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Assistant Campus Editor

Changes for John Carroll University students keep coming, as the Office of Residence Life released updates about housing for next academic year. The details for on-campus housing for the 2013-2014 year were announced this week in the form of a four-page document explaining the changes to prices and who can live where, as well as expanded options for upperclassmen.

Online housing agreements will be open online through “My Housing” for students to sign starting the week of Feb. 25. These agreements have a strict deadline of Friday, March 1, and if students do not complete these agreements, they will not be signed up to participate in the housing selection process. Just because current sophomores and juniors complete this form does not mean they will be guaranteed housing for next year. Students will be able to see their lottery date and time by March 4.

Because JCU has a two-year residency requirement, rising sophomores will be guaranteed a room on campus in either Millor, Hamlin, Campion halls or Dolan and Pacelli halls on the third floors. In addition, rising sophomores are required to live with other rising sophomores. The housing lottery for rising sophomores is scheduled to take place on March 15, 18 and 19.

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Game of chance

Res Life makes
major changes
to housing
and lottery



CN close-up: JCU’s new houses on Miramar and Milford

Jackie Mitchell
Assistant Campus Editor

Students hunting for a place to live next year now have another option to consider. The Office of Residence Life is offering more off-campus housing choices to students for the 2013-2014 school year. Six houses owned by the University on Miramar Boulevard and Milford Road will be available to students through the general housing lottery.

This additional housing, along with the eight duplexes Residence Life offers on Warrensville Center Road, will provide a wider selection to students concerned about limited housing options due to the impending renovation of Murphy Hall, which is scheduled to commence this summer.

“Given the planned renovation of Murphy Hall, the University decided to offer these houses to students in order to enhance the on-campus housing options,” explained Director of Residence Life Lisa Brown.

The houses are in close proximity to campus, located across the street from the Dolan Center for Science and Technology and Grasselli Library.

According to the Office of Residence Life website, each of the three-bedroom houses features a fully furnished kitchen, a washer and dryer and a garage. Each bedroom is furnished with a bed, desk and dresser. Internet and cable are also provided.

“In accordance with the regulations set forth by the City of University Heights, three students will be able to live in each house,” said Brown. Rising juniors and seniors are eligible to live in the houses.

Students ‘dare to move’ with The Living Person

Dave Schillero
The Carroll News

On Friday, Feb. 15, nearly 200 John Carroll students filled the Lombardo Student Center Atrium for The Living Person’s “Dare You To Move” event.

From 9 p.m. until midnight, JCU students had the opportunity to take part in a night of music and inspiration, as local musicians, JCU students and professional athletes came to share their faith experiences and what drives them to be a “living person.”

The Living Person is an organization and movement of people striving to become better than they are now, seeking a holistic well-being centered on faith in God. Over the past several months, dozens of students joined the Living Person Challenge, through which they commit to either an intellectual, physical or spiritual goal and strive to accomplish that goal with the encouragement of others in the movement.

Resident ministers Jurell Sison and Craig Sidol took the reins of The Living Person this year and hoped the event Friday night would let people know about the movement and how they could be involved.

The evening included musical performances from the popular student band Four Guys Who Love Sax, alumni Chelsea Gilbert and up-and-coming singer/song writer Sam Brenner. Between the musical performances, several students who

committed to the Living Person Challenge also spoke about how they pursued those goals. One of the most exciting parts of the evening came when Cleveland Browns offensive lineman John Greco spoke to the crowd about his faith and how it relates to his football career.

During all of the games, speeches and
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Photo by Dave Schillero

Resident Ministers Craig Sidol and Jurell Sison met Cleveland Browns lineman John Greco at the “Dare You to Move” event.

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Campus Briefs

UH City Council appoints Wiseman

University Heights City Council has appointed a replacement for Councilman Thomas Cozzens, a John Carroll University alumnus who passed away on Jan. 17.

Vice Mayor Frankie Goldberg announced that lawyer Mark N. Wiseman will fill the vacancy. He was sworn in at City Hall on Feb. 15.

Wiseman was chosen from a selection of six candidates. He has resided in University Heights for 25 years and offers expertise in the area of foreclosure issues. He also served on the city's Charter Review Commission in 2008 and 2009.

JCU hosts 'Body Beautiful' during National Eating Disorders Awareness Week

The Cleveland Center for Eating Disorders is partnering with John Carroll University to present "Body Beautiful." The event will take place during National Eating Disorders Awareness Week on Monday, Feb. 25 in the Dolan Center for Science and Technology.

"Body Beautiful" begins at 6 p.m. with a "Mirror Images" art viewing in the Dolan Art Gallery. A showing of the documentary "America the Beautiful" will follow at 6:30 p.m. in Donahue Auditorium. The event concludes with an expert panel discussing body image and eating disorders at 8:15 p.m. in Donahue Auditorium.

The event is free and open to the public. To register, visit www.eatingdisorderscleveland.org/body-beautiful.

Leaders needed for Jesuit Day of Service

Applications to be a student leader for the Jesuit Day of Service 2013 are now available. On Saturday, April 27, students, faculty, staff and alumni will join members of the community, including nine other Jesuit institutions in Northeast Ohio, to participate in a day of spring cleaning. Last year, over 600 participated in cleanup projects throughout the Cleveland area.

Student leaders will be responsible for leading groups during the day as well as a concluding reflection. Applications are due Thursday, Feb. 28. For more information, contact Maryellen Callanan at mcallanan@jcu.edu.

STO: Should it stay or should it go?

John Carroll decides against removing SportsTime Ohio from on-campus cable

Spencer German
Campus Editor

Over the course of the past week, rumors had circulated about the idea of removing channels from John Carroll University's on-campus cable circuit, including Cleveland's own SportsTime Ohio.

STO is particularly popular to students who, year after year, dedicate themselves to Cleveland Indians baseball, rooting their hometown team to victory from April through October.

The rumor brought about a handful of complaints and discouragement from a number of students, such as sophomore Steve Henderson, who said, "I was shocked and pretty mad. I thought that it would be really unfair to take away the only option to watch Cleveland Indians games."

This week it has been confirmed that the Office of Residence Life has chosen not to eliminate SportsTime Ohio from their campus cable plan.



Photos from sportstimeohio.com, clevelandindians.com and jcusports.com

SportsTime Ohio covers Cleveland Indians games for the entirety of their season, as well as several JCU student-run broadcasts.

Director of Residence Life Lisa Brown said, "At this point, we are not removing SportsTime Ohio from the cable line-up. SportsTime Ohio broadcasts the Cleveland Indians and some JCU games, so we know this is a channel viewed often by students."

The idea to possibly eradicate any channels from campus televisions came into play due to a potential price increase in the cable plan. "Because of a pending cable price increase, we looked at the most expensive channels on our cable system, one of which is SportsTime Ohio," explained Brown.

Jim Burke, the associate chief information officer who partially works to administer all information technologies on campus, helps execute any order from Residence Life to add or remove channels from JCU's cable plan.

"When a channel everyone used to watch is no longer being viewed, it is sometimes switched for a more popular channel from the same package. This type of change has no impact on the cost of programming. Sometimes a program provider will demand a significant increase in the price they are charging for a specific channel. Given the popularity of STO, I can only assume the reason for this change is related to a significant price increase," said Burke.

Before any action was taken by Residence Life to remove the channel altogether the students were able to share their insight on the idea. Brown explained further that the Res Life staff addressed the Residence Life Advisory Board, a panel of students who offer suggestions and feedback to improve campus, about the issue. It was their response that suggested SportsTime Ohio was too popular of a channel amongst students to have it taken off the cable plan.

"Based on this feedback, the cable line-up will not change this academic year," Brown added.

With the Cleveland Indians' opening day a little over a month away, dedicated fans can breathe a sigh of relief as their residence room televisions will still give them the ability to view every game live.

"I'm glad Residence Life decided to keep the station in rotation," said Henderson. "We are a university in Cleveland and have a lot of students from the Cleveland area that deserve to have the ability to watch Indians games."

Games, speeches, music inspire students to set personal goals

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live music, those in attendance had the opportunity to begin their own personal challenge and join the movement. Over 100 students committed to different intellectual, physical and spiritual goals throughout the night. As people lined up to make challenges and shared in conversation about their new goals there was a visible sense of community and inspiration in the atmosphere.

Junior Rachael Greuber committed to running a half marathon with The Living Person and is very excited about the opportunity to set goals with the support of so many others at the event. She said, "It was a really inspiring event to hear everybody's stories and to see how many people came to make a goal for themselves."

Sison described the goal of the movement down to Christian essentials. "It is finding your passion, doing it to the best of your abilities and then offering it back up to God. That is what God is calling us to do," he said. "To do what we love, to share it with others and offer it back to Him."



Photo by Dave Schillero

Popular student band Four Guys Who Love Sax performed during the "Dare You To Move Event" in the LSC Atrium on Friday.

Campus Safety Log



February 11, 2013

Criminal mischief reported at 3:26 p.m. in the west wing of the Dolan Center for Science and Technology.

February 13, 2013

Theft reported at 9:27 a.m. in the RecPlex.

February 14, 2013

Criminal mischief reported at 11:32 a.m. on the ground floor of Dolan Hall. Theft reported at 5:43 p.m. in Rodman Hall.

February 15, 2013

Drug paraphernalia reported at 2:19 p.m. in Campion Hall room 312.

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.

Students prepare for housing selection amidst many changes

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Rising sophomores who are planning to commute next year are required to fill out a “request for release” form and submit it to Res Life by March 1 with a notarized letter from a parent or guardian informing Res Life that their child will be commuting. If this process is not completed in its entirety, students will be assigned a room and held to the housing agreement.

When asked about rising sophomores getting to live in Hamlin and Campion halls, traditionally upperclassmen dorms, sophomore Ty Stimpert said, “It doesn’t really affect me because I have Greek housing in Hamlin; therefore, I was able to live in Hamlin my entire sophomore year. It’s a perk of being in Greek life, but I see no reason why other sophomores can’t have that opportunity.”

Current sophomores and juniors will not be guaranteed housing for next year. In addition, rising juniors and seniors will be able to live together next year. Housing for upperclassmen has never been guaranteed, but the change in the housing lottery from a student’s credit hour status to their cohort or social class, means that rising upperclassmen will be selecting their rooms on March 22, 25 and 26, a week after the rising sophomores select their housing.

If housing is not available at the end of the selection process, then students will be placed on a waiting list and/or Res Life will provide them with information about local housing options. Rising juniors and seniors will also be released from their housing agreements if there are no rooms available for them; however, if there are rooms available but they are not what students want, students will be held to their housing agreements.

However, the housing selections for rising juniors and seniors is going to be expanded. In addition to being able to live in Hamlin, Campion, Bernet halls and the third floor of Dolan and Pacelli halls, upperclassmen will also be able to live in the JCU duplexes on Warrensville Center Road and new JCU-owned houses on Milford Road and Miramar Boulevard. The one-year residence requirement for the houses and duplexes will be lifted for next year to better accommodate students. Students interested in living in the JCU houses are requested to go to sites.jcu.edu/reslife and choose the “living options” tab. In addition, rising juniors and seniors are required to live with other rising juniors and seniors.

Not only will there be new houses, but rooms in Hamlin and Campion will also be available. Students must have a group of three students ready, and at least one of the three students is required to go to a meeting in the O’Dea Room on Wednesday, March 13 to select their room. Current sophomores and juniors will be selecting their triples at 3 p.m., and current first-year students will select their triples at 4 p.m. Each of these groups will select their rooms in order of lottery number.

In addition to the housing selection process being changed, the yearly room rates have been changed for next year. A double room in a suite in Bernet Hall will now cost \$5,800 per year, a rise in \$610 from the 2012-2013 academic year. Millor Hall will cost \$5,600 per year, a \$410 increase from the current year. Campion, Hamlin, Sutowski, Dolan and Pacelli halls will cost \$5,450 a year for a double and \$4,850 per year for triples (which will only be available in Sutowski, Hamlin and Campion halls). With the exception of the triples, these



Photo from jcu.edu

Students will be able to live in JCU-owned houses on Miramar Boulevard and Milford Road, including this one, located at 2602 Milford Road.

will be the least expensive dorms on campus, even though there will be a \$260 increase from the current academic year.

