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# Beantown bound 

Vice President for Student Affairs Patrick Rombalski going to Boston College

## Max Flessner <br> Campus Editor

On May 18 John Carroll University will lose much more than the graduating class of 2008; it will be Vice President for Student Affairs Patrick Rombalski's last day at JCU.

Rombalski has agreed to take the same job, vice president for student affairs, at Boston College.

The reason he is leaving is multi-faceted. "I want to be closer to my family, as I've gotten older the desire has become stronger to be near my parents," Rombalski said. "This is also an excellent professional opportunity for me, there are a lot of fine educators in Boston that I'd get to work with.'

Rombalski grew up in Maine and his wife grew up in New Jersey, so Boston would be closer to home for them.
"For me, the school is larger and there are
more opportunities to affect a larger group of people," said Rombalski. "I love what I do and to be in a system that allows me to do that on a larger scale is a good opportunity for me," he added.
"I will miss the environment [at JCU], the ability to have an impact across the entire student body and the friendships, which I will continue to maintain," Rombalski said.

Although the title is the same, there will be differences in the scope of responsibility that the job entails at Boston College. In his new post, Rombalski will oversee African-American, Hispanic, Asian and Native American programs, Learning Resources for Student Athletes, the Learning to Learn program, the Volunteer and Service Learning Center and the Theatre Arts Program.

He will be giving up responsibility over
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Vice President for Student Affairs Patrick Rombalski will be leaving at the end of this school year.

Fairfield University


## Where he's been

Boston College

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John Carroll University


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2008

## Bohannon's last few months

Cassandra Larson Staff Reporter

The face of this campus is about to change forever.

The Bohannon Science Center will soon be demolished, forcing those who have office and storage space there to vacate the building by April.
"The current mindset is to install a parking lot capable of parking 420 cars with nine of those spaces reserved for handicap use," said Richard Bretz, director of construction at John Carroll University. "This will allow for the removal of the existing temporary parking lot, returning this space into a lawn for
additional recreation space for the student use."
The design of the area is still in progress," Bretz said. Once completed, the design will be submitted to the city for a plan review and then for permit.

The construction of the Bohannon Science Center was led in 1966 by James A. Bohannon, who donated \$1 million towards the project. Bohannon was a Cleveland businessman who owned the Peerless automobile company by age 33 . The building was completed in 1968, with the estimated cost totaling around $\$ 5$ million. Bohannon became the new

## What to know about Bohannon

- The "anti-riot" design is wearing down
- The building has asbestos
- A possible replacement is a parking lot
- Everyone with an office in Bohannon needs to be out by April


## Dean supports SU oversight

Crahen says SU bill will help students pick their leaders

Kate McCall<br>Campus Editor

Dean of Students Sherri Crahen said that she agrees with the new Student Union bill that states John Carroll University students must have her approval before running for class senator or the executive board.

Crahen said that before the bill was brought before the senate, she and former SU President Andy Costigan discussed it. "I do think we should have something in place to prevent a student from running who has committed a serious violation," said Crahen.

In December, student senators passed a bill that now requires all students to receive written approval before declaring their candidacy for a position. The bill was passed when then Vice President of Business Affairs Mike Dietz cast the tie-breaking vote to approve the bill after the class senators ended their vote in a tie.
"From what I understand, students must complete a paperwork process in order to run for office," said Crahen. "I assume I will be given a list of all students running, and then check to make sure that no one has any serious disciplinary offenses on his or her record," she said.

According to the bill, there are no exact disciplinary sanctions that will prevent students from running. Crahen said that while it would be easier to say any student on Level II probation is not allowed to run for office, it is not fair "to eliminate people for mistakes in the past."

Also, sanctions in JCU's judicial process vary, said Crahen. Students can receive three different levels of probation, all for different reasons. "It is not clear-cut," said Crahen.

Crahen said that certain cases would be considered more serious than others. Although she considers alcohol violations to be serious, Crahen is more concerned with students who have records of harassment and fighting.

If a student who wishes to run for office has numerous alcohol violations, Crahen said she would meet with the student to discuss his or her behavior, and what it says to the rest of the student body. "Student leaders are role models for others. Everyone has to be concerned about that," said Crahen.

Crahen does not think the new bill will eliminate students from running for office. "This is acting as a safeguard," said Crahen. "I don't think it will come up often or that we will even have to use it."

