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With sequester looming, JCU aid is threatened

How the possible cuts on March 1 could affect John Carroll

Abigail Rings
Assistant Campus Editor

March 1 is not just an important date to remember because it is the start of Spring Break and the deadline for housing agreements. It is also the deadline for the sequester, an implication of about \$85 billion in cuts to military and domestic programs. While many of the cuts will not have a direct effect on John Carroll University, there are certain cuts that could impact JCU as a whole, including the allocation of funds to the work study program and professors' ability to get money for research.

The sequester is a result of the failure of Republicans and Democrats to reach an agreement in 2011. Congressional Republicans wanted spending cuts in exchange for raising the debt ceiling. Democrats did not agree with the cuts, and a compromise of sorts was reached in the form of the Budget Control Act, which intends to cut domestic spending over the next 10 years by about \$1 trillion.

Because the Democrats refused to agree to cuts without additional tax revenue, and Republicans refused tax increases, a committee was set up to find additional deficit reduction tactics. In order to provide the committee with an extra push to reach an agreement, a fallback was designed. This fallback was supposed to be so frightening that it would never happen: \$1.2 trillion in automatic cuts to both military and domestic programs.

These cuts were supposed to go into effect Jan. 1, but it was pushed back to reduce the potential impact of falling off the "fiscal cliff." The deadline is fast approaching, and if it

passes without an agreement, the results could be crippling. As of Tuesday evening, a deal has not been reached.

Some of the cuts would be cuts to defense and domestic discretionary program. Some of the most notable programs being cut are border security, special education, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the National Science Foundation, NASA, Head Start and FEMA.

While cuts to these programs will impact the country as a whole, JCU would be affected in a few ways. Dora

Pruce, director of government and community relations, explained that JCU would be impacted if the government could not reach a deal. Fortunately, Pell Grants, money provided by the federal government to students who need it for college, would be unaffected.

"The somewhat good news is that Pell is held harmless. Pell grants are tremendously important to JCU students and families; one third of our students receive Pell," said Pruce. "However, according to reports released over the weekend, Work Study is at risk, as well as Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant funding, which some JCU students receive. So, yes, there will be some impact."

Some reports have said that funding for some science and research programs could be cut, limiting universities' ability to do research. Pruce indicated, while she was not sure, any time cuts made to the National Science Foundation and the National Institute of Health, it diminishes the faculty's ability to get funding from grants for research.

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JCU talks going green at sustainability forum

Jackie Mitchell
Assistant Campus Editor

Sustainability experts from the local community gathered in Donahue Auditorium on Thursday, Feb. 21 to join in an extensive panel discussion during a sustainability forum hosted by the Boler School of Business and the KPMG Professorship in Accountancy. Panelists included Maureen Brennan, environmental attorney at Baker & Hostetier; Barbara Brown, co-owner of BrownFlynn; Carol Dietz, John Carroll University's associate vice president of facilities and sustainability coordinator; Mark Rabkin, co-owner of Deconstruction Management; Christopher Rhodes, sustainability manager at Swagelok; R. Scott Thomas, sustainability officer at Sherwin-Williams, and Dennis Wolcott, sustainability director at Parker-Hannifin.

The forum began with each panelist discussing his or her enterprise, including its history, mission, products, services and evolution. The panelists described their continually evolving journeys with sustainability. "We've always valued conservation," Thomas said of Sherwin-Williams' mission.

Dietz welcomed visitors to JCU's campus and provided a brief history of the University. Later in the forum, she explained John Carroll's commitment to sustainability and preserving the earth in harmony with its Jesuit mission. She described the various ways in which JCU staff members and students have addressed sustainability by hosting energy workshops and offering classes with an environmental focus.

She also discussed how the University's carbon footprint, including gas and energy use, has reduced in size over the past few years. Dietz said she believes sustainability is evolving on campus. "It's got a lot of momentum behind it," she said.

Dietz said the University also plans to incorporate sustainability into this summer's Murphy Hall renovation by reusing some of the building's original materials and preserving many of its architectural features. According to Dietz, the residence hall meets the requirements to be LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified.

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JCU gets a sex talk

Arrupe Scholars hold 'Sex Signals' event

Alyssa Brown
Staff Reporter

Last Thursday, over 200 students came to the Kulas Auditorium to watch "Sex Signals," a performance brought to campus to raise awareness and inspire audiences to create social change in the fight against domestic violence. The performance involved two actors, Deanna Myers and Chris Sanders, and used improvisation and audience interaction as a means of showing the underlying issues of domestic violence, particularly in dating.

Three seniors in the Arrupe Scholars Program were asked last fall to choose a social issue for their culminating senior project and devise a plan to create a policy change involving the issue. Seniors Sean Whalen, Lisa Reichert and Samantha Hoch were inspired to work with domestic violence. After Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority successfully fundraised to bring "Sex Signals" to campus last year, the students decided to do the same.

"It took months to plan for 'Sex Signals' to come to campus. We spent all class time working on how we would fundraise the money and get support from the JCU community to come to the performance," he said. "In class, we learned how to effectively plan for an advocacy project such as this. Learning how to fight for a change in a social policy ultimately helped us bring 'Sex Signals' to JCU."

As "Sex Signals" cost \$4,200, the Arrupe students fundraised to pay for the group. "With the gracious help from all the departments that sponsored us, we were able to raise just enough for them to come," Whalen explained. The Arrupe Scholars Program, Program of Applied Ethics, the University Counseling Center and the Office of Student Activities all donated money as sponsors of the event.

As an interactive approach to discussing domestic violence, "Sex Signals" used humor as a technique. Sanders said, "Humor builds equity and puts people at ease, especially when talking about such difficult topics as sexual violence."

Myers agreed. "Humor is such a great way to break down those barriers that people often put up and get them to talk," she said.

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Photo by Evelyn Green

Pictured (from left to right) are Samantha Hoch, Chris Sanders, Deanna Meyers and Sean Whalen. Hoch and Whalen are Arrupe scholars who helped organize the event, and Sanders and Myers are the "Sex Signals" actors.

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Campus Briefs

New internship opens exclusively for JCU students

John Carroll University has partnered with Turner Broadcasting System to launch a summer internship only open to a JCU student. The internship is in Turner Digital’s Manhattan-based office and will begin this June.

It is a 10-week, paid internship that will help the student get professional experience in the marketing and advertising aspects of Turner Digital’s various sites, including CNN.com, NBA.com, PGA.com, TBS.com and adultswim.com.

The intern will be focusing on conducting research, linking products with marketing messages and platforms and creating and presenting successful sales plans.

For more information, the application and complete application requirements are available at sites.jcu.edu/turnerpartnership.

Celebration of Scholarship deadline is approaching

Applications for the poster/panel sessions and for the poster session for this spring’s Celebration of Scholarship are due Monday, March 4. Applications are available at sites.jcu.edu/celebration under the “Information for Applicants” tab.

In addition, the deadline for submission for “Arts at Night” is Monday, April 1. Applications for this are available under the “Information for Applicants” tab as well. April 1 is also the deadline to send posters for the program to Information and Technical Services for printing.

The Celebration of Scholarship 2013 is scheduled to take place the week of April 8. The poster session will be held Monday evening on April 8.

Theology and religious studies department presents the Tuohy Lecture Series

The Tuohy Lecture Series is set to begin on Tuesday, March 12. This year, David L. Barr, a professor at Wright State University is the 2012-2013 Tuohy Chair fellow. He is set to give a series of six public lectures on “Jerusalem, Jesus and Jihad: End-Times Scenarios in Judaism, Christianity and Islam.”

The first lecture will be on Tuesday, March 12 and is titled, “Who Says It’s the End-Times?” The lecture will be about the different pictures of the end-times as presented in Judaism, Christianity and Islam and the different views within factions of each religious tradition.

Five more lectures will follow. All of the lectures will be held in the Dolan Center for Science and Technology in the Donahue Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. The lectures are free and open to the public. No registration is necessary.

Breaking the chains: Students and faculty dance to fight violence against women

Spencer German
Campus Editor

On Thursday, Feb. 14, people on John Carroll University’s campus witnessed two flash mobs rallying faculty and students to take a stand for women.

One Billion Rising is a program established by Eve Ensler, an activist known for her play “The Vagina Monologues” (which has been performed at JCU in past years) that raises awareness about the domestic violence against woman including rape, battery, incest, female genital mutilation and sex slavery. The organization’s official Web page describes One Billion Rising as “a global strike; an invitation to dance; a call to men and women to refuse to participate in the status quo until rape and rape culture end; an act of solidarity, demonstrating to women the commonality of their struggles and their power in numbers; a refusal to accept violence against women and girls as a given; a new time and a new way of being.”

In their quest to put an end to domestic violence, this year the coordinators of the program chose to take a stand by using Valentine’s Day to unite everyone in dance. At random times, groups from all around the globe gathered en masse to put on organized flash mobs for the world to bear witness and be inspired.

Thanks to Amanda Rolf, the coordinator of the Violence Prevention and Action Center, John Carroll proudly joined in on the movement as well, as students and faculty members gathered together to participate in flash mobs both outside of Grasselli Library at 10:50 a.m. and in the Schott Dining Hall at 12:45 p.m. on Feb. 14. Rolf explained that it took some careful planning along with the JCU Dance Ensemble and other staff members to make it happen, but that she was proud to see it all fall into place.

“At the beginning of January, I received an email from Lauren Bowen, associate academic vice president for academic programs and faculty diversity, with the link to the one billion rising website and the questions, ‘Are we planning anything here on campus? Should we? Can I help?’” said Rolf. “I was so glad she sent me the email; I was familiar with V-Day, but had not yet heard about One Billion Rising. It seemed like such an exciting and creative way to raise awareness about an incredibly important issue. Even though I have two left feet, I was not going to pass up the opportunity to organize an opportunity for John Carroll to unite with a billion others across the world to demand an end to violence,” she added.

It wasn’t just Rolf, however, that put the event together. Junior Olga Graves also left her handprint on the project. “I was first approached with the idea of participating in One Billion Rising by Amanda Rolf. She knows me through my involvement in Students Empowering Women and thought it would be a fun way to bring awareness to campus,” Graves said.

Although it was the work of Rolf and Graves that brought the One Billion Rising flash mob idea to campus and put it into action, it also took the participation of a handful of students willing to step

out of the box and dance.

Freshman Jackie DiFrangia was one student who showcased her moves on Valentine’s Day, excitedly explaining that she thought the flash mobs went very well.

“Dancing outside of the library and in the dining hall was so much fun,” DiFrangia said. “When we were outside of the library, I saw a bunch of people walking by and looking back at us dancing away. In the dining hall, everyone had their phones out taking pictures and videos because it was just such a cool experience. I would definitely do it again.”

That was an attitude that Rolf and Graves shared as well, and they both expressed their eagerness to organize more opportunities at JCU that raise awareness about the issue of domestic violence toward women.

“There are several more events coming up this semester including a film screening, a march and speak out, bystander intervention training and some passive programming,” added Rolf.

“Students can anticipate seeing the message of One Billion Rising carried on throughout the semester. So be on the look out for upcoming events in the spring,” Graves said.

The message campus received on Feb. 14 isn’t going away anytime soon, as on-campus groups – including Take Back the Night, Students Empowering Women, the Arrupe Scholars, the student activism projects through the Philosophy of Love and Sex class and events coordinated through the Violence Prevention and Action Center – look to continue addressing this worldwide problem throughout the semester.

“Our ultimate goal is to create a safe campus for everyone – a campus where survivors are supported and bystanders step up and intervene to prevent future incidents from occurring,” Rolf said.

The video of JCU’s One Billion Rising flash mobs can be seen at www.jcu.edu/vpac.



Photo by Laurene DiCillo

Students participated in a flash mob outside of Grasselli Library in order to raise awareness on campus about rape and domestic violence against women.

Professors and administrators discuss potential effects of the US government’s sequester on JCU

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Pruce noted, “Reports over the weekend indicate NSF would issue 1,000 fewer grants, and NIH would make hundreds of fewer research awards.”

Colin Swearingen, an assistant political science professor, offered his opinions about the sequester as well. When asked if he thought the sequester will actually happen, Swearingen said, “I think the cuts will be made, although, if there are any changes between now and sequestration, they will regard the military aspect of it.”

He said that the actual amount of cuts may seem staggering when looked at all at once, but they are actually fairly spread out. “Consider that the cuts are roughly \$85 billion out of about \$4 trillion the government is spending this year,” Swearingen said. “The Bowles-Simpson plan, just revealed, calls for \$2.4 trillion in cuts over the next 10 years for an average of \$240 billion per year. So,

in reality, the sequestration cuts aren’t really that much.”

