, I owned a red LG enV2 cellphone. Compared to most of the phones of today, with all of their Internet and app capabilities, my phone was not up to snuff.

But back in the fall of 2008, an enV2 was a vast improvement over the flip phone I had. The flip phone was my first-ever cellphone, and had seen its share of wear over the two years I had it. The front screen of the phone was completely smashed. When I held the phone upside-down, the upper part would swing open and hang, seemingly by a thread.

The most exciting thing about my new enV2 at the time was a full keyboard for texting. Just having the ability to text message was a privilege I earned a few months before I got the new phone.

Over the next three-and-a-half years, my enV2 held up like a champ. I dropped that phone many times, and each time, it came back to life. The call quality was outstanding, and having a keyboard made texting much easier.

But, alas, it was time to make a change. Times and technology are changing, and I'm not trying to get left behind in the dust. I was also traveling this summer, so I wanted to have more mobile capabilities.

My parents had promised me a new phone at some point this year for my birthday. So, one warm summer night, my dad and I made the trek to our local Verizon store. The end result of my trip to the store: a new Motorola Droid 4 smartphone.

You might be asking why I picked a Droid over an iPhone. Frankly, when I compared the two, the Droid won out in terms of battery life and Internet speed. Sure, the iPhone is a very popular device that's relatively easy to use. But I like the freedom my Droid gives me. In other words, I don't want to be limited to downloading apps and other services made by only one company.

I really like my new phone because I have the world in my hands now. I can download apps for all my favorite news sources, Facebook, Twitter, an app to make lists or create Word documents when I'm not at a computer, YouTube and other useful things. I no longer have to find a computer on campus to check my email because I can access it easily on my phone. Less-than-pristine call quality and a short battery life are items I can tolerate when I have more mobile capabilities at my fingertips.

While it's nice to be connected all the time, there are moments when it's necessary to get away from it all. A smartphone can make that difficult because of all the capabilities it has to quickly get more information over other cellphones. I've found that the easy thing to do is just leave my phone in another room for a while.

In an age where our ability to find information is getting much easier, our need – and society's need – for the latest news can also consume us. Sometimes we all need that quiet time away from the devices that allow us to access the world. Don't ever be afraid to put your phone in a drawer for a bit and actually look around at the world. Our beautiful campus is a great place to start.

But when I take my phone back from the other room, I'm glad I have it. Staying current in the 21st century is a lot better than being stuck in the technological Dark Ages.

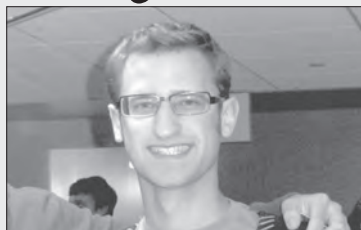
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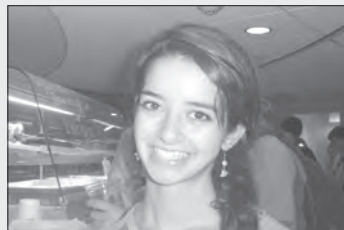
"A form of natural gas used for cars."

Betsy O'Brien,
sophomore



"An interconnected system of pipes for transmitting gas."

Stephen Baznik,
junior



"A plumbing pipe."

Dani Milan,
freshman

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The Bayer Necessities: My little pink headphones



Brian Bayer
Managing Editor

Last May, shortly before boarding a plane for a nine-hour flight, I purchased a pair of headphones. I mean, who would want to make that kind of a trip without music? So I went to the bookstore and bought the last remaining pair of headphones on the rack. Sure, they're pink; but as long as they work, who really cares, right?

Wrong. For some reason, every time someone sees me with them, they always ask, "Why pink?"

My answer: "Because they're functional, and I needed headphones." But after about the 500th time this was asked of me, I started wondering why it was such a big deal for me to have little pink headphones. Could it be that my last minute, pre-

travel \$10 purchase has completely emasculated me? Are our gender norms so engrained in our thoughts that even the slightest departure from them stirs the pot so much?