SU president Molly Delaney, a junior, said that because of JCU's multi-tiered judicial system, the SU wanted to make sure students with minor infractions

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## Plan on living in the dorms next year? Apply online

## Caitlin Huey-Burns <br> Assistant Campus Editor

Students living on campus next year will for the first time go through the application process online, mak ing it quicker, but eliminating the ability of room clustering.

The current freshmen class was the first to use the online registration last May. They were able to complete a housing preference questionnaire and receive information on their respective roommates through Banner Web, rather than through paper documentation.

Heather Losneck, director of residence life, said, "The freshmen loved the system." This is because it gave students the opportunity to revise room preferences and also relieved the anxiety of waiting to
receive rooming assignments. Next year, all housing registration will take place through the Banner Web system. Students will manually complete their housing intention card, stating whether they will live on campus.

They will then complete a $17-$ question survey, describing their housing preferences. Such questions serve to pair roommates together according to preferences. The option to choose a roommate directly is still available.
The Office of Residence Life will e-mail each student, assigning him or her a date and time frame in which to select a dorm room.
Students have several options when selecting a room. They may choose a single, a super single or a buyout, each of which will cost
more money than living with a roommate. Only those who wish to reside in Bernet will complete a paper registration.

New specialty rooms will also be available for the 2008-2009 school year. Three Greek life organizations and the Honors Program will hold dorm space on campus.

Entrepreneur housing in Murphy Hall will begin in fall 2008. Students that live in this situation will meet with Cleveland area entrepreneurs in order to develop their ideas about the business world and how it operates. This program will be open to all majors. Computers and research tools will be provided in the lounge of the hall.

While the online program is similar to the paper process, students will not have the ability to directly
cluster with other students through the online program.
"Whenever you shift to a more technologically advanced program, some things inevitably get left behind in the process," Losneck said. The office tried to bring the clustering option into the new program, but the technology would not allow for it.
"Some of the biggest problems with housing registration came with clustering," said Marie Perri, housing coordinator.

Many students in the past experienced trouble while choosing members of their cluster. "There were more tears over [this option] than with any other housing selection choice," said Perri.

However, residents will be able to cluster indirectly. Students may
choose available rooms next to or near each other to create their own cluster. Given the varying registra tion dates and times, this option remains only a possibility.

Perri has spent half of each work week for the past year and a half working on the online program and looks forward to the new improve ments.

Perri said that it will be easier for students to register without the complications of paperwork, and, in turn, the residence life office will have more time to dedicate to administrative duties.

Losneck noted that this year is only the first phase of the system She anticipates innovative develop ments through future revisions.

The registration process will begin on Feb. 1.

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home of the biology, chemistry, psychology, physics and math and computer science departments.

The Bohannon Science Center has shown its wear.

It has an outdated exterior and ts anti-riot structure, which was necessary for the safety of students during the Vietnam War.

The building also contains asbestos.

Asbestos can be a potentially harmful substance found in a structure's insulation.
"All buildings of Bohannon's age contain asbestos," said Bretz "In its current state, the asbestos does not pose a hazard for the building's users," he said.

The Bohannon Science Center was replaced by the 265,000 square foot Charles and Helen Dolan Science Center in 2003.

The science and math departments moved to the $\$ 66.4$ million building.

Dolan was the largest develpment plan in the University's history
"The Dolan Science Center contains improved offices for professors, excellent lab space, and secialized classrooms for physics students," said Anthony Roy Day, chair of the JCU physics depart ment.
Each of these classrooms contain a computer lab.
Day, who has worked at JCU since 2002, only spent one year teaching in the Bohannon Science Center.

If tearing down Bohannon is what is best for the University, then it is fine by me," Day said.
"However, I can recall some significant repairs being made to the building, such as a new central air system and a handicap-accessible entrance on the south side. "Why did they make these changes if Bohannon were to be torn down?" said Day.

According to Bretz, Bohannon has been under study for over ten yam
"The building is too big to be utilized and or renovated at a rea sonable cost.
"As far as I know, studied renovation numbers have ranged from 8 to fifteen million dollars," said Bretz.
"To demolish the building, build a parking lot with the associated sidewalks and landscaping is being budgeted at three million dollars," Bretz said.

Currently, Bohannon houses offices for several student organizations such as LABRE and Greek Life.
"Having a room in the Bohannon Science Center allows us to have some storage on a campus where extra space is scarce," said junior Sean Fagan, president of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.
"I support the destruction of the building as long as its replacement is useful to the student body," said Fagan.