There have been varying reports on exactly how impactful the cuts will be. Swearingen said that while he did not think the cuts would be crippling, as many analysts have suggested, it could still impact the economy.

He said, “Economists seem to think it will shave about one-half to one percent off of the GDP this year. Considering that our growth has been about two percent per year since the Great Recession, if the impact is at the high end, one percent, that’s going to slow our recovery.”

A certain degree of uncertainty always accompanies government policies and when and if deals are reached or made in Washington. Pruce offered her opinion as to what may happen.

“In my opinion, I’m not sure a deal will be reached this time. It doesn’t seem, at least today, Monday, that it looks like a deal will be reached,” she said. “But five days in D.C. is a long time. We shall see.”

Campus Safety Log



February 20, 2013

Public indecency reported in the Sutowski lot at 11:42 p.m.

February 23, 2013

Drug paraphernalia reported in Murphy Hall at 12:41 a.m.

Offenses concerning underage persons reported in Millor Hall at 10:17 p.m.

February 24, 2013

Fire alarm reported in the Boler School of Business at 3:10 a.m.

Telecommunications harassment reported at 10:47 p.m.

February 25, 2013

Criminal mischief reported in the Boler School of Business at 4:58 a.m.

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

JCU hosts event to raise awareness about eating disorders

Matthew Hribar
Staff Reporter

The Cleveland Center for Eating Disorders partnered with John Carroll University this week to sponsor Eating Disorder Awareness Week. The program was headlined by an event held on Monday, Feb. 25, in the Dolan Center for Science and Technology’s Donahue Auditorium.

The event opened with a look at the “Mirror Images” art gallery. The gallery provided an interesting and creative look at body images and self-perception. Most of the pieces were mirrors that were covered with colorful quotes and drawings. A few art pieces worked with patchwork stitching, including a piece about how fast food used to not be as easily accessible.

The main portion of the event was the documentary, “America, the Beautiful.” The film canvassed eating disorders and body image through age, gender, race and class. It followed the life of a 12-year-old model who became obsessed with glamour and beauty. However, the movie covered many topics, including poisons in beauty products, the secrets and strategies behind beauty campaigns and even explored male interpretations of beauty.

After the documentary, a panel of professionals presented their thoughts on the film and answered questions from the audience. Kelly Bhatnagar, who works at the Cleveland Center for Eating Disorders (CCED), explained that “eating disorders have the highest death rate of all psychiatric disorders” and that eating disorders lead to a variety of other issues including depression and anxiety.

Mary Beth Javorek, who works at the University Counseling Center, talked about her experiences as a counselor over the last 18 years.

“These messages [of body images] are pervasive,” Javorek said. “I’m waiting for a breakthrough that hasn’t happened.”

She explained the power of messages of bodily perfection, saying, “Oprah Winfrey, a strong person, falls prey to body issues.” When asked how we can stop these perceptions of media, Javorek said, “we should teach children to become critical viewers of media.”

Mark Warren, the medical director of CCED and a survivor of an eating disorder, offered insight into the male perspective of eating disorders.

“The definition of eating disorders and the word choices in the definition are sexist. Men don’t try to be ‘thin,’ they try to be lean,” he said.

“Men hide in gyms; that’s why they aren’t diagnosed,” he said. Warren explained why these eating disorders are a problem for males: “There is higher purging of men in preschool

than women,” he said.

Victoria Kress, a professor at Youngstown State University, discussed her own experiences with eating disorders: “It wasn’t about being too thin. It was more about what that meant to be thin. It meant I was in control [of my body].” She said, “Culture cannot be fully blamed; genetics are important.”

Dianna Taylor, a philosophy professor who teaches classes in the Women’s and Gender Studies program, was also on the panel. Taylor offered a definition of objectification: “Sexual objectification divides the body,” she said. “You’re not whole; you’re a collection of parts. It’s dehumanizing.”

Malia MacAndrews, a JCU history professor in the Women’s and Gender Studies program, was on the panel as well. She explained that the historical definition of beauty has changed over the time.

“We, as a society, have the power to change, amend or abolish the standards of beauty,” she said. MacAndrews concluded her presentation by explaining that no matter how beauty is denied, it is still “an exclusionary game.”

Taylor Hartman, vice president of the Psychology Club, felt that the week was important to have. “Eating disorders, in general, are prevalent disorders among college students,” Hartman said. “People think it’s not an important issue because it’s just a ‘female disorder,’ but males are affected by eating disorders as well.”

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–Taylor Hartman
Sophomore, President of
the Psychology Club

‘Sex Signals’ performance teaches JCU students about the importance of consent

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While there was an entertainment side to their performance, Sanders and Myers both understand acting with sensitivity is a key element to their performance.

“It is important to note that the humor used in ‘Sex Signals’ is never at the expense of survivors or the issue at large. Humor is used strategically to emphasize important points,” Sanders said.

Among the students in the audience was junior James Kertcher. He said, “I really enjoyed the performance. The message I got from Deanna and Chris’s performance was that consent is very loosely defined, and that is why it is so important to ask and make sure both parties are willing. They gave a clear message while keeping it fun and interactive the whole time.”

Junior Mary Gleason, another member of the audience, agreed and said she learned a lot. “You need to be mindful of the other person and what they’re thinking in a situation, because everybody can get different signals from different things,” she said.

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The panelists offered their own definitions of sustainability. “It is about people, planet and prosperity,” said Brown.

Wolcott offered another description. “It’s difficult. It’s challenging,” he said. He explained that sustainability’s definition varies from company to company. He said for Parker-Hannifin, sustainability is “the capacity to sustain the business for the next 100 years.”

Brown, a JCU graduate with a background in communications, detailed her company’s mission to help people with sustainability practices and the resulting benefits they have reaped.

“In the end, they’re finding that they’re saving money,” she said of companies who actively pursue sustainability.

“It’s exciting to watch and embrace this,” she said.

Rabkin explained how his company, Deconstruction Management, preserves materials of buildings that are past their useful life and redirects this material for uses other than landfills. He described a recent success story that the company experienced when they took down a deteriorating church building and recovered some of its materials. In the process, they discovered a time capsule (that would have otherwise ended up in a landfill) filled with news articles, coins dating back to 1915 and a document from the church’s



original pastor.

Rhodes discussed how the products a company creates can help customers become more sustainable. He emphasized the promotion of energy efficiency and the traditional mantra of reduce, reuse, recycle. He also advised that companies view sustainability as the right thing to do, rather than as an extra responsibility.

After this discussion, Brown presented a Global Reporting Initiative brief. The forum ended by involving the audience in a question-and-answer segment.

Senior Charlie Trouba explained that he worked with Robert Bloom, a professor of accountancy, to network and bring the panelists to the forum. “They all came out to benefit the community free of charge,” he said.

Trouba stressed the importance of the forum to the business school. “It shows how Boler is engaging and diverse and extends across a variety of academic departments,” he said.

Several accounting students, including sophomore Vincent Sgro, were in attendance at the forum to hear what the experts had to say. “I’m a part of the accounting association and I thought it would be a good learning experience,” he said.

Sgro said he found the discussion on renewable energy particularly interesting. “I liked how they mentioned that going green can actually save money,” he said.

Senior Christina Pintenich said she found it interesting that sustainability is such a significant initiative in the accounting firm.

“It’s like a whole new phenomenon in the business world,” she said.

CAMPUS CALENDAR : FEB. 28 – MARCH 6							
28	Thursday	1	Friday	2	Saturday	3	Sunday
SUPB hosts off-campus concert, Muse, at Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland at 7 p.m.		Spring Break begins after last class.		Have a safe and relaxing Spring Break!			

Stars on campus...

Announcing the winners of JCU's celebrity look-alike contest



Sophomore Julia Hohner



Taylor Swift



Freshman Karly Kovac



Marilyn Monroe



Peter Pan



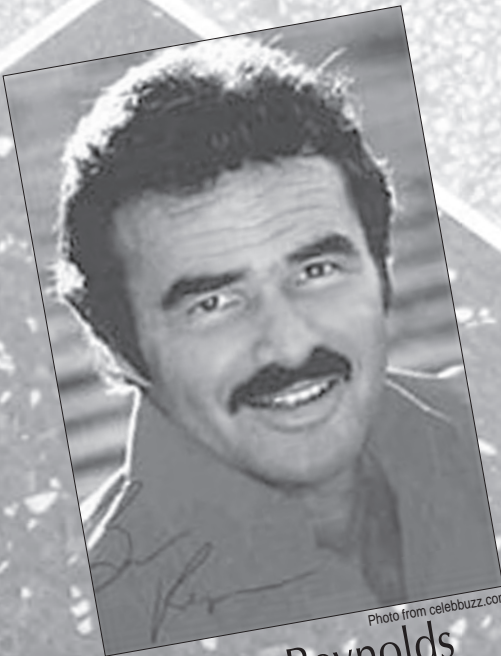
Senior Joe Cahill



Sophomore Sam Mihlbach



PSY



Burt Reynolds



Junior Dom Ciccantelli

Entertainment Calendar

Check out what's happening in Cleveland this week!

2.28

Muse

Quicken Loans Arena
7 p.m.
\$50

3.1

Cleveland Cavaliers vs.
LA Clippers

Quicken Loans Arena
7:30 p.m.
\$50

3.2

Natural Born Killers

Cedar Lee Theater
Midnight
\$5

3.3

Pancake Breakfast

Frostville Museum
9 a.m.
\$6

Peace, Justice & Human Rights program to host film festival

Alexandra Higl
Arts & Life Editor

JCU's Peace, Justice & Human Rights program has announced a first. On March 16, the program will be holding a film festival from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room 226 of the Administration Building.

Over 500 films were screened at the London and New York Human Rights Watch Film Festival. Three award-winning films from that festival that have been traveling to cities in Canada, the U.K. and the U.S. were chosen by Justice & Human Rights program director Richard Clark and the PJHR Advisory Committee to be shown to the JCU community.

"Salaam Dunk," "Putin's Kiss" and "Call Me Kuchu" will be shown back-to-back.

The festival is aimed at reaching out to students, faculty and staff through a new approach in order to raise awareness and provoke thought about human rights and social justice issues.

The films center on international issues, ranging from Middle Eastern conflict, to political struggles in Russia to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender laws in Uganda.

According to Clark, "The award-winning films were chosen due to a belief that they would be of interest to our students and the local community. They focus on the human struggle for dignity and respect and highlight the courageous actions taken by individuals to protect and promote human rights."

The Human Rights Watch Film Festival's intent is to allow audiences to see controversial issues from a different perspective, while engaging in a form of artistic expression. As stated on their website, the films are meant to "bring to life human rights abuses through storytelling in a way that challenges each individual to empathize and demand justice for all people."

The afternoon-long film festival on March 16 is free and open to the public. More information can be found at <http://sites.jcu.edu/pjhr> or by calling (216) 397-6656.



Photos from imdb.com

Pick-Up Line of the Week

"Did the sun come up, or did you just smile at me?"

Have a pick-up line you'd like to share with us? Submit it to ahig115@jcu.edu.

Free Tickets!

JCTV-4, along with their local entertainment news segment Hipster's Corner, is giving away a pair of tickets FREE to local shows at the Grog Shop this semester!

If you want to win a pair of tickets to see "Carlos Jones and the P.L.U.S. Band" on March 2, email johncarrolltelevision@gmail.com.

Check out "J-See-You on Campus" for reviews of shows during Hipster's Corner as well as other local entertainment news.

'Harlem Shake' takes the nation—and JCU— by storm

Gina Torek
The Carroll News

Whether it's supermodels Cara Delevingne and Jourdan Dunn, the Peanuts Gang or John Carroll's own students, they're all on target with the latest trend in pop culture – the "Harlem Shake," by unknown artist Baauer. In a time where these trends have a rather short-lived popularity, this latest craze seems to be taking viral to a new level.

Now, a bigger question has arisen: Is the new Harlem Shake craze related to Harlem and its famous dance move at all? The answer is no.

In the majority of the parody videos, especially that of popular YouTube account, Filthy Frank, we see plenty of thrusting and dancers "dry humping air," according to a Harlem resident. Another said, "I feel like they're disrespecting us," in an interview by Schlepp Films.

Also, in the interview with Harlem residents, they all denied it was the actual Harlem Shake, with an expression of confusion on their faces. Freshman Michael Hurley who coordinated one of JCU's renditions of the Harlem Shake saw these interviews and said it was never their intention to hurt anyone's feelings, and it was all done in good fun.

You could get onto YouTube and see model Jourdan Dunn's, opinion about the real Harlem Shake. She made it known back-

stage at the recent Burberry show at London Fashion Week, "that it's all in the shoulders" and it's not the "rubbish" (mimicking a thrusting gesture) that we see in Filthy Frank's video.