Because of the changes in housing, a very limited number of singles will be available in Dolan and Pacelli halls for next year. They will cost \$7,500 a year. This is an increase of \$310 from the current academic year. Students are strongly encouraged to live with a roommate because there will be such limited housing next year.

For rising juniors and seniors, the JCU duplexes and houses will have a double or triple occupancy. These will cost \$7,970 per year, an increase of \$380 a year. In addition, students will have the option of cooking their own food, because each duplex and house comes with a fully furnished kitchen. Both the houses and the duplexes come fully furnished with a desk, dresser and bed. Both will have wireless access as well as cable. The duplexes have shared laundry facilities, a dining room table and chairs and living room furniture. The houses and duplexes are single-sex.

Lisa Brown, director of Residence Life, explained why the prices for the dorms will vary: “The prices for the residence halls have been differentiated based on the room type, the building and the amenities in the halls,” she said. “For example, some of the residence halls are air-conditioned, and the rooms in those halls will cost more.”

When asked about the price increase, students seemed to have differing views. Stimpert said, “I think the price increase is inappropriate because the quality of dorm life will not have increased in quality. If improvements were made to the dorms we are living in, then I would understand; however, quality has not increased, so why should the price?”

Sophomore John Oddo disagreed. “I think the price increase is understandable,” he said. But he expressed his frustration about the new JCU houses: “I wish they would have advertised the fact that they were going to have houses available to us,” Oddo said. “A lot of us have been unable to find off-campus housing near campus. I’m living over a mile away next year.”

In addition to housing, all on-campus residents are required to have a meal plan with either the “14 plus,” the “Block 175” or the “Block 125” meal plans, costing \$4,590 next year – a rise of \$170 per year. The “Block 250” will cost \$4,860 a year, a rise of \$180; and the “Unlimited” meal plan will cost \$5,290 a year, a rise of \$190. Students who live in the JCU duplexes or houses will have the option of an on-campus meal plan, a commuter meal plan or no meal plan.

Rich Mausser, vice president for finance, explained why the prices for the meal plans will go up. “The largest cost factor affecting annual board plan rates is inflation,” Mausser said. “Other factors that influence board rates include changes in food venues, changes in the hours of operation, the need for any capital equipment upgrades and changes to the wage and benefit levels of the Aramark employees who staff the dining hall.”

Res Life said students who are studying abroad in the fall cannot place holds on any rooms for their return in the spring. These students should let Res Life know if they plan to switch places with a student studying abroad in the spring or sign up for a waiting list for a room during the spring semester.

To facilitate the changes, JCU is offering tours of the new living facilities, including Mil-lor Hall, triple rooms in Campion and Bernet halls, a duplex on Warrensville Center Road and the exteriors of the houses on Miramar Boulevard and Milford Road. The tours will be on Monday, Feb. 25 from 6 to 7 p.m. and on Wednesday, Feb. 27 from 2 to 3 p.m. The tours will leave from the LSC Atrium and will not be offered any other times, so students should plan accordingly.

Key changes to 2013-2014 housing

Housing lottery is established by students’ social class (determined by entry date into JCU, graduation rate or birthdate), not credit hours.

Sophomores get to choose housing first.

Juniors and seniors must live with other juniors and seniors; sophomores must live with other sophomores.

A limited number of singles are offered in Dolan and Pacelli for \$7,500.

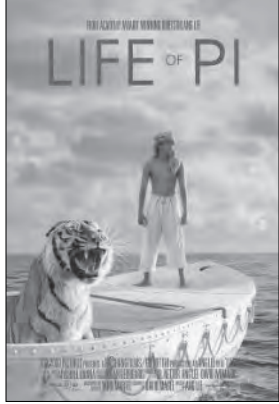
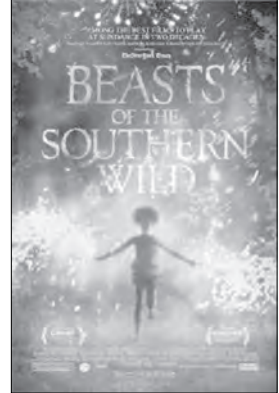
New pricing: a double in Bernet costs \$5,800; Millor rooms cost \$5,600; Campion, Hamlin, Sutowski, Dolan and Pacelli doubles cost \$5,450; triples in Sutowski, Hamlin and Campion cost \$4,850.

Duplexes are offered on Warrensville Center Road, and houses are offered on Milford Road and Miramar Bou-levard; these have a three-person occupancy and cost \$7,970.

CAMPUS CALENDAR: FEB. 21 – FEB. 27

21 Thursday	22 Friday	23 Saturday	24 Sunday	25 Monday	26 Tuesday	27 Wednesday
Sustainability Forum, sponsored by the KPMG Professorship in Accounting, at 7 p.m. in Donahue Auditorium.	Winter Formal from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. at Landerhaven Conference Center.	Bingo Night at 7 p.m. in the LSC Conference Room.	CSSA sponsors US Together Super Sun-day event from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at JCU.	“The Lives of the Carmelites in 19th-Century France” with Thomas Nevin at 5:30 p.m. in the Jardine Room.	Nutrition clinic from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Student Health Center.	“Backpacks to Brief-cases: Making Sense” financial workshop at 7 p.m. in The Under-ground.

Your 85th Academy Awards ballot for the...



Best Picture

- ☐ “Amour”
- ☐ “Argo”
- ☐ “Beasts of the Southern Wild”
- ☐ “Django Unchained”
- ☐ “Les Misérables”
- ☐ “Life of Pi”
- ☐ “Lincoln”
- ☐ “Silver Linings Playbook”
- ☐ “Zero Dark Thirty”

Best Director

- ☐ Michael Haneke, “Armour”
- ☐ Benh Zeitlin, “Beasts of the Southern Wild”
- ☐ Ang Lee, “Life of Pi”
- ☐ Stephen Spielberg “Lincoln”
- ☐ David O. Russell, “Silver Linings Playbook”

Best Actor

- ☐ Bradley Cooper, “Silver Linings Playbook”
- ☐ Daniel Day-Lewis, “Lincoln”
- ☐ Hugh Jackman, “Les Misérables”
- ☐ Joaquin Phoenix, “The Master”
- ☐ Denzel Washington, “Flight”

Best Actress

- ☐ Jessica Chastain, “Zero Dark Thirty”
- ☐ Jennifer Lawrence, “Silver Linings Playbook”
- ☐ Emmanuelle Riva, “Amour”
- ☐ Quvenzhané Wallis, “Beasts of the Southern Wild”
- ☐ Naomi Watts, “The Impossible”

Best Supporting Actor

- ☐ Alan Arkin, “Argo”
- ☐ Robert De Niro, “Silver Linings Playbook”
- ☐ Phillip Seymour Hoffman, “The Master”
- ☐ Tommy Lee Jones, “Lincoln”
- ☐ Christoph Waltz, “Django Unchained”

Best Supporting Actress

- ☐ Amy Adams, “The Master”
- ☐ Sally Field, “Lincoln”
- ☐ Anne Hathaway, “Les Misérables”
- ☐ Helen Hunt, “The Sessions”
- ☐ Jacki Weaver, “Silver Linings Playbook”

Best Animated Feature Film

- ☐ “Brave”
- ☐ “Frankenweenie”
- ☐ “ParaNorman”
- ☐ “The Pirates! Band of Misfits”
- ☐ “Wreck-It Ralph”

Best Foreign Film

- ☐ “Amour,” Austria
- ☐ “Kon-Tiki,” Norway
- ☐ “No,” Chile
- ☐ “A Royal Affair,” Denmark
- ☐ “War Witch,” Canada

Best Original Screenplay

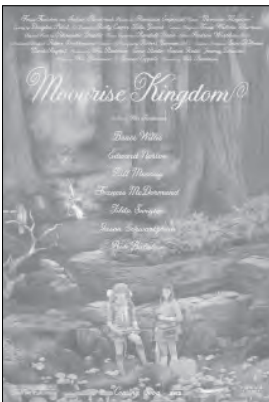
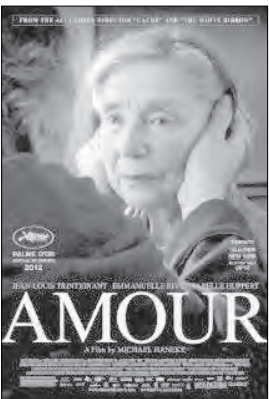
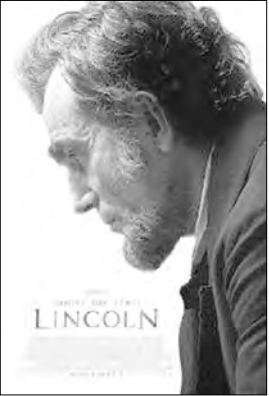
- ☐ “Amour”
- ☐ “Django Unchained”
- ☐ “Flight”
- ☐ “Moonrise Kingdom”
- ☐ “Zero Dark Thirty”

Best Original Score

- ☐ “Anna Karenina”
- ☐ “Argo”
- ☐ “Life of Pi”
- ☐ “Lincoln”
- ☐ “Skyfall”

Best Documentary

- ☐ “5 Broken Cameras”
- ☐ “The Gatekeepers”
- ☐ “How to Survive a Plague”
- ☐ “The Invisible War”
- ☐ “Searching for Sugar Man”



Another year jam-packed with blockbuster sensations has come and gone, paving the way for the likes of Denzel Washington, Anne Hathaway, Robert De Niro and Jennifer Lawrence to battle it out for a coveted little gold man, popularly known as an Oscar. The stakes are high, the anticipation has ensued and the countdown has begun. On Feb. 24, it is up to you to challenge your roommate, friend or random person you meet in the Inn Between and mark up your very own ballot of selected categories. Think you’re in sync with the masterminds of Hollywood? Put down that biology book, find a pen or pencil and see how high you can score.

– Compiled by Alexandra Higl

Photos from imdb.com

Your Score:

Entertainment Calendar

Check out what’s happening in Cleveland this week!

2.21
Lake Erie Monsters vs.
Milwaukee Admirals
Quicken Loans Arena
7 p.m.
\$10

2.22
“Blithe Spirit”
PlayhouseSquare
Hanna Theatre
7:30 p.m.
\$15

2.23
Winter Warmer Fest
Cleveland’s Windows
on the River
2 p.m.
\$35

2.24
“Pal Joey” Brunch and
Movies Series
Capitol Theatre
10 a.m.
\$5

A look at Coventry's latest dance club

CLUB REVIEW

Club Centrum



Commentary by
Alexis McNichol
The Carroll News

Walking into a club at 10:30 p.m. isn't usually a good idea. Everyone knows you shouldn't show up until 11, right?

But getting there before everyone else turned into a blessing in disguise. Walking in under the neon lights, my date and I saw no line at Club Centrum, located at 2781 Euclid Blvd., on its opening night, Valentine's Day. We expected no one to show up, considering the holiday, and considering my patient date (who agreed to come review a club with me on a Thursday) said he had seen no promotional flyers on Cleveland State University's campus, where he goes to school.

Even being on Coventry as frequently as I am, no one had heard of it, including the bouncer for B-Side, located a few doors down. So it surprised me when a classical stage theater, which I had seen "The Diary of Anne Frank" in just a few months ago, was transformed into a dance floor with strobe lights, a huge bar in the center and staff to the edges waiting to make sure every single patron was secure and

well hydrated.

Previously, the room itself was more akin to the Palace Theatre, but the room was transformed. An interesting addition that I haven't seen before would be that the DJ was perched high in his box, surrounded by staff and spastic multicolor lights, and on the now blocked-off stage, there was a projection screen that showed the music video for each of the songs being mixed. If you are the type of person to stand around awkwardly at a club, it's the perfect excuse to not interact with people – you just watch the screen.

The majority of the songs you could hear on WAKS FM 96.5 KISS anytime, and the DJ wasn't very imaginative. Some of the transitions were a little shaky and the screen had a couple technical difficulties early in the night.

If you have even been a little early to a club, there's usually a couple other slightly awkward people who jumped the gun with you. But there was no one there. The bartenders outnumbered the crowd significantly until 11:15 p.m. But once people started rolling in, they rolled in.