Those who utilize Bohannon will tentatively be relocated to the basements of Millor and Pacelli residence halls.


James A. Bohannon donated $\$ 1$ million in 1966 to build a new science center.

As of now, the basements of Millor and Pacelli will not be housing options for students next year," said Heather L. Losneck, director of residence life.
"This space will most likely absorb what is currently located in Bohannon," said Losneck.

Several members of the John Carroll University community are optimistic about the possibilities that will rise from Bohannon's destruction.
"I look forward to the changes that are planned for our campus," said junior Adam DiCristofaro.
"I feel that they will make our campus even more beautiful and helpful to our students and to our faculty."

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on their records were not prohibited from holding office without taking away from the judicial process already in place

Delaney said, "We thought the dean of students would be a fair, impartial and reliable means through which to assess conduct based upon the student code of conduct."

Limiting participation, said Delaney, is not the purpose of the bill.

Rather, she said, it is "to ensure that the Student Union encourages the integrity of character that other organizations uphold."

JCU student senators and executive board members already must meet an academic standard of a 2.5 GPA .

The GPA requirement must be maintained during the entire duration of the office held

Crahen mentioned that many schools have a minimum GPA for student leaders, including those in government and resident assistant positions.

Jaime Yager, director of student activities and coordinator of stu-dent-athlete services at BaldwinWallace College said that students
at B-W who want to run for senate must not be under judicial review, must not be under academic probation, and must be up-to-date with the Bursar's Office. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required.

Any student who runs for president, vice president or treasurer at B-W must have the same above requirements.

However, the student president and vice president must have a 2.8 GPA, while the treasurer must have a 3.0, said Yager

At Otterbein College in Wester ville, Ohio, a College Senate with equal representation of student and faculty exists, said Otterbein Vice President for Student Affairs Robert Gatti.
"Any student in good standing with the College is eligible for College Senate," said Gatti. "Our college judicial process can add restrictions to a student's sanction, but that is done at the time of the hearing."

Students at Case Western Reserve University must only be in good academic standing to be qualified to run, said Case's Undergraduate Student Government President Adam Rupe. "This just means they must have above a 2.0 ," said Rupe.


## Campus Safety Log



## January 19, 2008

A female student reported having frostbite at 3:43 a.m. Underage alcohol consumption was also reported. JCU EMS, UHFD and a Murphy Resident Assistant were contacted.

January 22, 2008
Graffiti on campus was reported at 2:19 p.m.

January 20, 2008
Tiles were knocked down in Campion Hall at 2:35 a.m.
January 23, 2008
A cell phone was reported stolen at 11:03 p.m.

January 24, 2008
A fire alarm went off in Murphy Hall at 2:02 p.m.

## January 24, 2008

A handrail was torn off in
Murphy Hall at 11:35 p.m.

January 25, 2008
A theft was reported at 9:11 p.m.

January 25, 2008
A drug violation was reported in Murphy Hall at 7:04 p.m.

## January 26, 2008

A graffiti on a wall and hand powder on a door were reported in Millor Hall at 5:21 a.m.

## January 28, 2008

A report was filed that someone sprayed pepper spray in Sutowski Hall at 12:51 a.m.

# Sr. Flannery to leave JCU in July 

Kate McCall
Campus Editor
A woman who has given much of her life to educating others will be leaving John Carroll University this summer.

Sr. Mary Ann Flannery, a professor and former chair in the communication and theatre arts department, will become the new executive director of the Jesuit Retreat House in Parma, Ohio in July. The Jesuit Retreat House is an institution that provides retreats for people of all faith backgrounds.

Sr. Flannery was the communications department chair from July 1999 through July 2007.

Before teaching, Sr. Flannery earned her bachelor's degree from Siena Heights College in Michigan. She received both her master's and her doctorate from Kent State Uni-

## versity.

Although she will no longer be teaching any undergraduate courses, she may teach one graduate class during the fall semester. Sr. Flan nery will remain a part of main a part of the process in Sister Mary Ann Flannery will become executive choosing the director of the Jesuit Retreat House in July 2008. new chair of
the department. Currently, communications professor Karen Gygli is the interim chair

By taking the position of executive director, Sr. Flannery will join 11 other Jesuit Retreat House directors across the country.