So, if there's all of this fuss about the new portrayal of the cultural dance, known as the Harlem Shake, then what exactly is it? In a recent article by The Daily Dot, the origin of the dance (not the song) is revealed. The dance move

originated in 1981 by a Harlem resident, Al B. In the same article, Al B described its background, saying it was "a drunken state, it's an alcoholic shake, but it's fantastic; everybody loved it, and everybody appreciates it."

For the time between the dance's origin in 1981 and the rather different "Harlem Shake" now, the dance found itself in many music videos throughout the years by Eve, Nelly and Kelly Rowland.

Freshman Michael Hurley's friend introduced him to the video, inspiring him to make a JCU XC Harlem Shake video in his room in Murphy Hall. According to Hurley, there were approximately 13 people in his video, with the designated dancer being his resident assistant, sophomore Dave Schillero.

"Just a couple days ago I saw the 'Harlem reacts to the Harlem Shake,' and I felt terrible. We were kind of disrespecting Harlem, and it's not really the real Harlem Shake." – Freshman Michael Hurley



Photo from youtube.com

John Carroll's cross country team joined the Harlem Shake craze.

Early Mona Lisa painting judged authentic

Madeline Smanik
The Carroll News

Earlier this month, a Switzerland-based art institution announced that an older version of the Mona Lisa has been authenticated as an original. This particular portrait of Lisa del Giocondo, da Vinci's model for the Mona Lisas, depicts a much younger woman. It shows del Giocondo about 20 years younger than she appears in the Mona Lisa currently on display in the Louvre. Not only is the painting of the same woman, but it also shows her in nearly the same position as her portrait several decades later.

This recently authenticated painting is called the Isleworth Mona Lisa, after the London town where it was purchased by art collector Hugh Blaker in 1913. Unveiled in Geneva this past September, the Isleworth Mona Lisa was initially believed to be a copy of the well-known Mona Lisa in Paris. During the period in which da Vinci created these portraits, it was common for admired artwork to be copied. Duplicates of the Mona Lisa were numerous, and when the Isleworth Mona Lisa was shown last year, many dismissed it as a 16th-century imitation.

After carrying out tests on the recently unveiled painting, experts at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology believe that it actually was painted by Leonardo da

Vinci. They have concluded that the Isleworth Mona Lisa was painted sometime between 1410 and 1455. This makes it significantly older than the Paris Mona Lisa, which is believed to be from between 1503 and 1506. Alfonso Rubino, an Italian geometrist, is very familiar with da Vinci's work due to his analysis of the Vitruvian Man. After examining the Isleworth painting, he agreed that it is indeed authentic.

Information in this article was taken from the Huffington Post, The Guardian, BBC News and Times Newsfeed.



Photo from bbc.co.uk

The disputed Isleworth painting of the Mona Lisa has been verified as authentic.

Mentz's Minute



Zach Mentz
Sports Editor

Embrace the inevitable: Baseball season is back

At the close of every baseball season, I take some time to brace for the upcoming winter weather. Like most people, I can't stand winter weather. I hate it. Despise it. Having grown up in Rochester and attended school in Cleveland, it's safe to say that I've dealt with more than enough New York and Ohio winters.

For months on end, the snow pours down from above while the wind blows harshly into your face. During each and every winter day, I'm left shivering and hoping – hoping for warm weather to return as soon as possible; hoping for the sun to beat down on me again. Most of all, I'm hoping for baseball season to return.

At least half a dozen times before, I've sat down at a computer, and I've done exactly as I'm doing now: writing a column welcoming back baseball season. Yet no matter how many times I write these words, it never gets old: Welcome back, baseball season.

I know, I know. There's still snow on the ground in most parts of the country. And while basketball and hockey are currently in mid-season form, you can rest assured that baseball season is slowly making its push back towards relevance.

MLB Spring Training games officially began this past weekend. College baseball teams have already begun their regular season campaigns as well. All across the country, at varying levels of competition, baseball teams are kicking the icicles off their cleats and stepping back out onto the diamond. It's a beautiful thing, isn't it?

This is the time of year where we slowly, but surely, transcend from frigid, bitter weather towards the early spring season. After the early spring weather comes the peak of mid-summer weather. Just like that, before you even know it, it's suddenly the middle of July, and baseball season is in full swing. Funny how that works, isn't it?

Slowly the temperatures will rise, and just as the weather continues to improve, so will the mood of the average individual. Maybe I'm wrong, but I'd like to think there's a correlation between baseball season returning and people generally being happier.

So if I'm asking one thing of you, it's this: Embrace the weather. Embrace the fact that you can soon go outside again without dreading it. And most of all, embrace the fact that baseball season is officially back in action. In our neck of the woods, we certainly don't see the sun enough. So embrace the transition from later winter, to early spring to mid-summer, because soon enough, baseball season will have passed by again, and we'll be left bracing for the cold.

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JCU baseball opens season with two wins in three games

Blue Streaks travel to West Virginia over weekend to take on CWRU, Allegheny

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Head baseball coach Marc Thibeault and the John Carroll Blue Streaks opened the 2013 campaign last weekend in Beckley, W.Va., with a talent-laden squad that has high expectations. After three well pitched games and an offensive explosion on Saturday afternoon, the Blue and Gold returned home with a 2-1 record and are primed for a Spring Break trip to Port Charlotte, Fla.

JCU opened play on Friday morning against backyard rival Case Western Reserve University, which enters 2013 off of the two best seasons in its program's history.

Junior pitcher Jimmy Spagna took the hill for the Blue Streaks after making a program-record 13 starts in 2012. He would throw five good innings and allow only two earned runs, but walked away with a tough-luck loss in the 4-3 defeat.

Senior centerfielder Joe Veltri had a tremendous opening day, going 3-for-5 on the afternoon. Veltri scored the first run of the season on junior third baseman Mitch Herringshaw's double to right-center field. Veltri also had an RBI single in the second inning. Though JCU tied the ball game at 3-3 on sophomore second baseman Bobby Sabatino's RBI base-knock in the home half of the fourth, the Spartans got an



Photos courtesy of JCU Sports Information

Junior pitcher Jimmy Spagna started for JCU in the team's season opener, allowing two earned runs in five innings.

unearned run in the top of the fifth that put them ahead for good.

Despite the loss, JCU cranked out 11 hits and had at least one base-runner in every inning.

John Carroll took out its frustrations from the hard-fought loss against the Allegheny Gators on Saturday during both games of a double header.

In the first game, senior designated hitter Aaron Miller blasted the first pitch he saw in the top of the second inning over the scoreboard in left field to give John Carroll a 1-0 lead. Allegheny got a run back in the top of the fifth frame, but Spagna's

2-out, 2-run double in the home half put the Blue Streaks ahead, 3-1.

The Gators would not go away though, scoring in both the sixth and seventh innings to tie the game at 3-3, as a dramatic finish drew near.

Senior catcher Chet Lauer led off the home half of the ninth inning with a sharp single to left-center field. Sabatino bunted Lauer to second, and after a pitching change, Veltri and freshman outfielder Rob Cifelli drew walks to load the bases for Herringshaw (a 2012 All-Mideast Region infielder).

Just as he did all throughout 2012, the slugging third baseman

came through for John Carroll's first win of 2013. Herringshaw hit a sacrifice fly to left field, allowing Lauer to score and securing the 4-3 walk-off win.

Sophomore pitcher Anthony Libertini tossed 5.2 strong innings, allowing only two earned runs while striking out five.

While the first contest came down to the wire, the back end of the doubleheader held little drama, as Thibeault and company rolled to an 8-1 win.

John Carroll exploded for six runs in the fifth inning, highlighted by a bases clearing, three-run double by Herringshaw and a mammoth two-run round-tripper from Spagna. Sophomore shortstop Mark Huddle added a solo blast in the ninth inning for good measure. Sophomore pitcher Andrew Doring shut down the Gators in 5.2 innings, allowing only one run on four base hits while punching out six.

Collectively, the Blue Streaks banded out 30 base hits and limited Case and Allegheny to only one multi-run inning. Furthermore, the Blue and Gold did not make an error in either game on Saturday.

The Blue Streaks begin a stretch of eight games in the Sunshine State on Sunday, March 3 with a double header against Bluffton University. All eight games will be broadcast live on jcusports.com.

High expectations for young Blue Streaks softball squad

To build on success of 2012, many untested players must step up to the plate

Joe Ginley
Assistant Sports Editor

For a young, talented JCU softball team that advanced to the NCAA Division III Regionals last year, the 2013 season holds much excitement and promise. Though the Blue Streaks graduated five seniors, many of whom were starters, John Carroll has a wealth of young talent on its roster.

JCU head coach Erin Brooks has the softball program headed in the right direction. In 2011, the Blue Streaks secured a share of the OAC softball regular season title for the first time in program history. In 2012, JCU reached the NCAA Division III Regionals, the farthest NCAA Tournament run in the program's history. But Brooks has not set any overarching goals for 2013. The seventh-year head coach instead wants her team to carry a day-by-day mentality into the season.

Catcher Mackenzie Griffin, the lone senior on the roster, agrees with the philosophy. "Day after day, you need to focus on where you are then, and don't look too far ahead, because you need to play every day in order to get to that goal."

This mindset is perfect for the Blue Streaks, who face a grueling 40-game schedule, including 20 matchups within the ever-tough Ohio Athletic Conference. As is tradition for the Blue Streaks, the season will start in early March at the National Training Center tournament in Florida. The trip will be critical in evaluating a young roster.



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Led by head coach Erin Brooks, the softball program looks to continue its success in 2013.

"We do a lot of rotating: there's no set line-up when we're down there," Brooks said. "I start to solidify some positions by the end of the week, from what I've seen, but I do give everybody the opportunity to show me what they've got."

In order to get through the long season and make a significant play-off run, a number of Blue Streaks will need to step up. Stellar seasons from Griffin, junior Colleen Brady, junior Samantha Becker and junior Trisha Pike will be especially crucial for JCU. But, while these four players are particularly important to JCU's success, "All 19 [players] are very key," Brooks said. "Our success is going to rely on all 19 of us."

Starting with the team's pitchers, Pike will be heavily relied upon in 2013. She saw significant time on

the mound last season, accruing an 8-7 record and 5.12 ERA. "It is going to be important that Trisha steps up this year and takes on that [top] role," Brooks said. Another player who will see increased time on the mound is Rachel Byrnes. She did not pitch a lot as a freshman, but will see significant innings this season.

Griffin will hold down the catcher spot again this season. She did well at the position in 2012, hitting for a .319 average and knocking in 22 runs. "[She] definitely has a big job in front of her. I absolutely think that she, for one, can step up and take that responsibility," Brooks stated.

In the infield, only one full-time starter returns in Samantha Becker. The junior middle infielder will play a key role, especially on offense. Becker led John Carroll last

season in batting average (.357), at bats (157), hits (56) and home runs (5). Junior Angelia Locey, who saw significant time last season, will also look to snag a spot in the lineup for the Blue Streaks this season.

Brady leads this year's stable of outfielders. She racked up a .287 batting average and drove in 20 runs last year. Morgan Robinson will look to become a key cog of JCU's offensive machine. She batted .244 in 82 at bats in her sophomore campaign. Junior Nicole Fluharty also hopes to see more time this year.

As a whole, the Blue Streaks have a great deal of young talent. Anyone can easily come out of nowhere and have a breakout year. The Blue and Gold have a roster stockpiled with many talented players.

"I have a lot of confidence in them, and I'm really looking forward to how this year plays out," Brooks said.

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JCU Club Hockey National Tournament Information

What: 2013 ACHA Men's Division I National Championships

Where: Chicago (Hosted by Robert Morris University)

When: March 1-6

Games for #20 seed JCU:

Vs. #13 Liberty University, March 1 @ 8:30 p.m.

(If JCU wins) Vs. #4 Ohio University, March 2 @ 7:30 p.m.

The veteran competitor led the Blue and Gold on day two of the OAC Championships on Saturday. Bohrer finished the 1,000-meter run with a personal best time of 3:03.42, allowing her to take home gold in the event.

Sales forecasts lower amid payroll tax increase

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On Jan. 1 of this year, a payroll tax increase was put into effect. The payroll tax increase put the payroll tax that funds Social Security, among other things, up to 6.2 percent from 4.2 percent. This was due to the expiration of what is referred to as the “payroll tax holiday.”

A hot topic has been the recent end of the payroll tax holiday and what implications it has on consumer spending going forward, as consumers are already faced with challenges of increasing gas prices, stagnant wage growth and the general concern of the job market.

