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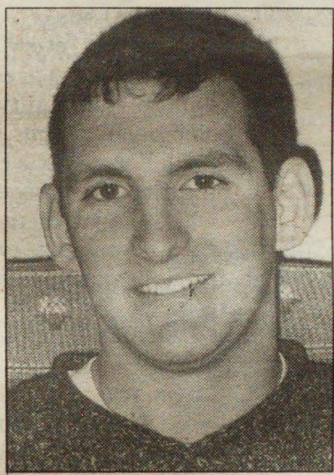
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Filiatraut Wins

Student activities fee referendum passes

Clare Taft
News Editor

In a campaign between a seasoned Student Union veteran and a political novice, the fight is over. Kevin Filiatraut defeated Nick Brevetta in the race for Student Union president, capturing 68 percent of the vote.



Kevin Filiatraut

Meghan Rogers defeated Jeff Longworth, and was elected to be vice-president. Tom Cassidy defeated Chris Kerr for the position of treasurer. Mike Murray was elected to the position of secretary, over Kate Meacham. Kevin Comer defeated Melanie Shakarian for the position of Chief Justice.

Also on the ballot, and passed, was the student activities fee referendum.

The student activities fee will charge students \$25 per semester, generating approximately \$175,000 per year for clubs, organizations and special events. Currently, clubs and organizations receive direct funding from John Carroll University, amounting to a total of \$70,000.

The referendum money will help the Student Union meet club and organization

budget requests. Last year \$94,359 was requested by organizations, but only \$30,000 was allocated by the university.

The Student Union campaigned for the referendum. Opposition to the referendum was represented by students who

posted signs and sent e-mail regarding the negative side of the referendum.

"The Student Union said that they would present both the positive and negative aspects of the referendum," said Dan Birchok. "The Student Union never said anything about the problems with a student activities fee."

Birchok and other students posted signs to target commuter students, which were taken down sometime this past weekend.

"The student activities fee will finally provide clubs and organizations with the funds they so desperately need," said Student Union Vice President, Barry MacEntee. "It is incumbent upon the administration and the trustees to heed the voice of the students. This referendum has delivered a clear mandate."

The referendum passed by a margin of 75 votes.



The surveillance camera at the Huntington Bank on Fairmount Circle shows the suspect in that bank's hold-up.

FBI seeks bank robbery suspect

Tom O'Konowitz
Editor-in-Chief

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is searching for the man who held up the Huntington National Bank in front of John Carroll University's campus.

A white male entered the Fairmount Circle bank during the noon hour of Jan. 29 and furnished a teller with a note demanding money, according to the FBI.

The man is believed to have been unarmed, and he did not get away with any money, said Robert Hawk, FBI agent.

Nonetheless, the law defines the incident as a "bank robbery," according to Hawk.

The suspect is presumed to be in his early twenties, with a height between 5-foot, 3-inches and 5-foot, 8-inches. He has a slight mustache.

The day of the hold-up, witnesses and a surveillance camera confirmed that he was wearing a dark blue sweatshirt, beige baseball cap that was backwards at the time, and dark trousers.

"We haven't ruled out the possibility that [the suspect] could be a college student," Hawk said.

Shaker Heights Police responded to the incident, and are currently assisting the FBI in the ongoing investigation.

Sgt. Mullaney, Shaker Heights detective, said that his department did not have jurisdiction in the case since the bank is a federal institution.

Hawk said that anyone with possible information regarding the suspect should notify the FBI by calling 522-1400.

Reward money is available, Hawk said.

Faking your way to 21

Meagan Lynch
Managing Editor

There he sits at the threshold of the golden gates to the land of 21-year-olds like some kind of superhero with x-ray vision—waiting for his next underage victim. Poised, confident, you approach the omnipotent bouncer with a form of identification that your friends say will never work but that you just have to try anyway.

Success!

You never thought you'd be so glad to walk into a place with incoherent people, air so thick with smoke that your eyes burn and lines to the bathroom that could wrap the globe.

However, this haven of chaos is often where the John Carroll University underage drinking saga begins. Unfortunately, involvement in this saga often yields trouble when a man in a navy blue uniform complete with a badge, gun, handcuffs and a squad car creeps into the bar. The trouble is heightened when you buy a beer. The climax to this saga is the statement, "I

need to see some identification."

And you thought you were safe once inside the bar, huh? Bummer.

According to Tavern Company Assistant Manager Alex Quintana, it is perfectly legal for police officers to spot check bar patrons.

Beat cops, or cops that patrol a particular area, may be in a squad car, in a bar or on foot. They are allowed to ask a person for identification if they have probable cause.

Probable cause, according to Cleveland Heights Law Director John Gibbon, is if there is evidence of a crime or if the evidence could be contested in court on whether the search was legal.

Showing false identification to an officer is "a misdemeanor in the first degree, which is the most serious misdemeanor," according to University Heights Police Lieutenant David Novinc.

Novinc added that first time offenders will receive a minimum fine of \$200, (although it may be as high as \$1,000) and no more than six months in jail. Second time offenders face a fine be-

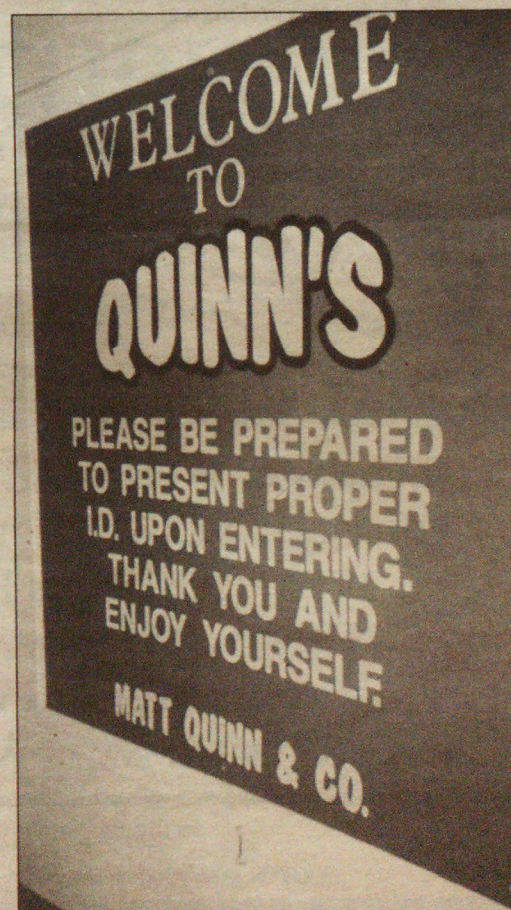
tween \$500 and \$1,000 and a 60 day license suspension. A third offense carries the same fine, but it attaches a license suspension until the offender is 21.

Manufacturing false identification carries a heftier fine. Under Ohio law, it is illegal for any person other than the state to manufacture, sell or distribute in any manner an identification card for the purpose of establishing a person's age that displays the great seal of Ohio, the words "Ohio," "State," "Official" or any other designation that represents the card as the official identification card of Ohio. Doing so is a fourth degree felony, and offenders are subject to a fine of up to \$2500 and five years in jail.

Cleveland Heights bars such as Tavern Company and Quinn's in the Heights require everyone to show proper identification upon entering the bar. A Quinn's bartender said, "Matt Quinn card everyone as they walk in the door."

Quintana said that an average of five people per night are turned away from

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Students vie for RA positions

Erin O'Donnell

Staff Reporter

The Resident Assistant (RA) process at John Carroll is one that requires both time and dedication.

Senior and two-year RA, Dana Colecchia said, "I felt that I learned a lot about myself and got to know other people."

The entire RA process includes an essay, a detailed autobiography, two reference letters, nine hours of small group discussions and an interview with a committee of eight to 10.

The committee usually consists of Donna Byrnes, director of Residence Life, Heather Tucker, assistant director of Residence Life, hall directors and trained resident assistants. The interview process lasts 20-25 minutes.

However, according to Tucker and Byrnes everyone, whether chosen or not, gets something out of the process.

Small group discussion classes are held so the applicants become more in touch with their own personal development. The mandatory classes are held for three hours every Sunday.

However, senior Joe Brazier disagrees with the politics of the RA process. Brazier said, "It's a fair process in itself, but it's political because they know who they want before the process begins." Brazier was a RA applicant who was not chosen last year.

On the whole, the entire RA process is time consuming for both the candidate as well as the small group facilitators who are returning resident assistants.

As with any leadership position, there are certain qualities necessary in becoming a RA. According to Byrnes and Tucker, students applying for the RA process should know themselves, be approachable, open minded, assertive, imaginative, community oriented and a leader. But, most importantly, the RA applicant should have time and be flexible in availability.

Questions applicants should ask themselves are "Can I do the job?" "Will I do the job?" and "How will I fit into the community?"

The RA process attracts a wide variety of students, and despite what one might believe, it is not necessary to have a perfect "track record" to become an RA. According to both Tucker and Byrnes, there are students who have never broken a rule and there are those students who have been written up before for minor violations.

One word of caution for all those applicants, Residence Life does reserve the right to take back an acceptance or deny an acceptance if an applicant is written up during the RA process and even after the

process is over.

In order to eliminate bias, the process committee goes through all applications and interviews by conducting a consensus exercise. Next, the committee looks for the most qualified applicants and fills spots accordingly. Lastly, the committee looks at numbers, asking how many spots are available for the year and the most qualified applicants are finally chosen to fill the spots. Those who made it to the final decision but were not chosen as RAs then become alternates in case someone is unable to fulfill the position.

Most importantly, in looking for RA candidates, Byrnes said heart, and a desire to be a part of the campus, are important.

Pledge season begins

Steve Beaudry

Staff Reporter

Pig Tails. Tuck-ins. Singing in the cafeteria. These are just some of the activities that will be seen on campus in the weeks to come.

Pledging for John Carroll fraternities and sororities has officially started. The eight-week process, culminating with Greek week and induction dances, kicked-off as early as February 2 for some organizations.

Many of the fraternities and sororities have a greater number of pledges this year than usual. Delta Delta Xi pledge mistress, junior Martha Keffer stated, "With thirty-seven pledges, this is our biggest year ever."

Students are pledging fraternities and

sororities for a variety of reasons, ranging from improving their social life to building upon past friendships.

"I wanted to grow tighter with the friends I already have," said Phi Beta Phi pledge, Steve Spenthoff. "The Beta's are a good group of guys to spend time with. I just want to win the Beta Bowl." The Beta Bowl is an annual football game played between Phi Beta Phi and Iota Beta Gamma.

All of the campus Greek organizations have certain pledge requirements and activities.

Many pledges are required to carry pledge books, interview their members, and obtain signatures from various students. Alpha Rho Omega pledges eat dinner with their members every Friday.

Other pledge activities include going out as group, community service, and mixers. Some organizations include painting the Pacelli lion and scavenger hunts as part of their pledging process.

It is the job of the pledge mistress, or master, to organize events, answer pledge's questions, and oversee general pledging duties.

Delta Delta Xi pledge mistress, junior Jaime Richards stressed the importance of unity in regard to pledge activities.

"We are big on unity because the pledge group is so large this year. Sometimes in large groups it's harder to really get to know everyone," said Richards.

Most fraternities and sororities expressed that their social activities come second to getting to know each other, and building a bond throughout the organization.

However, a common but serious problem with pledging is hazing.

John Carroll administration defines hazing as "any act of initiation unto any student or other organization that causes or creates a risk, or causes mental or physical harm to any person."

"According to John Carroll University policy, hazing activities of any type are inconsistent with the educational process and shall be prohibited at all times," said Dean of Students, Patrick Rombalski.

Rombalski went on to say that hazing includes breaking any laws or university policies.

Sanctions against organizations charged with hazing include anything from a warning to the suspension of the organization's pledging process.

Fraternities and sororities are aware of the university's policies, and have taken steps to make sure hazing is not part of their pledging processes. Richards stated, "we're not about humiliation or degradation, we just want the girls to have fun."

A moment for us

Clare Taft
Ed Klein

News Editors

Spring is a time of rebirth. Easter, Passover, the Druid festival, John Carroll pledging and the residence life RA hiring process signify new life for those of us that aren't part of these weird and off the wall annual ceremonies.

Two of these activities, the clique of RAs and the clique of local fraternities and sororities, cause JCU students to resort to self-examination. For some, skeletons are dragged out of years of hiding, for others, skeletons are added to the closet.

Remember that time in second grade when you cheated during Red Rover? How about when, during seventh grade, you stole a candy bar from Revco because Billy told you to? It will come out during the all-inclusive, comprehensive confessions, known as RA interviews.

Do you like to drink? Do you like your self-image and self-esteem? Scrap it all, you are about to conform to a highly acculturated, elite grecian group.

Did you ever notice that all of the RAs sit together at lunch? Maybe you were friends with them before they became RAs. Do you see them anymore? We suggest a theory that Residence Life is actually a fraternity in disguise.

Ed would now like to mention Fr. Shea, because, frankly, he mentions him in every commentary, and if he stopped now, his public would be upset. Thanks Fr. Shea, for all the memories.

We have no problems with being an RA or in a Greek organization, some of our friends...or some people who used to be our friends, are members of these organizations. We find it troubling to see pledges dressed in all black, frantically finding signatures and other ridiculous acts all in the name of being part of something.

Clare would now like to mention two things; one she hates working with Ed and wishes he would shut up, he is not the brains of the team, and two, pledge KDG.

Not every Greek organization resorts to humiliation. There are those groups that do actually promote "sister" and "brotherhood."

But how does painting the Pacelli Lion, while having garbage dumped on you, bond you and your fellow pledges? There are other ways to bring people together (like glue) and make friends out of strangers.

For example, have them write a 20 page autobiography. Then interrogate them in a fashion that would make the Spanish Inquisition look like child's play.

If you really want strangers to bond, promise them free room and board. Then assume that they have memorized every rule ever issued by the administration.

"Ed, you're creepy," said Clare, realizing the similarities between Ed and squirrels.

So go, pledge a sorority or fraternity, become an RA; you've been forewarned. If you like yourself, pick one that won't make you into the campus idiot.

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Program addresses eating disorders

Megan Hetman
Staff Reporter

When does dieting go beyond trying to lose weight?

Many of us have tried dieting or at least know someone who has. The gym and workout rooms are packed every night with those trying to lose weight or stay in shape.

Those are just the usual attempts to get the ideal body, right? But what if these attempts go too far?

On Wednesday, Feb. 25 from 7:00-9:00 PM in the Jardine Room, John Carroll University will join hundreds of colleges nationwide by participating in the National Eating Disorders Screening Program (NEDSP) as part of National Eating Disorders Awareness Week (NEDAW), Feb. 23-28.

This program will allow stu-

dents to hear an educational presentation on eating disorders, meet one-on-one with health care professionals and receive a free, anonymous screening.

Eating disorders are serious problems on college campuses. Those who are most vulnerable to eating disorders are people who start dieting to boost self esteem.

As they lose weight they become obsessed with losing more weight and develop erratic eating disorders.

The most common eating disorder is anorexia nervosa in which the individual starves themselves by dramatically limiting caloric intake.

Bulimia nervosa is an eating disorder in which the individual has binge periods in which they consume unusually large amounts of food and then, fearing

weight gain purge themselves, usually by vomiting, using laxatives, or compulsive exercising.

John Ropar, director of the university counseling services feels it is important to participate in NEDAW to help those students who are struggling with eating disorders.

"I think that we [University Counseling Services] have not responded to the needs of students on campus," Ropar said.

"I see more and more girls each semester struggling with eating disorders."

John Carroll does not only deal with eating disorders during NEDA Week.

"We have support groups for friends of victims of eating disorders plus individual counseling for people with eating disorders" said Ropar.