The crowd absolutely swelled, and there was a continuous rush in even past midnight. I started getting knocked into by pre-gamers from all sides. Twice my date and I decided to step outside and walked by a line that went out the door with over 50 people in it. By 11:45 p.m. you had to hold hands, thread and push your way through the crowd. Girls had started dancing on the higher blocks in the dance floor, and some



Photo by Alexis McNichol

JCU students Patti Vera and Kristin Marin were at the opening of Club Centrum last Thursday.

had already given up on wearing their heels.

Based on how packed it got, there's no doubt Club Centrum will have a good run. It might even detract some of City and East's hookah

bar patronage from upstairs. But really, the music is the most important part of a club (for a girl and people in relationships, that is), and it really needed more variety.

Pick-Up Line of the Week

"Was that an earthquake, or did you just rock my world?"

Have a pick-up line you'd like to share with us? Submit it to ahigl15@jcu.edu.

Announcing JCU's Celebrity Look-Alike Contest

Think your friend could be mistaken for a celebrity? Think you could?

Email a picture of the nominee, their name and what celebrity they look like to ahigl15@jcu.edu by Friday Feb. 22.

Five winners selected by our panel of judges will receive prizes.

Good luck!

JCU's Hillel sponsors Purim Gras

Andrew Martin

Business & Finance Editor

Upbeat music and the smells of southern comfort food alerted the senses on Saturday night in the atrium of the D.J. Lombardo Student Center at John Carroll University. The occasion was the first Purim Gras celebration at Carroll. Purim Gras is a celebration of the fusion of the Jewish holiday of Purim and Mardi Gras. The event was coordinated by JCU Hillel and Late Night at Carroll.

Those who attended Purim Gras were able to listen to Asher Barkin's LYD Orchestra, have a caricature drawn by Scott Hall and enjoy different foods such as Issi's Pizza as well as pita bread with hummus. Junior David Markovich, the founder of Hillel at JCU, said, "Purim Gras is being sponsored by Hillel at John Carroll University, an organization helping to better inform students about Jewish traditions and customs. Ever since I founded Hillel at John Carroll University in 2011, Jewish culture on campus has been very well represented, recognized and celebrated by many students, both Jewish and non-Jewish, and has made an important contribution to the growing movement to promote and embrace diversity on campus."

Mardi-Gras, the celebration before Lent, was just four days before Purim-Gras. This offered a wonderful opportunity for John Carroll students to learn more

about both celebrations. Markovich said, "Since both Purim and Mardi Gras fall in the month of February and are similar, upbeat and festive, we thought it would be fun to combine the two holidays into one event. Along with this, Purim is a Jewish holiday that celebrates a significant and monumental event or period in Jewish history." It also served as a way for non-Jewish students to learn more about the Jewish holiday of Purim.

Markovich gave a brief description of the origins of the Jewish holiday. "Around 2,000 years ago, when Israel was under Persian control, King Achashverosh's prime minister, Haman, tried to exterminate all of the Jewish people," he said. "Through a series of miraculous 'coincidences,' the Jewish people were saved through the efforts of the Jewish queen, Esther, and her cousin Mordechai. We celebrate the salvation each year with merriment and the reading of the Megillah. The Megillah is a scroll inscribed with the story of Esther and is read twice on Purim: once at night and once in the morning."

Another key point to the celebration of Purim is the idea that those in attendance hide their identities behind masks. Markovich explained, "God's name is not mentioned in the Megillah because the miracles leading to the salvation seem coincidental. God was 'hiding,' as it were, behind a mask of nature. Commemorating this, we too hide

our identities behind masks."

According to their Facebook page, Hillel hopes to continue their efforts to support Jewish students while giving a better understanding of Jewish culture to non-Jewish people at John Carroll and in the community. Markovich said, "I intend to continue to provide students with fun and educational opportunities to learn more about Jewish culture and to become more immersed in the local Jewish community." Events such as Purim Gras further this mission while providing a fun atmosphere for everyone.



Photo by David Markovich

Nicole Simonovic shows her caricature at Saturday's Purim Gras sponsored by John Carroll's Hillel.

One act series is ready to impress

Mary Ellen Riley

Madeline Smanik

The Carroll News

Don't wait until Friday to start your fun-filled weekend. Grab a coffee from The Cubby and head over to Marinello Little Theatre, located in the Lombardo Student Center, down the hall from the Office of Student Activities. John Carroll University's Little Theatre Society, Alpha Psi Omega, will be performing three plays this Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Already made other plans? Think you don't have enough time? Don't worry – these plays are only one act, shorter than other plays you might have seen.

This weekend's one acts are dark comedies, entitled "Drugs Are Bad," "Settling Accounts," and "The Worker." Thursday's performances will be the directing debut for each of the student directors. Sara Abbott, stage manager for "Drugs Are Bad," describes this play as centering on a son not living up to his parents' expectations. Neil Simon's "Settling Accounts" tells the story of a writer suffering from a case of writer's block when he finds himself arguing with a friend over money. "The Worker" is directed by senior Santino Montanez. "The Worker" actress Jackie Orchard, an actor in Montanez's play, applauded the students behind the scenes. She raved, "I really love that our peers are the directors." Keith Nagy, producing

manager of performing arts, calls one acts "the greatest vehicle for students to get a taste of what it's like to do a show."

Why should you go to see the one acts this weekend? Nagy calls it, "a cheap date."

Tickets can be purchased presale for \$7 or at the door for \$10. For presale tickets, call (216) 397-4428.



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"Drugs are Bad" (above) and "The Worker" (below) are two of the one acts that will appear in the series.

Mentz's Minute



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Jerry Buss: A Los Angeles (and NBA) icon to be missed

The year was 1979, and a 46-year-old, successful real estate investor from Wyoming had seemingly struck the jackpot when a \$1,000 investment on a Los Angeles apartment complex eventually paid dividends that are difficult to even fathom.

That successful real estate agent was Jerry Buss, the man who eventually spent his jackpot earnings to purchase the Los Angeles Lakers (and Kings) as well as The Forum (the Lakers' home arena) from Jack Kent Cooke for a grand total of \$67.5 million.

Thirty-four years and 10 NBA world championships later, it's safe to say that Buss is one of the most accomplished, well-respected owners in the history of professional sports.

Buss took control of the Lakers in 1979, and, just as he had done with his L.A. apartment investment, hit the jackpot again, as he selected Earvin "Magic" Johnson with the first pick of the 1979 NBA draft.

By drafting Johnson, Buss laid the foundation for "Showtime," the golden era of Lakers basketball in the 1980s. A man with a blue-collar background, Buss understood what it was like to be at the bottom of the totem pole and was now experiencing life at the top in the most extravagant of all manners.

With Buss having passed away this past Monday, Feb. 18 at the age of 80, stories of his success and generosity have spread like a California wildfire.

For starters, here's one story of Buss' generosity: In 2005, Lakers center Ronny Turiaf needed open-heart surgery, and Buss paid for the entire operation. That's the type of relationship he had with his players. "He saved my life," Turiaf said recently.

Not only was Buss a generous man, but a patient one as well. When he bought the Lakers in 1979, he had one goal, which he explained in a 2010 interview with ESPNLosAngeles.com. "My dream really was to have the Lakers and Los Angeles identified as one and the same," said Buss. "When you think New York, you think Yankees. I wanted that to be the case here as well ... I believe I've accomplished that."

Buss revolutionized not only the Lakers, but the sport of basketball, as he had the idea of selling court-side seats for top-dollar, recognizing how celebrities like to be seen and show off. Buss also came up with the idea of having "Lakers Girls," adding to the ultimate "Showtime" dream that he envisioned.

And while the stories of Buss' success and compassion will live on forever, so will his legacy as one of the most influential, iconic men in the history of professional sports.

Rest in peace, Dr. Buss.

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Blue and Gold's OAC Tourney run halted Tuesday in Alliance

Impressive victory over Marietta followed by road loss to Mount Union

Joe Ginley
Assistant Sports Editor

The clock has struck midnight for the Blue Streaks. Mount Union ended JCU's Ohio Athletic Conference title hopes, handing the Blue and Gold an 82-63 loss in the quarterfinal round of the OAC Tournament on Tuesday.

The regular season ended for JCU women's team on Saturday, with a 71-61 defeat to Marietta. The Blue and Gold brought a four-game losing streak into Monday's rematch with the Pioneers. But JCU played with an aggressiveness seldom seen before, capturing a 60-53 victory.

In defense of JCU's loss to Mount Union, the odds were stacked against the Blue Streaks heading into the quarterfinal matchup. Three games in four days is a tough stretch for any basketball team on any level, especially considering that JCU head coach Kristie Maravalli prefers to utilize a short bench.

Under the circumstances, the Blue and Gold did well. The team hung with hot-shooting Mount Union in the first half on Tuesday. Though the Raiders rushed out a 25-12 lead, the Blue Streaks climbed back into the game, narrowing the deficit to seven heading into halftime.

JCU sprinted out of the gate in the second half, slimming the gap to as little as two with 14 minutes remaining in the contest. But the wheels came off soon after. The home team rolled to a 20-3 run as JCU's adrenaline wore off, squashing the Blue and Gold's hopes of moving on to a semifinal matchup with Otterbein.

Aggressiveness was what allowed JCU to move on to the second round. The Blue Streaks played with



Photos courtesy of JCU Sports Information

Freshman Elissa Day had 16 points on Monday, including four treys, helping the Blue and Gold reach the quarterfinals.

confidence and determination from the tip-off to the final buzzer in the first round of the OAC Tournament on Monday.

The Blue and Gold played a press defense from the get-go and continued the tactic as the game wore on. The strategy certainly paid off, as the visiting Pioneers turned the ball over 16 times and JCU recorded nine steals. Switzler had four of them, as the sophomore played with a passion on defense. She was a major part of the Blue and Gold's victory.

The Blue Streaks held a nine-point lead heading into the half, but Marietta narrowed the lead to three with 1:10 remaining. But JCU would not be denied a win. Switzler drove the lane decisively and put in a layup from the low post to give the Blue Streaks a five point lead with 32 seconds left, effectively icing the game.

Though the Blue and Gold only shot 32 percent from the field, three Blue Streaks managed to reach double figures. Switzler added 10, Day

contributed 16 (and led the team from three-point range, shooting four of six) and Spahar notched a double-double with 19 points and 15 rebounds.

After the Blue and Gold's loss to Marietta two days previous to Monday's showdown, the Pioneers looked to have JCU's number. Marietta outrebounded JCU

by a wide margin of 36 to 21 and shot 49 percent from the field on Saturday, a dangerous combination that led to Marietta's 71-61 victory. Though JCU was also outrebounded on Monday, Marietta shot much worse in that contest, especially in the paint.

Following Tuesday's tough loss, it's time to hit the restart button for the Blue Streaks. The Blue and Gold have a ton of talent on this roster and graduate no seniors over the off-season. Junior forward Missy Spahar established herself as one of the best forwards in the OAC, in terms of both scoring and rebounding. She consistently hit double figures in points and board, helping make JCU a serious contender. Fellow junior Allie Lustig also had a stellar season. The point guard dished out more assists than anyone in the conference and was a critical part of the offense this season. Sophomore Beth Switzler became a major scorer in the offense, in part thanks to play on the offensive boards. The forward/guard fought for rebounds and

played with passion on both ends of the court. Junior Hilary Liwosz also played an increased role in the offense as the season progressed. Her willingness to shoot when given room proved to be an asset.

Though she didn't always start, sophomore Meghan Weber was a major presence in the post for much of the season. When her number was called, the forward could be counted on to snag rebounds and put up points. Another sophomore who made an impact this season was Emily Taylor. She played with determination when coming off the bench.

A number of freshmen also displayed promise this year. Erin Mog showed flashes of brilliance before suffering a season-ending injury seven games into the year. Elissa Day nailed three-pointers with ease, becoming a major threat from behind the arc.

The downfall for this team was lack of experience. Not having a senior on this year's team will be a blessing next year, but it was a curse this season. The squad lacked consistency and killer instinct that develops over time.

"Everyone definitely improved this year," Spahar said on Tuesday. "This season had some ups and downs and unfortunately it had to come to and end against a great team. It's just exciting that we will all be back next year and we will definitely be ready for anything."