Well, by now I've realized that everyone is spot on – the headphones were just the first step down a slippery slope that will inevitably lead to confessions that I love to wear Chanel No. 5, think about how dreamy George Clooney is all the time and am contemplating being the season six winner of RuPaul's Drag Race. You caught me.

Or maybe, just maybe, norms don't dictate how I live my life. If we are so imprisoned in our societal structures that a man can't own a pair of headphones in the color of his choosing, then this isn't the America I dream of at night. No, I'd much prefer a place where my gender identity isn't constructed by the audio accessories I choose to sport.

Perhaps I'm reading a bit too

much into a simple question. But to me, it represents a much greater problem. We, as a generation, are afraid to be independent. In decades past, it was expected that people would think freely and accessorize how they please. There once was a time when you couldn't get your mail without passing someone wearing legwarmers and leotards to compliment their stylish Afro and leopard-print tunic.

Now, we have become such machines that if anyone dares to step out of this narrow path of conformity, we brand them as "indie" or "hipsters." What a good way to squelch free-thinking.

But even the hipsters these days seem to conform to a standard equation: rolled skinny jeans, thick-rimmed glasses, tight vintage hoodies and the classic hipster hat. There's just no room for independence.

Last year, after I used the railing to scale the side of the atrium steps rather than the steps themselves, my friend observed, "Brian, I don't think

a day has gone by that you haven't violated some kind of norm."

Whether or not she intended that to be a compliment, I was flattered. She was absolutely right – I see the world how I want it to be, how it is most efficient, functional or fun (you can't spell functional without "fun"). Fact is, I don't wake up every morning planning to be an icon of counter-culture at JCU. But if there is a better way to do something, I'd rather try it and ask for forgiveness than ask for permission and be denied.

Another time, when I lived in Hamlin, my roommate and I decided to take chairs into the elevator and do our homework there (our hall was particularly rowdy that day, and we thought the elevator might be a more peaceful study location). But sure enough, most of the people getting on and off assumed we were doing it for a Sociology 101 norms violation project. And those poor, close-minded residents probably had to struggle through noisy neighbors

as they tried to do their homework that day, instead of just joining us in our quiet study-vator.

I will admit that I do like to stand out occasionally. As the saying goes, "Well-behaved women seldom make history." And although I'm not a woman, I do have pink headphones; so by society's standards, I guess that counts.

So this week, I challenge you to do something a little bit out of the ordinary. I'm not suggesting you do anything crazy, like walking across the quad to get to class (that's simply against the rules no matter how indie you are). But if you have the chance to color outside the lines for once, try it and experience how much fun it can be. Because who knows – maybe all it takes to liberate your mind is a pair of little pink headphones.

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– Compiled by Dan Cooney and Clara Richter

Nick's Knack: Old man river



Nick Wojtasik
Asst. Editorial & Op/Ed Editor

This past weekend, I reached perhaps the most longed for chronological milestone in one's life, and the final one until the ever-so-sought after event in two septet allowing one to run for president of the United States. That is, I turned 21.

I've been around long enough to have earned the rights to consume alcohol, gamble and buy a house or car without a co-signer. Despite these newly achieved freedoms, I'm increasingly told it is all downhill from here.

In the week preceding the anniversary of my birth, I had my first experience as the focus subject of an "old man" joke. In a conversation with a teammate, he inquired if I was in eighth grade in 1999. It took me a few seconds to realize that the underlying message of that quip was that now, as a senior (though the youngest senior on the team) I am, relatively, the old guy. I've been around the block of college thrice before, and I am now approaching the death of my youth.

On runs with current high school students this summer, I already began to notice the effects of aging. The spring and pep in their legs, corrupted by at least 8,000 fewer miles than mine, was evident as the pace picked up on the short jaunt. Sure, I knew fully well that my strength and speed exceeded theirs. But, ripe fruit, being sweetest, will soon begin to rot.

