Choosing a major in college

by Thomas L. Pearce

In a study of the Fall, 1979, entering medical school class across the country (?) researchers at the Association of American Medical Colleges show that "humanities" majors were accepted at a (slight­ly) higher rate than "natural sciences" majors. "Humanities" are defined in this study as including Art, Classics, English, Foreign Languages, Humanities, Literature, Linguistics, Library Science, Music, Philosophy, Religion, Speech, and Theater Arts. The authors state:

On the average, humanities majors applied with slightly lower GPAs in both science and non-science areas but were accepted at a (slightly) higher rate. This may imply that humanities majors do not feel the need to compensate in either science or non­science areas for not specializing in the "pre­medical sciences." It also suggests that admissions committees in the medical schools do not demand such ... Despite the fact that those two groups do not differ appreciably in academic record and MCAT scores, they do differ in their rate of acceptance, which suggests that other factors influence admissions decisions. Humanities majors have a higher acceptance rate (52 percent) than natural science majors (45.7 percent). Further, the higher acceptance rate for humanities is observed in the case of both sexes. In the natural sciences, males have an acceptance rate of 47.0 percent and females 44.4 percent. In the humanities, males have an acceptance rate of 52.3 percent and females 48.6 percent.

A Personal Choice

Students often consider majoring in natural statistics or for California orB someplace, you say, but how should I choose a major? My answer is what I personally believe as a liberal arts and sciences faculty member and is consistent with what medical schools profess and reward: Do your own thing. If you like biology, do it; if you like chemistry, do that; if you like English, or art history, or psychology, do those things. Do what you do well, strive for excellence, expose your mind to the best people, situations and work, and begin to get a feeling of your potential. If you like to write, go at it. If you're a musician, or an athlete, follow where hard work and excellence lead you there. Use your talents. If you also wish to consider medicine as a possible life (it's far more than a career), look into it deeply and seriously. Take some chemistry and biology; no one demands that you be a fanatic about it, particularly if you want to pursue other activities in depth. Now, about those statistics.

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For entrance into medical school in Fall, 1978, 38% of all applicants nationwide were biology majors, 12% were chemistry majors, and no other single majors were even close to these in numbers or per­centages. Why? I assume it is a combination of students naive­ly following the myth of biology as a "re­quired" major for pre­medical work, and the rather obvious fact that the practice of medicine is the artistic applica­tion of biological and chemical principles to the human body, with care and compassion. It follows, to me, that future physicians are naturally in­terested in a biology and chemistry education and may indeed like these disciplines enough to choose them for undergraduate majors. I actively discourage students who wish to major in biology solely and specifically because they feel it may make medical school admission easier. To choose a biology major for that reason alone, in my opinion, is a classic case of cart before horse and grossly distorts the liberal arts ex­perience. It is the antithesis of liberal education. To encourage it does great disservice to students and reflects seriously and unusually poorly upon faculty as advisors for student development.

The decision to enter medicine, for any future physi­cian, should be a natural syn­thesis of personal talent and a calling to human service. The path to medical school may be uneven, interrupted, or in­direct, but it should never be strained.


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Team Courage

To the Editor:

I could possibly understand this newspaper's policy towards the coverage of the athletic teams at JCU. So far this year, the boys' basketball and swim teams have been receiving weekly coverage with other sports such as rugby, skiing, and girls' basketball and swimming being covered occasionally. Granted, the members of these teams work very hard at becoming the best in their fields and deserve the attention for their efforts. But why has the Carroll News refused to cover the most successful sport in this School's history?

The JCU wrestling team has currently won six consecutive PAC matches, 14 straight PAC titles, and are ranked fourth in the country. Yet, this paper has not covered the team since the beginning of December. The wrestlers have been practicing seven days a week for a shot at winning the national title and they deserve some recognition for their efforts. The team has shut out three schools this year, has a 13-0 dual meet record and has recently outclassed teams such as Marquette and Notre Dame in the National Catholic Invitational Tournament by having nine of our ten wrestlers in the finals and five individual champions.

Still, not a word about their accomplishments in this paper. How can a sports editor be doing an adequate job if he consistently overlooks a team with these credentials?

Winning the PAC and a National Championship requires a lot of work, dedication and support. The wrestlers and coaches have been putting in the work and dedication for almost four months now. All they are asking for is some support for the student body. This Saturday, the team hosts Division powerhouse Ohio State University. Judging from the team's past performance against OSU wrestlers in tournaments this year, an upset is certainly not out of the question. JCU next will host the PAC's and National Championship on the next two consecutive weekends.