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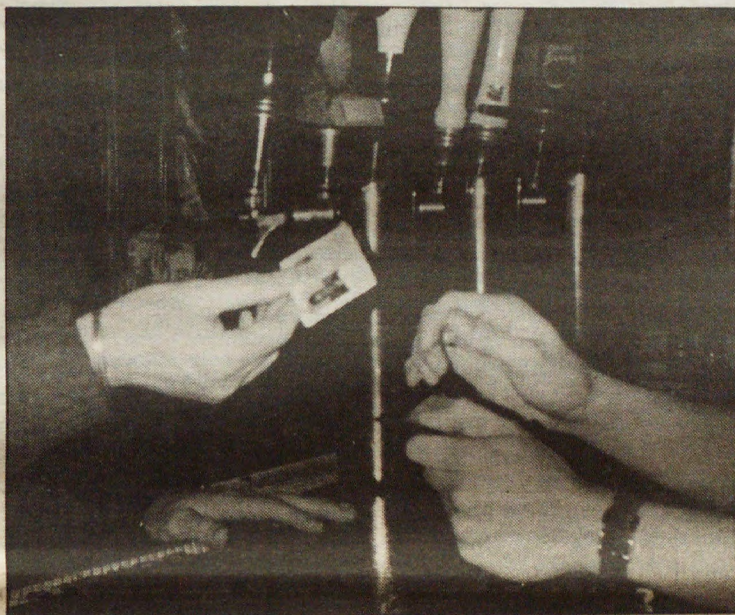
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Tavern Company. The confiscated identification cards are turned into police, who, according to Novinc, can potentially press charges against both the minor and the person that supplied the identification.

In an arrest situation, Gibbon recognizes fact that a criminal charge can be an intimidating experience, and he warns students to be cautious.

He said, "It is best to talk to a lawyer before giving a statement to the police."

Nonetheless, avoiding arrest is always the student's best option. Perhaps one should accept Quintana's invitation to TavCo: "Hey, stop in sometime for a drink if you're 21!"



Denied. A bartender at O'Reilly's cards an anonymous student



Students dance the night away at the Valentine's Day Dance, "My Heart Will Go On," on Feb. 7.

News Briefs

Student Union stands against anti-feminism

The executive board of the Student Union of John Carroll University passed a resolution on Feb. 10 to denounce the recent incidents of anti-feminist literature and graffiti on campus. The Student Union noted that the incidents violate John Carroll's Jesuit character and "Community of Learning."

Academic Advising

Freshmen and sophomore advising will begin Feb. 16. At the first academic advising appointment sophomores who have earned 45 credit hours should declare a major. Appointment cards have been sent via mail.

Justice in living color

John Carroll University will commemorate Black History month with a panel discussion of eight local female judges who have overcome prejudice, called, "Justice in Living Color." "Justice in Living Color," will be an open forum of discussion related to the work of the eight judges. The free program is being sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs at John Carroll University, and will be held on Monday, Feb. 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the D.J. Lombardo Student Center. Any questions, call, 397-4185.

Philosophy club movie

The philosophy club at John Carroll University will present the film, "The Quarrel," on Thursday, Feb. 12 at 7:45 p.m. in the Jardine room. "The Quarrel" is the story of two Holocaust survivors and their differing perspectives on their experiences during the Holocaust. All are welcome to attend.

Northern Ireland cultural day

The John Carroll University Department of International Studies will hold a cultural day to address misconceptions and stereotypes of the situation in Northern Ireland. There will be a focus on history, literature, music and a film on Northern Ireland. Seats are limited for the program. Anyone interested should contact Dr. Chirayath of the Department of International Studies at, 397-4183.

Cats in France

In "Nine Lives of the Fantastique French Feline; Cultural Representative of Cats in French Art, Literature and Film," Martha Pereszlenyi-Pinter, assistant professor of French at John Carroll University, will use slides, film clips, and other visuals to present the different roles the cat has played, as portrayed by French culture.

The presentation, sponsored by the John Carroll Lecture Series, will be held in room 258 of the Administration building at 4:00 p.m. on Feb. 18. Admission is free.

Newsbriefs were compiled by Clare Taft, News Editor.

Beaudry nominations available

Abby Hoffmann
Staff Reporter

Awarded to an outstanding senior who exhibits characteristics of Christian lifestyle, service, leadership and academic achievement, the Beaudry Award has recognized John Carroll University seniors since 1951.

The Beaudry Award was founded in honor of John Carroll graduate, Robert Beaudry, class of 1950, who died in a plane crash while attending law school. Beaudry was a member of the Christian Life Community (CLC) while attending John Carroll.

CLC now sponsors the award in honor of Beaudry and his extensive service to the campus community.

"Bob Beaudry was an all-around good guy," said Helen Joyce, CLC moderator. "The award was established in his memory to honor someone with similar qualities."

The Beaudry Award is the only student award given at graduation. To be considered for the award, a graduating senior must be nominated. Nominations can be made by students of any class. However, only seniors can vote for the recipient of the Beaudry Award.

Nominations will take place at tables in the Atrium and Grasselli Library from Feb. 16-20. Nomination forms are also available in the Campus Ministry Office. Nominations can be made until Feb. 20.

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World b r i e f s

Men less likely to disclose HIV status

Men who tested positive for HIV are less likely to tell their sexual partners about their HIV status than women, according to a study done by Michael Stein of Brown University. Stein's research found 52 percent of men and 78 percent of women revealed they were HIV positive. Out of the men who did disclose their health history, only 42 percent said they always used condoms during intercourse. Stein further discovered one-fifth of HIV positive people who were involved in a serious relationship for at least six months failed to inform their partner.

Voinovich signs parental consent bill

Gov. George Voinovich signed two bills further regulating abortions in the state of Ohio last week. The first bill required minors to get parental consent before getting an abortion. The bill also specified that women must meet with a physician 24 hours before getting an abortion to make sure questions about the procedure are answered and so the doctor can provide medical information. Voinovich also signed a bill that prohibits the state from funding abortions for state employees, unless the abortion is necessary to preserve the woman's life.

Heavy snow delays Olympic games

Blizzard conditions in Nagano, Japan delayed several Olympic events Monday. Alpine skiing events including the men's slalom and the women's snowboarding giant slalom were the most affected by the weather, and the events have been rescheduled for later in the week. The Japan Meteorological Agency told reporters the snow should cease by Wednesday. The agency also issued an avalanche warning for the mountain villages surrounding Nagano.

Clinton lawyers blast grand jury leaks

President Clinton's lawyers went to court Monday, complaining of leaks to the media regarding allegations of sexual misconduct by the president. The grand jury examining the evidence is prohibited from discussing what they have heard, but those testifying are free to disclose information as they choose. William Ginsberg, Monica Lewinsky's lawyer, agreed with Clinton's lawyers, saying that leaks regarding evidence in the case were "disastrous" and "unfair."

Senates approves new surgeon general

The Senate approved Dr. David Satcher's nomination for U.S. Surgeon General, a position vacant for three years, on Tuesday. Satcher made it through the often long and drawn-out process of confirmation hearings, but several Senate members waged attacks on Satcher because he supports partial birth abortions on some cases. Previously Satcher served as the director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the past four years.

World Briefs were compiled by Sara E. Buss, World News Editor, with the aid of Internet sources.

Tensions continue in Middle East

U.S. deploys more troops and planes to area

Katie M. Goetz
Staff Reporter

U.S. officials threatened substantial military action against Iraq within weeks if diplomatic efforts continue to fail.

Maintaining that the goal of a military attack would be specifically aimed at stopping Iraqi President Saddam Hussein from producing chemical and biological weapons, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said Monday that, "The administration does not agree with those who suggest we should deploy hundreds of American troops to engage unilaterally in a ground war in Iraq aimed at goals that could not be achieved (in the 1991 Gulf War)," reported Reuters news service.

Defense Secretary William Cohen ordered an additional 2,500 to 3,000 ground troops to Kuwait on Monday to discourage Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein "from any creative thinking," according to Reuters.

The additional troops reinforced the deployment of 42 additional U.S. strike and support planes to the Persian Gulf region, a request which, according to Reuters, was made by Cohen on Saturday.

The threatened U.S. military action is the result of Iraq's refusal to give U.N. Special Commission (UNSCOM) inspectors access to Iraqi sites which are suspected to contain biological and chemical warfare programs.

When outlining the threat that Iraq poses, Cohen reiterated that U.S. evidence confirms Saddam Hussein's weapons stockpile includes 2,100 gallons of anthrax germs as well as 3.9 tons of the lethal nerve agent VX, according to Reuters reports.

Although U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Bill Richardson told *Washington Post* reporters Saturday that "... clear, unfettered, unconditional access to all sites and all applicable documents" in Iraq would constitute an acceptable diplomatic solution, he maintained that, "... diplomacy right now is on life support. We frankly don't see much hope it will succeed."

Claiming his diplomatic efforts

"... diplomacy right now is on life support. We frankly don't see much hope it will succeed."

Bill Richardson

had "reached a critical stage," UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan canceled a Middle Eastern visit to remain at U.N. Headquarters, reported AP sources.

After late night talks on Sunday, Cohen and Saudi officials issued a joint statement in which they agreed that, "... if Saddam Hussein refuses to comply with the United Nations Security Resolutions, he alone would be responsible for the consequences of his actions," reported Reuters.

Cohen told reporters before the Sunday evening meeting that he would not ask Saudi officials for permission to launch air strikes from Saudi bases, claiming "The general (Central command Chief General Anthony Zinni) has made a determination that he can carry out whatever he needs to carry out with the forces that are now there (in the Gulf) or will be there in the foreseeable future," according to Reuters.

Sunday ended Cohen's European tour during which he gained

backing from Britain, Germany, and Canada.

Australian Prime Minister John Howard also announced Tuesday that he would support any U.S. military attack on Iraq, according to Reuters.

Russian President Boris Yeltsin remained committed to a diplomatic solution, according to media reports.

Cohen said his talks on Saturday with French Defense Minister Alain Richard were "very positive," despite France's opposition to military intervention in Iraq, according to Reuters reports.

In an interview published Monday by Reuters, Iraq's Defense Minister General Sultan Hashim Ahmed told the weekly newspaper *Pulse of Youth* that "Despite the enemy's superiority in skill and technology and their developed weapons, Iraqis are completely confident of victory."

Nonetheless, troops of Saddam Hussein's elite Republican Guard have been scattered throughout Iraq, while diplomats from Iraq have begun to seek support from several Arab countries, reported AP news sources.

If a military strike becomes necessary, U.S. officials favor a moonless night - a series of six moonless nights in Baghdad will begin on Feb. 20 - to attack Baghdad, according to *Newsweek*.

When asked by Reuters reporters how much time Saddam had left, Madeleine Albright replied: "It's not days, and it's not months - it's in the weeks category. We want to make sure that we have explored all the diplomatic options."

Testimony begins in army sexual harassment case

Sara E. Buss

World News Editor

Not far away from Washington, D.C., where allegations of sexual misconduct continue to plague the president, testimony began in the Fort Belvoir, Va., court martial of Sgt. Maj. Gene C. McKinney, accused of sexually harassing six servicewomen.

Witnesses took the stand throughout the week, testifying McKinney made unwanted sexual advances toward them in places such as Pentagon offices and the Lincoln Memorial.

McKinney plead innocent to all 19 charges, including indecent assault, maltreatment of subordinates, adultery and obstruction of justice, according to Reuters news service.

Prosecutors portrayed McKinney as a person who used his position to sexually harass female subordinates.

"This is a case about the abuse of power and about six servicewomen whose lives have been changed because of one man," said prosecutor Capt. Brian Dolan to the jury.

The first of 50 witnesses expected to take the stand against McKinney, Staff Sgt. Christine Fetrow, testified Monday concerning two years of alleged sexual advances.

Fetrow testified McKinney repeatedly harassed her: "He

grabbed me very aggressively by my buttocks and pulled me into him," Reuters reported.

Fetrow is currently in the military's version of the witness protection program because of alleged threats to her safety since she went public with her accusations, reported Reuters.

Prosecutors introduced tape recordings of a conversation between McKinney and Fetrow, in which McKinney allegedly told Fetrow to tell those investigating the case that all of their encounters and previous conversations revolved around her military career, according to *Washington Post* reports.

Another witness claimed she "unwillingly had sex" with McKinney last October because she was intimidated by his rank as the highest ranking enlisted officer, according to the *Army News Service*. She further stated she believed McKinney withdrew a job offer in his office after he discovered she was pregnant.

The defense attacked her testimony, according to the *Army News Service*, because she admitted lying to criminal investigators and because her story has changed since the alleged incident occurred last year.

Defense lawyer Lt. Col. James Gerstenlauer said McKinney's accusers were unable to work up to his client's high standards, and re-

venge fueled their accusations, according to the *Washington Post*.

"This court martial has nothing or very little to do with sexual harassment or the abuse of power by Sgt. Maj. McKinney.

"It had to do with revenge, reward and deceit," Gerstenlauer told Reuters.

McKinney's attorneys claimed in pretrial hearings that their client was made into an example to show the world that the army was serious about getting rid of sexual harassment, and that racial bias played a part in singling out McKinney, reported the *Post*.

McKinney is black. His accusers all are white.

McKinney was stripped of his post on Feb. 10, 1997 by Army Chief of Staff Gen. Dennis J. Reimer because the public attention was preventing him from doing his job, according to the *Army News Service*.

The jury responsible for McKinney's fate consists of four enlisted soldiers and four officers, of which two are women and one is black, according to Reuters. Six jury members must side with the prosecution in order to find McKinney guilty.

If convicted, Reuters reported McKinney could face a maximum sentence of 55 and one-half years in a military prison, permanent stripping of his rank and loss of retirement benefits.

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Washington tales

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Staff Reporter

Thinking of going abroad, but can't imagine being half way across the world in France or England? Well, there may be another option for you—our nation's capital, Washington, D.C.

Washington is a city with many opportunities for learning and fun. That is why two John Carroll students, senior Ginger McCauley and junior Alicia Mazzi, decided to spend last semester there. Even though they were both in the same city they had very different experiences to relate.

Mazzi loved the capital and decided to go through the "Washington Semester." She had class two days per week at the American University, had an internship two days per week on Capitol Hill, and did research on her one day off. There were about 400 students from all over the country and the world at the program.

"I was really homesick," Mazzi said. "It was like being a freshman again, but I got over that in two weeks."

One major part of the internship was a major research paper to be worked on throughout the semester. Mazzi's project was on security relations between the U.S. and Italy concerning Albania and Bosnia. It turned out to be 41 pages long with 40-50 sources. She interviewed many people who had first-hand experience with the topic.

"Getting contacts and interviewing for this gave me a really good networking base," Mazzi said.

The class that Mazzi attended consisted of different speakers. There were three to six speakers a week. The class was expected to do assigned background readings before each class to keep the question and answer periods on an intellectual and interesting level. Mark Fisher, author of "After The

Wall," came to talk on Germany and the class was required to read his book first. "The most interesting speaker I heard was Daniel Elsborg," Mazzi said. "He talked for three hours. [Elsburg] worked for Nixon and turned over the Pentagon Papers. That made for an interesting discussion on conspiracy theory."

Interns in the capital are often asked if they had the opportunity to see the president. Mazzi saw him twice, including the time he spoke to the American University student body. The second time was after President Clinton finished taping "Meet the Press" and his motorcade was going down the street. Mazzi caught a glimpse when Clinton waved to the group of students.

Mazzi worked on Capitol Hill for Congressman James Traficant, a Democrat from the Youngstown area. Her duties were to write newspaper articles for the congressman, write letters to constituents, go to Congressional Hearings and take notes as well as work on various other assignments.

"The office really wanted me to get experience since I was only there for a semester," Mazzi said.

Some of the duties that Mazzi did for Congressman Traficant were things that legislative assistants do, not the typical intern assignments.

The students that came to D.C. through Washington Semester were housed in dorms that were on a separated part of the American University campus.

"Going to American-[University] made me appreciate the services such as the athletics center, the computer facilities, and the helpful administration we have at JCU," Mazzi said.

Mazzi's experience in Washington was one that really made an impact on her.