In a letter to the communications
department, Sr. Flannery said, "I am grateful that the Jesuits have confirmed the appointment of a woman in this endeavor.
"I leave with only the deepest fondness and affection for John Carroll and our department - a place I dearly love," the letter said.

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some of the 16 organizations and departments that he oversees here on campus.

Rombalski has also been involved with the campus master plan, the strategic plan and other University priority setting and decision-making.

One of Rombalski's personal friends, Director of University Counseling Center John Ropar, said that he thinks highly of Rombalski.
"One of the biggest things that we'll lose is his commitment to the values of a Jesuit education," said Ropar.
"He embraces and lives the Jesuit ideals. He'll be missed," he added.

All his academic life, Rombalski has worked at Jesuit universities and Boston College, like JCU, is a Jesuit University.

Rombalski said that his fondest memories are those when he got to meet and interact with a group of students.
"When I had the opportunity to teach classes, go to South America, meet an athletic team or work on a project with a group of students, are some of my favorite memories," Rombalski said.

He taught a Politics of Education class through the political science department and four years of First Year Seminar.

The Rev. Robert Niehoff, president of JCU, is currently assembling a search committee which will use


Patrick Rombalski has made several trips to Duran, Ecuador as the director of Rostro de Cristo. He took this picture while there in 2005.
a professional search firm to find Rombalski's replacement.
"I plan to announce the committee membership soon, as I would like this search to commence as soon as logistically possible," said the Rev. Niehoff.
"Ideally, I would like to have a replacement identified and ready to join John Carroll University by fall 2008," he said.

Niehoff added, "I am sincerely grateful for his efforts in developing the student affairs strategic plan helping to shape the division by enhancing student programs, fostering community among our
undergraduate and graduate students, developing co-curricular and volunteer-service opportunities, and by improving services and outreach to underrepresented student populations."

Rombalski will be missed by his -oworkers here at JCU.
"His commitment to our mission has given many of us a deeper understanding of what a Jesuit education is all about," said Dean of Students Sherri Crahen
"He has brought more opportunities for students to participate in immersion experiences," said Crahen.

# Campus Briefs 

## Lucrezia Culicchia Award Nominations

Students and faculty are invited to nominate professors for the Lucrezia Culicchia Award for Teaching Excellence in the College of Arts and Sciences. A letter of nomination should describe how the nominee serves as a model in classroom teaching, is involved in campus activities and is continuously using alternative teaching ideas. Letters of support from alumni are also welcome. Nominations should be submitted to the Office of the Dean, in the College of Arts and Sciences, by Wednesday, Feb. 27. The recipient will be awarded a $\$ 2,000$ stipend. The award will be presented at the Fall 2008 faculty meeting of the College of Arts and Sciences. For additional information, please contact the Office of the Dean, College of Arts and Sciences (Ext. 4215).

## National Survey of Student Engagement

This year, John Carroll University will once again participate in the National Survey of Student Engagement. Freshmen and senior students will receive an invitation, via e-mail, from NSSE to complete the survey. Students who complete the survey will be entered into a drawing to win one of ten $\$ 25$ gift certificates to a local restaurant or retail store. The goal of the survey is to help the JCU administration understand how engaged its students are in learning activities. Participation is encouraged so that the University may make improvements to the overall student experience. For more information, please visit www.nsse.iub.edu or contact Kathleen Lis Dean at 216-397-1972 or kdean@jcu.edu.

## "P.S. I LOVE YOU BROWN BAG FRIDAYS"

The political science department will be sponsoring several gatherings to discuss current events, real life situations, world affairs and topics that impact our nation. All majors are welcome. Meetings will take place on Feb. 1 and 15, March 7 and 28 and April 11 and 25 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the political science/philosophy seminar room (OC 26). For more information, please contact Sara Schiavoni at sschiavoni@jcu.edu.

Compiled by Caitlin Huey-Burns

## CAMPUS CALENDAR: JAN 31-FEB 6



An information session for those interested in the 2008 Belfast Summer Institute in Peace Building and Conflict will be from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in AD 26.

Those interested in becoming a 2009 class senator must submit an application by 5 p.m. in the Student Union Office.

The women's basketball team will play Capital at 3 p.m. in the Varsity Gym.

A Super Bowl Party will take place at Jake's Bar from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. There will be free pizza, wings and pop. A $\$ 5$ donation going towards Relay for Life is requested.


STLF, JCU's new service group, will be holding a meeting at 8 p.m. in the Murphy Room. Free food and activities will be provided. All are welcome.