The payroll tax provision was enacted in 2010 and cut the share paid by workers to fund Social Security out of their paycheck from 6.2 percent to 4.2 percent. This temporary payroll tax holiday was designed to “help pull a stagnant economy out of the doldrums” by increasing consumer spending, which accounts for roughly 70 percent of gross domestic product, according to nbcnews.com. The resumption of the levy at the beginning of 2013 brings the payroll tax up to 6.2 percent, and takes away the annual \$1,000 tax break that consumers who

make the median income of about \$50,000 were receiving. Citigroup estimates that the payroll tax increase will shift \$110 billion overall out of consumers’ hands this year.

Now that the payroll tax has increased, many retailers, restaurants and companies that sell consumer goods are lowering sales forecasts and adjusting their sales and marketing strategies, according to The Wall Street Journal. These adjustments are being made in anticipation that consumers, now with smaller paychecks, will dine out less and make less expensive purchases.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the world’s largest retailer, is one notable example of a retailer that has expressed concerns about consumer spending going forward. According to The WSJ, Wal-Mart has lowered their sales forecasts and has “stocked more of its shelves with cheaper products and smaller-size packages of diapers, toilet paper and snacks.” The WSJ reported earlier this week that grocery manufacturer Kraft Foods Group Inc. and meat supplier Tyson Foods Inc. are introducing more lower-priced products to help restaurants and supermarkets “adapt to the consumer spending downshift.”

Burger King Worldwide Inc. Chief Financial Officer Dan Schwartz said in an interview with The WSJ, “When people

look at their paycheck and see less money, it obviously impacts their mind-set about spending.”

According to a survey by the National Trade Federation, a trade group, less take-home pay is causing 45.7 percent of consumers to curtail spending. The survey also said that “a quarter of consumers are delaying big-ticket purchases, a third are reducing restaurant visits and about a fifth of shoppers are spending less on groceries.”

While the payroll tax raise may have a negative effect on consumer spending going forward, the “spending letdown” has been remarkably small so far. USA Today reported recently that sales of gasoline are up 2.8 percent so far this year, measuring by gallons, and auto sales have climbed up 14 percent from a year ago.

Consumers are expected to experience a payroll tax spending shock. This shock will hopefully wear off as consumers get accustomed to the higher tax rate. For the sake of the overall economy, it would be beneficial for adverse affects from the payroll tax to not harm consumer spending on a large enough scale.

Information from The Wall Street Journal, NBC News and USA Today was used in this report.

United Kingdom sees credit downgrade

The Associated Press

Credit ratings agency Moody’s Investors Service downgraded Britain’s government bond rating one notch from the top AAA to AA1 Friday, saying sluggish growth and rising debt were weakening the country’s medium-term outlook.

Treasury chief George Osborne said the blow only redoubled his resolve “to deliver our economic recovery plan,” based on deep spending cuts.

Moody’s said “subdued” growth prospects and a “high and rising debt burden” were weighing on the British economy.

The agency said rising debt meant “a deterioration in the shock-absorption capacity of the government’s balance sheet, which is unlikely to reverse before 2016.”

It said, though, that “the U.K.’s credit-worthiness remains extremely high,” and its outlook was stable. Moody’s said that “a combination of political will and medium-term fundamental underlying economic strengths will, in time, allow the government to implement its fiscal consolidation plan and reverse the U.K.’s debt trajectory.”

For the British government, the move was unwelcome but not unexpected. All three of the big rating agencies — Moody’s, Standard & Poor’s and Fitch — had placed Britain’s rating on negative watch, as the economy continues to struggle.

The Conservative-led government is cutting 50 billion pounds (\$80 billion) in spending through 2015 in a bid to slash the national debt, which stands at more than 1 trillion pounds, over 70 percent of GDP.

Moody’s said it expected that level to peak at just over 96 percent of GDP in 2016. Public sector borrowing remains stubbornly high, and is forecast by the government’s Office for Budget Responsibility to be 120 billion pounds for 2013.

Critics say the government’s austerity policy has failed to kick-start the economy, which has been through two periods of recession since 2008.

The U.K. emerged from a nine-month recession in the third quarter, when GDP grew by 0.9 percent. But the economy contracted by a worse-than-expected 0.3 percent in the last three months of 2012.

Glimmers of good news for the government include a stable unemployment rate — 7.8 percent in the last quarter — and low interest rates. The yield on the 10-year Treasury bond fell over the year from 2.29 percent in February of 2012 to 2.11 percent now.

Osborne said in a statement that the downgrade was “a stark reminder of the debt problems facing our country,” with a debt accumulated over the years exacerbated by Europe’s economic crisis.

“Far from weakening our resolve to deliver our economic recovery plan, this decision redoubles it,” he said, promising to press on with debt-cutting.

“We will go on delivering the plan that has cut the deficit by a quarter, and given us record low interest rates and record numbers of jobs,” Osborne said.



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Moody’s Investors Service downgraded the U.K. credit rating to AA1 last week.

Merger between office supply stores confirmed

Patrick Burns

Staff Reporter

Last Wednesday, Feb. 20, news of a merger that initially leaked out as a mistake was deemed official shortly after. Office Depot had accidentally leaked news of the deal in an earnings report and quickly erased the announcement.

Within a few hours, an official notice of the \$1.19 billion dollar transaction was released. The office supply behemoths Office Max and Office Depot will fuse together to create a new company with \$18 billion in revenues.

Many investors cheered on this deal as it was seen as a necessary consolidation in the office supply industry. Yet some are confused to the simple details of the new firm such as what it would be called, who would lead it and where it would be headquartered. The shares of Office Depot and Office Max initially rose 9.4 percent and 21 percent respectively, but in within a day they had tumbled by 16.7 percent and 21 percent.

There are several key reasons as to why this joining of forces was desirable.

The two firms are the second and third biggest office supply retailers behind Staples. The merger helps the combined company battle challenging changes to the industry such as too many stores, more technology in the workplace and increased competition.

The new company would aim to do more online business and close overlapping stores. The deal would save the new company roughly \$400 to \$600 million per year.

The fate of other stores had been factored into the rationale of this deal. Office Max’s CEO Ravi Saligram cited the fate of Borders and Circuit City who both ended up bankrupt due to their inflexible business models. Saligram believes that “this is not about incremental progress,” implying that the company had to be ready to consolidate and change.

Leadership has not been clearly defined for the new company, but will be selected before the deal closes. The boards of both Office Max and Office Depot will put together a committee to select a new CEO. In the running for the position are Saligram and Office Depot CEO Neil Austrian. Saligram

is expected to emerge as victor, since he is roughly 20 years younger than the 73-year-old Austrian.

The transaction was almost halted the night prior to the announcement. The parties had to decide on what would happen to the preferred shares of the private equity firm BC Partners, which happened to hold a large portion of Office Depot. Office Max wanted to find a fair way to open the door for the BC to reduce their stake. Ultimately BC decided to convert some of their preferred shares and maintain a five percent stake in the company.

The new office supply powerhouse has an intriguing future ahead. Both Office Max and Office Depot posted losses in the fourth quarter of 2012, and it will be interesting to see how their financial performance plays out through 2013.

It would not be surprising if at least in this year the company struggles as it works through restructuring costs. But perhaps this merger will create a stronger and more formidable player in the office supply market.

Information from The Wall Street Journal was used in this report.

Cleveland Company Spotlight

Third Federal Savings and Loan

- TFS Financial Corporation is a holding company for Third Federal
- Retail consumer banking
- Company headquarters in Cleveland
- Founded in 1938
- CEO: Marc A. Stefanski
- Public company, traded on NasdaqGS as TFS Financial Corp (TFSL)
- Share price: \$10.59 (Feb. 22, 2013)
- Market cap: 3.19 billion
- Earnings Per Share (ttm): 0.05
- Website: www.thirdfederal.com



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– Information compiled by Andrew Martin



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1 Chinese government accused in hacking scandal

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Staff Reporter

A computer security company released a report on Feb. 19 detailing how the Chinese government has engaged in numerous cyberwarfare attacks on the U.S. in recent years, claiming that it has even pinpointed the exact location the perpetrators are based in. The report issued by Mandiant Corporation describes how nearly 150 American companies, many involved with components of the country’s infrastructure, such as power grids, financial servers and air traffic control, have been targeted by hackers stealing classified information.

The report concludes that the attacks are conducted by a specialized cyberwarfare unit of the People’s Liberation Army (China’s military), known as Unit 61398, as the sources of the attacks are concentrated around the unit’s headquarters in Shanghai. “It is time to acknowledge



The Yuquan campus of Zhejiang University in Hangzhou in east China’s Zhejiang province Thurs. Feb. 21. One of the units there has been used by the People’s Liberation Army for hacking purposes.

the threat is originating in China, and we wanted to do our part to arm and prepare security professionals to combat that threat effectively,” the report urged.

Allegations of Beijing conducting cyberwarfare are not new; in late January, The New York Times reported that for the

past several months Chinese hackers had targeted its employees and databases. But the latest report is one of the most comprehensive public documents implicating the Chinese government in the matter.

Cyberwarfare has become an increasingly important field in military and intel-

ligence circles, with the U.S. Air Force and Navy setting up units dedicated to these purposes. In President Barack Obama’s State of the Union Address, he specifically called for the improvement of cyber security efforts, and had earlier signed an executive order taking several measures to support that initiative.

U.S. and Israeli intelligence agencies have also conducted cyberattacks of their own, utilizing a computer virus known as “Stuxnet” to disrupt the Iranian nuclear program.

China has angrily denied the accusations, claiming that hackers had been hijacking its networks for malicious purposes, and called the Mandiant report baseless.

The U.S. and China have experienced a see-saw relationship over the past few decades. This scandal is just another one to add to the list of events that have circulated between the two nations.

Information from The New York Times was used in this report.

2 Hamid Karzai orders US soldiers to leave



Afghan President Hamid Karzai addresses Afghan military and reporters. Karzai has ordered the withdrawal U.S. special forces due perceived usage of torture.

The Associated Press

Afghanistan’s president ordered all U.S. special forces to leave a strategically important eastern province within two weeks because of allegations that Afghans working with them are torturing and abusing other Afghans.

The decision Sunday seems to have surprised the coalition and U.S. Forces Afghanistan, a separate command. Americans have frequently angered the Afghan public over issues ranging from Qurans burned at a U.S. base to allegations of civilian killings.

“We take all allegations of misconduct seriously and go to great lengths to determine the facts surrounding them,” the U.S. forces said

in a statement.

Also Sunday, a series of attacks in eastern Afghanistan showed insurgents remain on the offensive even as U.S. and other international forces prepare to end their combat mission by the end of 2014.

Presidential spokesman Aimal Faizi said the decision to order the American special forces to leave Wardak province was taken during a meeting of the National Security Council because of the alleged actions of Afghans who are considered linked to the U.S. special forces.

He said all special forces operations were to cease immediately in the restive province next to Kabul, which is viewed as a gateway to the capital and has been the focus of counterinsurgency efforts in recent years.

The Taliban have staged numerous attacks against U.S.-led coalition forces in the province. In August 2011, insurgents shot down a Chinook helicopter, killing 30 American troops, mostly elite Navy SEALs, in Wardak. The crash was the single deadliest loss for U.S. forces in the war.

“Those Afghans in these armed groups who are working with the U.S. special forces, the defense minister asked for an explanation of who they are,” Faizi said. “Those individuals should be handed over to the Afghan side so that we can further investigate.”

Ceasing all such operations could have a negative impact on the coalition’s campaign to go after Taliban leaders and commanders, who are usually the target of such operations.

The U.S. statement said only that the announcement was “an important issue that we intend to fully discuss with our Afghan counterparts. But until we have had a chance to speak with senior Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan officials about this issue, we are not in a position to comment further.”

The brazen assaults, which occurred within a three-hour timespan, were the latest to strike Afghan forces, who have suffered higher casualties this year as U.S. and other foreign troops gradually take a back seat and shift responsibility for security to the government.

The deadliest attack occurred just after sunrise — a suicide car bombing at the gate of the National Directorate of Security compound in Jalalabad, 125 kilometers (78 miles) east of Kabul.

Guards shot and killed the driver, but he

managed to detonate the explosives-packed vehicle, killing two intelligence agents and wounding three others, according to a statement by the intelligence agency. Provincial government spokesman Ahmad Zia Abdulzai confirmed the casualty toll and said the building was damaged in the attack.

A guard also shot and killed a man in an SUV filled with dynamite that was targeting an NDS building on a busy street in Kabul, not far from NATO headquarters. The explosives in the back of the vehicle were defused. Blood stained the driver’s seat and the ground where security forces dragged out the would-be attacker.

Shortly before the Jalalabad attack, a suicide attacker detonated a minivan full of explosives at a police checkpoint in Pul-i-Alam on the main highway between Kabul and Logar province. One policeman was killed and two others were wounded, along with a bystander, according to the NDS.