Rarely does a team return its whole roster. The Blue Streaks are blessed to be in that scenario, and have a wealth of talent returning for next season. Given another off-season to develop, this JCU team could be an OAC contender in the 2013-2014 season.

Blue Streaks bounced early; Otterbein ousts JCU men, 82-74

Near sell-out crowd watches as Hendrickson's 26 points go to waste in tough loss

Dale Armbruster
Staff Reporter

With his sleeves rolled up and his tie long forgotten on the bench, Mike Moran walked off the floor at the Tony DeCarlo Varsity Center for the last time this season.

It certainly could not have been the way that the longtime men's basketball coach saw his 21st season ending, but the darkest year in recent program history might lead to nothing but positives in the long run.

The young Blue Streaks (12-13, 9-9) were hot early on Saturday, but it was not enough, as the Otterbein Cardinals walked into the DeCarlo Varsity Center and escaped with an 82-76 victory on Monday night.

Sophomore David Hendrickson led John Carroll with 26 points, while Jake Bischoff paced Otterbein with 27 points and six rebounds. Seniors Kyle Hubbard and Kenny Janz each recorded 13 points in their final games as Blue Streaks.

The Cardinals (9-18, 4-14) entered the game lucky to be in the tournament at all, earning the eighth seed based off Baldwin Wallace's playoff ineligibility. A late-season seven-game losing streak nearly knocked them out of playoff con-

tention.

John Carroll came out swinging, hitting 50 percent of their shots in the first half. Otterbein came back from a nine-point deficit to tie the game going into the half on a Bischoff three-pointer.

The second half was all Otterbein, as the Cardinals took the lead with 16:23 remaining on a Bischoff layup and never relinquished the advantage. The Cardinals got Hubbard into foul trouble and neutralized John Carroll's shooters, giving themselves momentum for much of the second half.

Hendrickson spurred a late John Carroll rally that was undone by clutch play at the free throw line by Bischoff. The last shot of the season fell short, as Hendrickson tossed up a shot from five feet behind the three-point line, setting off an Otterbein celebration.

The 2012-2013 season marked the worst finish for the team since an 11-14 mark five years ago in the 2007-2008 season. It is only the fifth time a Moran-coached team has failed to achieve a winning record in conference play (9-9).

This 2012-2013 campaign will be remembered as a season where



Photo courtesy of JCU Sports Information

Sophomore David Hendrickson (above, white jersey) battles between two Mount Union defenders on Monday night.

young players were asked to take the reins from the beginning of their careers. It was a tall order, especially considering the freshman class was replacing the most successful senior class in program history.

It was a season that included wins over then-ranked Christopher Newport and Marietta, but it also featured a three-game stretch where the team was beaten by 15-plus points by Capital, Baldwin Wallace and Wilmington.

Hubbard finished as the leading scorer for the Blue Streaks, averaging 16.5 points and 5.6 rebounds on the year. Hendrickson contributed 11 points off 40.9 percent shooting from behind the arc. Janz finished the year as the conference's leader in scoring percentage, shooting 67.3 percent.

Departing seniors Janz and Hubbard will certainly be missed. But for a young, talented JCU team, the future is quite bright.

The sophomore took home gold in the triple jump and snatched third in the 400-meter dash on Friday at the 2013 Greater Cleveland Championships. Sample's triple jump of 10.64 meters earned one of JCU's four top finishes.

JCU senior Adam Green climbs to the top in ice cross downhill

Green has become one of the best in the world in new extreme sport known as 'Crashed Ice'

Joe Ginley

Assistant Sports Editor

In a sport few Americans have heard of, one John Carroll student is making a huge impact. Senior Adam Green has quietly worked his way up the ranks in the ice cross downhill scene, also known as Red Bull's Crashed Ice, becoming one of the top 50 in the world and one of the best in the U.S.

Invented by two Austrian athletes in 2000, ice cross downhill has taken off since Red Bull began sponsoring it in 2002. The sport has attracted a significant following in Canada and northern Europe, as races there can often draw 80,000 to 100,000 fans. Four skaters race down an icy hill at speeds up to 40 miles per hour, making for a wickedly exciting sport.

Green first saw the event on ESPN when he was 12 years old and was immediately hooked. He played hockey starting at age 9, but stopped after his senior year at Strongsville High School. So when he got an email invitation to participate in a Crashed Ice try-out at Perani's Hockey World in Ann Arbor, Mich., during December of his freshman year at JCU, Green jumped at the chance. "It seemed like it could be a lot of fun. Growing up together, my hockey buddies and I were involved in some form of action sports like BMX, skateboarding, motocross and so on," said Green. "Those extreme athletes were our idols, alongside the pro hockey players we watched in the NHL. Combining the hockey culture and this new downhill sport, it was only natural that I wanted nothing more than to try it at least once."



Photo courtesy of Adam Green

Adam Green makes a sharp turn on a course in the Netherlands earlier this year. The JCU senior has become one of the best Crashed Ice skaters in the U.S.

Since that day in December of 2009, Green hasn't looked back. He placed first in the audition and has since competed in Munich, Quebec City, the Netherlands and St. Paul, Minn., among other locales. Through intense training, practice and competition, Green has become one of the best at his craft. Recently at the World Championships in St. Paul, Minn., Green reached the quarterfinals, finishing as

one of the top 16 ice cross downhill skaters in the world.

Green's 13 years of hockey experience have played a large role in his ascendance to the top of the sport. Many Crashed Ice competitors have extensive involvement in hockey and extreme sports, so Green's time playing hockey, as well as roller hockey for the U.S. National Team, has helped him a great deal. "Hockey is a huge help in my preparation to com-

pete," Green said. "It is my main aspect of training to focus on, as the skills needed for hockey are a major aspect of skills needed for ice cross downhill."

But Green's skating ability has not given him a free pass to the top. He has had to train passionately to get where he is now. He will have to continue his hard work if he is to keep moving up, as ice cross downhill is not a forgiving sport. At the same time, Green has to balance his preparation with his schoolwork. "It is definitely a difficult schedule to balance, but I manage to partition my time in both areas," said Green, who has a 3.01 GPA. "Training time is when I need to push my body, and study time is when I need to exercise my brain."

The 22-year-old has recently seen some local and national attention for his efforts. He was interviewed on Saturday morning on WKYC-TV by Marcus Walter. Green talked about the equipment he uses (mostly hockey pads and Under Armor), the speed of the sport and his workout regimen, among other topics. Green appeared again on Saturday afternoon on NBC's broadcast of Crashed Ice. The major network covered the World Championships held in St. Paul from Jan. 24-26 and showed the finished product on Saturday. Green,

who watched the show with his family, was pleased with the job NBC did. "I was happy with the program NBC put together," he said. "They work extremely hard to make it unique and bring the energy and hype to the fans at home." The broadcast accurately depicted the sport and painted it just as it should be: an exciting, up-and-coming sport. "I think it was a good representation of the event and culture of Crashed Ice. But with any sport, television cannot accurately express the speed or immense size this event is known for," said Green. "The true experience is felt by the fortunate few who get to spectate Crashed Ice in person."

The potential for growth of the sport in the United States is significant. Crashed Ice is a thrilling event that immediately captures the attention of all who watch it. Green believes that one day the sport may be popular throughout the U.S. "Last year in St. Paul, we had 80,000 spectators at the event. This year, we had 115,000 people show up to watch us career down the massive hill in front of the cathedral," said Green. "As more people become aware of the sport, we will get better riders and more fans to cheer us on."

The future for the sport and Adam Green is bright, but certainly up in the air. Crashed Ice has yet to catch on across America, though it has the potential to. Green hopes to go pro in ice cross downhill, but graduation is also approaching, and he will soon have to consider job possibilities. In the meantime, he will continue preparation for his upcoming race in Lausanne, Switzerland on March 2.

For updates on Green, stay tuned to The Carroll News and BlueStreakNation.webs.com.



Photo courtesy of Adam Green

Green raises his hands in triumph after a race during the World Championships in St. Paul, Minn., which was broadcast by NBC on Saturday. Green also appeared Saturday on WKYC-TV.



Photo courtesy of Adam Green

A close-up picture of Green in his uniform after a recent race.

JCU club hockey team continues its march to Nationals with two wins

Blue Streaks demolish Slippery Rock on Friday and Saturday in final home games of season

Dave Schillero

Staff Reporter

This season the John Carroll Blue Streaks hockey team made one of the biggest turn-arounds in the club's history. After starting the season a terrifying 0-4, the Blue Streaks faced what could have been a disastrous road ahead.

Failure, however, was not an option for this year's squad, as they rose from the ashes and put together the best campaign in the club's history.

With two victories over Slippery Rock on Feb. 15 and 16, the Blue Streaks proved why they are now contenders for the College Hockey Mid-America title and national title heading into post-season play, with a 20-13 overall record.

On Friday, Feb. 15, the Blue Streaks started their final home stand in impressive fashion, with a dominating 12-3 victory over Slippery Rock. The team Friday night was nothing like the 0-4 team at the beginning of the season. JCU played with improved skill and finesse, but most importantly with a visibly different attitude.

The scoring fest began at 17:00 in the first period, when sophomore Mike Gionta scored off of an assist from junior Jarrett Snider. The scene

was surreal, as the Blue Streaks barely celebrated, but rather skated right back to the middle of the rink as if they were ready to score again instantly. They did not lack enthusiasm, but rather were full of excitement because they knew more goals were awaiting them. It was a calm swag-ger that showed in their play.

After Slippery Rock tied the game at 1-1 with 11:47 remaining in the first period, JCU went on a scoring frenzy for the remainder of the period with goals coming from junior Danny Potter, sophomore Patrick Dengler and junior Sean McHugh.



Photo courtesy of JCU Sports Information

JCU has won six of their past seven and seem to be peaking at the right time before Nationals begin.

victory entailed many impressive performances, including hat tricks from Gionta and Deitrick. Another great performance came from freshman goalie Scott Cromling, who stepped in for his first career start with confidence and plenty of saves to go with it to rest junior goalie Justin Camuto.

The domination continued Saturday, as

The slaughter of Slippery Rock did not stop there, as scoring continued throughout the game from McHugh, Gionta, seniors Jesse Deitrick and Sean Lattal and sophomore Joe McAuliffe.

The dominating 12-3

sophomore Tyler Potts, freshman Greg Makozy, junior Jeff Russell and Lattal each scored, giving the Blue Streaks a 4-0 shutout over Slippery Rock.

It was a weekend of many firsts for the Blue Streaks. With the return of Camuto came the Blue Streaks' first shutout of the season. Also, with Friday's win over Slippery Rock, the Blue Streaks clinched their division title and an opportunity to play for the American Collegiate Hockey Association national title March 1-5 in Chicago.

The Blue Streaks won six of their past seven games and are rolling heading into the CHMA and National Tournaments these upcoming weeks.

Speaking on their impressive play as of late, Potts said, "We've been on a roll lately, we've shot the puck well and move it around well. We hope to just carry this play over to Nationals."

The Blue Streaks will be huge underdogs heading into Nationals, as they are the No. 20 seed among 20 teams, but it is their recent streak of winning and overall confident mentality that just might give them a shot at making some noise among national title contenders at the season's end.



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Meteorite strikes Russia, injures hundreds of residents

Abbey Vogel
Staff Reporter

A quiet morning was disrupted when a meteor crashed to Earth’s surface in Russia’s Ural Mountains on Friday, Feb. 15 at 9:20 a.m. The meteor fragments hurt 1,200 people, but left 46 in critical condition, according to BBC World News. Officials say that there was one large meteor that entered Earth’s atmosphere and fragmented, during the entry process. According to the Russian Academy of Sciences, the meteor weighed about 10 tons and was traveling at 33,000 miles per hour upon entry into the atmosphere.

The meteor caused a great deal of damage to the Chelyabinsk region, located just east of Moscow, where it landed in a lake within the city of Chebarkul. The actual rock pieces did not crush citizens or buildings, but the explosions from their contact with Earth shattered windows, resulted in blinding light and released suffocating fumes into the air. After the strike, hundreds of videos documenting the falling chunks of rock, and the pandemonium they caused, were uploaded. These short clips captured schoolchildren running down hallways and employees evacuating buildings amidst flying pieces of glass, causing many citizens to panic. However, Vladimir Putin, the Russian president, urged calm, saying he was thankful so few citizens were hurt and that the explosion did not happen in a more populated area. The government was quick to respond to the crisis, sending hundreds of rescue workers to hurting cities and providing efficient medical care to as many people as possible.