Granted, wrestling matches are not always the most exciting events to watch. Due to the caliber of this year's team, however, this has not been the problem with most of the matches. It would be great to see the student body back their team and raise a little hell while their friends and fellow students work towards a national championship. Without the assistance of this paper in informing the students of the progress of the JCU wrestling team, the team's attempt to get support from the students is very difficult to accomplish.

Denny Hareza

Dan Stoczynski

Chad Gross

Captains of JCU wrestling team

B-ball Pride

To the Editor:

College basketball: fluid, exciting, and the most watched and followed game in the college campus in the cold winter when outside activity is at a lowpoint.

While looking through the trophy case at the John Carroll gym I see a glorious basketball past, the teams played, the honors received, the victories won; but few today know, follow, or even care about our basketball.

Basketball is a game everyone can understand and enjoy. It's a game for the fan, its a game that can bring pride to the school, its students and alumni. Basketball is also a spirit that can only be shared by a PAC and National Championship on the next two consecutive weekends.

Roundball is a game that is relatively cheap to run. Travel, cost of the ball, and the expenses of the game. The game could, even with our small capacity gym, be a money maker. The possible profits that could be made would go to good use and bolster the other activities of the athletic department.

A good team would lift the poor attitude and dis-Carroll student, and give us something more to do on a Saturday afternoon than vegetate in our rooms while cheering for another school's team whose players we may well never meet. A good team would give us something we might never have been on.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not saying that you can go and play the #3 team in the country and win. But you can go and try and must have a team with spirit and determination backed by a knowledgeable coaching staff. We've had other good teams, but I think this year we have a good team you must have top talent and play top basketball.

Come back to look at U of D, Niagara, and DePaul. We have top talent in the Cleveland area, let's go and get them and bring honor and pride to our University.

Reel Lamia

CLC Spirit

To the Editor:

The Christian Life Community (CLC) is alive and doing well on the JCU campus this 400-year old world-wide community is geared to the personal and spiritual development of the individual in every area of life: work, family and ecclesiastical.

The CLC provides a center of spiritual direction and a bond of community by which one has a chance to get to know more people on a more meaningful level. Meetings are usually concerned with aspects of lay religious life and discussion of spiritual problems of the individual in every area of life: work, family and ecclesiastical.

The structure of each CLC meeting varies, usually start with prayer and move on to a topic of interest which is presented by a member. After the short presentation we form into small prayer groups to discuss our thoughts and then end with prayer.

Many people have found these meetings to be a source of support throughout the school year.

The meetings are held from 8:00 to 9:15 p.m. on Tuesday evenings in the library lecture room and are open to people of any denomination or age. No dues, no pledging. Just show up and check us out

Dan Kelly

Campus Life

To the Editor:

As a graduating senior in May, there are a few things about the living conditions for dorm students that I would like to comment on.

It seems that the academic department should try to provide the dormitories moved to NCAA Division I or II status, and make a name for itself in wrestling.

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Swimmers

To the Editor:

I am very pleased to note that the Carroll News has practically been oblivious to the achievements of the JCU women's swimming and diving team. The women thus far have accumulated an outstanding 8-3 record, highlighted by some very impressive performances by both swimmers and divers.

The team, which is admirably new, is no less "exciting" than the men's team. Yet, the attendance is far less, the publicity nearly nonexistent and the picture story for the single article the activities of this team have gone unnoticed, unreported and unappreciated. The women's swimming and diving program at JCU is flourishing with many fine, devoted athletes who need the support of all the Carroll community. The newspaper, which is basically a public relations tool in informing the student body should be aware and concerned.

M. Thomas, who is designed to activate a much needed sports consciousness, not only for the women's swim team but also for the similarly neglected sports.

The Carroll News should be just as dedicated to equal and unbiased coverage of all sports as the athletes are to their sports. Expand the sports pages, go to school, play sports, and you will see the school, the athletes and to yourselves, it's your job. Yes, Virginia, there is a swim team.

The JCU women's swim team

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FRANKLY SPEAKING

...by phil frank
**A certain ethnic uncle**

**Nephew of TV8's Big Chuck at Carroll**

by Bob Costello

John Carroll has a freshman with a name famous to the Cleveland area. He is Dan Schodowski.

For those of you who don’t know Dan, he was the starting quarterback who led Padua to the position of state runners-up behind Cincinnati Moeller in 1979.

The thing, however, that still brings the most questions is that his uncle is Big Chuck, of “Hoolihan & Big Chuck” and more recently “Bit Chuck & Little John” fame.