"I made a lot of close friends from all

over the world who I am still in contact with," Mazzi said.

McCauley also spent the semester in Washington, D.C. McCauley went through the Washington Center internship program. She heard about the program through some friends and decided that it would be a great opportunity for her.

Over 200 students from around the country and the world are involved with the Washington Center. In addition to her once a week class concerning mass media and politics, she completed a five days per week internship.

For the internship, McCauley worked for the Georgetown University Law Center and Criminal Justice Clinic. She was assigned to two defense lawyers who represented clients that typically could not afford to pay for a lawyer. McCauley's duties included taking statements, interviewing witnesses, meeting with the clients, photographing and diagramming the crime scenes, running background checks, taking statements and testifying in court.

"Sometimes it was hard to find the witnesses because they were homeless and I would have to go to parks and shelters looking for them," McCauley said.

McCauley also had to issue and serve subpoenas and obtain many different court documents. This internship gave her plenty of real world experience and helpful practice in the legal world.

"The internship experience helped me decide between law school and psychology



All work and no play?: Senior Ginger McCauley and a friend celebrate Halloween in Washington.

graduate school," McCauley said.

McCauley has recently been accepted to University of Pittsburgh Law School and Case Western Law School.

When McCauley was asked about the president, she said, "I never met or saw the president but all my roommates did."

The most interesting experience McCauley had while in Washington was going to see a Supreme Court Hearing.

Both of the students earned 16 credits for their work in the capital.

Contact Jim Reed in Academic Advising or Pam Mason in Political Science for further information.

Dan Kyle
Staff Reporter

This past Saturday a tragedy took place, which may have gone unnoticed by many John Carroll students. While many of us were enthralled in Olympic snowboarding or doing some other traditional weekend ritual, Austrian pop star was involved in a fatal car accident. Memories of the man who composed "Rock me Amedeus" and other pop rock anthems made me think back to my childhood and ponder growing up in the bizarre decade popularly known as the eighties. Many people repeatedly bash the eighties as a horrible turn from the free spirited times in the sixties and seventies, however I feel that there was some good to come from growing up in the Age of Greed and Booberries. With the nineties coming to a close, I find my memo-

ries of the eighties dissipating from my mind; (I can't bring myself to make the easy Reagan joke here, so insert your own). In a struggle to hold on to my youth as long as possible, I would like to share some of my desultory ravings about our not too distant past.

When the eighties are covered in American history classes years from now, what will be said? As Huey Lewis once told me, in the eighties, "It's hip to be square." Just as Alex P. Keaton of "Family Ties" constantly tried to live down having an ex-hippie for a father, the sense of community found in the sixties and seventies gave way to greed and junk bonds. Luckily for us kids, we were too busy playing Atari to care. Life was simpler: one button and a joystick; not this multi-button madness people have to deal with for Nintendo 64. Some work-a-holics turned to co-

came and other such drugs to keep up with the Joneses, and ended up shattering their lives. I would get my buzz from whirling around on my blue "Sit 'n Spin" until I was dizzy. (I've been writing to Mattel for years pleading for the marketing of adult-sized Sit 'n Spins, I'll keep working on it.) Computers were growing into the most powerful tool for business, but I was just trying to figure out how to get to Oregon without my youngest son Jeb dying every damn time. I remember the one-day war America had invading Granada and shady warhead trading, but I was too busy fighting with my sister for stealing my He-Man action figure as a date for Barbie. (Why couldn't she just get a Ken doll like everyone else?)

We all came out of it somehow with some trinkets to remember our younger days and some scraps of our sanity. I have sixty billion cassette tapes and no one I know has a stereo to play them. I still don't know "Who's Johnny" from "Short Circuit." I got over being ostracized by my friends because my parents bought me one of those skinny, plastic skateboards instead of the wide, wooden Nash ones. As the Fresh Prince said before he stared blowing up aliens, "Parents just don't understand." But some good came from my experiences. I have a calm head and steady hands during tests because I played "Operation" day after day. Now that we have to deal with real world problems everyday, we children of the eighties must hold on to our carefree memories despite what the historians say years from now, like that feeling of temptation I get to shout out "Large Marge sent me!" when I walk into a restaurant. I just wish I could wake up on Saturday mornings for cartoons like I used to.

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Harley Magden

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Do you prefer McDonald's or Burger King fries?: Burger King

Favorite Olympic sport: Ice Hockey

What is the nicest thing any girl ever did for you on Valentine's Day?: Drove

Favorite place to vacation: Las Vegas. Because it's like I am in my own little fantasy land.

What CDs are in your car right now?: The Dave Matthews Band, Bare Naked Ladies, Billy Joel and Fiona Apple to name a few.

Do you own a motorcycle?: No

Information compiled by Anni DiFranco.

Around the quad

Taking an indepth look at a JCU student

Nicole Jusseaume

Forum Editor

Panting and pacing herself on a treadmill in the Cardiovascular Center, a determined John Carroll University sophomore explains how she's trying to make her dreams become a reality.

Interested in music, theater, exercising and making people laugh, Annie Edman sounds like the typical Carroll student. However, the extent of which she plays out her passions go beyond that of the the normal college student.

"I love to talk and be the center of attention," Edman said. "If I had my way, I would be a clown in a nursing home for the rest of my life."

Inspired by her mother, who worked hard to give her a Catholic education, Edman said that she wouldn't be at John Carroll today without her.

"She started out with nothing and somehow managed to get me all the way through twelve years of Catholic schooling and finally to JCU," said Edman, who attended Padua Franciscan High School in Parma, Ohio. "She sacrificed everything--nice clothes, expensive anything and everything," she said.

Edman, a communications major, currently works in the station at JCTV News and enjoys writing stories and running the camera. Her goal is to pursue a career in television, and she hopes to become famous in the field.

"I want to be a success and make money, but being happy is what's most important to me," she said. Watching the *Today in Cleveland* talk show and meeting the stars when she was younger was a turning point



Photo courtesy of Anne Edman

Sophomore Anne Edman

that sparked her fascination with the world of television.

Television production captures her interest because it offers many opportunities to be active in the realm of public life. "Even if you're behind the scenes, you can contribute a lot by preparing or presenting information," Edman said. "I want to know how to run everything in the studio. I'm definitely looking forward to my TV production class."

Edman would like to stay in the Cleveland area to pursue her career. "I used to think it would be great to be a national face, but not now," she said. "I just want to know people around town, help them, give them info, report on their lives and be responsible about it. I'd like to have trust."

Edman's first love, however, has been

music. At the age of nine, she began playing the saxophone. Since then, she has gone to play instruments including the flute, piano and guitar. Beethoven is her favorite composer, and she loves playing his piano sonatas as well as French flute music. Her musical talent encouraged her to begin playing at cafés in her hometown of Parma in July 1996. While Edman can play jazz, the blues and folk music, her favorite is the "Big Band" style jazz from the forties. She considered studying music, but decided to try acting instead.

Edman played a major role in last semester's play, *The End of a Line*.

"It was the hardest role I've ever done," Edman said. "I was Nora, a 60ish-year-old woman whose nephew died of AIDS." The play also served as a learning experience.

"I learned a lot about acceptance and ignorance," she said. "I saw how my acting abilities could help and I hope they will."

Connecting with the audience is important part to Edman. "I would just hope for a character that everyone loves and relates to," she said. "A feel-good character, somebody who's real and not untouchable."

Besides her musical and acting interests, she also loves to fish and finds nature very relaxing.

She describes herself as being "nothing extraordinary," and wants the ideal American life with a log cabin, a white picket fence, 2.5 children and a dog. "I want to live simply," she said. "I'm not sure if that's possible in the media business, but I certainly intend to try."

However, Edman wouldn't mind sharing the stage on 42nd Street with the likes of Annie, Rizzo and Cosette one day.

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Ignatius band ignites with new CD

'Tender Blindspot' hits the Cleveland airwaves

Molly Toussant
Staff Reporter

It started out as a bond between two first graders who loved throwing things out the windows of the school bus and making funny faces at passing cars. T.J. Wichmann and Adam Prestak, now John Carroll University freshmen, were "bus-buddies." Everyday for the following seven years, the two friends rode the bus home together from Incarnate Word Academy in Parma Heights, Ohio. This friendship, between grade school friends, would become even stronger when Prestak started listening to the alternative band Green Day. His interest in this new young talent set the basis for his own musical development.

"I listened to Green Day a little too much and eventually I bought a guitar and started learning some chords," Prestak said. Enter Wichmann with his one snare drum. The two, who were St. Ignatius High School sophomores at the time in 1994, shared an appreciation for music and asked Ignatius freshman Rick LaCour to join them. Shortly thereafter, the band became more serious. They added a bass player, Ignatius freshman Ryan Nowlin, and began weekly practices.

It was later that year when the band got its name, "Tender Blindspot." Prestak was learning to drive when his mother warned him to watch out for his blind spots. He had been searching for a

name, and Blindspot stuck.

Tender Blindspot originally had a male lead singer, but he was dropped the day before they were to record their demo tape in 1995. Each of the remaining four band members attempted to sing with no success.

Coincidentally, Prestak's friend John Kalman, now a JCU freshman, stopped by the recording session with his friend Liz Wittman to watch the band record. Desperate for a singer, Prestak asked Wittman, a Beaumont student who is now a freshman at Cleveland State University, if she would try singing. He took her into a room taught her the song they were practicing and she recorded with the band. "We were literally jumping up and down because her voice was so perfect," Prestak said.

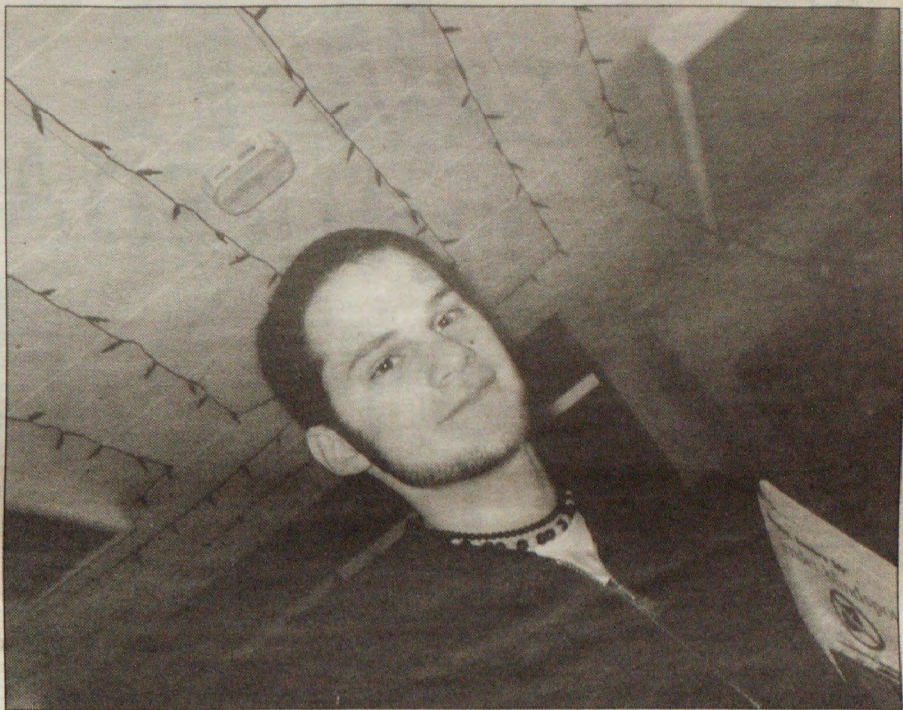
After recording their demo, Tender Blindspot competed in the Battle of the Bands contest at Peabody's Down Under in 1995. The young band, a group of high school juniors and sophomores made their way to the finals, slightly edging out an older classic rock band to win the contest.

After the Battle of the Bands, Mike Seifert, a friend of band members, offered to help them record a CD. Seifert's father was the owner of a local recording studio and he was in the process of starting his own studio. Seifert offered to help the band record their CD for \$500 up front and \$500 when the CD was finished.

Recording was easier said than done. Because Seifert was doing the band a favor with his inexpensive prices, other bands who paid more had preference over prime recording hours. For example, if a more well-known band like rap group Bone Thugs-n-Harmony needed to record, Tender Blindspot got bumped from their recording time slot. "We would be recording for a month, but only have a week's worth of time actually in the studio," Wichmann said.

For a year, Tender Blindspot was in and out of the recording studio. They were playing a show or two a month as well. While the band was progressively improving, their fans were getting annoyed. "We had fans that came to every show and they were getting mad that they had nothing to take home with them," Wichmann said.

"The big joke at Ignatius was Tender Blindspot," Prestak said.



From high school to the big time?: Taking a break from practice, guitarist and songwriter Adam Prestak mugs for the camera. Prestak is one of Tender Blindspot's founding members.

"No one ever thought [the CD] would come out." Many of the other members had a strong following throughout the year, but Prestak had a different reaction from his friends. "They thought the band was a joke and they would only come to our shows if they liked the band we were opening for," he said.

Other things were happening in the lives of the band members. They were a group of high school students with the same schoolwork and extracurricular activities as most kids their age.

Wichmann was a starter for the Ignatius lacrosse team. "My parents were involved and lacrosse was just something I enjoyed and wanted to do my senior year," Wichmann said.

However, the tension between school and the band was often hard to resolve. "We are a team, but we don't have a coach," Prestak said. "There is no one to tell us what to do. We have five members—that is all we need. There are no backups. When one of us can't rehearse or play, the whole band really suffers."

Even though their schedules are hectic, Tender Blindspot was able to release their first CD, *Saturnine*, this past November. Prestak and Seifert spent many nights in the studio mixing and blending the CD.

"I'll have to admit that school was not the first thing on my mind," Prestak said. "I am sure my parents would rather that I was a business major, intent on getting

good grades, but music was and is my life right now."

After many hours of hard work, at last the CD was completed. "It's cool for us because we were able to try things we can't do at a show," Prestak said. Wichmann added, "Most of all, our fans had something to take home with them."

Since the release of their debut CD, the band has attracted a lot of interest and publicity. Radio station 107.9/FM (The End) has been playing the CD since its November release.

The two buddies have come a long way from their grade school years at Incarnate Word. "We've always had a level that a lot of people don't have," Prestak said of his friendship with Wichmann. "I probably see the kid maybe twice a day, but I think I have a better relationship with him than 90 percent of the people he hangs out with, besides his closest friends. We have such a good time together, and it is never uncomfortable. We are able to keep it real."

Tender Blindspot's next concert date is March 6 at the Odeon where they will be opening for the bands Stripe and Cyde.

The band is also planning a three month tour, set for this summer, that will cover most of the United States.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Tender Blindspot mailing list you can e-mail the band at tenrBspot@aol.com, or send your address to: c/o Tender Blindspot, P.O. Box 91486, Cleveland, OH 44101.



Photo Courtesy of Tender Blindspot

And the beat goes on: Drummer T.J. Wichmann gives it his all at a recent Tender Blindspot rehearsal. The band released its first CD, *Saturnine*, last November after years of hard work and dedication to their music.

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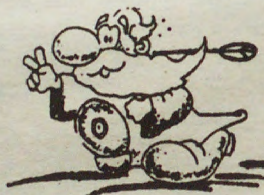
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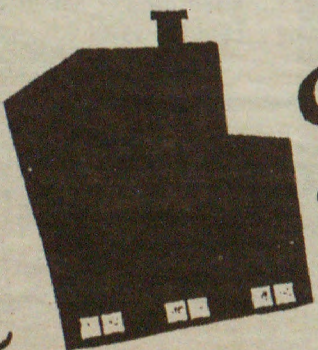
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Special Section

The business of Valentine's Day

Nick Kovach
Entertainment Editor

For almost thirty years now, an ageless Charlie Brown has been disappointed come St. Valentine's Day. The butt of his so-called friends' jokes and the stereotypical demographic for teen suicide, Charlie finds a way to deal with the lack of attention year in and year out. Part of his pattern includes a deep-seeded resentment of commercialism, which incidentally seems a little sedated since his Christmas catastrophes have subsided. The other part of his idiosyncratic routine delves into a masochistic self-evaluation, where Chuck draws a Stuart Smalley-esque conclusion; he will not let the neglect make him miserable. Naturally this Freudian exercise takes exactly twenty-two minutes every year and always seems to gather enough attention to land a spot on CBS's prime time line-up.