Sky view of the meteorite seen flying over Chelyabinsk on Feb. 15. The meteor streaked across the sky over the Ural Mountains and broke into several pieces. These shards of rock caused sharp explosions and injured what many have estimated to be around 1000 people. The meteor was said to have released 500 kilitons of energy.



The flaming meteor released a staggering 500 kilotons of energy when it broke apart approximately 30 miles above ground, according to NASA. In comparison, the nuclear bomb that was dropped on Hiroshima released only 12-15 kilotons. NASA also commented on the coincidental nature of the meteor shower, occurring the same day that an asteroid, dubbed 2012 DA 14, passed by Earth at a distance of 17,200 miles. This is the closest a rock mass of that size has ever come to colliding with the planet. Scientists are calling this occurrence a “cosmic coin-

cidence” and believe there is no relationship between the two alarming events. However, looking toward the future, some Russian politicians are calling for the development of weapons capable of deflecting meteors and asteroids from Earth, saying that the events from the past weekend point to an alarming trend, for which government defense systems must be prepared.

In the aftermath of the meteor shower, scientists have been searching for rock fragments to apprehend and study, but according to The New York Times, so far these efforts

have been fruitless. Divers have searched the bottom of Chebarkul’s lake all weekend to no avail, and no confirmed craters have been found in the surrounding area, leaving both citizens and scientists baffled. The Russian government will spend the next few weeks repairing the \$33 million in damage to the Chelyabinsk region and plans to examine its buildings to ensure protection against similar shock waves and explosions.

Information from The New York Times and BBC World News was used in this article.

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Carbon tax could be solution to climate issue

Commentary by
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Polar ice caps melting, rising sea levels, the Maldives disappearing and monstrous hurricanes are just some of the effects of climate change. What to do about climate change or what causes it have largely been a partisan issue. However, James Hansen, an expert climatologist from NASA, may have the answer for a partisan-driven Washington – a carbon tax.

The concept is simple. A flat tax on carbon is levied on the initial sale of the fossil fuel at the point of sale to a refinery. The revenue generated is pooled and distributed equally to all Americans. Assuming a tax of

\$37 per ton and 300 million Americans, the tax would generate an annual “green check” of approximately \$183 per person, as indicated by the website carbontax.org.

With the money generated by the tax being redistributed to the people, the tax is revenue neutral. However, the tax would increase the price of fossil fuels at the pump, creating incentives for people to reduce energy consumption and to seek alternative fuels.

This may be the best solution for a partisan-driven Washington. While conservatives are unlikely to support any tax, a revenue neutral tax may be an anomaly because it does not target wealth. The website carbontax.org explains some of this information. Bill Gates could make off of

the tax if he reduced his carbon footprint enough.

Liberals might recoil at first glance given the flat nature of the tax, but because the consumer costs are driven by how much carbon they consume, the effect of the tax is far more progressive than regressive. Both parties may favor a tax at the barrel since this system allows the consumer to decide the effects of taxation.

If they wish to buy three trucks and drive prolifically, they can. However, environmentally conscious citizens who buy hybrid cars and conserve energy will pay far less and may actually profit given their “green checks.” The result is an effective, but far less controversial policy, as indicated by carbontax.org.

The revenue neutral carbon tax offers an expedient solution. There are no loopholes companies can exploit as they do with cap-and-trade options or our existing system. There are no questions about businesses going over a “cap” on carbon dioxide emissions or companies creating fake businesses to “sell” their share of emissions to larger businesses.

The catastrophic effects of warming necessitate action. The simplicity, feasibility and neutrality of a carbon tax may be an effective yet less controversial approach to addressing climate change, according to carbontax.org. Nevertheless, it remains unclear how this would play out.

Information from carbontax.org was used in this report.

3 Immigration reform seems possible

The Associated Press

Republicans and Democrats alike on Sunday predicted President Barack Obama would fail if he pushed forward with his own effort to overhaul the nation's immigration system and urged the administration to hold off while lawmakers work on a bipartisan measure.

Republican Sen. John McCain predicted the administration's efforts would come up short if the White House went forward with a proposal to put the estimated 11 million illegal immigrants in the U.S. on a long pathway to citizenship. Democratic Sen. Chuck Schumer, who met with Obama on Wednesday at the White House to discuss progress, urged his allies in the administration to give a bipartisan group of eight lawmakers the time to hammer out a deal on their own.

Obama's newly appointed top aide, chief of staff Denis McDonough, said the White

House would only send its plan to Congress if the lawmakers stumble in their efforts and cast its efforts as a backup plan.

"Well, let's make sure that it doesn't have to be proposed," McDonough said of the president's pitch, first reported on USA Today's website late Saturday.

"We will be prepared with our own plan if these ongoing talks between Republicans and Democrats up on Capitol Hill break down," McDonough said in a second interview, adding he's optimistic they would not crumble.

The administration's proposal would create a visa for those in the country illegally and allow them to become legal permanent residents within eight years. The proposal also requires businesses to know the immigration status of their workers and adds more funding for border security.

It drew immediate criticism from Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla.

"If actually proposed, the president's bill

would be dead on arrival in Congress, leaving us with unsecured borders and a broken legal immigration system for years to come," said Rubio, who is among the eight lawmakers searching for a comprehensive plan.

Many of the details in the administration's draft proposal follow the broad principles that Obama previously outlined. But the fact the administration is writing its own alternative signaled Obama wants to address immigration sooner rather than later and perhaps was looking to nudge lawmakers to move more quickly.

"I believe we are making progress in a bipartisan basis," John McCain, who is among the Senate group working on legislation, said.

Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., suggested Obama's proposed plan was going nowhere but added that his party was evaluating its relationship with Hispanic voters, who supported Obama in November with 71 percent of their votes.

Firing Lane



Sam Lane
World News Editor

The hero, not the villain

If you have not figured out from any of my columns, I am a Republican. No, not one of the firebrands seen on Fox News. If you were placing my ideology on a scale, it would probably be on par with Abraham Lincoln or Chris Christie. But regardless of the standard ideological scale, there seems to be one thing the Grand Old Party tends to agree on: The media is biased and seemingly negligent (unless owned by Rupert Murdoch).

Now there was a time where I briefly flirted with this theory. As I got older I realized that this was only true in a few cases. Unfortunately, this consensus also seemed to spread to others my age and older.

What shocked me was that these people were not all Republicans, but also Democrats or apolitical. Why on earth were so many against the media? Many of them seemed to express their belief that the media just searches for any story and attempts to inflate its worth. Sorry to inform all those who believe this, but this idea is just pure ignorance. This is not a sign of downfall for the media, it is progress!

Just look back to the days of the 19th and 20th centuries. These were times when large-scale news stories appeared as though they were coming off an assembly line. Nevertheless, it took days, weeks, sometimes even months for journalists to report the entire story. Even then, there was only so much of the story that was allowed to be reported.

Historical facts can inform us of these realities. For example, just imagine how many people would question the conduct WWII if our current style of media been around in the 1940s.

In a way, I can understand why viewers may feel the way they do about the media. The truth is, big news stories do not happen as frequently as they once did. We can all be very grateful for that, because big news stories do not always cover sunny stories.

Of course, there are times when big news stories still happen in clusters, just like we saw last week. These ranged from the multiple-day coverage stories such as Christopher Dorner's cop killings or the Carnival cruise ship being stranded in the Gulf of Mexico. While it was unclear how these events would end, the media was there to keep viewers wondering and worrying aimlessly.

Then there were the sudden shocker stories such as the Russian meteorite or Pope Benedict XVI announcing that he would be the first to resign the papacy in 600 years.

Regardless of the news story, it was clear that the media did the job of reporting every new detail, minute-to-minute. Sometimes the news may not be good to hear, but it is available. At the end of the day, people who are informed are the ones who begin to make our world a better place.

So to all of my friends and acquaintances out there who believe the media is just a load of rubbish, I say, grow up! I am glad that I can be a part of this great outsource of information, no matter what the circumstances are. Hopefully you too will one day understand.

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4 Cruise boat returns to shore



Reporters await the arrival of the Carnival Cruise ship triumphs in Mobile, Ala. The ship was stranded in the Gulf of Mexico for several days.

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Staff Reporter

Passengers aboard the Carnival cruise ship Triumph finally reached dry land Thursday, Feb. 14, after being stranded on board with no electricity and spoiled food. A fire sparked in the engine on Sunday, knocking out power and leaving the ship stranded in the middle of the Gulf of Mexico.

Four tugboats pulled the ship carrying 4,200

travelers into a Mobile, Ala. port late Thursday night. It took over six hours to pull the 900 foot-long ship into the dock. Many of those departing were interviewed by CNN and shared their horror stories and cellphone videos of their experiences on board. Around 100 buses were reserved by Carnival to take passengers home to Galveston (the point of departure), Houston and New Orleans. Many chose to stay in Mobile for the night.

The scarce amount of food that was on board quickly spoiled, leaving many travelers sick; others refused to eat. Ambulances pulled up alongside the dock, transporting several of the passengers to a nearby hospital for treatment. Two of the travelers had to be evacuated from the ship before it docked.

Lack of electricity turned the cruise into a floating sewer. The lower levels began to flood with water and fecal matter, and the floors "squished" when walked upon, according to many on board. An abundance of heat made the air unbreathable, and several passengers brought mattresses and sheets onto the top deck to sleep, despite the pouring rain.

"If you had a balcony, it was not as miserable," one passenger told The New York Times.

"If you were stuck indoors on the lower floors, it was terrible."

Although Carnival gave all of the passengers a refund for cost of their trips, discounts for a future cruise and \$500, the company is still facing harsh criticisms. Gerry Cahill, Carnival's CEO, apologized as the ship docked.

"We pride ourselves on providing our guests with a great vacation experience," "Clearly, we failed in this particular case," he said.

Cassie Terry, a passenger from Texas, is the first to file a lawsuit against Carnival, claiming that she was "injured" due to the unacceptable conditions on the ship, NBC News reported.

Because the engine fire that caused the fiasco occurred in international waters, an official investigation is being conducted primarily by the Bahamian Maritime Authority with some assistance by the National Transportation Safety Board and the U.S. Coast Guard. At this time, Carnival does not intend to retire the ship due to the cost it would take to do so. However, many experts agree that the name of the ship will be changed to prevent any further fallout following this debacle.

Information from NBC News, CNN and The New York Times was used in this article.

5 Pope successors still in question

The Associated Press

The Vatican raised the possibility Saturday that the conclave to elect the next pope might start sooner than March 15, the earliest date possible under current rules that require a 15 to 20 day waiting period after the papacy becomes vacant.

Vatican spokesman the Rev. Federico Lombardi said that Vatican rules on papal succession are open to interpretation and that "this is a question that people are discussing."

Any change to the law itself would have to be approved by the pope before he resigns.

But if Vatican officials determine that the matter is just a question of interpreting the existing law, "it is possible that church authorities can prepare a proposal to be taken up by the cardinals on the first day after the papal vacancy" to move up the start of the conclave, Lombardi said.

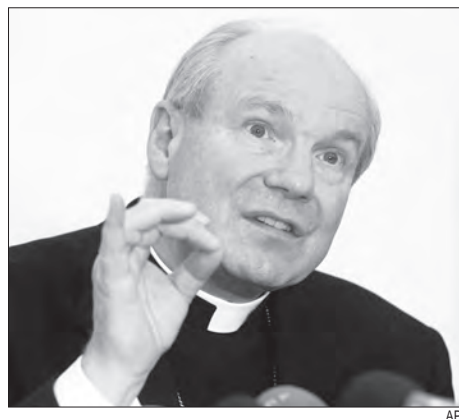
The 15 to 20 day waiting period is in place to allow time for all cardinals who don't live in Rome to arrive, under the usual circumstance of a pope dying. But in this case, the cardinals already know that this pontificate will end Feb. 28, with the resignation of Pope Benedict XVI, and therefore can get to Rome in plenty of time to take part in the conclave,

Lombardi said.