The first question asked of Dan by people who recognize the name is, “Are you a relative?” As Dan puts it, “Many people are surprised when I actually say ‘yes’. They must figure there are a lot of Schodowski’s around.

When asked if being the nephew of ‘The Kiebassa Kid’ presents any special problems, Dan said, “in high school, I was kidded about it, but the biggest thing was that people would come to me to complain about the movies. They would say things like “Tell your uncle this or that”, and frankly, I would never have the time to give him all the comments if I tried.”

Dan did say that things are a little different now that he has made a name for himself. “People used to say ‘you’re Big Chuck’s nephew,’ but now they say ‘Big Chuck is your uncle!’ And, while that may not seem like much, it is a shift of emphasis that Dan appreciates.

Dan said that people expect him to be as funny as his uncle, but that in fact, “My uncle is not really all that funny when he’s not on the show; in fact, he’s rather quiet.”

When asked if he ever hangs around the set during filming he said that once or twice he would when he was little. “I remember there was one time that he put my cousins and I into a skit. We were all walking through the woods and were scared by Smokey the Bear.”

Dan says that his favorite show is “Snoopy & The Red Baron,” and that he plans to ask his uncle to air it again soon.

So, if you should see it on, it was a special request by the “Carroll Kid.”

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**The Lighter Side**

by M. Patrick Nee

Happy Hour returned to the Rat Bar Friday as John Emerson and Joe Wallenhorst entertained the groggers. Hats off to LGS for their diligent efforts.

Tracy and Sue Anfang threw a weird party in their fourth floor penthouse where Friday evening. They have quite a cosmic approach to gatherings. Meanwhile the Sisters of Theta Kappa tipped a few with their 15 new prospective as a get-together was held in the Rat Bar. Tom and Mrs. Vanesch for U-Club pledges also Friday evening at their Cedar Road suite.

On Saturday evening, several small soirees were held. IBG’s Don Speke’s Mac Miller, Tim O’Callahan, and Mark McDonough held their first kegger of the semester at their exclusive Shakerdum Arms.

In other action, a brutal Molson party was held February 6 by about 50 Carroll Coeds. A great time was had by all. This monthly event is officiated by Shelia Bigans, President; Lori Hamlin, Vice President; Kathy Pierce, Treasurer; Shelia Nelson, Historian; Lisa Amato, Public Relations.

Upcoming events include the annual Valentine’s Turn Around dance. The weekend of February 26-28 is Mardi Gras. Sigma Delta Kappa in cooperation with Lambda Gamma Sigma is holding the Annual Dance Marathon for Leukemia which starts Friday the 20th at the Mixer. M109, one of the sponsors, will present a live broadcast Saturday from 3-7 pm in the Rat. First prize is $300 gift certificate; 2nd prize is a car stereo; 3rd prize is a C.B. radio.

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**The mystery of Friday the 13th**

by Joe Fisher

Feature Editor

If you feel like you got out of the wrong side of the bed this morning and everything has been going wrong ever since, you may just want to go back to bed. Things can only get worse.

There are a number of reasons why bad luck and other superstitions surround Friday the 13th. It’s bad enough that it’s a Friday, according to folklore. You’re asking for double trouble, though, when it’s also the 13th.

One well-known reason for bad luck on Fridays is that Christ was crucified on that day. Friday is also known as Hangman’s Day because many criminals were executed at the end of the week.

The list citing the fear for the number 13 is endless. Some ships won’t set sail until midnight of the 12th. Race car drivers, for example, refuse to wear a number 13. To be married or take a trip on the thirteenth is also considered to be inviting bad luck.

The Germans, in particular, have had their fill of the number 13. On July 13, 1931, the prominent Danubank of Berlin closed. Not only had the bank closed on the 13th but the “31” of 1931 was an inverted 13.

More importantly, it had been thirteen years since the ill-fated German invasion of France, which took place on — July 13th.

Friday, of course, hasn’t always been considered unlucky. The Scandinavians consider Friday their luckiest day. Before the death of Christ, ancient people believed — the day of the goddess of love. Venus — as joyous and lucky. Finally, Napoleon became First Consul in December 1797 on Friday the 13th, and he became Emperor on a Friday in 1804.

For some people, though, thirteen is their lucky number. Take the case of Richard Wagner, an 18th century writer. He was born in 1813 (the four digits adding to thirteen), his name is 13 letters long, and he was married for 13 years.

That’s not all; though. He completed the “Flying Dutchman” on September 13th, wrote 13 works, finished his last novel “Parsifal” on May 13, 1882, and died 13 months later on February 13th.