Why do cynical, self-deprecating big mouths like me watch this same melodramatic run around like a sadist at an execution? Simple, we pine for the days when as innocent second graders we would run the gamut of friendly faces that was our eight year-old community. Lugging exactly 32 Valentines around, always holding steadfastly onto that one message from Gem, Michael Jordan, or the Looney Tunes character of our choice, which will finally let that cute girl with the red coat who sits in the third row know just how we feel about her.

Ahh to rid ourselves of the repetitious, game of cat and mouse that dating has become in our convoluted, young adult years. I miss receiving Valentines. They were an exercise in humility. You HAD to give everyone in class a small reminder that you knew their name, even if they may have lost control of their bodily functions in gym class when they were seven. On this day they were your equal.

Valentines were a reminder for cocky and timid kids alike that they were good people and it was their differences that made them the same.

A frequent exercise in group counseling is for the counselor to ask all parties to write down one or more good qualities that they see in the others. There is no confidence booster quite like compliments. Alienated teens tend to blind themselves to their talents and focus primarily on their shortcomings. As the old adage goes, "Whenever I do something right, no one remembers. Whenever I do something wrong, no one forgets."

Valentine's Day, like its sister holidays, can be a harsh reminder of how lonely someone may be. Constant advertisements for jewelry, candy, flowers, etc. sound like nails on the blackboard for a recently dumped or lonesome.

Don't make a holiday created by Hallmark and Hershey's an excuse to let a loved know how you feel about them. Don't make it an excuse to forget how much you love yourself, either. Unfortunately there are no almighty roses out there which will erase the ominous cloud a relationship might have hanging over its head. So my advice to anyone looking for those roses is to save your money, because if you think that's the answer to your problems, you'll be single again soon enough. So this Valentine's Day, don't follow in the footsteps of Kevin Arnold or Zack Morris, they only got dumped, repeatedly. Instead this year, tune in and take notes from that ten year-old bald kid with a tendency to give up monstrous home runs and be outdone by his dog, he seems to have the right frame of mind, even if he is a blockhead. And if you're at Revco and have a few dollars left over, splurge on that box of Mighty Morphin Power Rangers Valentines, you've got \$2.00 to lose and life-long friendships to gain. Now as for Peppermint Patty and her "just friend," Marcy... well, that's an entirely different story.

A Look at

CHILDHOOD VALENTINES

by Ed Klein

I want to go back to third grade.

At least that is what my gut reaction was after talking with my friend and confidant, Kerry Hawkins.

Kerry, who I am happy to announce, recently turned nine, has it made in life.

Her biggest problem is math class. She has no bills. Everyday she has recess. And she does not have a love interest.

I know what you are saying. When we were in third grade, it was the same way. Well, yeah, but now we know what we were missing out on.

I asked Kerry if she had a valentine, secretly hoping those third grade Gesu punks were keeping away from her.

"NO!" she definitively declared as though I were a blithering idiot for asking. Rather matter-of-factly she added that lots of boys had had a crush on her.

But that was in kindergarten, and those carefree days of free love and milk breaks were behind her now.

"Jonathan kissed a girl under the jungle gym," Kerry said. "She didn't like it."

Oh, to return to those zany third grade days. Back when your buddy was Jonathan, and he was the first to figure out that girls were different in a good way. Back when you were still trying to figure out how to do multiplication and all of a sudden you figured out that the girl next to you was not only good to cheat off of, but she was good looking as well.

Back when everyone got valentine's from everyone else.

Nate was my best friend till he started noticing girls, then he didn't have time to play with Transformers anymore. I guess Kristy was the first girl I noticed, most likely because she was smart and would help me with my homework. My mom still thinks I should date her.

Kerry's younger sister, Colleen, was not there that afternoon. According to Kerry, she had ridden the school bus to a friend's house.

"I rode the bus everyday for thirteen years," I said.

"So," Kerry countered, "I have to walk everyday. Twice a day."

"The bus is nothing special," I offered. "It actually is rather nauseating."

"You know," she said, "love is boring."

Boring. Love is boring.

Yeah, I guess when you are in third grade, and your best example of love is either some fringe lunatic like Jonathan or Nate kissing girls under the jungle gym, or your parents, I guess love is boring.

I look at my parents, and I wonder, will I be like them?

If I ever find a girl and get married, will, in twenty years, the highlight of our time together be a trip to Wal-Mart on a Friday night?

Maybe. My parents appear happy. It seems to be working for them.

"I'm glad my mom and dad got married," Kerry said, "because I like my dad."

"Oh, and I love doggies!" she finally admitted.

I don't know, in the mean time, I am going to finish my math homework.

"Ohmygosh!!"

MOST EMBARRASSING CRUSH STORIES

My most embarrassing crush story began just this semester at John Carroll. On the first day of classes, I was so disappointed with my assigned teachers, until I attended my last class. I sat down in the last row of desks only to wish I was sitting in front and center after being completely amazed by the young, attractive professor. My excitement flourished and I knew this would be a phenomenal semester. During each class, my eyes were hazy and my desk had a growing puddle of drool; finally, I realized that I had to inform him of my feelings. Preceding class, I followed him to his office and I risked complete embarrassment as I professed my feelings. His face gradually turned beat red and he concluded that we had to keep our relationship on a professional level. As disappointed and humiliated as I am, our homework and essay tests have gotten significantly easier, of which my fellow classmates should be thankful. —A.M.

When I was in the fifth grade, I was one of the first girls to wear a bra. It wasn't that I wanted to wear one, but rather that I had to because I was larger than most girls my age. Regardless, every Friday at recess, everyone played "boys against girls." It was basically a crazy rendition of hyper boys chasing petrified girls and then tackling them. Since I was one of the slowest girls in the class, the same boy always ran after me, tackled me, and proceeded to snap my bra. Countless weeks in a row, he continued to do this. Finally, one week, after I was tackled to the ground, I quickly responded by snapping his underwear. Needless to say, I never had another boy chase me again! —B.F.

Every year, my high school had a "Turnabout Dance," where the girls asked the guys to go. For the past three years, I had discreetly asked any guy to be my date, but since it was my senior year, I decided to get fun and daring. John and I had been dating for eight months so I figured that he was a guaranteed, positive response. One Friday two weeks before the big dance, I dramatically asked him over the school intercom if he would attend the dance with me. My friends and other acquaintances commented on how loving and creative I was. Everyday after school, he drove me home; only this time, he told me that Kerry, my best friend, had already asked him. I was so hurt that he said yes and even more hurt that she had the nerve to ask him. Furthermore, it was a long, embarrassing two weeks until the excitement of the dance was over. —M.L.

My most embarrassing crush story happened when I was a freshman at JCU. I was running on the treadmill next to this really cute guy. I was trying my best to keep my eyes off him and on the mirror in front of me. As I started to get tired, I guess I got a little distracted by this guy and I totally wiped out on the treadmill. Instead of tossing in the towel, however, I got back on the treadmill, with a bleeding leg. (I was too mortified to notice) The guy says to me, "Um, you're gushing blood, are you okay?" Needless to say, I called it quits and dodged the guy all year. --S.N.

February Love Horoscopes

Aries (March 21-April 19): The person you had in mind as your Valentine may not come around; but don't worry, a bigger and better opportunity arises. Don't hesitate to jump on that opportunity.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Your mate is really irritable this week, and is just looking for a chance to bite your head off. So, do your best to prevent World War III. Give it time, if you can make it until after President's Day, things will simmer down.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): A good way to spice up your relationship is to take a get-away weekend--relax and have fun!! A recent financial risk will pay off, allowing for a good time on your trip.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): If things have been rocky in your relationship lately, take some time for yourself. The time apart will clear your mind, and give you a better picture of where your relationship is going.

Leo (July 23-August 22): The stress builds up lately, but a romantic weekend is just around the corner--and just what you needed. Keep your stress at work, not in your relationship and troubles will work themselves out. Patience!

Virgo (August 23-September 22): The scars of a past relationship have finally healed, so you're ready to "get back out there" again. Go for it: s/he who risks nothing, gains nothing. You will meet the right person by hanging out with your friends.

Libra (September 23-October 22): Although you may be tempted by the fruit of another, you're better off with

old faithful. Don't throw out a good thing so soon--your dedication and loyalty will be handsomely rewarded.

Scorpio (October 23-November 21): You're sensitive feelings will be pushed to the limit this week by your crush or significant other, but your fighting spirit will not surrender. You will be the one to dominate if you tell them how you really feel.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): Hasty decisions regarding your romantic interest in the past begin to have repercussions. Avoid controversial issues with loved ones this week.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): You become dead set on being with a certain person. By doing this, you're missing out on what else is available. It takes time, but you begin to realize this by spending time with a new person this weekend.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): This week, don't stray from your standards. A recent breakup or let down may lower your guard, but don't give in to second best. Don't let new interests fool you, they may not be what they seem.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): You realize a new relationship will just not work out. End it and you will find new pleasure within two weeks. You will save a lot of energy and expenses by cutting it off when you should.

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Students' views sex in relationships

Mark Boleky
The Carroll News

You've probably heard the saying, "Sex kills — come to John Carroll and live forever."

Well, there certainly are some people on campus who would like to see sex a more important part of everyone's lives. "If more people had sex at John Carroll, it would be a better place," junior Jeff Hillgoth said, "because there'd be less sexual frustration."

Sexual frustration is not exactly a term that can be looked up. Through the testimony of various people, though, the most accurate definition seems to be, simply, not getting enough sex.

Whether or not there is "enough" sex on campus is still up in the air, but a recent unscientific survey of 110 JCU students shows their thoughts on the role that sex plays in a relationship, as well as how genders act differently when it comes to sex.

Sex and relationships

A time frame was offered to students for the ideal time into a relationship that it's alright to have sex (above chart). The answers were fairly mixed, with 34 percent saying that within six months was the best time. "By three to six months, you're at a substantial comfort level," junior Dan Boyle said. "By then, you've had time to get to know the person pretty well."

A few brave souls felt that it was okay to begin having sex within the first few weeks, and to begin building a relationship from there. The next most popular answer at 27 percent was to give the relationship a month or two before engaging in sexual intercourse.

"By then you should know the person well enough," freshman Lindsay Hofmann said. "If [it takes longer than that], then it's not right."

The rest of the students surveyed felt it was better to wait, with 20 percent saying more than six months, and 13 percent responding that one should wait until

marriage.

"For me, [sex] is something like a gift that you want to give to that special woman," junior Brian Sindelar said. "It's something you

shared something so special with that person."

Gender differences in sex

Obviously, males and females fulfill different roles when it

intercourse.

Two-thirds felt that women are more likely to perform oral sex first, and 26 percent said that men are more likely to. Both social reasons and the differences in the act of oral sex for males and females were cited.

"[Oral sex] is more talked about and kind of publicized for guys; they expect it," freshman Megan Duncan said. "Girls would never say anything about it, and it's almost taboo for them to expect it."

"It's much more conventional for a girl to go down on a guy," Hofmann said. "As for a guy trying it on a girl, there are a lot of other ways to complete the act with the girl."

Regardless of who is performing it, many felt oral sex is indeed an important part of a couple's physical relationship, especially for college students.

"Right now [at this age], everybody's a little insecure about their bodies and what they look like," Boyle said. "[Oral sex] allows you to be a little explorer, and it creates comfort."

As far as initiating the actual act of sex, just about all those surveyed said that men take the leading role in introducing intercourse into the relationship. Over 89 percent said men tend to initiate sex, while seven percent said it's brought on by both.

Most agreed that the reason for

men initiating sex is not so much a difference in the sex drive of males and females, as much as it is the mind set about sex that each has.

"It has to do with the way society teaches people to be," sophomore Heather Young said. "Women are thought to be more passive, and to let men take charge."

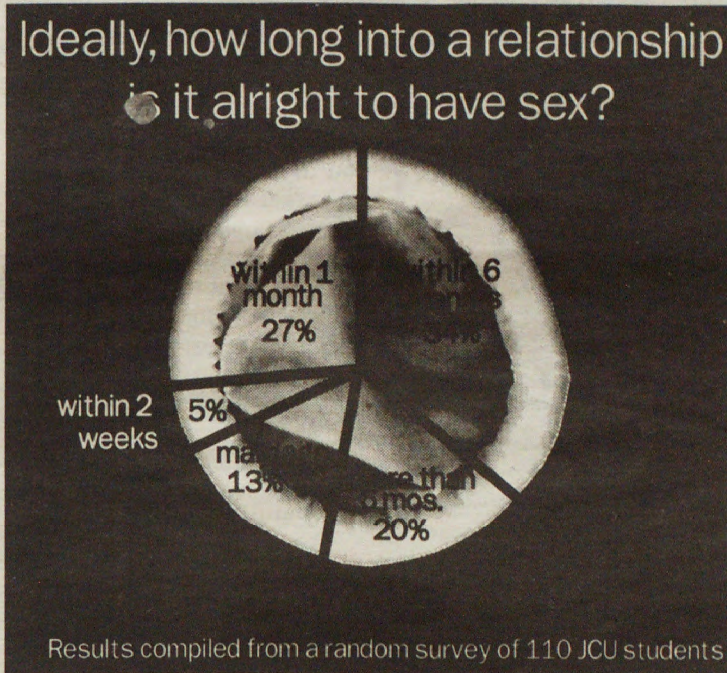
"Women want to get comfortable with the person first," freshman Gina Roaldi said. "A lot of guys don't think that, and are more aggressive with sex."

Finally, the students emitted a mixed bag to the question of which gender brings up sex in conversation and talks about with the partner. Whether it be discussing concerns, questions, or anything else, women are more likely to talk about sex with the other person, according to 48 percent of those polled.

"Guys just kind of expect it, and don't feel they have to talk about it as much with the other person," Duncan said.

Of the others polled for the question, 36 percent felt that men bring it up more, while 11 percent said both do. Some felt that sex is a more important issue on the minds of men, and therefore they want to bring it up.

"Men are more aggressive sexually," Sindelar said. "It's something men want and they are driven by it, so they will talk about it more."



don't want to give to anyone else."

Many who chose the longer time periods did stress that their answer was for an ideal case, and admitted that the actual events can, and often times do, differ.

Almost everyone surveyed agreed that no matter when it occurs, the act of sex significantly changes the relationship.

A whopping 94 percent admitted it does change the relationship, whether for better or worse.

"If the couple is serious, then it makes the relationship deeper," senior Kate Lynch said. "If not, it forces them into being intimate before they're ready."

Many felt it depended on the couple, but that sex will either bring people closer together or push them farther apart.

"There's a deeper emotional commitment [after sex]," sophomore Kristin Shaneyfelt said, "because after sex, you've really

comes to sex, because of the way that... well, you get the point. When it comes to approaching the act of sex, though, JCU students showed that there's also differences in how the genders act.

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Distinguished Faculty Award

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Questions regarding the process may be addressed to Professor Richard Fleischman, Department of Accountancy, 397-4443.

Valentine Dinner Guide

A look at Cleveland's most romantic restaurants

Meg Martin and Dan Babic

Staff Reporters

At no other time of the year is restaurant choice as important as on Valentine's Day. You need to make the right impression on you Valentine and make known exactly how you feel.

The pitfalls of this night can often have disastrously awkward effects on budding relationships. To help you, we've put together some restaurant ideas to match your feelings. This is list of restaurants that have spared our relationship (and appetites throughout its various stages.