Also in Logar province, which is due south of Kabul, a man wearing a suicide vest was stopped by police as he tried to force his way into the police headquarters for Baraki Barak district, said Din Mohammad Darwesh, the provincial government spokesman. The attacker detonated his vest while being searched, wounding one policeman, according to Darwesh and the NDS.

Taliban spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid claimed responsibility for the Jalalabad attack and two others in the eastern province of Logar in an email to reporters. He did not address the attempted assault in Kabul.

3 Benghazi files to be released to Senate

Katii Sheffield
Staff Reporter

Last Sept. 11, a heavily armed group attacked an American diplomatic mission in Benghazi, Libya. Four Americans were killed in the attack, including U.S. Ambassador to Libya Christopher Stevens. Since then, there has been much controversy on the attack. Sen. John McCain has several times claimed a massive cover-up on the Benghazi attack.

Lawmakers have been disappointed in the way that the attack was handled by the Obama administration and what information was given on the attack to the American people. Reason to call the Benghazi attack a cover-up came from a strong Republican belief that President Barack Obama and his administration downplayed the attack during the presidential election. The CIA and the Obama administration had taken their time confirming that the attack was an act of terror rather than an incident that resulted from protests of an anti-Muslim film. In the initial CIA report, the attack was linked to al-Qaida. The report was later changed to describing those involved as "extremists."

On Feb. 22, the White House agreed to turn over emails and intelligence reports related to the Benghazi attack to the Senate Intelligence Committee, according to a congressional aide. National Security Council spokesman Tommy Vietor reported that the White House has already sent over 10,000 pages of related material to the Senate Intelligence Committee, which included related documents, witness interviews, hours of testimony and staff briefings.

To further this investigation along, the Senate has demanded documents and emails from the White House as a condition to the voting on the nomination of John Brennan for CIA director. These emails include debates by national security officials on how to describe the attack.

But how quickly the Senate nominates Brennan depends on if the lawmakers are satisfied with administration response to their requests for more information.

John Brennan is also being questioned on whether the administration would authorize the use of drones for targeted American killings on American soil. Brennan responded that the administration has no intention of doing so.

Currently, Democrats members on the Senate Intelligence Committee are asking for information from the White House on the targeted killings of Americans overseas by drones, as well.

Information from the Huffington Post, CNN and the CBS Evening News was used in this report.

4 First female becomes S. Korea's president



Park Geun-hye was sworn in as president of South Korea. Geun-hye is the first female to be elected as president of the country.

The Associated Press

Park Geun-hye took office as South Korea's first female president Monday, returning to the presidential mansion she had known as the daughter of a dictator, and where she will respond to the volatile North Korea, which tested a nuclear device two weeks ago.

At her inauguration, a band played a military march before a crowd of tens of thousands, including U.S. National Security Adviser Tom Donilon, Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra and Japanese Deputy Prime Minister Taro Aso. Before Park took her oath of office, South Korean superstar PSY performed his global hit "Gangnam Style." Children and the elderly alike joined him in the contagious horse-riding dance he made famous in the song's video.

Park's last stint in the presidential Blue House was bookended by tragedy: At 22, she cut short her studies in Paris to return to Seoul and act as President Park Chung-hee's first lady after an assassin targeting her father instead killed her mother; she left five years later, in 1979, after her father was shot and killed by his spy chief during a drinking party.

She began her first day as president with lawmakers deadlocked over her government restructuring plans, which include newly created or revamped ministries.

Much has also been made of Park's role as a trailblazer for women in South Korea, which is still a largely male-dominated society. The income gap between men and women is the widest among the world's most developed countries. But Park gave only two of 18 Cabinet posts to women. Late liberal former President Roh Moo-hyun, Lee's predecessor, named four women to his Cabinet when he took over in 2003.

Katelyn's Candor: Government destruction at its finest



Katelyn DeBaun
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It took nearly two months after President Barack Obama nominated former Republican Sen. Chuck Hagel as defense secretary for the Senate to confirm him. But during that two month period, he had been subjected to numerous Senate hearings regarding his views on the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Now, many government officials finally confirmed Hagel this week. This was even after one of these individuals, Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.), had been considered one of Hagel's greatest obstacles to become the next defense secretary.

Early last week, McCain reported that he does not believe that Hagel is fit for the job. Additionally, 15 Republican senators wrote a letter to the White House suggesting that Obama should withdraw Hagel's nomination, citing Hagel's lack of bipartisan support as their reasoning.

Yes, Hagel is a Republican who is entering the Cabinet of a Democratic president. Other members of his party dislike him because he doesn't always carry the same views as many other Republicans. For one, he disagreed with George W. Bush's choices during the Iraq War, mainly the troop surge, calling it "the most dangerous foreign policy blunder in this country since Vietnam." Hagel also called George W. Bush the worst president since Herbert Hoover.

McCain, who opposed Hagel's potential role in Obama's cabinet, carries a grudge against Hagel's views on Bush and Iraq. Unlike many Republicans, Hagel is not a war hawk. He does not often see war as a viable solution. Meanwhile, McCain explained on Fox News last week that Hagel is against "his own party and people." McCain has also explained that he agreed with Bush's actions regarding Iraq on numerous occasions.

What this appears to be, however, is the Republicans' lack of will to approve anything the president believes would be helpful toward the country. Obama chose Hagel to be the next defense secretary because he believed that Hagel, as a Republican, would be able to draw more bipartisan support to end the war in Afghanistan. However, that hope for support has now led to a greater gap between Republicans and Democrats.

Despite the GOP's attempts to block Hagel's confirmation with senate hearings, he was finally confirmed. This was in part due to the fact that there is the Democratic majority in the Senate. Hagel's confirmation leaves five more Cabinet members to be confirmed, including the secretary of the treasury, secretary of the interior and secretary of transportation.

Why on earth did this have to take so long?

There was once a day when a president was able to have his Cabinet members confirmed with little to no delay. Many reasons that the postponement in Hagel's confirmation occurred was due to the fact that as a Republican entering a Democrat's administration, he was a "controversial" choice. However, this is not so. If Obama had chosen a Democrat, the GOP would have found another way to get his second term off to a rocky start. It is unavoidable.

However, it would be helpful if Republican leaders could get back to doing their jobs: helping to pass legislation that will better the country rather than standing in America's way.

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5 Questions persist as pope plans to resign

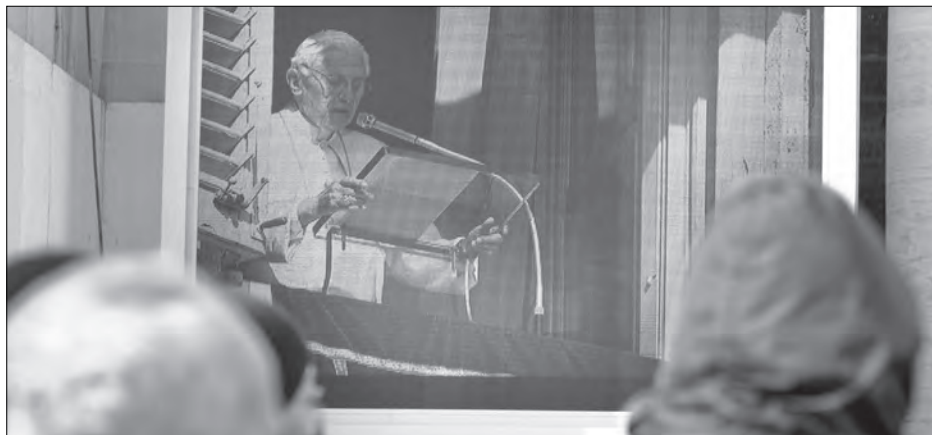
Sam Lane
World News Editor

On Sunday, Feb. 24, Pope Benedict XVI celebrated what would be his last prayer ceremony to the public in St. Peter's Square, according to CNN. This follows his shocking announcement earlier this month that he would be the first pope to resign in 600 years. His last official acting day as pope will be today, Feb. 28.

His resignation from the papacy has led to many questions all over the world. These range from simple ones, such as how the soon-to-be ex-pope plans to live out his remaining days in retirement. But there are other serious questions and speculations, such as the true reasons for the pope's resignation, as well as several scandals that have plagued the Catholic Church, according to CNN.

When Benedict announced that he planned to resign, the 85-year-old claimed it was due to his advanced age, according to The Wall Street Journal. To many observers, this appeared to be somewhat plausible, since they believed the pope appeared tired. Nevertheless, it still surprised many due to the fact that the pope traditionally serves until death.

Darker rumors have begun to circulate, particularly in the Italian media. Accord-



Observers view the monitor of Pope Benedict XVI giving his last sermon on Sunday, Feb. 25. The pope announced two weeks ago that he would resign the papacy on Feb. 28. Many still question the reason for this decision.

ing to CNN, there were speculations that his decision was the result of a sex scandal regarding other church figures. These still remain as speculations.

Other rumors which have persisted appear much more viable. Many link the pope's resignation to the growing priest abuse scandals within the Catholic Church. Although these scandals had been prevalent before Benedict XVI, their prevalence increased through greater media coverage. Many have accused the pope of not doing enough to bring the issue to the table. Others agree that he has addressed the topic

but has done little to stop the spread of such activity.

Most agree that the next pope will have a lot more work to do when handling the abuse scandal.

Upon finishing his final sermon, the pope recited the Angelus prayer. His papacy will officially end tonight, Feb. 28.

According to a Vatican spokesman, the pope plans to lead a reclusive life in a monastery in the Vatican, under the title of "his Holiness."

Information from The Wall Street Journal and CNN was used in the report.

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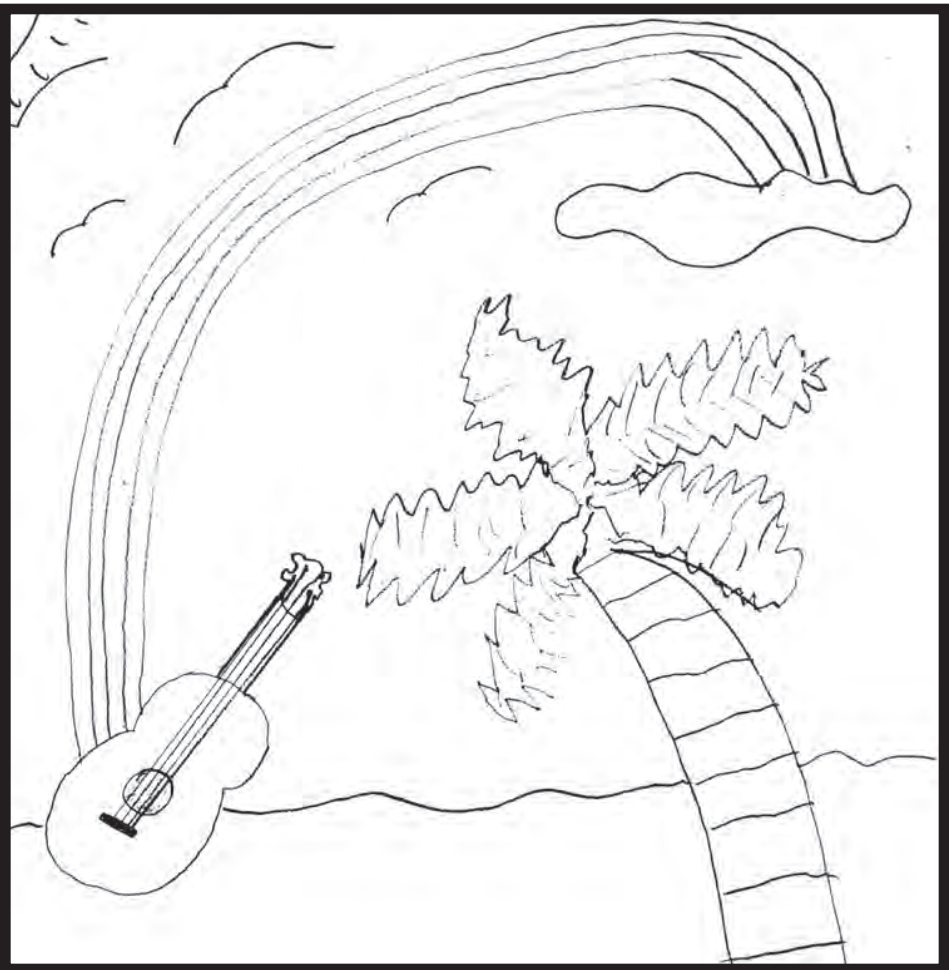
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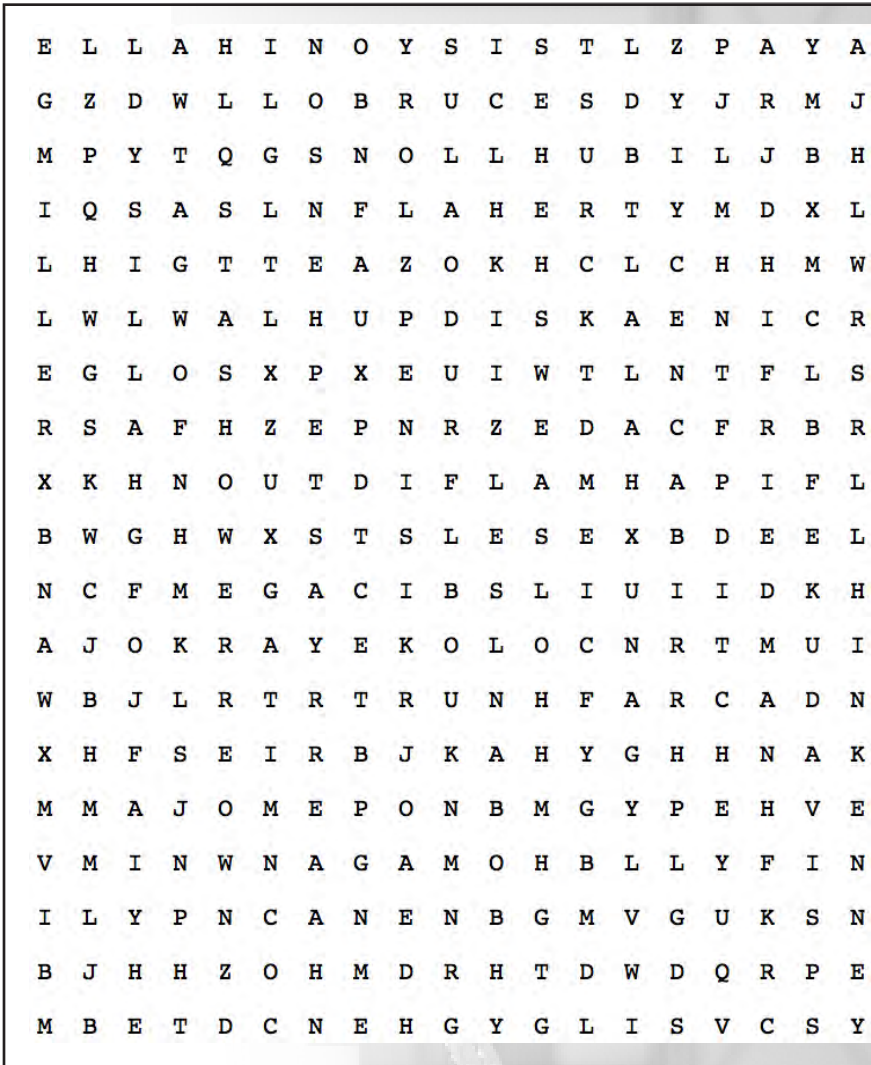