So on this Friday the 13th, if you broke a mirror while combing your hair this morning or had a black cat cross your path on your way to class, go back to bed. Things can only get worse.

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**SPORTS**

**Grapplers win 15th straight title**

by Chris Proudunato

The John Carroll Wrestling team, now 13-0, will host ninth-ranked Division I opponent Ohio State University tomorrow night in the final primer for the upcoming PAC Tournament. This will mark the fifth time that the two squads have met, the last time being a 25-16 victory for the Blue Streaks in 1976. John Carroll leads in the series by a 5-1 margin.

Last Saturday the team took on Washington and Jefferson College, Muskingum College, and Capital University in a triple dual meet, beating all three opponents by scores of 15-7, 27-6, and 25-9, respectively.

In the meet, Mike Albino defeated his opponent to give Coach Tony DeCarlo his 250th

**Blue Wave swims past Hiram, W&J; Case next**

by Mike Giengo

The Blue Wave placed two more victories in the win column last week as they defeated Hiram and Washington and Jefferson. A rebuilding Hiram team gave coach Ron Zweifel a chance to examine his team's depth. "We're working towards the PAC championship," he said.

Swimming events were won in 15 of 16 events and a diversity in winning all three of his matches against W&J. Dan is just 4 victories short of Jim Wein's 1978 single-season record of 31 wins.

Dennis Hearza gained his third 20-win season as he edged undefeated Scott Slade (12-0) at the University of Buffalo.

After the Ohio State dual meet tomorrow, the Streaks take part in the PAC Tournament on Friday, Feb. 27th and Saturday, Feb. 28th.

**Braun, Gdovic lead girls past Presidents**

by Mike Giengo

The women's swimming team displayed their prowess last Saturday as they defeated the lady swimmers of Washington and Jefferson. The women took nine of sixteen events as they outscored the Presidents 89-51.

Spectacular performances were turned in by Rita Braun and JoAnne Gdovic as they collaborated for a total of eight first place finishes. Braun took first in the one and three meter diving events and second in the 200 yard individual medley.

Gdovic finished first in the 50 and 100 yard butterfly events and participated in the women's 200 yard medley relay. Braun and Gdovic teamed with Suzanne Gdovic and Eileen Me-

**CAMPUS MINISTRY**

There will be a "CHALLENGE OF LIVING" reflective weekend at Carrolloide from Friday evening Feb. 27th to Sunday morning March 1st. This weekend is open to all Carroll students. Interested persons should contact Sister Ellen at 4646 in Murphy Hall.

**Ski team falls in race; Club thrives**

by Dorothea Gesesheh

Despite the sunny weather last Saturday, the JCU ski team hit a cold front. With eleven universities represented in the race, the men's team placed tenth while the women's team fared a little better with a sixth place finish. The "ethnic flu" kept several racers bedridden and off the slopes. The technically difficult slalom course proved too much for the first year racers as many of them found themselves skiing on their "cheeks."

Nevertheless, the sore bottoms did not prevent Doug Weigand and Phil Auer from posting impressive times in both the slalom and the giant slalom.

Saturday evening was "bottoms up" evening for the race team as they nursed their bruised bodies and egos at the Ski Club rush party. Remarkable times were posted later that evening.

After a two week break the ski team will travel to Hunter Mountain, near Albany, New York for their last race of the season on February 27. The race had originally been scheduled for Wing Hollow, N.Y.

**Streaks battle Thiel Tomcats**

by Tom Wancho

This Saturday night the Men's Basketball team takes on the Thiel Tomcats in a Presidents Athletic Conference game at 8:00 in Greenville, Pennsylvania.

In the last meeting between these two squads, the Streaks handily defeated the Tomcats by a 86-58 margin on January 24th at University School. The John Carroll roundballers should have little difficulty in defeating Thiel tomorrow evening.

Last Saturday the Men edged Washington and Jefferson 75-73 in a PAC contest at U.S. Gymnasium. Behind nine points at halftime, the Streaks battled back to overtake the Presidents sparked by the efforts of John Colombo (22 pts.) and Mark Henn (18 pts.).

Next week the Men face the Knights of Carnegie-Mellon University in a PAC duel on Wednesday, Feb. 18th at 8:00 in the University School gym. Their Conference schedule continues on Saturday, Feb. 21st when they face the Bethany Bison in Bethany, West Virginia.

**NCAA tourney tickets on sale**

Tickets for the upcoming NCAA Division III National Tournament to be held at John Carroll University will go on sale Monday, February 23, in coach Jerry Schweickert's office in the gymnasium.

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