Don't Want to Jump into Romance Just Yet:

In a new relationship, selecting what color roses to give isn't the only Valentine-related awkwardness you are forced to deal with. Making the right dining choice is often confusing and pressure filled. You can diffuse the situation with these nice-but-not-ultra romantic restaurants.

With the weather we have been having lately, perhaps you would like to take a starlight walk down Miramar to Gerraci's Restaurant (\$\$). Delicious Italian cuisine with a casual atmosphere keeps things from getting overly intimate. If Italian sounds good to you, you could also try Grande's (\$\$) restaurant on Mayfield.

Oysters always have been known as a food of love. Why not try seafood? Charley's Crab (\$\$\$) on Chagrin offers remarkably consistent quality in seafood entrees.

If seafood isn't your thing, you'll find Jayson's Pewter Mug (\$\$\$) further down the road on Chagrin. Salad lovers will adore it's menu of 56 different salads. Couple that with special combination dinners, and Jayson's is a legitimate V-Day hotspot.

I Want Her to Know How Much I Like Her:

If you want to create a little more romantic ambiance on your date, then these restaurants are just what you're looking for. Take her on a fabulously romantic journey into the passion Italy without ever getting on a plane. Little Italy will serve as the backdrop for an excellent dining experience at Trattoria

(\$\$) on Mayfield Road.

Or you could dazzle your date with your knowledge of Cleveland by taking a drive by the Erie shoreline and whisking her into the castle-like structure that hold Don's Lighthouse (\$\$\$). The drive is more than worth it!

If you want to jazz up your relationship, try Leonetti's On the Falls (\$\$\$) in Chagrin Falls. This lively restaurant will delight you with its live jazz band and its tantalizing dishes.

To spice up your romance, go beyond what's been done. Show her you're exotic and adventurous by taking her to The Saffron Patch (\$\$\$), a delightfully wonderful atmosphere which will uninhibited the shyest eater. A truly original option that offers outstanding Indian cuisine, The Saffron Patch takes dining beyond your typical meal. For first-timers, we recommend the chicken makhani, one of our all-time favorites.

I Want to Shower Her with Romance

Nobody does Amore better than the Italians, and you'll find the ideal setting for that at the Baricelli Inn (\$\$\$\$). The most historic of all restaurants in Little Italy, the is full-service inn is the perfect place to wine and dine your Valentine.

For the ultimate in romance, nobody compares to the excellent gourmet cuisine and superb service at Classics (\$\$\$\$). This is the most exquisite indulgence a restaurant could possibly offer. The tunes of the baby grand piano and violins create a love scene right out of Hollywood. If you've got money to splurge on the one you love, this is the Valentine's Day hotspot.

We hope that these restaurants will spark some passion for you on Valentine's Day, weather you're a new couple, or have been together throughout the years, Valentine's Day is about spending some time with those you appreciate most. So, for all of you who don not have a boyfriend or girlfriend, you can still celebrate the holiday by spending the day with those you love the most. . . your friends.

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South Park

"Those bastards, they killed Beavis and Butthead!"

Aaron Baker
Staff Reporter

A small idea can take you anywhere. Just ask Trey Parker and Matt Stone, the more than slightly perverted creative team behind Comedy Central's new smash hit cartoon series, "South Park".

Born from their simple idea were the lives of four foul-mouthed second graders: Stan, Kyle, Eric and Kenny.

Originally a five minute cartoon short, produced for Christmas cards called, "The Spirit of Christmas," the show has exploded. Spawned from a Mortal Kombat-esque fight between Santa Claus and Jesus, "Spirit" was an instant hit in Hollywood. Not many Christmas cards show St. Nick and the Lord appealing to a group of eight year olds for help. Not to mention the fact that Brian Boitano advises the boys and in turn saves the day.

As an avid fan could tell you, this short was laced with expletives, not exactly easy to slip by the Comedy Central censors. As a result, the show has been revamped and has evolved from a couple of amateur filmmakers' holiday farce into a bona fide cult hit.

To date, only 11 original episodes of "South Park" have aired on the cable network, but its popularity has exploded in the 18-35 age demographic.

Proclaimed as "no brow comedy" by Rolling Stone's David Wild, the show does deal with some pretty intense issues present in today's society, including alien abductions, singing fecal matter and homosexual pets.

Below the surface, though, there are some serious topics such as poverty, racism and religious freedom. Kenny McCormick, when he

is not dead (he has died in every episode but one), is frequently mocked for being poor, while other characters enjoy plush lives, as in the case of Eric Cartman, the extremely obese member of the group.

Theories about the importance of Kenny have popped up all over

the conclusion, the police chief stands in front of the flag pole and says, "At least no one was hurt," as Kenny slides, rotating down, the flag pole stuck through his skull.

Even more obvious is in the Thanksgiving episode when Kenny goes into the "Grab-O-Can" to gather as many cans of food as

the group. In the Thanksgiving episode, Stan is cloned by a genetic engineer, based on the demented Doctor Moreau from the H.G. Wells classic novel.

Stan's best friend and the third member of the group is Kyle Broslowski.

Saddled with the role as the to-

also happens to be the show's scapegoat. A racist and a sexist, he is at times offensive, but nevertheless hilarious. In the Halloween episode, he arrived at school for the costume contest dressed up in a Hitler costume his mom had made for him.

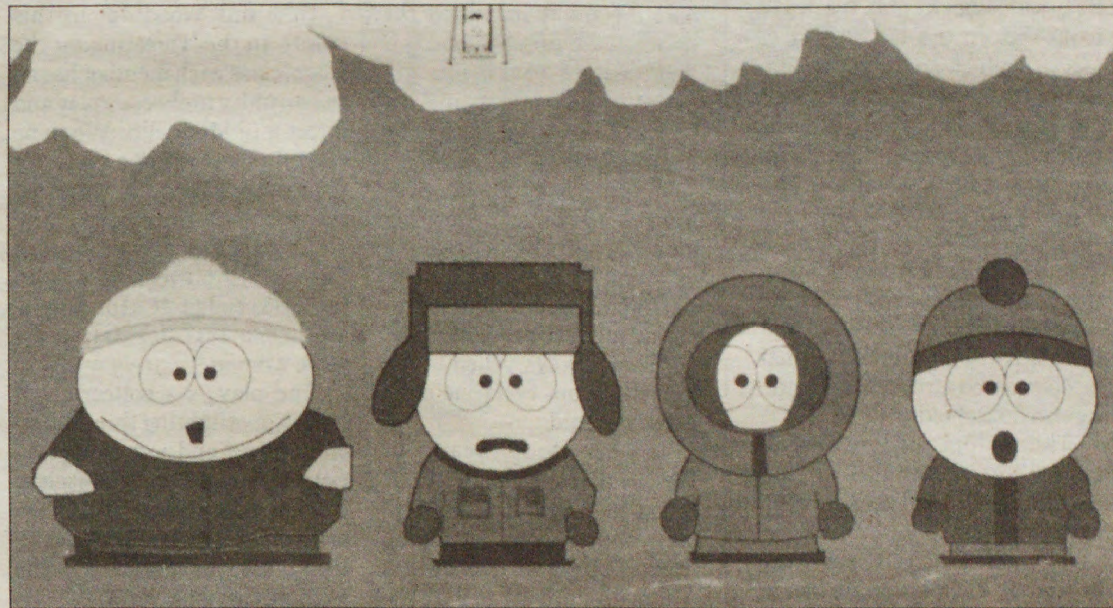
When his costume was discovered, he was sent to the principal's office to view a video which would ideally encourage him to not want to wear the costume anymore.

The plan backfired and he only grew to love the fascist leader even more. Then the principal ordered him to change costumes and tried to make him a ghost costume. Another mistake. When she was done, he was just as offensive and racist as before, because his ghost costume was nothing more than a Ku Klux Klan hood and robe.

Isaac Hayes, the voice behind the nymphomaniac chef, who happens to be black, tells Cartman, "Boy, remind me to beat your ass later, you little cracker," upon seeing Cartman's new get-up.

I believe "South Park" is here to stay. Some people disagree, citing that its incredibly quick popularity will fizzle out and the show's creativity will fade away, like Bart Simpson's catch phrases and "Beavis & Butthead's" adolescent humor. The only catch phrase South Park contains is Kyle screaming, "They killed Kenny! You Bastards!" after Kenny finds a new way to perish in every installment except the Christmas episode.

With a creative team as original as Stone and Parker running the asylum, there are no reasons why "South Park" cannot survive the popularity bug and become a constant on Comedy Central for years to come.



the internet, with people going as far as saying that Kenny symbolizes for poverty because he talks, but no one can hear what he is actually saying, and also that every episode he dies and the only people who care in the town are Stan and Kyle.

For instance in one show, Kathie Lee Gifford comes to South Park to award Cartman a prize for winning an essay contest.

During the context of the show, an assassination attempt on Kathie Lee goes awry and Kenny is impaled on a flag pole. Then at

he can for his poor and hungry family.

While in the booth, he floats around with the cans of food, eventually grabbing hold of one, messily can of string beans to feed the family. Moments later he is decapitated when a band of crazed turkeys attack the town meeting.

Character Stan Marsh seems to be the leader of this motley crew. Infamous for his "Raggedy Andy" Halloween costume, and projectile vomit every time his pseudo-girlfriend Wendy Testaburger speaks to him, Stan usually directs

ken Jewish kid, is subject to constant ridicule because his mother always tries to ruin any fun the kids might have. In the process she creates nothing but laughs for the audience. Kyle is most famous for his not-so-imaginary friend, Mr. Hankey, the Christmas Poo, a non-denominational, non-offensive alternative to Santa. Kyle also seems to always be at odds with Eric Cartman, perhaps the show's funniest character.

Cartman, the aforementioned fat kid, insists that he is just big-boned or pleasantly plump. He

This is the way God made her

Nick Kovach
Entertainment Editor

Want a recipe for instant success as a young, female musician? Just follow these three easy steps. First off, it's always benevolent to your cause if you just happen to be incredibly gorgeous. That way, once your beauty has caught some eyes, you can keep them with the second step, showing off your angelic voice. And as for the final step, by far the simplest, just have a phenomenal inner sense of mundane understanding and in turn parlay it into sensual, introspective, and emotionally raw song writing ability. You could do it that way, but then you'd have to compete with the likes of Tori Amos, Sarah McLachlan, and Lauren Christy. Well, if your name is the unpronounceable Chantal Kreviazuk, the competition had better start watching their backs.

Never heard of her? You will. Her debut album, *Under These Rocks and Stones* has reaped critical acclaim from all over. Steven Batten, music editor at *Scene Magazine* named this twenty-four year old's first effort 1997's best album. Not bad praise for someone

who had never even played for a live audience prior to this past summer's biggest ticket, *Lilith Faire*. This Winnipegger was a piano prodigy by the age of two and penning her own songs by 15.

Then a cathartic experience led to the finished product that signed with Sony Records for a reported one million dollars, less than a month after releasing her demo tape. While traveling in Italy, Chantal was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident. She broke her jaw and femur. The accident forced her to take a hiatus from school, and that led her back to the piano and writing.

The first song she wrote, "Surrounded" is in remembrance of her first boyfriend who committed suicide. Undoubtedly the album's marquis track, the painfully honest "Surrounded" has literally brought her to tears on stage. Her majestic, driving voice echoes her disappointment and pain when she sings, "I was there when you were young and strong and perverted and everything that makes



Chantal Kreviazuk

a young man a star. Oh you were a star. I was there, c'mon and tell me I wasn't worth sticking it out for. I was there and I know I was worth it. 'Cause if I wasn't worth it that makes me worse off than you are."

The album's first single, "God Made Me" went all the way to number two on MuchMusic's top twenty-five countdown. "God Made Me" is still receiving strong airplay in the states. Having already played an exclusive CD release show at the invitation-only Spy Room Downtown Cleveland, Chantal will be making her return to town Saturday, Feb. 28 at

The Odeon.

Under These Rocks and Stones, originally released in her native Canada in late 1996, began attracting state-side hype in mid 1997. Since a few of the record's songs are personal narratives of discontent, critics have been quick to slap the ugly Alanis Morissette tag on her. But don't let these comparisons ruin your image of her before you've even heard her sing. It is ironic that she and Alanis would be compared, don't ya' think? They are from different parts of

Canada. Chantal is a gifted pianist, while Alanis's guitar playing ability is weak at best, and most importantly, unlike Alanis, Chantal wrote all but two of the songs on *Under These Rocks and Stones* alone. Not to add the fact that she didn't attempt to capitalize on any passing fancies by sacrificing her pride and delving into the field of 80s' dance pop.

Often linked romantically with Our Lady Peace's front man, Raine Maida, Chantal refuses to talk about her personal life and wonders why people care about

her marital status now that she has a recording contract.

"We're very good friends at very important stages in our lives. Let's leave it at that," she says.

The angriest track on the album is "Believer" written about a drunk fan she encountered one night in a bar that tried to put his hand down her shirt. "I carry my microphone with me everywhere I go. in case I need to break your face, in case I need you to be dead." After hearing this song live, I wasn't sure whether to laugh or run for the exit. Her emotion is raw and the anger is real. She is clearly not a woman who appreciates being crossed.

She is slowly becoming recognizable to the sensitive ear of modern music and songs like, "Wayne", "Green Apples" and "Co-Dependent" rounding out the album, a sudden decline anytime soon is very unlikely. Chantal Kreviazuk will perform Saturday, Feb. 28 at The Odeon, on the first leg of her first real American tour. Come see this beautiful, young, gifted songstress and you will not leave disappointed. But if you do, oh well, it's not her fault, that's just the way God made her.

Creed finds success

John Fuller
Staff Reporter

Despite excessive comparisons to grunge, Creed has attained considerable popularity in a rather brief period of time. Their album, *My Own Prison* reached Gold status only weeks after its national debut on Wind-Up Records. Their virtually unheard of label has been given a huge boost.

"We knew we were taking a chance," says Stapp, "but we knew deep down that something was going to happen, so we went for it."

Joining Wind-Up turned out to be a good decision for Creed, and the band is currently enjoying the fruits of their labor with the success of its first single, the title cut, "My Own Prison," and an American tour.

Creed's music and lyrics are primarily written by Mark Tremonti (lead guitar, vocals) and Stapp. Lyrics are written by Stapp on every track except the first one, "Torn," written by Tremonti. The rhythm section of Brian Marshall (bass guitar) and Scott Phillips (drum) provides an excellent compliment to Tremonti's soaring guitar riffs.



Strapp's voice sounds like a hybrid between grunge icons, Vedder and Jason Ross (Mary 3), which could be the reason for the comparisons to grunge. Yet as Tremonti points out, the guitar parts throughout the album are much more regimented, as in the "Pity For a Dime" solo.

This is most likely due to Tremonti's classical music training. *My Own Prison's* lyrics are very thought-provoking and contemplative. Stapp grew up in what he considered an oppressively religious household.

Thus to him, the lyrics are an expression of his will to find meaning in life and peace within himself.

The name "Creed" suits the band well. Their lyrics are meaningful and statements of faith and belief.

If you are looking for a solid album with some soul-searching lyrics, then "My Own Prison" could make you a believer in Creed's creed.

Senior steps off stage, directs one-act

Annie Edman
Staff Reporter

Beth Wood, a student in the "Directing for the Stage" class, lounged in a surprisingly relaxed manner on the couch of the green room, backstage at Marinello Little Theater Sunday afternoon.

She had just completed the very first rehearsal of technical week, the period of the time spanning seven days before opening night in which the lights, make-up, costumes and last minute touch-ups are added to the production.

Leading up to this learning experience is a giant play biography that begins with community theater in the third grade, a farce called "Speaking of Murder" where Wood was continuously reprimanded for her memorization skills.

"They always yelled at me for yelling out everyone else's lines," she said.

In her four years at Westerville North High School, Wood managed a total of 15 plays and musicals, including "Hello, Dolly" and "Music Man". Although she had fun with the musicals, she refers to herself as an actress at heart.