The date of the conclave's start is important because Holy Week begins March 24, with Palm Sunday Mass followed by Easter Sunday on March 31. In order to have a new pope in place in time for the most solemn liturgical period on the church calendar, he would need to be installed by Sunday, March 17, because of the strong tradition to hold installation Mass on a Sunday. Given the tight time frame, speculation has mounted that some arrangement would be made to start the conclave earlier than a strict reading of the law would allow.

"In this moment, we are not prepared," said Cardinal Franc Rode, the former head of the Vatican's office for religious orders who will vote in the conclave. "We have not been able to make predictions, strategies, plans, candidates. It is too early, but we will get there. In two or three weeks, things will be put in place."

Cardinal Angelo Scola, the archbishop of Milan and a leading contender to succeed Benedict, said several of the visiting bishops noted at the end of their audience that they were the last group of bishops to be received by the pope. "This responsibility means you have to become a light for all," he quoted Benedict as saying.



Austrian Cardinal Christoph Schoenborn addresses the media in Vienna, Austria, on Feb. 11. He is among the contenders to be the successor to Pope Benedict XVI, who will be resigning on Feb. 28.

Lombardi also gave more details about Benedict's final public audiences and plans for retirement, saying already 35,000 people had requested tickets for his final general audience to be held in St. Peter's Square on Feb. 27.

That means Benedict would be expected to return to the Vatican, no longer as pope, around the end of April or beginning of May, Lombardi said.

Obama proposes plan to increase minimum wage

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In his State of the Union address last week, President Barack Obama brought up plans to increase the minimum wage. This increase of \$1.75, reported by Business Insider, may not sound like much, but the reality is it could have widespread effects for the rest of the economy.

Business Insider proposed that this increase in wage in the past has led to an increase in consumer spending of durable goods. The economy would benefit from this increase and it could serve as a mechanism to kick the economy even further into gear.

It further explains that an increase of \$1 alone for households with an annual income of below \$20,000 can boost spending on items such as homes and cars. The idea is that in the year before an increase, workers

reliant on the minimum wage will save funds in order to spend on larger, durable goods when their income climbs. Consumer spending on goods such as homes and cars would help aid the troubled economy, but only if done in the right market conditions.

This all sounds well and good except for the idea that with an increase in minimum wage comes a possible reduction in the amount of minimum-wage-level jobs available. People rely on these jobs, and, even though the rise to \$9 increase sounds good for the individual worker, it's not good for the market as a whole.

Fox Business reported that in previous increases to the minimum wage, tens of thousands of jobs were taken off the market. The youth and college-age unemployment shot up and is now at an unhealthy point of 24.6 percent. Some believe that an increase would do very little to help this figure.

This should hit close to home for John Carroll students that are still looking for employment during the school year and for the summer months. As the Fox Business report shows, when employers are forced to pay a higher wage, it can limit their ability to hire more workers of the less skilled category.

There are proponents of the minimum wage that do not agree with this analysis, but

it is a debate that should occur before any changes to the wage are made. I thought it was interesting that Obama brought this up in his State of the Union address, especially in these uncertain economic times surrounding the nation and its unemployment rate. Business owners, and especially small business owners, will have mixed feelings regarding the wage floor.

Hopefully it doesn't cause more businesses to close up and keep more people out of work, but that's for the politicians to decide. Until then, I will remain curious as to how those in office will look to cure this economy. These next few years will be critical for the long-term health of the economy.

The economy is showing signs of life, but it is still not back to where it needs to be for people to feel secure once again. People like to point to the unemployment rate when measuring the economy as well as the performance of the government. Adding to the minimum wage could put more people out of work that rely on the less skilled positions in the workplace. Economists will continue to debate over the effects of wage ceilings and floors.

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Spain's bad debts decrease

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Earlier this week, The Wall Street Journal reported that the bad debts held by the central bank of Spain dropped sharply in December from November. This news creates optimism towards what is referred to as Europe's debt crisis. According to The New York Times, many Europeans assumed they would be facing "a couple of bad years" when the economic crisis erupted in 2008. Since then, the crisis has continued to "use up unemployment benefits" and "dash dreams of an easy retirement."

This crisis has hit the countries Greece, Spain, Portugal and Ireland the hardest according to The New York Times. Evidence of the hardship includes a struggle to bring down debts, raised taxes, workers being laid off, reduced services and charges on medical care that has been free for decades. These have all been problems encountered by Spain, as they "reel back from a decade-long housing boom," according to The WSJ.

The New York Times reported that, bank bailouts and the economic downturn in Spain increased the country's deficit and debt levels, and led to a substantial downgrading of its credit rating. They have been a prime concern in the eurozone, as their economy is larger than Greece, Portugal and Ireland combined. News that the bad debts held by the country's central bank, Bankia, have decreased brings reassurance and hope that Spain is on its way to recovery. Bankia was formed in 2010 in the midst of the on going crisis, by merging seven Spanish financial institutions that held significant influence in the country.

The WSJ reports that the positive news of decreasing bad debts is the result of the transfer of lower-quality credit portfolios from Bankia to what is known as SAREB. SAREB is the abbreviation for the English translation "Society for the Management of Assets Proceeding from the Reconstruction of the Banking System." This "bad bank" was established in November of 2012, as a condition set by the European Union in exchange for €39 billion worth of aid for the country's troubled banking sector. The goal of the "bad bank" is to operate for as long as 15 years and yield as much as 15 percent a year, according to bloomberg.com.

The WSJ reports that "nonperforming loans for Spain's bank fell by €24.1 billion to €167.4 billion, or 10.4 percent of total outstanding loans, in December." That compares with the highest bad-loan ratio ever recorded of 11.4 percent in November. The Spanish central bank also said in a statement that total loans shrank to €1.604 trillion from €1.683 trillion. According to The WSJ, this was largely the result of "loan reclassifications" after the "lower-quality loans were passed on to SAREB." Going forward, the Spanish banks are expected to transfer around €60 billion worth of impaired assets to the bad bank SAREB, as the nation continues to push for forward progress on their journey to economic stability.

Information from Bloomberg, The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal were used in this report.



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Bankia's operational headquarters in Puerta de Europa Tower in Madrid

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Patrick Burns
Staff Reporter

One of America's most loved brands recently became the target of a major acquisition this past Thursday. Warren Buffet's Berkshire Hathaway joined forces with the Brazilian private equity firm 3G Capital to purchase Heinz. The deal is the latest of the trend of massive deals on Wall Street this month, with a total value of \$23 billion, \$28 billion including debt. The deal calls for the purchase of all shares at a price of \$72.50.

The acquisition fit both the interests of Buffet and 3G. In 2010, 3G purchased Burger King for \$3.3 billion, a frequent purchaser of Heinz ketchup. With Heinz, 3G could potentially leverage it into other food industry deals. Buffet wanted in for other reasons, following his mantra of "only investing in what you know." Buffet has been involved in other major transactions with firms such as Mars, Geico, IBM and many others. When the opportunity to take stake in a quality American brand arose he

was quick to jump. Despite spending billions on the Heinz deal, he is still hungry, as he joked that he has "an 'elephant gun' to hunt for deals and warned that his 'trigger finger is itchy.'"

This transaction is unique because of the difference in the acquiring parties' investing styles. Buffet tends to be a very hands-off, laissez-faire type of manager. This is the polar opposite of the nature of most private equity firms, that have a much more aggressive approach.

For example, when 3G purchased Burger King, almost immediately they found a new CEO, cut jobs, closed stores and went ahead with many other restructuring initiatives. Yet their strategy worked. But despite this 3G was able to create more profit and make Burger King even stronger.

Heinz isn't necessarily destined to have the same fate. Over the past five years, the firm has cut costs under its own management, reducing SGA costs from 23 percent of sales in 2006 to 21.2 percent in 2011. The firm has also done a great job of expanding

its global footprint with its own acquisitions. Some of the more noteworthy of these include the Chinese soy sauce producer, Foodstar, and Quero brands, which created a stark increase in Latin American sales. Heinz's CEO, William Johnson, is dead-set on keeping the company headquartered in Pittsburgh, saying it is non-negotiable.

There are only a few changes that may occur in Heinz's future under its new management. Although keeping Heinz in Pittsburgh is a lock, those who run it are not entirely safe. 3G will almost certainly find ways to make the business more efficient, and one of the ideas that has already arose is streamlining the company operating segments. These include sauces, frozen foods and infant nutrition.

Look for 3G to devise a way to make these product lines work better together. The deal is not quite final yet, as shareholders and regulators still must approve it.

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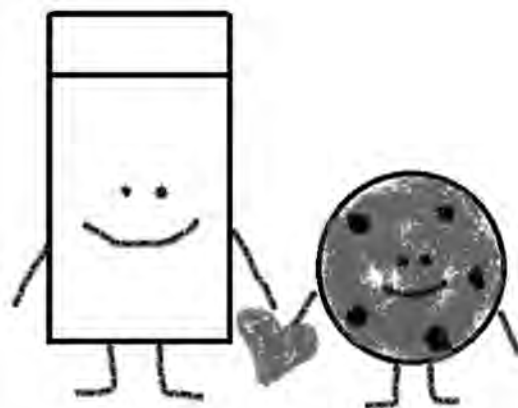



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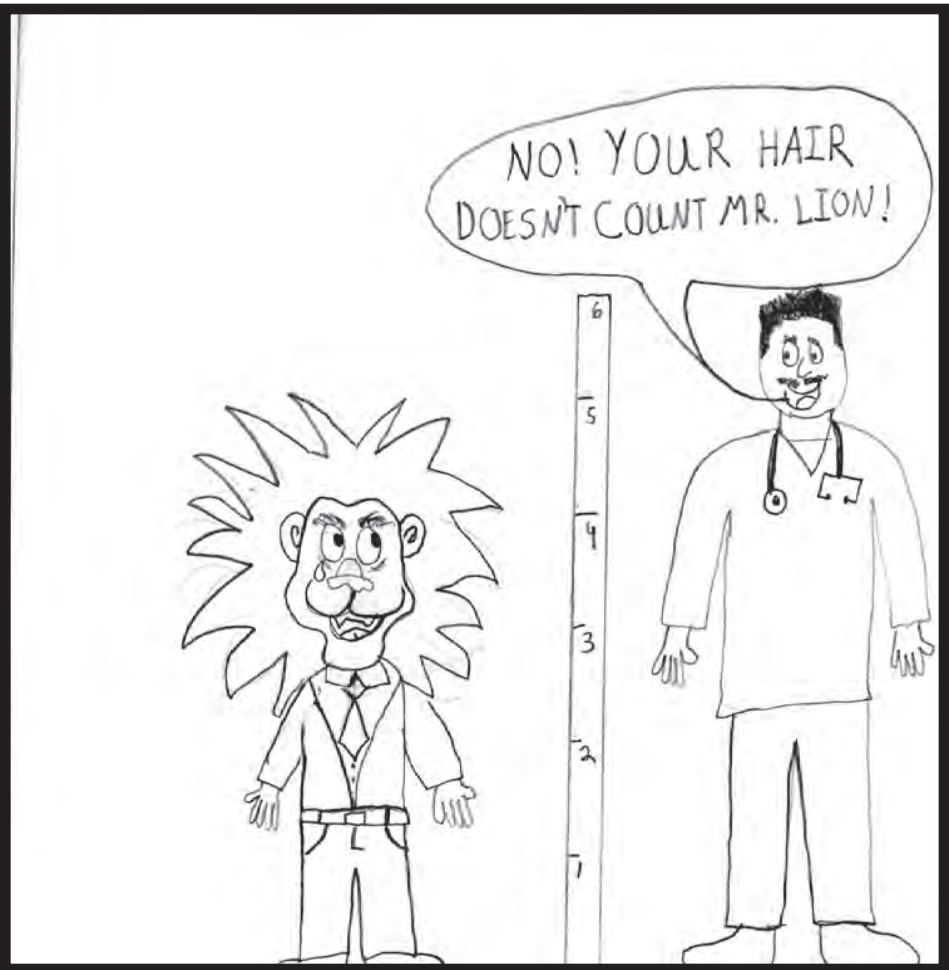
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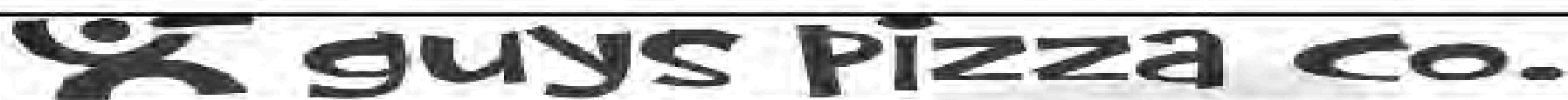
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Editorial

The sky's not the limit

John Carroll tuition rates are going up again for the 2013-2014 academic year.