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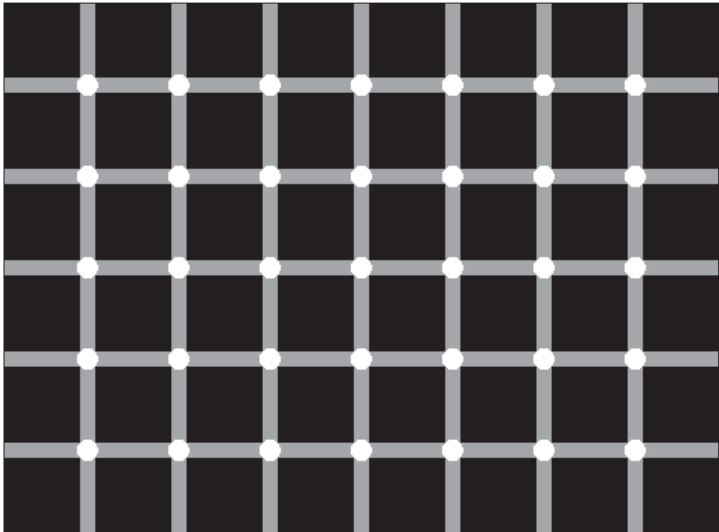
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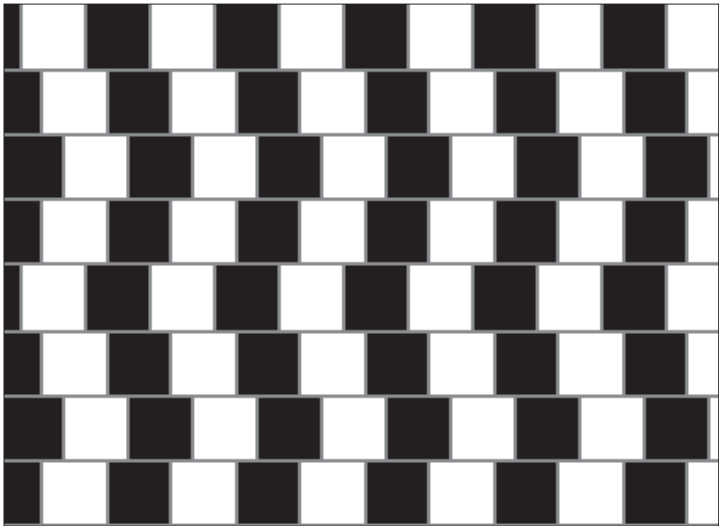
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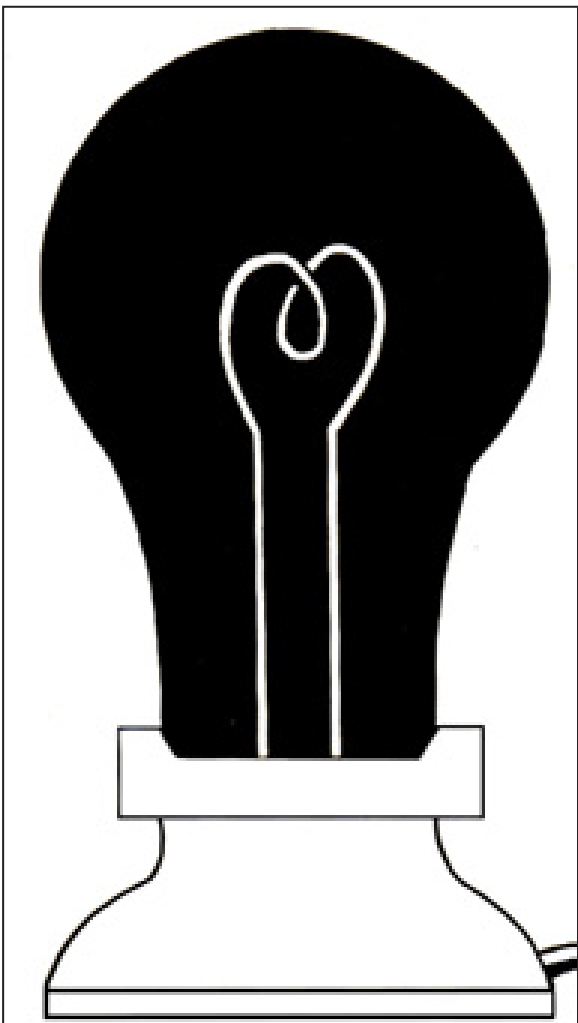
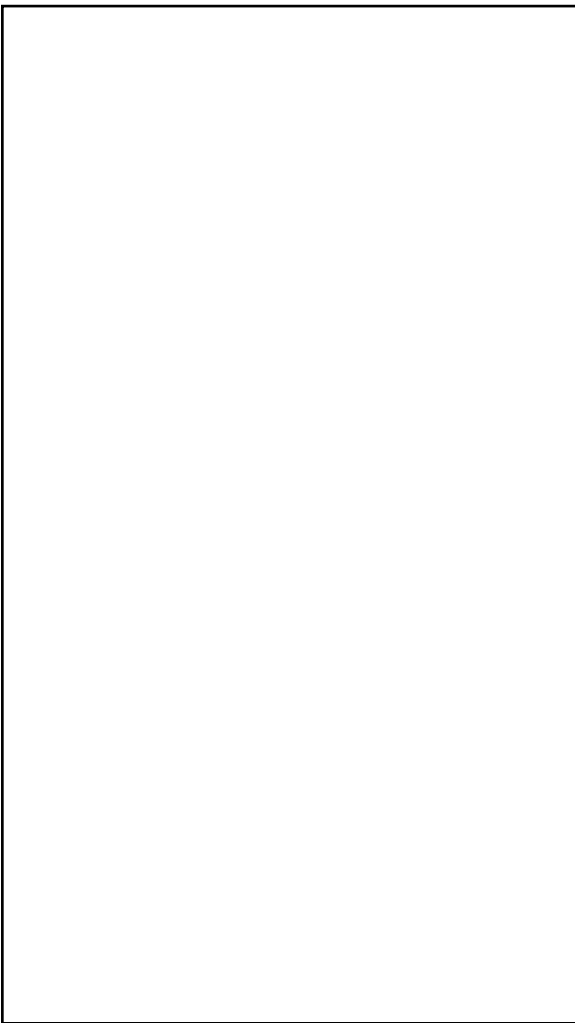
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Maravalli steps down as women's basketball coach

Less than a week after leading the Blue Streaks to the quarterfinal round of the Ohio Athletic Conference Tournament, Kristie Maravalli decided to step down as head women's basketball coach after 14 years. Her decision was announced in the late afternoon on Monday, Feb. 25. The Blue and Gold recorded a record of 13-12 in...

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Yes (33%, 6 Votes)

Not sure (17%, 3 Votes)

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Editorial

Raising the bar for awareness

One thing that sets John Carroll University apart from many other colleges is its emphasis on raising awareness and taking action to address social issues.

This week, the JCU campus experienced two separate instances in which students, staff, faculty and administrators came together to rally for important causes that affect college students across the country: eating disorders and relationship and domestic violence.

Blue Streaks take a stand for women

Last week, the John Carroll community witnessed two flash mobs on campus intended to rally students to take a stand for victims of domestic violence. The flash mobs were organized by the program One Billion Rising, a movement directed by activist Eve Ensler.

The flash mobs were, in fact, an international movement, and John Carroll joined the program through the Violence Prevention and Action Center as well as the JCU Dance Ensemble. The purpose was to unite with one billion others across the world on Valentine's Day through dance.

Students also coordinated the "Sex Signals" event last week, which addressed relationship violence among teens and college students. Both events were mainly organized by student organizations with the interest of promoting awareness in the John Carroll community.

The support from the administration for both events evidences their genuine commitment to the issue, bringing all around success.

The issue of domestic violence must be addressed thoroughly, and victims should know that John Carroll is a safe campus where they can feel free to share their experiences in a therapeutic setting. These organizations were successful in doing such, because their methods were both engaging and informative.

Students should look to these events as examples of how to highlight similar issues.

Waist not – JCU takes on health issues

This week, John Carroll teamed up with the Cleveland Center for Eating Disorders to promote "Eating Disorder Awareness Week," kicking off with an event held Monday evening.