Free Salsa lessons are available 8 to 9:30 p.m. in the Annex Gym. A professional instructor will be presiding. All are welcome to attend. No experience is necessary.

The men's basketball team will play Mount Union College at 7 p.m. in the Varsity Gym.


# Arts \& Life 

## The Carroll News

# Welcome back concert is success 



## Holly Duns The Carroll News

Kulas Auditorium was the place to be this past Friday night. One of John Carroll University's own, junior Jenny Eden, set the stage for a fabulous night of music and entertainment. Eden's amazing voice and shining personality made the campus community proud.

Stephen Kellogg and the Sixers, a rising rock band from Massachusetts, entertained students with their original music and sound. Their diverse genre and upbeat personalities made the audience excited to be there

Regardless of your taste in music, whether it be country, rock, folk or alternative music, you would have been pleased with the outcome of Friday night's show. The band members' amusing jokes and enthusiasm had everyone on their feet dancing and singing along to their music.

The band showed great talent as they used many different instruments and sounds in order to get the most out of the performance.

Instruments varied from guitars, a slide guitar, keyboards, to harmonicas, kazoos and mandolins.
Since the band members easily switched instruments throughout the night, the audience could tell how talented and dedicated they are as musicians.
Many students from the audience commented on how they enjoyed the part of the performance where the four band members gave quotes from recent popular movies.
Stephen Kellogg and the Sixers also re enacted an eighth grade dance. They pulled three lucky girls on stage to dance with as they shared jokes and funny college humor with the audience

Several students also said they really felt like the band connected with the JCU students. Mentioning the Blue Streaks, the Boler School of Business and how Stephen Kellogg himself went to a Jesuit high school made spectators feel linked to the band.
The band's passion for music and performing was displayed in the lyrics of some of their most popular songs. Pieces like "4th of July," "Sweet Sophia" and "Sweetest Goodbye" really grabbed the audience's attention and kept them listening

The SUPB spring and winter concert chair Colleen Cavanagh, a junior, said Stephen Kellogg and the Sixers came to JCU because they have a strong fan base here. "They are so fun to watch, and you can tell that these guys absolutely love what they are doing," she said.

By the end of the show, the audience was


Chris "Birdman" Soucy of Stephen Kellogg and the Sixers performing in Kulas.
not ready to leave as they clapped and yelled for more. The band came back for two encores and played a mix of famous songs including Bon Jovi's "You Give Love a Bad Name."

Overall, both Jenny Eden and Stephen Kellogg and the Sixers made the Welcome Back
concert a success. Cavanagh said, "It really makes a difference who you work with. My committee, and especially Stephen Kellogg and the Sixers, made the day so much fun. I think it was hands down the best concert that Carroll has had in my years here."

## The Fairmount Martini and Wine Bar is romantically delicious



Alana Forsythe The Carroll News

The Fairmount Martini and Wine Bar on Fairmount Boulevard proves to be a great place to spend your Valentine's Day or just for a leisurely evening with friends. This full service bar and restaurant provides great food and a welcoming atmosphere.

From the moment you walk in, the deep red wine colored walls and enthusiastic staff instill a feeling of warmth. Even at the bar, the bartender shows the personable side of the restaurant by engaging in conversation with the customers.

In the dining area everyone can enjoy themselves with a candlelit dinner and jazz music playing in the background. The restaurant promises to treat every customer special with their wide selection and special features.

Some of the unique features they offer are Happy Hour every weeknight from 5-7 p.m., and the option of carryout dining. During Happy Hour all appetizers and most drinks are a reduced priced. The restaurant also offers their space for special occasions like private parties and events.

If you and your guests are of age, be sure


The Fairmount Martini and Wine Bar features over 200 bottled wines.
to start your night out with your choice of a drink from their extensive drink menus.
Spicytinis and Cherry Rain are just two of the 19 martinis on the list. Or, if you're feeling like wine, beer or even a glass of champagne, you can choose from over 200 bottled wines and 40 different kinds of beer from all over the world.

The cuisine was delicious. For appetizers, they offer anything from a shrimp cocktail to bruschetta and it's enough to share. For the main course, choose from a wide selection of salads to a great selection of pizza and wraps.

But, do not get too full because if you're in the mood for dessert, consider trying some of their bread pudding or chocolate truffle torte.