Wood came to John Carroll deliberately because she knew the theater department was

small and she didn't want to major in an area with such a difficult success rate.

Officially a communications major, she has taken every theater course offered in the major. After playing in every main stage production at JCU, including "Crimes of the Heart" and "Merri-ly We Roll Along," Wood is following her heart and researching the graduate schools of acting at NYU, DePaul and Harvard.

How did Wood get to this point? In the "Directing for the Stage" class, each member has an opportunity to choose a play and direct it in Marinello. When no one proposed a play, a professor approached Wood and suggested she try it out. The result?

An experimental product of the feminist movement, written in 1965, titled "Calm Down, Mother: a transformation for three women."

The play is a collection of scenes, spotlighting three different actresses and portraying a variety of female roles in society. The episodes depict an empowerment of women over traditional chains that limit the woman's personal growth.

"It's not a male-bashing festival by any means," Wood intends to make that point clear.

"It's kind of about breaking away. Men are fine and women

are fine, too," explained the director.

This directing production was the biggest learning experience yet for Wood when it comes to acting. her goal from the beginning was to "understand where directors come from."

Wood walked into this terrifying and exciting situation with the mind-set that is beneficial to her background. As an actress, Wood sees character motivations very clearly. As a director now, she can picture what she wants to see happen on stage.

Wood compared the stress levels of acting to directing, saying one is not harder than the other, just different.

So what will Wood be doing on Friday night during those moments before the clock strikes 8 p.m. in the Little Theater?

"I'll be freaking out," she says in a nervous laugh, "but I know it's a matter of letting go and trusting them to do it."

Wood's advice to future student directors is to keep acting and directing tendencies distinctly separate. For her, it is possible to give the actors on stage a vivid picture of what is expected from them without limiting their creative talents.

"It's the importance of building from scratch-making it real, not just a facade," she said.

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Women swimmers' confidence high for OAC meet

Blue Streaks seeking ninth consecutive crown

Kristen Stih
Staff Reporter

Nine would be just fine for the John Carroll University women's swimming and diving team.

The Blue Streaks will be aiming to win their ninth consecutive OAC title and 13th consecutive conference crown overall, dating back to JCU's membership in the President's Athletic Conference.

Several OAC individual champions from last year return for JCU, including 1997 OAC Most Valuable Swimmer, senior Pam Jimison. Jimison is the defending champion in the 100- and 200-yard backstroke, and is a favorite in these events this year.

Other returning champions are senior Carrie Greenplate, junior Monica Kramer, sophomore Shannon Murphy and junior diver Julie Randles.

Adding depth to the squad are freshmen Carrie Scherger, Anne Learned, K.C. Rambasek, Stephanie Rosplock and freshman diver Maren Aikey.

The Blue Streaks toughest competition will be Mount Union. "We're both better teams now than we were last year," JCU head coach

Matt Lenhart said. "Compared with Mount, we are much better in distance free styles, relays, and diving."

Compared to last year's team, Lenhart feels this squad is better all-around. "We have more depth and quality this season, and our diving and relays are better."

The Blue Streaks lost four seniors to graduation last year.

"We have a lot more natural talent this year than we did last year," Murphy said. "This is the most talented group of swimmers I have ever swam with. We're definitely going to dominate the OAC's and have a lot of fun doing it."

To prepare for this weekend, the swimmers have cut back on their work load this past week. They have been limited to performing warm-ups, a couple of sprints, and sharpening up on skills. By letting their bodies rest and refraining from stress, the swimmers feel more speed will develop and it will be easier for the swimmers to pull their bodies through the water.

"We're ready to go and see what we have. I'm not losing any sleep over it. I think we'll do really well," Lenhart said.

Men's swimming likes underdog role at OAC championships

JCU looks to regain conference title from Mount Union



James Mitchell

JCU sophomore Pete Wais is seeded first in the 100-yard breaststroke at this weekend's OAC Championships.

Rona Proudfoot
Staff Reporter

With a record of 2-2 against conference opponents, the John Carroll University men's swimming and diving team is considered the underdog entering today's Ohio Athletic Conference Championships, and that's just fine with JCU head coach Matt Lenhart.

Lenhart would rather have his team do the chasing than be chased. "It's a negative if you're looking back and a positive if you can look forward," he said.

Junior Gerry Shay agreed. "Being the defending champ is a lot of hype, so we have an advantage trying to win back something we haven't had for a while."

JCU had won seven straight OAC titles prior to last year when Mount Union edged the Blue Streaks in a close meet.

This year Mount Union will be the team to beat. Baldwin-Wallace, whom the Blue Streaks lost to in a regular season meet, will also pose a threat.

Lenhart sees Mount Union as a

challenge, but not one that is insurmountable. "Our times typically come down more [than other teams] at the end of the season, and our guys have experience swimming three days in a row."

Shay has his own philosophy about winning the meet. "Really good teams get psyched up for prelims. That's where you win a meet — in prelims and in relays."

"It's a little different this year," freshman J.P. Merchant said. "We're the ones out for blood, and they're the ones that have to try to hold on."

JCU has just two returning OAC champions in sophomore Pete Wais and senior Brad Wilson. Both were members of last year's conference champion 200- and 400-yard medley relay teams.

Wilson is seeded second in the 100-yard butterfly, while Wais is first in the 100-yard backstroke.

Shay, with a nearly unblemished record, he is seeded first in four individual events and second in two others.

Freshman J.P. Merchant is seeded second in the 1650-yard freestyle, but Shay, the No. 1 seed, does not intend to swim the event.

Senior diver Dan Ansevin and junior Chuck Aquino, both all-conference selections last year, will be important factors on the diving front.

Said Wilson, "We work toward the end of the season. We've got nothing to lose."

White House experience aids Newmeyer in pool

Rona Proudfoot
Staff Reporter

John Carroll University swimmer Kara Newmeyer missed out on a rigorous schedule of pre-season training during her junior year to throw a party.

But it wasn't the normal party you may expect from a college student. In fact, it was all a part of her job description.

Newmeyer, now a senior, served as an intern in the White House social office during the 1996 fall semester. Her job description included helping to organize and run White House social functions during the holiday season, along with rubbing elbows with the likes of Bill, Hillary and Tipper.

At the same time, the rest of the JCU women's swimming team was at home getting ready for the 1997 Ohio Athletic Conference season.

"You can always second guess yourself," said Newmeyer of the affect her semester in Washington had on her swimming. "Working 50 or 60 hours a week, there was no way I could be in the pool or even workout. But as a Division III athlete, swimming isn't my life. It's fun and I enjoy it, but I have other interests."

One of Newmeyer's other interests is working with the elderly, specifically through the National Council on Aging. From there she was asked to work on the Clinton/Gore campaign, and eventually she obtained an internship at the White House.

Although she missed four months of hard training to go to Washington, Newmeyer returned to the ranks just in time for last year's trip to Florida over winter break. That gave her all the time she needed to equal her previous year's success of OAC runner-up



Allison Wendorf

Kara Newmeyer

in the 1650-yard freestyle.

This year, however, Newmeyer plans to be the bridesmaid no longer. She enters the OAC Championships seeded No. 1 in the 1650-yard freestyle. With a full year of training under her belt, she has exploded in the pool with the best season of her collegiate career.

"Kara definitely gained confidence," JCU head coach Matt Lenhart said. "Being that close to the nerve center of everything that's going on, things aren't limited, so you gain confidence."

Newmeyer plans to volunteer for a year after graduation, but would like to work with the elderly or, ultimately, become an occupational therapist. Her experiences swimming and serving as an intern should help her ease into that next phase of her life.

"Swimming is a team sport," she said. "You learn to work well with others and interning in Washington gave me a direct experience in a professional situation."

Brad Wilson has progressed leaps and bounds at JCU

Brian Murphy
Sports Editor

How's this for progress? Brad Wilson had never swam the 100-yard butterfly prior to last year's dual meet with Hiram. But he was put in the race anyway. A fish out of his element, right? Not exactly.

"I think I won," he said.

Fair enough. Despite Hiram's annual ineptitude in the pool, it was still a fairly impressive feat.

"He had a natural feel for it," JCU head coach Matt Lenhart said. "It was something we could play with. It turned out well."

More important, though, than his quick taking to the event is his progress over his four years at John Carroll University. He has gone from being a competitor in the consolation finals of the Ohio Athletic Conference Championships his freshman year to coming within an eyelash of winning an individual title last year as a junior in the 100-yard butterfly.

Now a senior, Wilson has high expectations for this year's OAC Championships. He will swim in three individual events and on a pair of relay teams. But it's the 100-yard butterfly he has his eyes on after being touched out at the wall last year.

"I'm expecting to win the fly if I'm 100 percent that day," said Wilson, who was a bit under the weather on Monday.

The swimmer who beat him has since graduated and Wilson is seeded No. 2 behind Mount

Union's Ed Kurlander, whom Wilson beat last year.

Wilson had never put as much work into swimming as he has at JCU. In high school, he swam about 4,000 yards each day, and skipped practice once or twice a week, he said. But his practice lengths nearly doubled at JCU.

And he has just kept improving from year to year. He reached the consolation finals of the 100-yard freestyle and backstroke at the 1995 OAC Championships. The next year, he placed fourth in the 200-yard backstroke. Last

year, touched out at the wall.

Meanwhile his whole outlook on swimming has changed. Whereas as a freshman he was swimming for his own best times, now he is swimming for places and points.

"It's kind of weird," he said. "I've never had to do that before. It's more pressure on me, but more fun, too, because other people are depending on you."

But Wilson will not let the pressure get to him. About this weekend he said, "Whatever happens, happens."

Fair enough.



Allison Wendorf

Brad Wilson

Men's basketball moves into first place tie

JCU gets help from within conference as Mount Union and ONU are upset victims

Matt Rayl

Staff Reporter

You might say the John Carroll University men's basketball team is on a roll. But that may be the understatement of the year.

A six-game winning streak has propelled the Blue Streaks into a first-place tie with Ohio Northern University in the Ohio Athletic Conference.

Ironically, ONU played an integral part in JCU's climb to the top. The Blue Streaks began by defeating the Polar Bears, 96-79, two weeks ago. Last Wednesday, ONU was upset by Otterbein, and Mount Union by Hiram. ONU rebounded to knock off Mount Union four days later. This array of surprising games created the present two-way tie between the Polar Bears and Blue Streaks.

JCU hosted Hiram last night at the Don Shula Sports Center. JCU will also host Mount Union on Saturday. The Purple Raiders defeated JCU in Alliance in December, 78-61.

"We're approaching each game the same way," senior Artie Taylor said. "We beat our-

selves the first time [against Mount Union]. We're not going to do anything different, or make any major changes.

"Right now, our confidence level is the highest it's ever been [this season]. Different guys have been stepping up lately, and this teamwork really helps us to support each other out on the floor."

After losing five straight games on the road, JCU extended its current road winning streak to three games with victories over Otterbein and Baldwin-Wallace last week.

JCU (15-5, 11-3 in the OAC) escaped with a 78-72 decision against Otterbein on Saturday in Westerville, Ohio. The Cardinals effectively shut down the strong inside game of the Blue Streaks, who might have lost the game if not for the stellar performance of junior Dan Coxon, who scored a career-high 28 points, shooting 11-of-14 from the field, including 4-of-7 from three-point range.

"I wasn't really open. I made my shots

with people in my face," Coxon said. "Some great passes by [senior guard] Mike Pap gave me easy transition baskets. I've had games like that before in high school, but this was the first college game when I scored that many points or shot that well."

"He really blossomed into a money player, I thought, in that game," JCU head coach Mike Moran said of Coxon. "And the kids knew it, too. A lot of times the kids don't realize who has the hot hand and whose night it is on a particular night. But the way Danny was shooting, he could have picked up the prom queen at the dance, that's how on he was."

Fellow junior Mark Heidorf added 14 points, while grabbing a team-high 11 rebounds.

JCU defeated crosstown rival BW last Wednesday for the second time in two weeks. The Blue Streaks almost squandered a 25-11 first half lead before holding off a late comeback by the Yellow Jackets to preserve the 79-76 victory.

"Coming off the victory against Ohio Northern, you worry about a bit of a let-down," Moran said. "Playing against our biggest rival, I think the cards were stacked in their [BW] favor."

Coxon and Heidorf again led the Blue Streaks in scoring and rebounding, respectively. Coxon netted 17 points and Heidorf totaled a career-high 16 rebounds.

"Neither of those two wins was a work of art, but I'm not asking the kids to be Rembrandts out there," Moran said. "In this league, any road win is beautiful enough to put up on my refrigerator door."

Following Saturday's game against Mount Union, JCU will wrap up its regular season conference schedule by traveling to Heidelberg on Wednesday and taking on Marietta on Saturday in the season finale at the Shula Sports Center. Following these games will be the OAC Postseason Tournament, with the champion earning an automatic berth in the NCAA Division III Tournament.

Women's basketball halts losing streak at nine

Mark Boleky

Assistant Sports Editor

It's finally over.

The John Carroll University women's basketball team broke its nine game losing streak on Tuesday at Hiram, winning easily, 81-44.

"Certainly every game we've been trying to win," JCU head coach Carol Dugan said. "I think what was key was that everyone came out relaxed and didn't seem pressured."

If any team was apt to be exploited, it was Hiram. The Terriers are last in the Ohio

Athletic Conference with a 1-14 record.

With starters freshman Jaime Rochon (sickness) and senior Molly Brenlove (knee) out of the lineup, sophomore Allison Likar stepped up with a career-high 23 points. Likar started the first 14 games of the season before losing her spot to Rochon.

"I think that shows everything about Ally," Dugan said. "She's always had a good attitude and worked hard."

JCU (8-13, 5-10) had its way with Hiram, which hasn't beaten the Blue Streaks in 14 straight contests. Starting the second half with a big run, JCU coasted to victory. Freshman Meghann Hubach took advantage of the relatively small Hiram squad, registering six blocks and seven rebounds.

Before the win, the string of futility tied the school record for consecutive games lost in a season, first set in 1975. The Blue Streaks reached that mark Saturday with a 83-62 loss to Otterbein. The loss was especially tough for the Blue Streaks, since they defeated Otterbein in their first meeting, the conference opener in November.

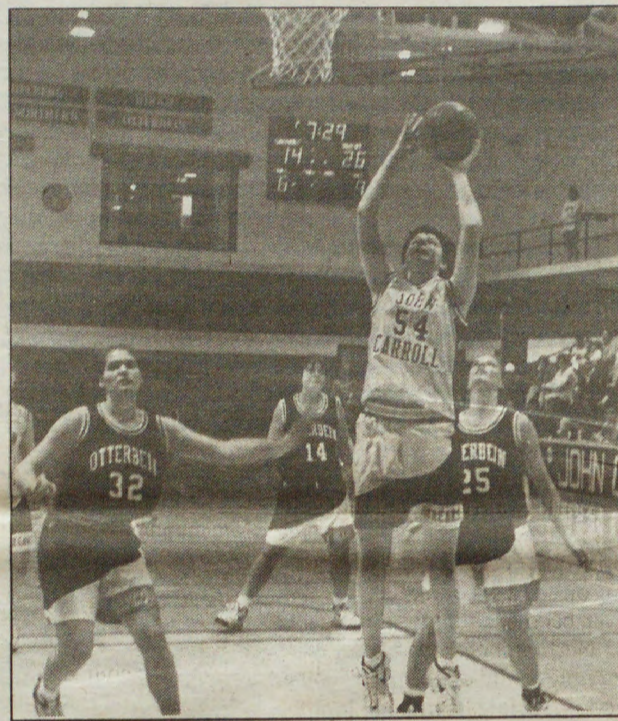
"I just think the intensity wasn't there. They were a very beatable team," said Rochon, who led JCU with 15 points and eight rebounds. "We got down early, and never got on track to come back."

In Saturday's loss, the Blue Streaks were hurt by the absence of Brenlove, who is out for the season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament. Brenlove

who injured her knee against Capital two weeks ago, tried to come back slowly, but only aggravated it.