With ominous clouds forming in the sky of my life, how am I, like so many before me, supposed to continue on and find meaning in the gradually worsening years allegedly ahead?

There is one conundrum. Why is it that those no more than a decade older than me say I've crested the hill, and those in their 40s, 50s or older remark how they wish they could be 30 again?

My generation and succeeding generations have been, and continue to be, instilled with a worldview constructed in the function, values and form of the scholastic structure. To wit, people go to school usually for a minimum of 12 years. Thus, a person is cultivated to be functional in and value a scholastic world which transfers to that person's approach to the world outside of school.

It is easy to fabricate a world of commerce in the scholastic form; for

this reason people can be successful professionally. Even so, it is impossible to reduce the human experience to numbers.

With a numerical societal ethic of the youth, the ways of commerce translate well to the trends of the early stages of life. When we are young and vital, with our strength and abilities consistently improving, the quantifying method works well. Satisfactory results are revealed when children get better at things. When we age a certain number of years, we are able to do specific things. It's all very subjective.

As time progresses, the trends of human life change. No longer do certain skills improve. Thus, if one analyses the numbers of his life, they can be rather depressing.

The beginning years of getting old require some time for one's values to adapt to and learn to interpret the new way things work.

Aspects of life that bring reward are obviously preferable to those that are disappointing. While numbers can bring about either sentiment, experiences are usually not quantifiable, but positivity can usually be derived from them. So, as we age, it's increasingly important to evaluate the progress and success of a life not by how much, but how well.

After 21 and then 35, age landmarks seemingly cease to exist. Yet aging allows one many opportunities that one might avoid in earlier years. Buying a house, settling down, raising a family all contribute to one's experience. Age also brings with it authority, and authority leads to freedom. Though one might be settled with a family, one has earned the right to do whatever they want within the law and their ability, not having to bow to paternal rules.

Many think because I am still fairly young, I can't truly feel the effects of aging. Not every effect of age is personal. Hitting the final age landmark of 21 has caused me to look for the next great thing ahead. At the most elementary level, every day of experience I gain contributes to my knowledge base and each day I have hundreds more pieces of the puzzle, gradually allowing me to construct a more complete picture of the world, its truths, lies, trends and inhabitants. Perhaps, moving forward with this idea in mind, I will wake up more grateful for another day of vitality, not taking existence for granted and embracing the obstacles the universe has in store for me, earning privileges, experience and knowledge with each one that I trounce.

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Remember the WWJD craze that tried to make us all better people? Maybe it did. Did anyone ever do a scientific study on that? I would like to see the results of that research.

Well, in light of the days of WWJD, I am starting a new craze. The WWCD craze. That's right. "What would Clara do?" I know that it is a question we ask ourselves every day, so now I'm going to give you some answers.

Mind you, "What would Clara do?" works a little bit differently than WWJD (mostly because, well, I'm not Jesus). When you're in a situation which has the potential to become awkward or embarrassing, ask yourself "What would Clara do?" and then do the the exact opposite of whatever you think I would do in that situation.

Here are some examples of situations in which asking yourself what I would do might help you avoid doing something potentially asinine, idiotic or embarrassing to demonstrate the "What would Clara do?" method.

Say you're in the cafeteria and you think to yourself, "Perhaps I shall go get myself a piece of fruit. Maybe a nice apple or banana." However, the fruit, as a sort of sick joke, is placed directly next to the desserts. You know you should eat a piece of fruit, but there are brownies, and you do love brownies. Here is an example of a situation in which the "What would Clara do?" method is vital.

Before you start to load your plate with delicious chocolatey baked

goods, pause and ask yourself, "What would Clara do?" Clara would most definitely eat two or more brownies, which means that you should most definitely eat a piece of fruit, which will leave you feeling good about yourself and will leave more brownies for Clara (please excuse my use of the third person).