Overall, their food is beautifully paired with the many wines they offer.
This fun, upbeat, warm and romantic bar is an up and coming place to be enjoyed with a date or a group of friends, and its only ten minutes away from campus. Enjoy yourself, as well as the company that surrounds you.

The laid back atmosphere allows one to feel relaxed, meet others, and get to know that special someone. The Fairmount Martini and Wine Bar is truly a great experience to have for intimate gatherings or even larger parties.

The sophisticated and stylish bar will have

## Prices:

Appetizers.
.. $\$ 5-\$ 14$
Entrees....
. 5 -\$14
Dessert...
........ $\$ 6$
Wine (by the bottle)...... $\$ 30$ to $\$ 250$
Beer................................. $\$ 3$ to $\$ 4$
Specialty Drinks..................Vary
Location:

2448 Fairmount Boulevard
Call: 216.229.9463

## Hours:

Monday................. 4 p.m. - 12 a.m.
Tuesday............. 4 p.m. 1 a.m.
Wednesday........ 4 p.m. 1 a.m.
Thursday............. 4 p.m. -1 a.m.
Friday................. 4 p.m. -2 a.m.
Saturday............ 5 p.m. -2 a.m.

Ryan Kelly
Staff Reporter
Every January, thousands of people travel to Park City, Utah, and it's not to go skiing.

Sunday marked the end of the $26^{\mathrm{th}}$ annual Sundance Film Festival, which began on Jan. 17, with the showing of Blueprint Pictures "In Bruges," a film set in Belgium starring Colin Farrell and directed by Martin McDonagh.

The event that has given pop culture such films as "Napoleon Dynamite" and "The Blair Witch Project" first started as an awkward, Mormon-based tourist trap. 1978 marked the first ever Utah/United States Film Festival put on by the Utah Film commission in Salt Lake City.

According to bbc.co.uk, the actual festival first came about in 1981 when actor Robert Redford founded the Sundance Institute, named after his famous character the Sundance Kid, in order to engage hungry filmmakers and reveal new talent to the market.

And it has been a healthy market ever since. According to filmschoolrejects.com, filmmakers have been able to auction off their movies to the highest Hollywood bidder.
For example, dark comedy "Choke," based on the novel by the same name, directed by Clark Gregg and starring Sam Rockwell, was purchased by Fox Searchlight Pictures for $\$ 5$ million.
The Andrew Fleming film "Hamlet 2" starring Amy Poehler and David Arquette, was nabbed up by Focus Features for $\$ 10$ million.

Besides being an open market, the festival has allowed for independent directors, actors, and screenwriters to break into the industry. For example, most people have heard of directors Kevin Smith ("Clerks"), Quentin Tarantino ("Reservoir Dogs") and Steven Soderbergh ("Sex, Lies, and Videotape"), but not many know that their careers ignited after they all won Sundance awards.

According to comingsoon.net, the films shown at the festival are always reviewed by a jury of people in the industry, either as critics or contributors. This year some notable jury members were "Grey's Anatomy" actress Sandra Oh and former winner Quentin Tarantino.

This year, 122 films were shown at the festival, and awards for 28 categories were presented by actor William H. Macy at the closing ceremony on Saturday, Jan. 26.

According to cinemablend.com, two of the big, highlighted winners this year were "Trouble the Water" and "Frozen River."
"Water," directed by Tia Lessin and Carl Deal, won the Grand Jury Prize for documentaries. Produced by Elsewhere Films, it tells the survival story of an aspiring rap artist and her streetwise husband in New Orleans when trapped by deadly floodwaters.
"River," directed by Courtney Hunt and produced by Frozen River Pictures, nabbed the Grand Jury Prize for dramas. It delivers the story of a trailer-home mom and an Indian girl who team up to smuggle illegal Canadian immigrants into the U.S. The film stars Melissa Leo and Michael O' Keefe.
Perhaps the strangest film to achieve acclaim this year was Bob Sweden's "King of Ping Pong," a movie directed by Jens Jonsson.

Winner of the World Cinema Jury Prize for dramas, the film narrates the life of a bullied teenager who excels only in ping pong. His struggles with his younger brother and recently exposed family history lend the film its vexing conflict. It stars Hampus and Jerry Johansson.

Since its creation, the festival has tweaked the independent scene each time, bringing a unique feel every year; in 2008, it appears that real-life situations are the new mass appeal, as evidenced in the success of documentaries this year.