"Molly's a tremendous person and athlete," Dugan said. "The kids realize they have to step it up, and that's what Molly wants."

JCU travels to Mount Union Saturday, and finishes up the 1997-98 campaign with two games next week. Both of JCU's final two opponents, Heidelberg and Marietta, have already fallen to the Blue Streaks this year.



JCU's Meghann Hubach shoots a layup during the loss to Otterbein on Saturday.

James Mitchell



James Mitchell

JCU's Christine Marrapese drives toward the basket during last Saturday's loss to Otterbein at the Don Shula Sports Center.

Lemieux leads list of top track performances

Brian Murphy

Sports Editor

Two weeks ago, John Carroll University's Matt Lemieux provisionally qualified for the NCAA Division III Indoor Track & Field Championships. If no other athletes bettered his score, he would be in.

But Lemieux took care of the uncertainty on Saturday at the Midwest Elite Meet at Ohio Northern University. The senior pole vaulter took first place at the prestigious meet with a vault of 15 feet, 11 inches to automatically qualify for the Division III Indoor Championships.

Junior Steve Spenthoff also turned in an impressive performance last weekend as he won the 300-meter dash, finishing a full second ahead of his nearest competitor at the Spartan Invitational at Case Western Reserve University.

The distance medley relay team of senior Rob Miller, sophomore Nick Sellers, and freshmen Joe Wittine and Jeff Taraba also took first place.

Also at CWRU, junior Debbie Pagano and freshman Molly Lynch finished second and third, respectively, in the 3,000 meter run. Junior high jumper Laura Slazyk tied for second, and sophomore Martisse Best finished third in the 400-meter dash.

The Blue Streak men's and women's track teams will be in action on Friday at Oberlin.

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No OAC or JCU passes will be accepted at the gate

Wrestlers eke by Findlay, 17-16

Robert McCarthy
Staff Reporter

Once again the John Carroll wrestling team faced a major deficit early in its match, and once again JCU fought back, this time scratching its way to a 17-16 victory over Findlay last Friday at the Don Shula Sports Center.

After dropping four of the first five bouts, JCU rebounded with a victory from junior Mike Stull at 158 pounds. That victory got things moving in the right direction for the Blue Streaks as they went on to claim four out of the last five bouts.

"Findlay was able to get out to an early lead because their lineup is very strong in the lower weight classes and our strength is in the heavier weight classes," JCU head coach Kerry Volkmann said.

"The farther up the weight class ladder that we go, the more experience we have," Volkmann said. "That experience pays off in close

matches."

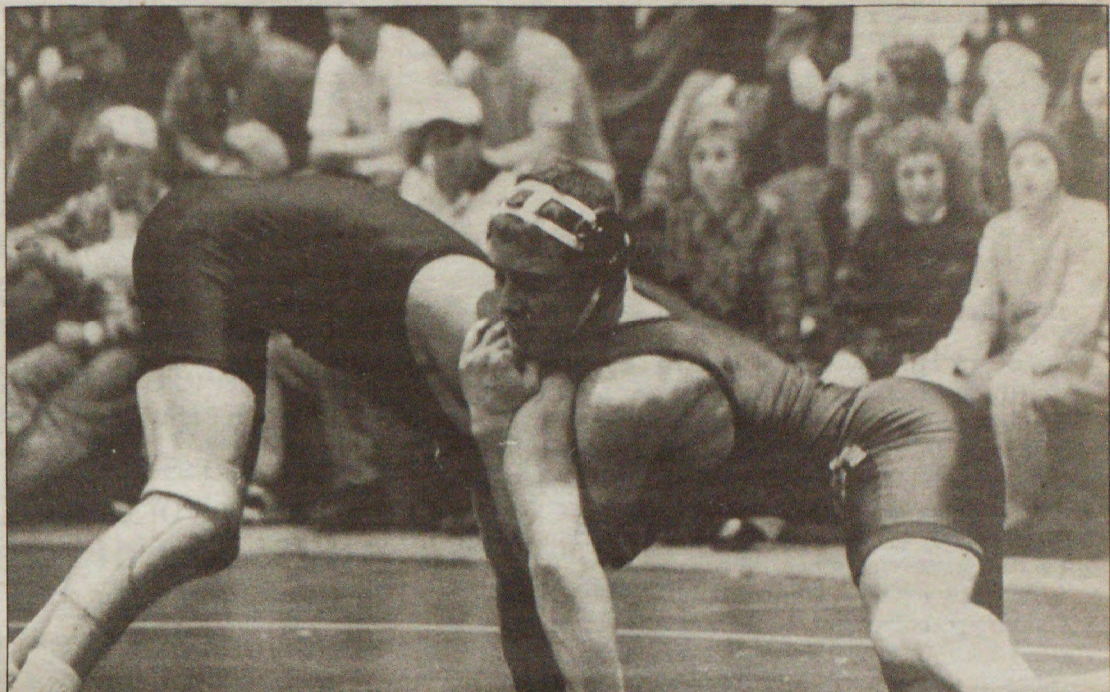
With the Blue Streaks breathing rapidly down their necks, Findlay held tightly to a slim 16-14 lead with one match remaining. Heading into the final bout, heavyweight Rich Eslich knew the hopes for a Blue Streak victory rested on his shoulders. Eslich didn't buckle under the pressure, defeating his opponent, 6-0, to give JCU the victory.

"Our guys have stayed strong throughout each match all season long and that is a testament to how hard they work and their conditioning," Volkmann said.

The victory improved the JCU mark to 19-1-1 as it heads into tomorrow night's match against defending Ohio Athletic Conference champion Mount Union.

A victory in this match could result in one of the most successful seasons in Volkmann's 11-year coaching career at JCU.

"We have seven guys who are



James Mitchell

JCU's Nate Samblanet (right) sprawls with his Findlay opponent during the Blue Streaks' one-point victory on Friday in the Don Shula Sports Center.

having career years for us this year," said Volkmann. "It is really amazing when you look at the talent we lost from last year's 21-3 squad and recognize that this season we have been so successful."

Casey Martin's cart case

Casey Martin is a professional golfer who was born without the vein that runs along the bone in his lower leg, a condition known as Klippel-Trenaunay-Weber Syndrome. The condition makes walking painful and may lead to amputation. Last Monday, a federal magistrate in a Eugene, Ore., U.S. District Court began hearing testimony to decide whether the Americans With Disabilities Act should force the Professional Golfers' Association (PGA) to grant Martin the right to ride instead of walk in PGA Tour events.

Give Martin the chance: it's about execution, not a cart

Brian Murphy
Commentary

Mark Twain once said that golf is a good walk spoiled. Casey Martin probably can't identify — walking on the golf course has rarely, if ever, been pleasant for him.

Nothing, not even an absolutely terrible round of golf, can spoil a good walk for Martin. Good walks are few and far between. Walking the 18 holes of a golf course only brings him excruciating pain. So to complete a full round, he must use a power cart to get from one shot to the next.

The PGA wants to prevent Martin from having the right to do so in events it sponsors. That would virtually eliminate Martin from ever playing in PGA Tour events. He needs a cart to do so, and should be allowed this opportunity.

The PGA Tour's case is based on the idea that Martin's use of a cart puts the rest of the field at a disadvantage because walking tests their stamina while Martin, no pun intended, gets a free ride. While he sits idly in a cart, breeze blowing in his face, moving from shot to shot, the other competitors must walk the course, subject to the course and weather conditions.

But who's really at a disadvantage? Martin may one day lose his leg because of the disability. Amputation is something he could face in the future, and he's putting other people at a disadvantage by using a cart?

He simply cannot get around the course by walking. He can by cart. With the cart he is able to do what is at the very essence of golf — execution of shots. It doesn't matter how one's self, but how one's ball, gets from tee to green.

Martin proved exactly that just a few weeks ago. Just one week after winning a tournament using a cart, he missed the cut badly still using a cart. Obviously, the cart did nothing for his game when he missed the cut. Did it when he

won the tournament? No. He went home early because he didn't hit the shots like he did the week before when he won the tournament.

The cart simply puts Martin on the same level as the rest of the field. They can use all their clubs just like Martin. But he can't get around the course like them. The cart gives him that chance.

And while Martin may get to his ball quicker than the other competitors, it will in no way put him at an advantage. He can look at his shot for days, but it all hinges on his execution. He, just like the other golfers, must hit the shot he wants. His skills, not a cart, allow him to do that.

Yes, the rules of golf do state that Martin is not allowed to use a cart in PGA Tour events. But that

is what he is fighting to change. And it should be changed. Golf is not like baseball or basketball in which running is an integral part of the game. Golf allows people to play the game regardless of one's ability to walk. If you can stand and swing a club, you are a golfer.

In the end, it comes down to Casey Martin being able to play the game of golf. Golf does not necessarily involve walking from shot to shot. It involves executing each shot, which Martin does well.

Appropriately enough, following his first career victory, Martin became part of Nike's "I Can" campaign. "Just do it" sounds like a good motto because that's what the PGA Tour should do. Give him a chance to showcase his skills because they don't depend on a cart.

Allowing Martin to use a cart would take the physical aspect out of golf

Robert McCarthy
Commentary

Part of being an athlete is experiencing and dealing with the differing physical and emotional demands of the sport. Current litigation is threatening this aspect of the golf world.

Casey Martin is suing the PGA for the right to use a cart in competition because he thinks that his disability puts him at a disadvantage against other competitors. By using a cart he says that the playing field will be balanced. This is simply incorrect. Using a cart will give Martin an advantage over the rest of the Tour pros who must walk.

Since the inception of the PGA Tour, walking the course during competition has been the most fundamental of rules. Players need to be physically fit to battle the elements, including extreme temperatures and varying terrain. All players face the rigors in the same manner and battle to the finish. When players are unable to finish a tournament for physical reasons

they must withdraw from competition, not order a motorized cart.

People have swarmed to Martin's support and argued that the weather conditions will still effect Martin, despite the use of a cart. Tell that to Ken Venturi, 1964 PGA Champion and Ben Hogan, 1950 U.S. Open Champion.

Battling 100-degree temperatures and near 100 percent humidity, Venturi lost eight pounds during the course of the 36-hole final round, and nearly collapsed afterwards, suffering from extreme dehydration and exhaustion. The allowance of a cart would undoubtedly have made the final round more bearable and less physically demanding for Venturi and his fellow competitors. But it was not an option.

Hogan battled back from a major car accident that shattered both of his legs a mere 16 months before play began in the 1950 U.S. Open. Hogan entered the tournament, handling pain and physical strain that would parallel Martin's. Hogan stumbled his way to the

STREAKS OF THE WEEK

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18th green, but was able to hold it together for the last hole and the title. The use of a cart would definitely have eased Hogan's pain.

But battling and overcoming these elements is all part of what makes golf so challenging, both physically and mentally. The PGA Tour is trying to protect the purity and integrity that has made the game of golf so competitive. By removing the physical challenge for Martin, the game loses its competitive nature.

Two of the game's more notable icons, Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus, have taken a stand in support of the PGA Tour's decision to refuse Martin the cart privilege. They have said that the use of a cart eliminates the "physicalness" and the conditioning demands of the sport.

Nicklaus and Palmer have refused to use carts on the Senior PGA Tour, though it is within the rules for the elder circuit. Despite their several recent physical and health problems (Palmer recovering from prostate cancer, Nicklaus

has constant back ailments), they continue to walk. Palmer, 68, has said the day he can no longer walk the course is the day he will quit playing competitive golf.

Physical handicaps have not stopped other athletes from achieving their dreams of participating in the professional arena. Jim Abbott was an All-American pitcher at Michigan and was drafted by the California Angels, despite having only one hand. Abbott went on to throw a no-hitter, a rare occurrence in baseball even for two-handed pitchers. Abbott did not seek a change in rules to level the playing field between him and other pitchers. If Martin's ailment poses a serious threat to his health, he should not be out there in the first place.

The PGA sympathizes with Martin and his condition, but his ailments do not warrant changes within the rules, especially one which would challenge the integrity of the game and put all other golfers, who work just as hard, at a disadvantage.

Editorial Opinion

Facing hate crimes at JCU

John Carroll University's campus has been plagued with numerous messages of hate over the past several months. Swastikas drawn on doors, racial slurs against African Americans, graffiti against illegal immigrants, flyers denouncing women and most recently, someone changing the screen saver on the Recplex computer lab to attack an administrator with a derogatory term referring to sexual orientation complete the growing list of hate crimes on campus.

Admittedly, some people are able to ignore these hateful messages, probably because they are not targeted by them or because they are able to dismiss the antagonist as ignorant.

However, those who are defiled cannot possibly disregard the emotional impact of such cruelty.

At a Jesuit university whose mission statement expresses "a deep respect for the freedom and dignity of the human person," it is appalling that some members of the community insist on assaulting the dignity of others.

By spreading such insulting messages against certain people, these perpetrators seem to say that their targets are unworthy of being at JCU and perhaps society in general. Realistically, though, the perpetrators are clearly the ones who are unworthy of being at JCU. Their actions directly defy common mores of tact and the central values of the university.

While there are no ramifications for violating mores of tact, such acts are qualified as hate crimes, which carry federal and state penalties, as well as university sanctions.

Unfortunately, the cowardly perpetrators may never face the penalties because they choose anonymity.

While they can escape unharmed by avoiding the repercussions of their extreme behavior, the emotional turmoil of their victims leaves a scar that cannot be escaped.

So what can be done? In a society that founds its principles on freedom of speech and expression, can we lash out in an attempt to stop these people? Obviously, if we had an answer, we would have enacted it immediately following the Civil War.

It sounds like a great idea to end this editorial in the typical "we all need to join together" fashion. However, reality probably doesn't allow for the joint effort of thousands. Thus, as individuals, we must act. That doesn't mean starting an investigative search for the perpetrators, (unless you are so inclined), but rather avoid supporting their crimes.

Take down the flyers. Cover up the swastikas. Erase the racial slurs. Change the screen savers.

Cafeteria pile ups are hassle for all

Maybe this topic is discussed every year. And maybe it does seem a bit overdone. But obviously some people just do not get it.

The cafeteria gets crowded enough during certain periods of lunch and dinner time. It's hard enough finding a table to sit at during those peak hours. The table search is made even harder when there are a few piled with dirty dishes and trays, beverage cups and strewn food.

It does not take a whole lot of energy to pick up a tray with a plate or two, some silverware and a couple cups. Hell, most students probably lift more weight to their mouths during the weekend doing 12-ounce curls. Yet the trays remain on the tables.

It is very disgusting to have to sit down at a table when food is all over it, and various dining materials are left upon it. Moreover, it is just plain disrespectful. There are a whole lot of cafeteria workers who work hard enough to prepare the albeit not very great meals. But that's not their problem. Their problem is with those students who cannot make the simple gesture of carrying a tray to the conveyor belt.

At home, many students probably have to carry dinner plates from the table to the sink, rinse it off and then place it in a dishwasher or even wash them by hand. The cafeteria merely asks students to place a tray, which they've already carried to the table, on a conveyor belt. That does not sound too challenging.

Just think of the cafeteria as a big dorm room. When students make a mess in their dorm rooms or use any type of cup or plate, they clean them. So clean up messes in the cafeteria.

The employees are not there to clean up after students. That's where students come in. Make it a comfortable and enjoyable dining experience for all. Lift your tray and take it to the back of the cafeteria. It's not asking too much and it's not hard.