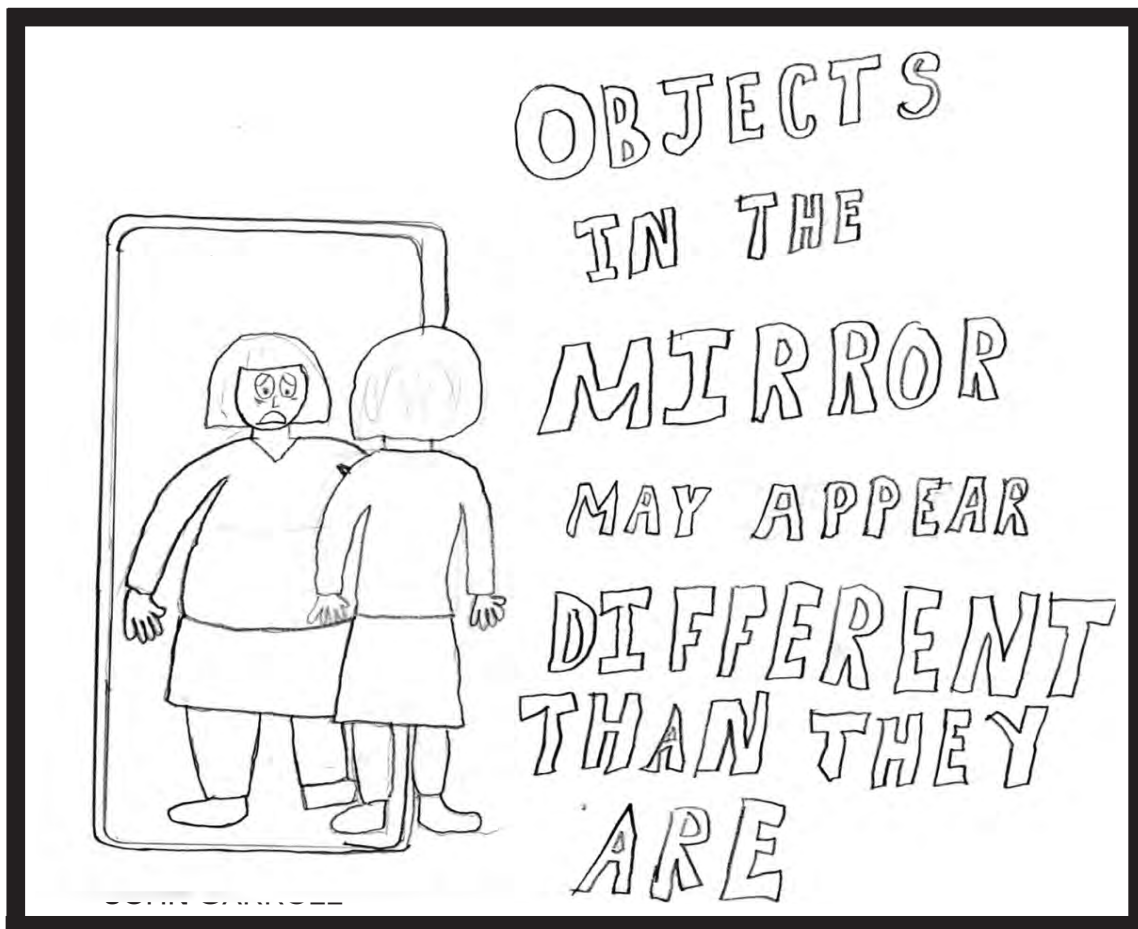
During the event, they showed a documentary highlighting the life and anxieties of a 12-year-old model. It also presented other themes, including the dangers of certain beauty products and strategies behind beauty campaigns.

After the documentary, a panel of experts answered questions from the audience and discussed the effects of beauty campaigns on young people, as well as the increasing prevalence of eating disorders among teens and young adults.

It is critical for John Carroll, as well as other institutions, to address this issue, since it can directly affect a significant number of students in the JCU community. The University should definitely direct more attention to this issue in the near future by holding more forums that offer community, safety and confidentiality.

The Student Health Center should get involved by giving medical attention to those in need and making sure that students know who they can talk to about anxieties, especially the University Counseling Center, RAs and fellow peers.

Friends also have the responsibility to address the issue if they suspect a friend has a disorder. Furthermore, each individual must move away from the hyper-sexualized culture that promotes such a superficial image of beauty and view the media from a more critical perspective. This includes discussing it openly and honestly, as well as acknowledging that it affects both men and women equally.



Cartoon by Nicholas Sciarappa

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"One of the more noble things the Oscars can do is pay attention to movies no one knows about. Blockbusters don't need much help."

— Jeff Daniels, at the 77th Annual Oscar Awards

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Last weekend, I saw The Who play at Value City Arena on the campus of The Ohio State University. I know what you're thinking: It's not exactly The Who without drummer Keith Moon and bassist John Entwistle. Half the band has already passed away.

That being said, Roger Daltrey and Pete Townshend sound just as good as when they were playing for crowds during the British Invasion of the 1960s. The tour is being billed as "Quadrophenia and More." "Quadrophenia" was the rock opera originally released in 1973 by the British Mod rock outfit. The band barreled through the album from start to finish in front of a packed arena. Townshend's guitar, Daltrey's powerful voice and Zak Starkey, the son of the ex-Beatle Ringo Starr, entertained the audience for a solid two-hour set.

The horn section was also striking on such tracks as "5:15," as Townshend himself

was visibly impressed himself. After, they finished their set with some more popular numbers as "Behind Blue Eyes" and "We Won't Get Fooled."

Again, I was left thinking about how The Who influenced my own interest in music, along with virtually every other rock band around today. The punk scene of the 1970s always paid tribute to The Who, especially in the United Kingdom. The band's repertoire reached across many different areas of music. Besides "Quadrophenia," The Who also dove into the rock opera genre with "Tommy." "Tommy" has been performed on stage regularly throughout the world since its inception. The Who also had feature-length movies in "Tommy" and "Quadrophenia."

In seventh grade, I started to play guitar, largely due to watching old concerts with Pete Townshend hammering away at his Gibson SG at Woodstock and Leeds. Describing the band's live show as "eccentric" would be an understatement. Between Townshend's guitar smashing and Keith Moon's bass drum explosions, The Who never failed to entertain. During the middle of the show, the band played

"Bell Boy," and the screen behind the band showed the late Keith Moon singing and drumming, as he did during live performances in the 1970s. The look on Daltrey's face when he saw his old bandmate and friend playing again with the band showed me that the love for music really never dies.

Many people think bands such as The Rolling Stones, The Who or any other band in their 60s only tour or release new music for the money. The money doesn't hurt, but watching Daltrey and Townshend enjoy themselves on stage like they did at the height of their career proves that music can transcend the high payouts given from live performances. Entwistle, the late Who bassist, had a bass solo looped through the sound system during the hit song "5:15."

I really thought it was a nice touch to show appreciation for the past members of the band on stage. They were a large part of the band's progression throughout the years, and not showing that appreciation on stage would have been wrong.

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Who are you?

Cooney Meets World:
Holy memories!

Dan Cooney
Editor in Chief

I think it would be fair to say the announcement of Pope Benedict XVI's resignation dropped a bombshell on the Roman Catholic Church worldwide. No one, except for maybe a small group of close friends and cardinals, saw this coming.

Benedict is the first pope to resign since Gregory XII in 1415. However, other members of Church hierarchy forced Gregory to resign. You have to go back to Celestine V in 1294 to find a pope who last gave up his position willingly.

Plenty of commentators have been debating the pope's legacy and the issues he has faced during the eight years of his papacy – everything from the clergy abuse scandal to "Vatileaks."

As for me, I'll always remember being a short distance away from Benedict during a memorable week-end in New York City.

I was a junior in high school during the spring when the pope visited New York. Our school received 17 tickets for the papal Mass, available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Many of my friends instead decided to go on our school's annual mission trip to New York earlier in the year.

But for me, the decision was a no-brainer. I put my deposit down and secured my spot for the trip. To say I was excited was an understatement.

Before Benedict's visit, the last time the pope visited the U.S. was 1999, when John Paul II visited St. Louis. I figured that the trip was a great opportunity to see the pope celebrate Mass and share in a memorable experience. I had never been to the Big Apple before, so this trip also let me explore a new place.

Our group stayed in a hostel on the Upper West Side of Manhattan for the duration of our trip. But we

didn't spend much time there. When we arrived, we wanted to go see the city, and we got the chance on our first day.

The next day, we took the subway to the Bronx and walked to the old Yankee Stadium, where the papal Mass was taking place. Nearly 60,000 of us crammed into the old stadium, eager to share in this incredible moment.

When he came out in his "pope-mobile" from the outfield, the stadium went crazy. We were all given white or yellow towels to wave as he made his way slowly along the outer edges of the field. His hand constantly waved to the boisterous crowd as he made his way to the altar.

Our view of the Mass, unfortunately, was through a video screen the whole time. We called the outfield bleachers home for the next few hours. The altar had a back wall, so we couldn't actually see the pope hold Mass. But there was a plus side to our seats: We had all of the media behind us. When I came back from New York, someone said they saw me on CNN.

Today, the pope will abdicate his place as leader of the Roman Catholic Church and retire to a small monastery in Vatican City. We'll wait throughout the conclave period for the white smoke and the words, "Habemus Papam!" (We have a pope!)

Questions continue to swirl regarding the legacy of Benedict's papacy. Should he be defined by the events that took place during his time as pope? Do his views shape how we'll remember him? Does his resignation – the first in 602 years – mark his papacy? I'll let the commentators and scholars answer those questions.

As for me, I want to remember Pope Benedict XVI for the moment in history he shared with me and countless thousands of other Catholics on that beautiful Sunday in April.

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Wonderword:
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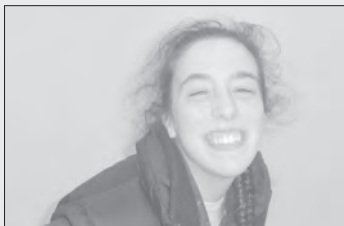
"A Spanish verb for replacing a light fixture."

Sarah Ruppert,
sophomore



"A type of sewing machine."

Megan Lowes,
senior



"A cross between a zebra and a tiger."

Melissa Fowler,
sophomore

Imbroglio: A complicated and embarrassing state of things



Brian Bayer
Managing Editor

The Penultimate or the Ultimate pen?

Every week, I collect my thoughts, sit down at my computer and write a column that I feel is somehow relevant to the world (or at least our world). Sometimes, I hit the nail on the head, like when I praised the true masculinity of those who can wear a beard. Other times, I've missed completely, like when I called out Cosmo for being a bad influence on our culture (here's my eleventh-hour confession – I love reading Cosmo, it's uncensored entertainment that gives me insight into the enemies' minds).

What can I say? I'm like AskJeeves.com – you have questions, I provide answers. Sure, I'm

The Bayer Necessities:

no Google; but like that friendly 1999 search engine butler, I still do my best. In fact, a lot of the time I answer questions that nobody was asking. I guess I just get it.

But last week, a friend keenly observed that lately the tone of my columns has had an air of finality. It's true; I'm getting old, and quite frankly I can't hold this column space forever. But fear not, loyal Blue Streak readers! I am not abandoning you. As Phil Collins so melodically said, "You'll be in my heart, always."

In my first column, almost three years ago, I thanked some people who helped me along my way. Now that the next issue marks my penultimate column, it's my turn to thank you specifically. Yep, you ... Like, the one reading this right now. If you didn't pick up this paper and read this column, I wouldn't have a voice. You have given me my greatest gift, and I appreciate it. If you see me this week, feel free to say, "You're welcome, Brian." I'll understand.

At the end of the day, I just enjoy writing. Everyone has something to say, and I have the rare opportunity to broadcast that something to anyone who cares to read it.

However, the reason I write is much deeper than that. Since I put a lot of thought into each column, I figure that I really don't write to make people think – I have already done the thinking for you; I write to make people feel.

Depending on the subject or my opinion on the subject, how people feel tends to change. The important part is that they do, in fact, have some reaction to it. This is my gift, and I only try to offer the best that I can.

Have I made you laugh? Nice. Have I made you angry? Good. Have I comforted you when you're alone at night and all that's keeping you company is all of my columns cut out and taped to your wall? Creepy, but you're welcome.

My point is, whether you read to smile or to stand up for your cause

The (almost) penULTIMATE

(yes, I'm talking about you, feminists and Greeks) or just to look like you're not sitting by yourself in the cafeteria, you are the one with the responsibility to ACT.

It's easy to become jaded by "the man" or to feel like there's something wrong with the world. Trust me, there's plenty wrong with the world. But that doesn't mean that the world is a bad place. It just means that you need to feel more genuinely and take action towards making it better.

If something makes you laugh, spread that happiness. If something makes you mad (like if I were to stereotype women, for example), respond with your voice.

Do the right thing and stand up for your beliefs. Nothing is worse than someone who sits idly by as the cruel world desensitizes their ability to experience life. Feel, love, hate, speak, act. That's the key; it's so easy.

Here at JCU, everybody has a unique opportunity – the opportunity to share your gift. People's interests

and talents vary, but the common denominator is chance. We all have the chance to do great things with our own abilities, and we need to exploit that in order to be the best we can be.

Don't let apathy seize your soul. Death doesn't come when your heart stops beating – it comes when your heart stops beating for something.

When I was a senior in high school, I caught a bad case of senioritis. The first couple years of college were a decent remedy, but it has come back with a vengeance. In fact, I'm pretty sure my senioritis has now caught senioritis. There are times when motivation is low, and the will to even get out of bed is even lower.

The only cure for this, though, is sparking the Ignatian fire that can move mountains and change the world. The cure for apathy is action. And the key to action is awakening your soul and feeling.

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The Op/Ed Top Ten: Spring Break vacation spots

1. Immokalee, Fla.
2. Louisville, Ky.
3. West Virginia
4. Panama City, Fla.
5. Anywhere in Europe
6. San Francisco, Calif.
7. Cancún, Mexico
8. Daytona Beach, Fla.
9. The Bahamas
10. The Dominican Republic

—Compiled by Grace Kaucic



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ROME — By the time you read this, I will be in Rome, Italy, wandering the streets of saints and caesars, perhaps strolling along the Appian Way or enjoying some gelato (or a glass of wine) on the piazza. I suppose it depends on what time you read the column.