Not counting room and board or additional student fees, the tuition for a full-time undergraduate student is now \$32,130. Next year, this will increase 3.9 percent to reach \$33,330. With the addition of Student Activity, technology and health and wellness fees, the grand total will be \$34,480.

This is not the first tuition increase John Carroll students have seen recently. Rates increased 4.8 percent in each of the previous two academic years. The University's vice president for finance, Rich Mausser, attributed these tuition changes to maintenance, health care and keeping the IT infrastructure up-to-date. Another main component is also staying relatively consistent with the tuition rates of other schools similar to John Carroll.

Since cost is a major factor for prospective students in determining where to go to school, the University should focus on finding ways to accommodate students' financial needs. Perhaps there is truly no way to prevent tuition rates from rising, but if that is the case, then the University must maintain a standard of fairness by also increasing students' scholarships at a similar pace.

This would be the best option in meeting the University's financial needs while still making education here affordable for both current and future students. Since John Carroll is putting a great deal of effort into increasing freshman enrollment rates in upcoming years, the financial board should be able to allow extra dollars to be added to students' scholarships to help them get the best education at the best price possible.

Editorial

Wrangling for residence halls

This week, the Office of Residence Life announced the changes that will be made to the housing options for next year. Housing agreements will be available online starting the week of Feb. 25 and are to be completed by March 1.

The completion of the housing application by current sophomores and juniors does not guarantee on-campus housing next year. Housing will be primarily reserved for rising sophomores and incoming freshman to fulfill the two-year on-campus residency requirement. All students on campus are required to live with a person of the same graduation year.

If no housing is available by the time rising juniors and seniors are scheduled to select housing, they will be placed on a waiting list and will be provided with information about off-campus housing options.

Room and board prices have also gone up. Further, prices for each respective residence hall are being differentiated based on room-type and amenities.

The difference in price for each respective residence hall should have been made apparent to students before the selection process. The extensive number of conditions to which students must comply makes housing selection increasingly difficult. Students should have been given a much earlier warning about these restrictions, because now most have been left with very little time to prepare to meet these regulations.

In the future, Res Life should make sure to have enough accommodations for all students planning to live on campus before making such drastic changes.



Cartoon by Nicholas Sciarappa

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Before you read this article and if you are of age, you should throw back a few shots. I mean it. Heck, I just did! I mean, why not? Ladies, pick up your favorite sweet, syrupy fruit-flavored Vodka and down it. Men, go get your classiest Natural Light lager and drink it like you were Moses wandering through the desert begging for a beverage. I know, it's a weeknight, but hey! There are about 4,000 people at John Carroll, and it has to be someone's 21st birthday! If people aren't going to live their lives, then you should do it for them!

The legendary theologian, philanthropist and human biology scholar Ke\$ha (you know, that girl who brushes her teeth with Jack, her favorite brand of sour mash Tennessee whiskey) once said, "Let's make the most of the night like we're going to die young!" Her words are inspiring, right? They remind me of the great leaders of our time (Gahndi, Martin Luther King, Jr., Mother Theresa, etc.).

Life is a party. It's a pretty good excuse to get "shlammered" you know? (It's okay if you don't know. I don't think "shlammered" is a real word.)

Please drink responsibly

So cheers, John Carroll! Let's drink martinis until we hit the floor! Let's go find some booty with Captain Morgan! Turn up the jams with the red rocker Sammy Hagar as we drink loads of Cabo Wabo! Join the crooners like Dean Martin with a glass of scotch! I personally would love to drink brandy after making a giant slip and slide in Bernet Hall! What could go wrong?

A lot could go wrong.

Let's face it. College can create alcoholics. This is where it happens. Freshman year, everyone was just being silly. Then, sophomore year, drinking was fun, but it didn't have the same flair. Junior year, some people began to drink more casually, others continued to get wrecked. Then, come senior year, a select few live and die by the weekends, thirsting for the opportunity to drink. What happens next year? Then the next year?

Hold on a second ... this commentary is getting way too preachy. I think everyone gets my point: Live a fun and balanced life. Be reflective on who you are, what you want to be, and how best to live your life. Think more like Tim McGraw's "Live Like You Were Dying" rather than Ke\$ha's "Die Young."

Now it's time for a funny story:

So there I was, in Walt Disney World, on July 20. Everyone in my family was excited; it was my 21st

birthday. The plan was simple: I was going to have a drink in every country of Epcot. Epcot has 12 countries, and I was ready to conquer. Not to mention my last name, Sciarappa, means "a variant spelling of Italian Sciarabba, from Sicilian Sciarabba 'wine,' from Arabic šarab 'potion,' or 'wine.'" That's right. My last name means that I am a heavy drinker. My family's tradition says that if you were called a Sciarappa in some parts of southern Italy, that meant you were a drunkard. Anyway, Disney was about to be a whole new kind of magical.

I started off with a Guinness in Ireland. I then progressed to a merlot in France, Grappa in Italy, and then came Tequila in Mexico. At this point, I was feeling fairly "shlammered." My mother advised me to stop, and like the good boy that I was, I did, in fact, stop. By the time I was on the infamous ride, "It's a small world," I had gone too far.

I sure was happy I had an under-shirt in the 90 degree heat. It worked well as a bag to catch my sickness. Gross, right? Yeah. That was my pathetic version of Kesha's dying young on my birthday. It was yucky.

As for me, having a drink at the bar with a great friend is doing college right. It's doing life right. I think I'll stick to that.

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Cooney Meets World: Bucket listing



Dan Cooney
Editor in Chief

This semester really needs to slow down a bit. I can hardly believe we're nearing midterms already!

My time here at John Carroll University is quickly coming to an end. As a senior in my final semester, I feel it is my duty to pass down the knowledge I've acquired throughout my four years as an undergraduate.

So, in this latest installment of my column, I give you this advice: Write a JCU "bucket list."

When I get my diploma in May, hopefully on Rodman Terrace, I will have "kicked the bucket" on my college undergraduate life. So I need to accomplish a few things here before I move on to the real world.

Some of the things on the list I have already crossed off. For instance, I've painted the Pacelli Lion twice already. That item got checked off during Finals Week of sophomore year. I remember doing some late-night studying with friends when we got word to join in the festivities. Our large group of friends – many of us lived together on the same floor – had wanted to paint the lion for some time.

After we were done, I doubt any group had made the lion look as American as we did. But, unfortunately, our patriotic masterpiece only stayed up for a short time. As soon as we discovered our artwork had been painted over by another campus group, we went out in broad daylight to take the lion back.

Another accomplishment I can cross off the bucket list is being a Blue Streak. Technically, as a JCU student, I'm already a Blue Streak. But I had never been a JCU student-athlete until last spring as a member of the club water polo team. It felt good to not only get back in the pool after three years out, but also to

compete as an athlete representing my school. Unfortunately, my academic and newspaper responsibilities have called me back to dry land.

But enough about what I have done ... here are a few of the things on my JCU bucket list I have yet to do.

At the top of the list is to do some kind of service work before I graduate. While I consider my work on The Carroll News a service to the community, I have never participated in an immersion experience, Labre, weekly service, etc.

Do I regret that to this point? A little bit. My intention was never to avoid participating in service opportunities. I just found a more unconventional way to help others. Frankly, I would love to go on Labre or take part in this year's Jesuit Day of Service.

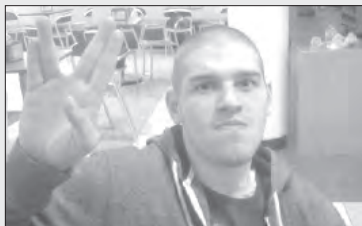
My next JCU bucket list item takes me to a place that has become my second home for the last four years: the newsroom. I would like to write a story for each section of The Carroll News before I graduate. So far, I've written extensively for Campus, reported for World News and crafted editorials and commentaries for Editorial & Op/Ed. Before I graduate, I need assignments from Arts & Life, Business & Finance and Sports.

The point of this commentary is to emphasize making the most of opportunities. Our time at John Carroll University is an opportunity to "carpe diem," which is Latin for "seize the day." Making a JCU bucket list, or a list of goals generally, is a good thing to do because it helps us to focus on what is really important.

I have more things on my JCU bucket list, but that's all this column space will let me write. I hope this commentary helps you write your own list and find great experiences you can share before you "kick the bucket" on your undergraduate years.

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Wonderword: What does quiddity mean?



"Monkeys hanging from a tree."

Turner Gott,
sophomore



"An interrogative tactic."

Tim Johnson,
sophomore



"A term used when someone quits playing Quidditch."

John Cameron,
sophomore

Quiddity: the essence or nature of a thing



Brian Bayer
Managing Editor

For the first time in over 600 years, the Holy Father has resigned. This has many theologians pondering the big questions – who will be next? Was it a good thing or a bad thing? What do we give Benedict as a going away present – a box of discounted post-Valentine's Day chocolates or a T-shirt that says, "I was Pope and all they gave me was this lousy shirt"?

This might seem like a lot for the world's biggest institution to handle; fortunately, we're not asking McDonald's to handle it. But the Church is also a pretty big institution, and they have some work to do on this issue.

Once again, I have stepped up as a penitent man and a true Cath-

The Bayer Necessities:

o-holic and taken it upon myself to help my fellow holier-than-thous solve this issue.

It shouldn't come as a huge surprise to most of my readers that I think I would make a good candidate for pope. If you don't think I'm qualified, then humor me for just a few minutes, and I'll humor you.

Reason number one: I have the time. Just over a month ago, I formally conceded the presidential race to Barack Obama. He won, fair and square. But that opens up a huge block of time in my schedule during which I had planned to be president. Initially, I was going to use this time to campaign for my 2016 election; but if there is an open post in Rome, I figure I might as well step up. What can I say, I love to volunteer.

Numero dos: I have some really great ideas for the Church. One of the biggest criticisms the Catholic Church receives is that the law is from the stone age of religion – no women priests, no gay marriage, no

blimp tours of the Vatican. I would resolve all these issues and more.

I must commend Pope Benedict XVI for one thing – he was the first pope to really use Twitter. With just over 1.5 million followers, I'd say he's doing a pretty good job. But get this – he's only following eight other accounts, and they're all his own accounts, just in different languages. I mean, shouldn't God be one of the accounts he is following? And how does His Holiness expect to relate to his younger audience if he doesn't occasionally use the hashtag "90sGirlProblems"? If I were elected pope, I would use Twitter way more holily.

I also think the Sistine Chapel could use a facelift. Don't get me wrong – Michelangelo was great. But Renaissance Italian church art is so mainstream. I think the modern Catholic audience identifies more with the hipster culture; and what's more hipster for the Church than an indie thinker like Salvador Dali? The

new design to replace "The Creation of Adam" would of course be called "Melting Fish."

Reason three that I would be a good Shepherd of the Church: My name. Did you really think I was going to go through this whole column without a name pun? Come on now, you know me better than that.

So far, every pope has chosen a new name for himself upon accepting the title and the accompanying pope-hat. As much as I would love to change my name to something epic, like Pope Achilles (patron of journalists and writers), my name already has a papal ring to it – Papa Bayer. I was born for this.

I do understand that I can't go from layman to Pope just like that, though. It helps to at least be a Cardinal first. But I think I incidentally took care of that this weekend while watching "The Notebook" with my friend's parrot, Barney. After the movie, Barney said to me in no uncertain terms, "If you're a bird, I'm

Some papal musings

a bird." Since he is in fact a bird, I guess that means I am too. And I choose to be a cardinal. Problem solved.