HITS & misses

miss: Bookstore markups. **HIT:** The place in Canton that sells books really cheap. **miss:** England announces support for U.S. in potential war with Iraq. Yippee skippee. I feel safe now. **HIT:** Being with your "special someone" on Valentine's Day. (ha ha...barf.) **HIT/miss:** The Valentine's Dance. (Official opinion polls aren't in yet) **miss:** People who make counterfeit parking passes. Damn! Why didn't we think of that?! **[should be] HIT:** The voice mail lady. **HIT:** Ronald Reagan celebrating his 87th birthday. **miss:** Checking your mail when the lights are off in the mail room so you can't see if there is anything in your mailbox. Then going through the hassle of opening it, and finding there's nothing in there. **HIT:** Spring Break is exactly 15 days away. **miss:** The 15 days between now and Spring Break. **miss:** The eight percent of people in Newsweek's opinion poll that said oral sex does not constitute adultery. Divorced males and a president, no doubt. **HIT:** Finding someone else's VendaCard and claiming it as your own. **HIT:** Student Union voter turnout over 1000 people.

Staff Commentary

Lack of Common Sense

If I want to tell you to do something, do I call your friend and ask him or her to tell you about it? Wouldn't that be ridiculous?

Wouldn't it make more sense to, oh... I don't know, call the person directly?



Mark Boleky
Asst. Sports Editor

Well, the first method is essentially how JCU's financial aid department handles having students reminded to sign for their Perkins Loan.

Last week I received a call to go to the Business Office to sign for the loan. The caller added that I would be charged a \$5 late fee. When I arrived at the office I added my John Hancock, payed the charge, and asked, "Did we receive notice for this?"

The woman replied, "Oh, yes. There was a letter sent home to your parents."

"But we received nothing?"

"Well, there were fliers up, and, also, your parents were supposed to call and remind you."

Hmmm...

Let's see, I live on campus. I have to sign for it on campus. Yet they sent the notice to my parents. Am I the only one confused here?

I guess the fliers that were up were supposed to catch our attention. They wouldn't happen to blend in with, you know, the Student Union fundraiser to sell Chris Beato's sideburns or the 100,000 other stupid ones that are up everywhere.

In this age of technology, how long would it have taken to send out a group e-mail to all those receiving Perkins Loans?

Incidentally, I also find it interesting that our actual financial aid packets, which need to be filled out and turned back in are given to us. Most tuitions are paid or, at least, handled by the parents, yet those they choose not to send home.

I'm sorry, I just find myself in Bizarro World when thinking about these things. These issues are certainly not pressing, but little things like these that the school handles make you think there's no common sense involved. Or maybe the same people in charge of handling the Safe Rides debacle are behind this. (Just a side note: can I borrow \$2000 next year from someone? I'm sure I'll be losing my Perkins Loan after this.)

The only reasoning I can think of is that maybe they're going to use the money in a good way. With all the \$5 late fees and the postage saved from not sending the packets home, what can they do with the extra dinero?

I've got it! It could be used to pay for the STUDENT ACTIVITIES FEE.

Oh, wait, that would make sense and actually help us out. Sorry.

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Advice

from Been There and Done That

Dear Been There & Done That,

My roommate had an abortion last year. She has been very depressed about it ever since and I don't know what to tell her. She was raised Catholic, and recently asked me if she thinks she will go to hell for it. I said no, but I don't know how to counsel her any further on this subject. What can I say to make her feel better?

-Difficult to Deal With

Dear Dealing,

(BT) It sounds like this is something she needs to work out between her and God, especially if she's worrying about issues like heaven and hell. The on-campus Counseling Center and Wellness program have professionally trained people to help her through this. Also, advise her to go confession and talk to a priest.

(DT) Don't they have hotlines for stuff like this?

Dear Been There & Done That,

My roommate drinks like a fish. We've roomed together for two years now and it never used to be this bad - three nights a week and he skips class. Our whole floor has expressed concern, but he just blows them off. If he acts like this for much longer, I will be forced to find a new roomie. I like him a lot. What do I do?

-Troubled at the Taverns

Dear Troubled,

(BT) Tell him how much he means to you, and how his behavior is hurting everyone who cares for him. Show him how to have a good time without involving alcohol. In addition, call for more facts and ways to help your friend at Alcohol and Drug Abuse 24 hour Action Helpline & Treatment (1-800-234-0420).

(DT) He drinks three nights a week, that's it? Besides, fish don't drink water, let alone beer.

Dear Been There & Done That,

What if your teacher cuts his arm on the podium during class but doesn't realize it? Blood starts running down his arm as you can only stare, frozen in your seat with indecision. The prof continues his lecture obliviously. Do you run for a bandaid or merely watch and say nothing? I ended up just sitting there looking like an idiot and said nothing. He finally noticed and looked a little shocked. What would you do?

-Cut Up in Class

Dear Cut Up,

(BT) Excuse yourself and gently tell your prof that he is bleeding. Ask if you may be excused to get him a tissue. He will not only have an increased respect for you, but it will enable him to save face in front of the rest of the class, who probably sat in silence with you.

(DT) You looked like an idiot? You looked like an idiot?

Dear Been There & Done That,

My roommate has recently started to sit around the room in her undies, or in see-through jammies. I appreciate she's proud of what she's got, but I don't need to see it constantly. Jelly rolls scare me. She's a good girl but she needs to cover it up and do something for the environment and my good night's sleep (she's giving me nightmares). What can I do or say?

-Scared of Buffy

Dear Scared,

(BT) Invest in colored sunglasses and a night-time eye mask. Tell her you're uncomfortable seeing her in her skivvies and that you'd appreciate her dressing a bit more conservatively when you're around.

(DT) Dorm and room number please.

He Said, She Said To Date or Not to Date...

by Joe Halaiko and Sam Subity

It was Monday. I rounded the steps heading toward the Inn-Between, a couple of friends giving the typical "What's up?" nod. Something odd hung over them, though, an aura, if you will. With intent to pinpoint what was up, I racked my brain for an original question, one rarely heard on campus. "How was your weekend?" Their eyes lit up with wonder. "We went to a party at another school," they smiled, "where the girls actually came up and talked to us."

A revelation. Perhaps that scent in the air was not the Marriott that so seductively draws us in to eat everyday. Perhaps it was vindication. Call it what you will, but Ed K. and Steve B. (we'll protect their anonymity) had experienced something that we all hope for, but seldom see on this campus: finding someone who takes an interest.

Flash back with me to age 14. My parents, passing on the wisdom to "date a lot of people, there's plenty of time to find a serious relationship." Good words, yes, and comforting to a fledgling soul driven by newfound hormones. Fast forward to the present. After almost three years at JCU, here I am, age 21, with questions still unanswered. It is time to speak up about a phenomenon that I call, "The Lack of Dating on the JCU Campus." Something needs to change. In the wake of the Valentine's Day dance, my heart may go on, but it'll have to go off-campus. My friends and I are writing the definitive work on this abnormality. The first line of the rough draft reads, "The art of dating is dead."

Because you know it. At a party, you've wanted to ask the beautiful baby in the corner for her number and then stopped yourself for fear the JCU "rumor mill" will take over. It is a mill stream that runs long and deep, my friends, between two extremes: hook-up city and commitment land. In the rumor mill, dinner and a movie assumes some type of supernatural status. People hear of the date and put the both of you together for the rest of your lives. You, for example, approach a girl you are mildly interested in and finally ask her, "Let's go see a movie." Your friends hear of this, over a rousing game of Playstation, and quickly decide: "He's whipped."

At your lunch table, scope out the ice cream and salad lines and come up with nicknames for the hot people in each class. Wait, wrong test. Instead, take a look around the room and count the number of tables segregated not only by group but by gender.

What's the point? I was an intern in D.C. and a co-worker clued me in to a sobering reality: it is difficult to meet people once you are out of school and in the work world. There's no cafeteria to meet at or phone-chain, to pass along what's going on this weekend.

So practice now. Take the chance and express an interest in someone that catches your fancy. Introduce your friend to the man behind the man. Then questions like, "How was your weekend," might take on a different light.

by Nicole Jusseume and Resa Whipkey

Even though society has changed, men have not. They like to conquer and to challenge. Men like to know they're the ones in pursuit of the goal. With the growing strength of the feminist movement, we've changed the rules of dating.

Before, men had to yearn for us; they hoped to catch a glimpse of us passing by, and dreamt of ways to get us alone. We were carefully guarded creatures. What happened? Now, the most prevalent relationships on campus are the "dormant-nocturnal" variety. We don't think these are even worthy of being called couples - they spark after a few drinks and are over by brunch the next morning (while the whole cafeteria is buzzing about your short-lived love affair).

Everyone is familiar with the "free puppy" theory. Nobody wants one. If you give something away, it is instantly thought to be less valuable. What kind of car does every guy want? The cheapest one out there? No, you go for the Jag, the BMW, or the Jeep Cherokee. They're expensive, they're classy, and they're harder to get. They're harder to get. What sports team makes you feel the best after you've beaten them? The one considered undefeatable that presents the greatest challenge. Challenge.

If you want to be treated like a princess, you can't be a "free puppy." Our theory is that guys will respect and value you more if you are harder to get. We are not talking about mind games, or putting anyone down, just don't make yourself too available. How about the girl who spends the weekends doing not only her boyfriend's, but her boyfriend's roommate's laundry as well? Or the girl who will rush to his door at any hour of the night, ignoring the fact that his call rudely interrupted her beauty sleep? We're talking about respect. If you're too available, you're bound to be taken for granted.

Guys are looking for someone who treasures herself; if you don't, why should anyone else? You can show that you really care about your man in ways other than being his servant.

Think you have nothing better to do than his dishes? *The Rules* suggests you be a "creature unlike any other." TR states: "Men like to think that they are getting the prom queen. Show him that you have a full life, that you are independent. When a man knows he can have you five minutes after his last girlfriend gave him the boot, he'll call you because he's lonely or bored, not because he's crazy about you. In such cases, buyer beware: it won't last."

Of course, you are taking a chance that someone who is insecure is unlikely to pursue you, but he's not the kind of guy who will treasure you anyways. The next time you feel tempted to run the sweeper on your man's grungy carpet after the football game, or he calls for you in a drunken stupor at all hours of the night, resist. Why be the "free puppy" when you're as worthy as a registered showdog?

Letters to the Editor

Students should take responsibility for actions

What makes some John Carroll students think that just because we go to college that this privilege confers exemption from the consequences of our actions? Time and time again, students complain about faculty "misleading" us in our academic advising, the lack of on-campus activities, and the school not providing us with a "Safe Ride." We as students need to wake up and start taking responsibility for our actions. Just because we (or our parents) can afford a private university, does not mean that we are no longer part of the greater society. If we do not want to be "misled" in academic advising, then we can take it into our own hands and actually read the undergraduate bulletin (I realize that is a hard concept to fathom, I apologize). If there is nothing to do on campus, we can start something ourselves, or (god forbid) venture to some place other than Lee Road. At this age, ignorance should no longer be an excuse. Furthermore, why should the school be responsible for providing a "Safe Ride" for weekend drinkers? If we want a "Safe Ride" we can make sure to appoint a designated driver before going out drinking. We can call a cab or take the RTA. It's also a possibility not to drink altogether, although I know one couldn't possibly ask that of this student body. Regardless, ignorance and self-indulgence is not an excuse for the university to take care of us as if we were babies. As young adults, we need to learn that part of the "safety comes first" lesson means behaving maturely and with discretion. This implies being accountable for one's actions. The school does not "owe" us a "Safe Ride" to protect us from the evils of drinking and we do not "deserve" a safe ride from the school. What we do deserve is a good kick in the behind for being presumptuous enough to expect that someone else (John Carroll) is going to take the slack for our lack of responsibility. Suggesting that the absence of Safe Rides will bring the university face to face with death is ridiculous. We need to quit passing the buck and grow up. It is not the administration that needs to wake up to the reality of student drinking, it is the students.

One of John Carroll's main priorities should be encouraging us to make our own decisions and act responsibly. By eliminating Safe Rides, John Carroll is not attempting to curb drinking. Rather, the

school is sending a distinct message that our actions evoke consequences, and the school will not (and should not) be expected to pick up the pieces after a foolish and irresponsible night. After all, in the world outside of this bubble that we call John Carroll, there are no free rides.

Kathleen R. Cantanese
Class of 1999

Voicing concern with radio station

I fail to understand how a Catholic, religious university eliminates all of the religious programming off of our station, but becomes a 24 hour broadcast. I was formerly a DJ with WJCU and a few other guys who played gospel music every Saturday morning. We had a huge listening base with major artists calling in from as far as Chicago, to be a part of our show.

All of a sudden, on one particular Saturday, with no warning, explanation, or even a note in the mailbox, we came in only to find out that we were not scheduled for the next semester. Our show has been in existence for seven years, and has grown to be an outlet and alternative for young people to listen and express views, change their lives and live as a Christian. We never used profane language or played degrading music on the air, which is what some of the programs on the station openly perform.

As a last resort, we solicited over the air for our listeners to call into the station and express their disappointment with the cancellation of the religious programming. Their responses, however, fell on deaf ears.

I am baffled on how a religious institution can openly portray the faith of God, but eliminate the powerful message of religious programming on their station.

James Thomas

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PERSONALS

Dear concerned parties, your courage is commendable. I need more information to proceed.

Call Josh if anyone wants a Valentine's date.

Love ya roomie!

Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Drill sergeant's syllable
- 4 Clear the deck
- 8 Cronies
- 12 Past
- 13 Seine feeder
- 14 Hodge-podge
- 15 Azore's owner
- 17 Fiddler's place
- 18 Lagniappe
- 19 Omen
- 21 It gets the lead out
- 24 1940s headline event
- 25 News-room novice
- 26 Work on the soundtrack
- 28 Pontifical
- 32 Beatles movie
- 34 Roscoe
- 36 Transcendental
- 37 Music hall
- 39 See 4
- 41 Capek

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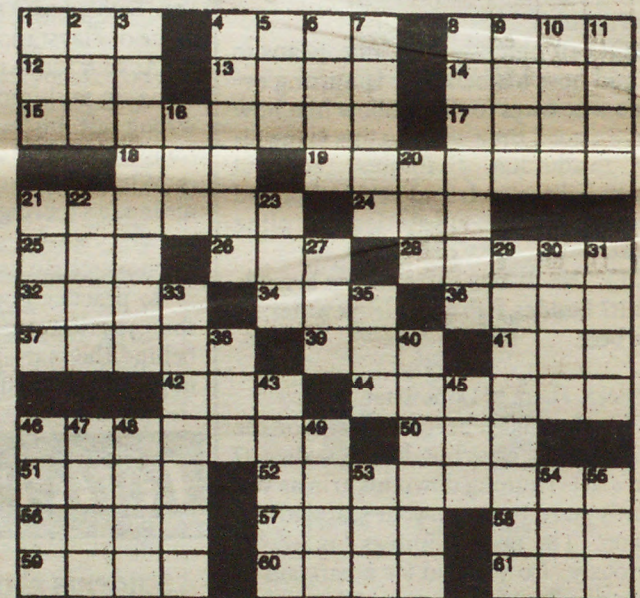
- 42 Decay
- 44 Enfeebled
- 46 Friend of D'Artagnan
- 50 Postal Creed word
- 51 Jai follower
- 52 Williamette city
- 56 Carson's successor
- 57 Place of worship?
- 58 Dander
- 59 Rib neighbor
- 60 Wild and crazy
- 61 Beach acquisition

plant

- 10 Celebrity
- 11 Cushy
- 16 "— the season..."
- 20 Knock
- 21 She loved Narcissus
- 22 Regretted
- 23 Bad hairpiece
- 27 Vagrant
- 29 Gilbert Stuart work
- 30 Chills and fever
- 31 Fat
- 33 Segment
- 35 Pronto
- 38 Japanese drama
- 40 Kitchen closet
- 43 November stone
- 45 Scale member
- 46 Gloomy cloak
- 47 Toast topper
- 48 Punjab princess
- 49 Potential bed
- 53 Took off
- 54 Gun lobby grp.
- 55 Hideaway

DOWN

- 1 Chance
- 2 Id counterpart
- 3 Easily carried
- 4 Enlivened, with "up"
- 5 Peruke
- 6 Memo abbr.
- 7 Downstairs
- 8 Do your part?
- 9 Medicinal



Out on A Limb

by Gary Kokervas



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