Last Sunday, I hit the one month marker. I have officially made it one month in a foreign country without getting arrested, killed or deported. It is hard to believe that a little over a month ago, I was sitting in my kitchen in Michigan bored out of my mind and longing for adventure. It is hard to believe that only a few short weeks ago, I was emailing my parents telling them that I wasn't sure if I should be here.

And I can't believe all that I have already seen and done in the past month. I remember when I arrived, and I was worried that I would never get used to the differences between here and the States. I almost got myself hit by a car several times when I failed to look the wrong way first. I've gotten used to that, though I still have to mentally remind myself to look right, then left. I'm hoping that eventually it will become somewhat instinctual.

I have gotten used to the cars on the opposite sides of the road, but I still am thrown off every time I see someone driving on the opposite side of a car. There have been several moments of

panic when I've seen children in the passenger seat and thought they were driving.

The Irish "timeliness," which is to say, not timeliness, has finally started to sink in. Being German and, therefore, exceptionally punctual (at least I've always told myself that it's because I'm German), I had a really hard time coping with the fact that people weren't in their offices when they said they would be, or that they take a two or three hour break for lunch. And only the Irish can underestimate travel time by over an hour.

I ran into one of my professors, the one who is from Michigan (I think I've mentioned him), during the first week of classes, and he told me that it took him a really long time to adjust to the Irish concept of time, and he still didn't really understand why they needed such a long lunch break.

Fortunately, it hasn't taken me long to adjust. The Irish in me has taken over; and I've started to not care so much about timetables. But I still don't like being late. I don't think that's something that I'll ever be comfortable with, no matter how long I stay here.

I barely even notice the accents anymore. Okay, that may be a bit hyperbolic. I notice the accents, but I'm not struck by them anymore. Clearly, they speak differently, but I'm not as taken aback by it as I was when I first arrived here. I am now only conscious of a different accent when I encounter someone from a different part of

Ireland who has an accent I have never heard before.

Like the United States, different places have different accents. I was told that I wouldn't be able to understand people from Donegal (I can) or Derry (I haven't met anyone from Derry yet). People in Galway sound different from people in Belfast, who sound different from people in Cork. Everyone who isn't from Dublin seems to love to make fun of "Dooblin" accents, like we do Boston or New York. And mostly everyone I've met can identify where anyone is from based solely on their accent. I'm not that good yet. But I can tell that the accents are different, and I think that's a start.

I'm even getting used to the word "grand," which I've always had a propensity to hate because I felt that it was "phoney," as Holden Caulfield so bluntly put it. It sounds much less phoney in an Irish accent.

It's funny. One month and already what seemed so different from the norm is becoming the norm. Isn't it great how quickly we adapt? Things that I never thought I would get used to have become commonplace, or at least don't bother me anymore. By May, it seems, I'll be a regular Irish lass, and then I'll come home and have to adapt again. Adapt or die ... or at least get hit by a car because you looked the wrong way first.

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Nick's Knack: The replacements



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Arguably the most unpleasant and least empathetically understood periods in the life of people in government positions are known as the "lame duck" session. This is the time after a person's replacement has been hired but before the new official takes office. Not much longer than a couple months compose this period. Of course, most politicians are lame ducks in that they aren't very exciting and are odd people to have chosen such a path for their lives. But, the technical lameness of these ducks refers to their inability to cause any change in their remaining time, rendering them rather powerless. While this experience seems distantly tucked away in state and national capitals, as we go through life, similar lame duck phases come and go with the tidal advances and regressions through which many people in our society undoubtedly go.

The last few months of my final spring semester at JCU are assailing with innumerable new scenarios which I had never before considered would be issues in the closing months of college. In a couple weeks, The Carroll News staff will vote a new editor in chief into his or her position. Coinciding with this change will be the appointment of a managing editor and new section editors taking charge of each part of the newspaper in the footsteps of the graduating seniors.

Having held the position of assistant and editor of the Op/Ed and Editorial sections longer than anyone of the past six years (to my knowledge), it's unsettling to ponder the time when I will no longer oversee every word put on pages 17, 18 and 19 of the paper; a time when I won't have to press my mind for ideas every week on what topic to write 600 to 800 words of a column that will most likely be read by very few. In four weeks and two columns, the moustached columnist picture will lose its personal context and be stowed away in the archive bins and file cabinets of the other issues of the past 88 years.

A situation more immediate and persistent, repeatedly kicking me in the face with its energy legs at least once a week for the past several months is the lame duck circumstance of my collegiate running career. The freshman distance squad we brought in at the beginning of the year came into college with faster times in some distances than I had achieved in my three more years of experience. At the Indoor OAC Championships this past weekend, our team's second-place finish was enabled

by many points scored by freshmen and sophomores on the team, while I earned zero.

Aside from quantitatively based achievements, there is no "next year" to which my current training will contribute a strength base. Surely, I can continue to race my entire life. But, nothing will ever be like being on a collegiate team and aspiring to qualify for the national championship or, as I call it, "the great dance." There are two months left of collegiate racing, and, like congressional or presidential counterparts, there doesn't seem to be much time to fully harness the benefits from the training I do from now on. Each day, I see sprightly springiness in their legs, untarnished by years of perhaps too much unilateral mileage and too little quick-twitch quality.

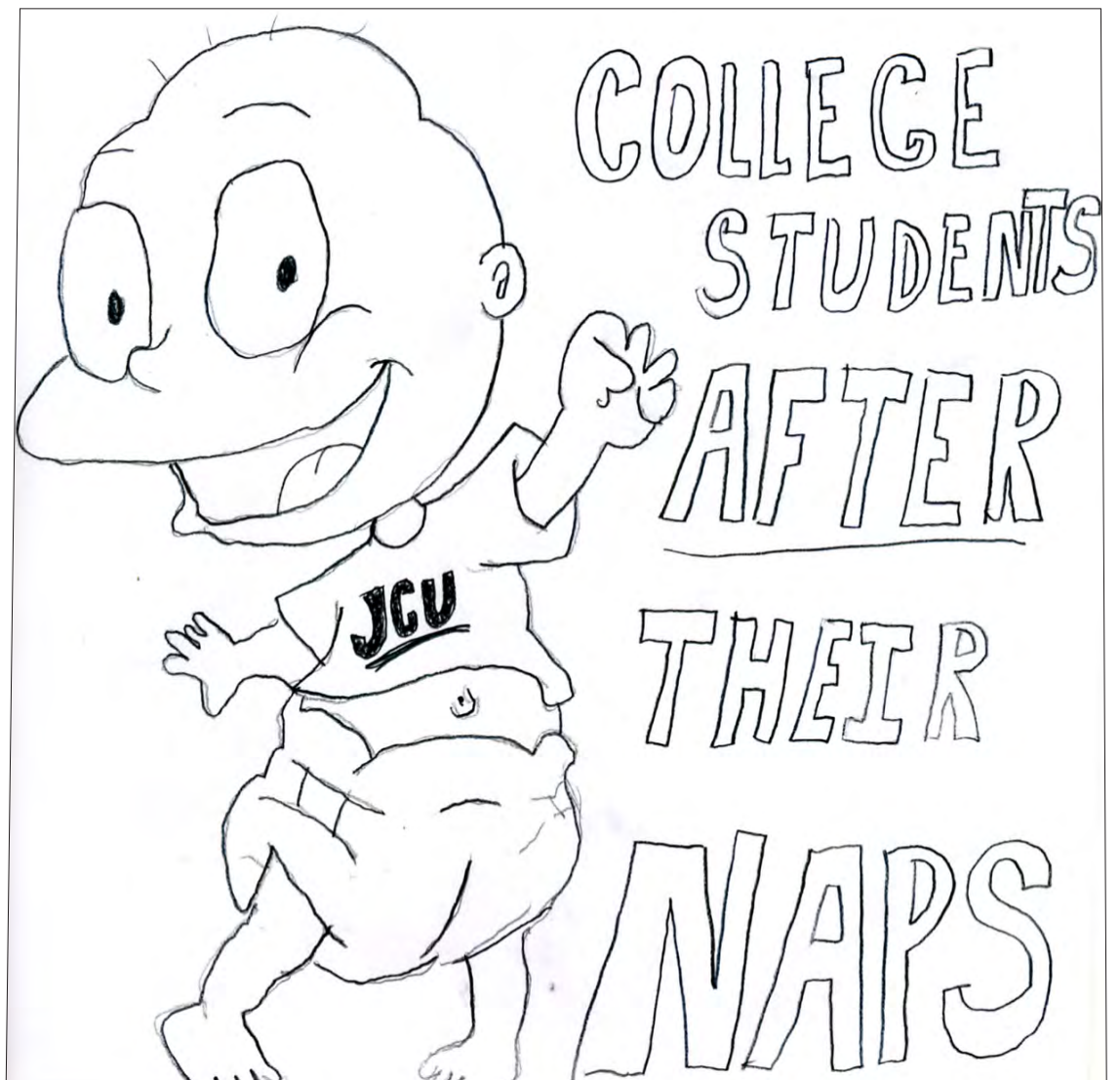
Neither of these situations bring about fear for the future of either organization. The Op/Ed and Editorial sections will most likely be left in the quick-learning and creatively capable hands of Grace Kaucic (who I see grow more adept with each issue) and the established skills of Clara Richter, upon her return from Ireland. The cross country and track programs now have runners whose talents exceed those of the current seniors two-fold. There are a handful of young-guns, like junior Chuck Mulé, sophomores Johnny Honkala, Tadhg Karski and John Cameron and freshmen Pat O'Brien and Matt Chojnacki, who have many times the focus and drive I have and are more capable of redeeming my vacant captainship at the end of this season than I was when first acquiring it.

Assuredly, such experiences are likely to reoccur later in life when on the job I train a young kid, fresh out of college for the job I might have held for years. Technology will most likely advance without minding the people it's leaving in its wake, struggling to keep up in their older years.

What is one supposed to think of being replaced, of the world moving on without them? Of this, I am not certain. One begins to question the purpose of their life and things toward which he or she has striven. Perhaps the only comfort to be gained from being superseded is the role one has had in advancing the situation that person leaves behind. The Op/Ed and Editorial sections have gotten more precise and tenacious in its commentary than in years past. The JCU cross country and track and field teams have grown from a bunch of goons in gold to a formidable force in the conference, region and nation.

Though I feel my relevance in the JCU community is being rapidly phased out, I feel that I leave it at a better point than it was when I came in and in better hands than my own.

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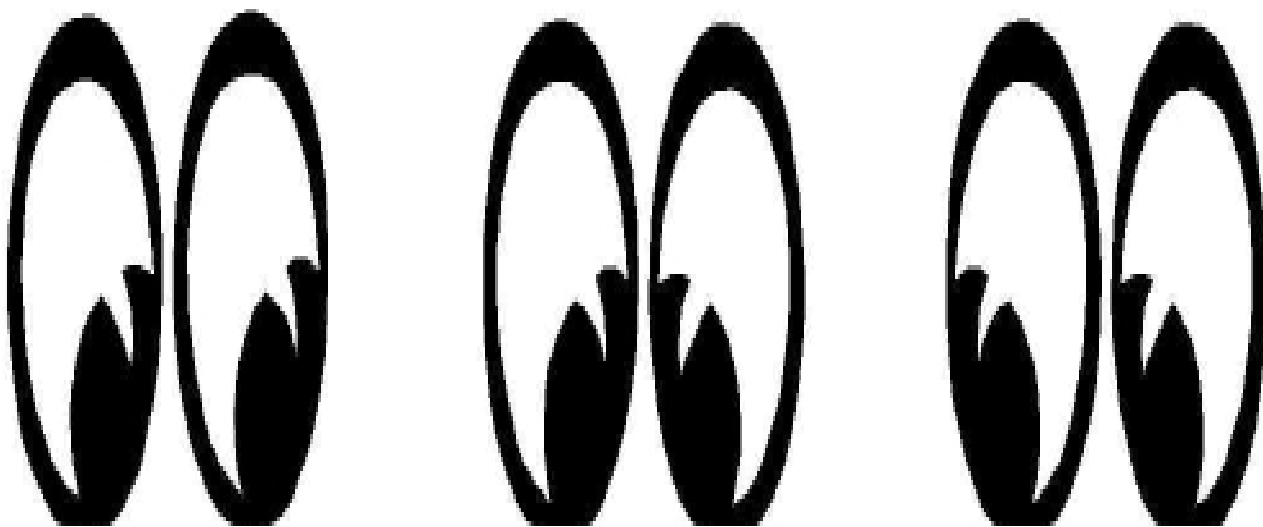
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