Let's explore another situation, shall we? You're walking past a group of total strangers and they are all posing for a nice picture. Possibly a family portrait that they hope to hang over their fireplace. They don't know you're there, offering you the perfect opportunity to photo-bomb the CUSS out of that picture.

However, before you stick your grinning mug inconspicuously into the background, take a moment to ask yourself that vital question, "What would Clara do?" Clara would obviously love the opportunity to have herself immortalized in some total stranger's family picture, so you should obviously forget that idea altogether. Scorn it, in fact. Do not, I repeat, do not pull a nasty face and ruin the photo for all eternity.

Throughout the course of life, one is confronted with many awkward situations, but these awkward situations can be easily avoided by just stopping, assessing the situation and asking yourself the ever-important question, "What would Clara do?"

After a while, you won't even have to ask yourself that question. Stopping and thinking about whatever thing it is that might be awkward for you will just become second nature, and you won't even have to

employ the "What would Clara do?" method anymore.

That's fine. Don't feel bad. It's a good thing if you no longer have to interrogate yourself about my choices, because that means you're learning. That means you're making progress. And progress is good.

I humbly admit that the "What would Clara do?" method isn't entirely fool-proof. It really only works to avoid awkward or embarrassing situations. If you find yourself in a situation where you are given an opportunity to be kind to a fellow human being, always err on the side of kindness, regardless of whether or not that's what you think Clara would do.

Don't let "What would Clara do?" become a crutch in any way. Furthermore, don't let it turn you into a robot that has to stop and think before you do absolutely anything. Although everyone should always employ a little bit of the age-old adage, "Think before you speak," you should also always be aware of the beauty of a healthy amount of spontaneity.

Think of it as a sort of medication. Just enough in the right situations, and it can help you; but too much in any given situation, and it can hinder you.

Any other time, feel free to ask Jesus what he would do, but when it comes to the avoidance of awkward situations and embarrassing mishaps, leave it to the expert – Clara.

Maybe I should start taking my own advice...

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Midnight Epiphanies By: Nicholas Sciarappa

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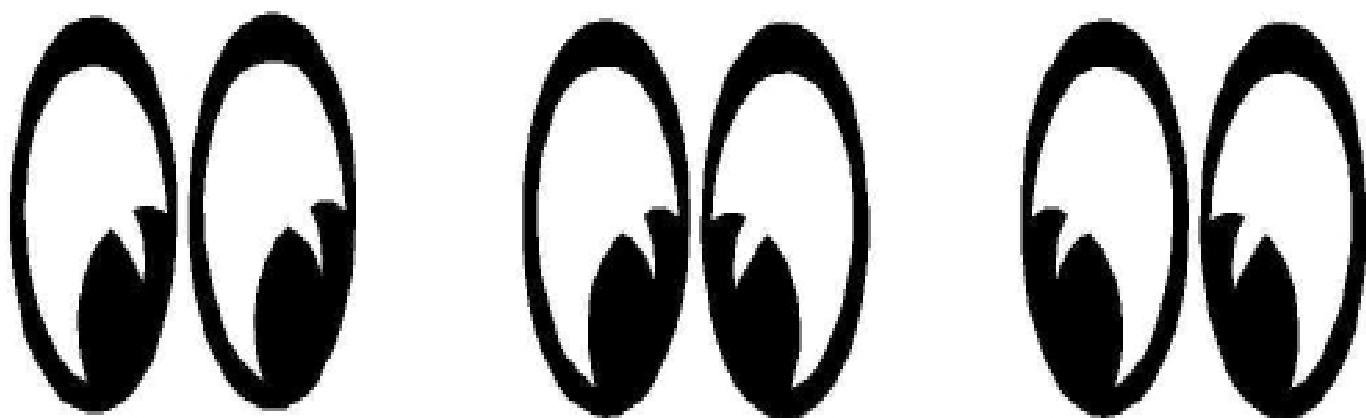
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