My last point of order is writing an encyclical. For those of you non-Catholics out there, an encyclical is a letter that a pope writes detailing Church philosophy, and in many ways it is their legacy. For example, JP II was best known for his encyclical about the human body.

For me, I would probably just translate my columns into Latin. Thing is, I'm a senior, and I don't really want to do that much work.

Now, much like Benedict, I'm pretty tired, so I'm going to go take a nap. And if I see white smoke when I wake up, I will assume that you have made me your new Supreme Pontiff (or maybe I just left my unlevned cookies in the oven too long).

Peace be with you,
Papa Bayer.

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The Op/Ed Top Ten: Superheroes

1. The Pope
2. Batman
3. The Incredible Hulk
4. Iron Man
5. Captain America
6. The Invisible Woman
7. Thor
8. Spiderman
9. Aquaman
10. Nick Wojtasik

—Compiled by Grace Kaucic

Nick's Knack:



Nick Wojtasik

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"Hey, Streaks! What's your favorite color?" went the ice-breaking greeting of former John Carroll track captain Tony Mihalic. Or, at least, that's Managing Editor Brian Bayer's impression of the most enthusiastic Blue Streak I've ever known. My memory is either not strong enough or has been corrupted by the caricatures of Tony over the years that I'm incapable of remembering differently.

It is beyond a doubt that most, if not all, of us have been subject to the tactic used everywhere from college orientation to flirtacious small talk with the object of one's desire. Asking a person to declare his or her favorite something is an easy, default approach for easing the tension of silence and finding pieces to the puzzle of determining who a person is and for what they stand.

Musicians, food, movies and sports teams are all commonly interesting categories of favorites. Discovering them can bring us closer or farther from each other. We might find that our favorite soccer team is rivals with a friend's or that a mutual love for shepherds pie and The Lumineers can provide the first connection needed to pursue a potential husband or wife.

Favorites seem great, don't they? They sure can be. However, upon exhaustive employment of this conversational tool, it can be found superficial or even disruptive to a conversation's potential. Perhaps you just don't have much to say about the someone's favorite book being the Bible, or you could be an atheist, possibly leading you to avoid the Bible reader all together. You could have absolutely no interest in a person who adores the film "Superbabies: Baby Geniuses 2" or in utter doubt that such a person exists. Though favorites are intended to engage interest, they can also destroy it.

Asking about favorites is an easy conversational tool because of its objective nature. This raises a problem I've always had when it comes to choosing favorites: How can you pick just one? There are so many variables in this crazy life that can influence how we perceive something, altering what our favorite things can be. Let's take the most well-known list of favorites ever, for instance. Whiskers on kittens can be cute, but not when that kitten is

Picking favorites

biting me. Brown paper packages can be exciting, like getting new things often is. Yet, that package is not so enjoyable when it contains an agent for a terrorist plot. Snowflakes staying on my nose and eyelashes can be beautiful, but not when my plane crashes in a boreal forest and I'm fighting frigid temperatures to survive. The point is that finding favorite things is very conditional.

Deciding one's favorite band, song or movie is perhaps the toughest thing for me to decide personally. At a given time, I'm feeling energetic; Animal Collective might top my list. When I'm going through a rough patch, Band of Horses might accompany my battle through things. Or, if things are even worse, I might call up my pal Johannes Brahms. Finding a favorite movie is much easier if narrowed down by genre, but that is even subject to change.

There is a paradox that comes with finding favorites. What is one to do once they (or at least a selection of situational favorites) has been found? There is a kind of settlement that comes with favorites. It is an attachment between yourself and the song, object, etc. The question that many of us subconsciously struggle with is where to go once favorites are established? Though we might want to stick with them, there is an urge within most humans to explore and experience new things. Abandoning a favorite might bring a struggle with nostalgia; loving something for a long time might make one feel an obligation to continue loving that thing, though its place in that person's life might have sailed away long ago.

The principles of struggle with establishing favorites and finding new ones extends to the larger problems of life. There are things to which we might be attached that we've attained over many years, or perhaps that has been established over the entire course of human history. Just as everything that has ever lived has died, everything that has ever had a place has also lost it. Having a continued quest to find something better is never a negative thing. Though fragments of our past might drift away, they will always be a part of who we've become, and their absence makes way for a whole new set of opportunities for improvement and enlightenment. Choose wisely.

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Sunday, Feb. 17, 2013 – the day my life changed forever. The day I finally stopped resisting the peer pressure from my friends and family and jumped on the Twitter train. It's super exciting, right? I mean, I always get super excited whenever I find new outlets for procrastination. Plus, now I can use hashtags without looking like a total tool bag, because let's be honest, only tools use hashtags on Facebook (#truth). I can also now participate in conversations about what is trending too, and I feel super proud of myself when I'm able to understand the Spanish trends. There's just a lot of cool stuff I get to do now!

The thing is, I already knew about all of these things on Twitter for years before now. So why, you might ask, did I wait so long to jump on board? What finally pushed me over the break? Basically, the final push was the realization that social media is now an inextricable part of society. My father has always strongly resisted this idea, and for the longest time he would not even let me have a Facebook and refused to accept the fact that our generation has locked in on social networking sites, essentially replacing almost all other traditional forms of media. Because of him, I tried to resist the change too. Of course, I wanted Facebook really badly, and since I didn't have texting in high school, I made one in secret in order to talk to my friends

and share my dorky homecoming and theatre pictures and look at my crushes' profiles. I understand now why my dad was so adamant about keeping me from social media. As I'm sure everyone who has a Facebook (or Twitter or MySpace or whatever) knows, once you are in, it's nearly impossible to get out. I would honestly have a much better chance of getting an A on a physics test than being able to quit using Facebook; and saying I suck at physics would be an understatement. It's actually a joke in my family about how hopeless I am when it comes to physics.

Anyway, the point is that it took me a long time to realize how dependent I, as well as pretty much everyone else I know, have become on social media. In a way, our dependency on these sites is a good thing. For example, I had the pleasure of taking Journalism with Dr. Buchanan last semester. As one would guess, the class focused on ways of developing into a successful, professional journalist. One of the issues that repeatedly surfaced in the class at least once a week was the need for all journalists to have an online presence, especially on Twitter. Why? Well, it's because a majority of people nowadays demand information immediately, preferably as it is happening. No one wants to wait a day or two to read about a celebrity sex scandal or President Obama's latest quotes when they can see it in a matter of seconds on Twitter. This makes perfect sense, too. There is about a million times more information available at our fingertips than there was just a couple decades ago, and therefore

speedy access is a necessity.

However, the downside to all of this is, without a doubt, the ease in which we forfeit our privacy to partake in these networks. We willingly and perhaps ignorantly publish our personal information for literally anyone to look at, and for what? Think about it. What do we gain from sharing every little detail of our lives on a public forum for others to critique? It's one thing to fish for compliments by posting bikini pictures on Facebook because even though you know you look good, you want to make sure you really look good. It's a completely different thing, though, to publicize your romantic relationships by posting statuses or tweets like, "OMG I love my bf he is the best everrrr <3," and then 20 minutes later, "All boys are total jerks, I'm glad I'm single!" Seriously? Why would anyone want to share that with people they don't even know? We all know how people judge, so what exactly do we think we are setting ourselves up for?

I'm done with the rhetorical questions now. I definitely am not trying to rip on everyone who uses Facebook and Twitter (because, obviously, I do too) nor do I want to criticize people who make their relationship statuses public. I love Facebook and my baby Twitter account. I just hope people will realize the ridiculousness of posting every little thing on these sites, because what's the point?

Oh, one last thing– follow me @graykay62!

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Alumni Corner

Written by Robert Kumazec '07, Carroll News Alumnus

I was a failure. I had quit my first job out of college at a local non-profit after a few short months. I was a development and marketing coordinator. Tasked with organizing golf outings, creating annual reports and inputting donations, I soon realized I was in over my head. My boss was demanding and refused to offer any guidance. I was frustrated and miserable. So I quit.

I was a quitter. A quitter saddled with rent, car payments, utility bills and student loans. I was on the fast track to being a homeless quitter with bad credit. This was not quite the future I had anticipated during the commencement ceremonies on the Quad. With my self-esteem in pieces and the financial difficulties looming, the world was not my oyster. The world was my rusty old trash can.

I was a disaster. To make ends meet, I applied for a job at a local restaurant. I wore a suit to the interview, and I stressed my liberal arts college education. They must have been impressed by my minor in philosophy, because they gave me a position that had the least amount of responsibility possible: busboy.

This was a small victory.

I was a very good employee. I made sure my black pants, black shirt and black shoes were always clean and neat. I learned my duties quickly and excelled at rolling up silverware. I did not mind so much when patrons ordered me to fetch some extra crayons.

I was a witness. As the months went by, I watched my friends succeeding in their careers. They were earning master's degrees and promotions. I supplemented my busboy income by painting houses and substitute teaching. Floundering and lost, I did what I could to stay afloat.

I was a scholar. The 6th century philosopher Boethius wrote, "Good fortune deceives. Adverse fortune teaches." In every instance of failure, there is a lesson to be learned. This concept has been proven true in my life many, many times. As I floated around in my failure, I let it teach me.

I was a student. Our society focuses on success, and the risk of failure looms large. We often do not want to risk being proven wrong or coming up short. Social media adds

to our insecurities. We know more about our classmates' achievements than ever before. We compare their lives to ours and judge whether we are "winning" or "losing" in life. We can be failures in life. But we cannot be losers. There is no race to win. Both success and failures are natural parts of the journey.

I was not alone. Thomas Edison, Steven Spielberg, Vincent Van Gogh, Oprah Winfrey and Steve Jobs all met with failure before finding success. Five years ago, I failed at my first job. A lot of people told me to tough it out because quitting would be reckless and foolish. I needed to overcome the obstacle. Instead, I quit. In doing so, I received an opportunity to learn one of the most important lessons of my life.

I became an educator. My substitute teaching guided me towards this vocation. I did much more than float around for the rest of that year. In the past five years I was a residence hall proctor, English and theology teacher, retreat leader, detention moderator, graduate student and, currently, principal. My failure taught me well.

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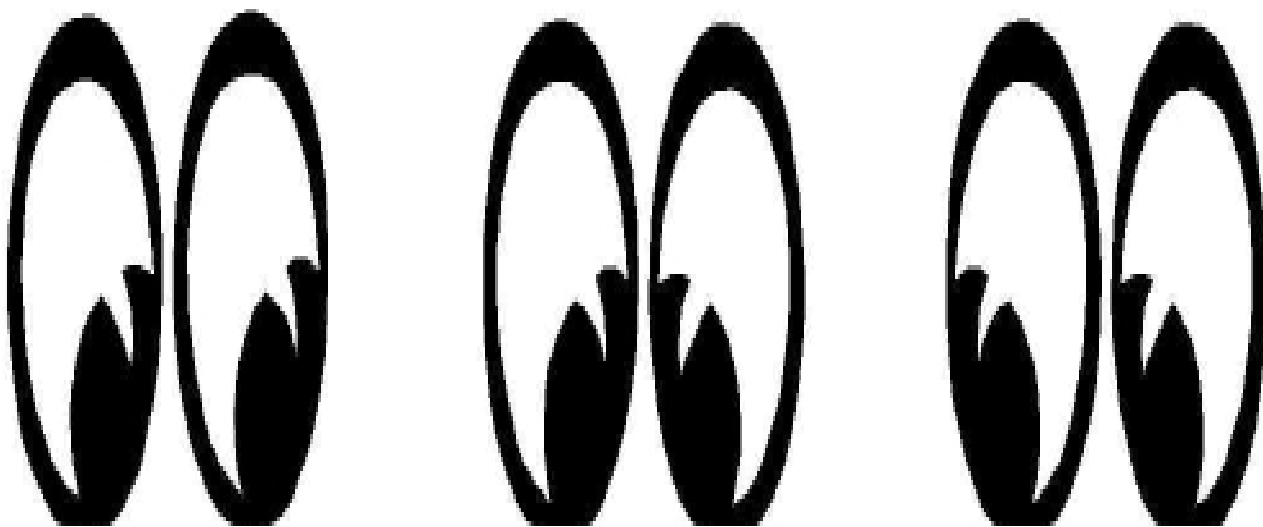
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