Robert Redford founded the Sundance Institute in 1981.



The new year has barely begun， BUT CAN YロU STILL RECALL THE POP CULTURE HIGHLIGHTS OF 2ロロ7？ TAKE the CARRGLL News $2 \square \square 7$ Celebrity Pap Culture quiz ta TEST YaUR KNGWLEDGE．

1．AFTER WINNING AN ACADEMY AWARD FOR BEST DOCUMENTARY FOR HIS 2006 FILM＂AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH，＂ this MAN WON the Nobel Peace prize in 2007.

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 DYED COLORED HUES．3．Starting on Nov． 5，2007，THE STRIKE OF THIS ORGANIZATION CONTINUES TO HURT THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY AND HALT PRODUCTION OF NEW TELEVISION SHOWS．

4．THE CHARACTERS OF THIS PRIME TIME CARTOON PREMIERED IN A FULL LENGTH MOVIE IN THE SUMMER OF 2007.
5．THIS＂DREAMY＂ACTOR WAS NAMED THE NEW SPOKESPERSON FOR VERSACE．
THIS CELEBRITY FOUND HERSELF IN JAIL DURING 2007 AND DREW FURTHER ATTENTION TO HERSELF BY SPORTING A BLACK AND WHITE STRIPED ENSEMBLE．

> 7. THIS CELEBRITY MOVED TO THE UNITED STATES FOR HER HUSBAND'S PROFESSIONAL SOCCER CAREER IN 2007.
8．this cleveland native became the new host of the popular game show，＂The PRICE IS RIGHT．＂

9．THIS POPULAR ACTOR was named the hottest bachelor by People MAGAZINE IN 2007.
10 THIS ACTRESS MARRIED Josh Kelley at the end of 2007.
COMPILED BY MAURA JロCHUM



# Four game tear helps basketball climb standings 



Just as he has done all season, senior Terry Walsh came up big for
the Blue Streaks. Walsh hit a jumper o bring JCU within a point. On the ensuing possession he hit a three pointer to give JCU a two-point advantage.

Sophomore Rudy Kirbus would extinguish any hope of a Muskingum victory as he went $10-10$ from the free-throw line in the last 41 seconds of the contest. Kirbus finished the game with 19 points off the bench.

Next up for JCU was a trip to Otterbein for the second meeting of the year between the Cardinals and the Blue Streaks.
JCU had defeated Otterbein $85-71$ in the OAC opener for both squads. However, a great deal has changed since Dec.1
Unfortunately for the Blue Streaks, Otterbein set a school record on the night. The Cardinals hit 18 three pointers.

The hot shooting Cardinals carried a 31 point lead into halftime after shooting 74 percent from the field and 7-10 from behind the arc.
It would be much of the same in the second half as the Blue Streaks fell behind by as many as 39 points.
Otterbein shot an eye-popping 11 of 20 from the three-point line in the second half to end any hope of a Blue Streak comeback.
Walsh was one of the lone bright spots for JCU as the senior scored 27 points.

However, he took little joy in hi individual accomplishment.
"It was terrible," said Walsh. "They shot the ball extremely well and we didn't play well at all. That just goes to show how tough of a eague the OAC is."

Kirbus and junior Donte Ledwell had much to do with the Blue Streaks recent success.
Kirbus has excelled in his new role coming off the bench by reaching double-digits in points in every contest. He averaged 16.5 points per game over the four-four game winning streak.

Ledwell has been inserted into the starting lineup and flourished in his new role with the first team.

He averaged 12 points per game over the streak, capped off by a career-high of 19 against B-W.

Aided by the four-game winning streak, JCU now sits third in the OAC with a $6-4$ conference record and 9-7 overall.

Saturday afternoon the Blue Streaks have a showdown with Capital in Columbus. Capital is first in the OAC with a perfect 9-0 record.
"Capital will be a barometer game," said Walsh. "We hope to go down there and play well and then return down there shortly for the OAC tournament - that's our goal."
If they return to form, that goal should be well within reach.

## Wrestling rolls into OAC

Charlie Duggan The Carroll News

After a long and grueling preparation, the John Carroll University wrestling team is ready to put the blinders on as they work towards an Ohio Athletic Conference championship.

Conference matches began on Jan. 15 and the Blue Streaks got off to a good start by defeating Musk ingum, 37-12.

Juniors Ben Adams and Elie Naoum and seniors Dominic Spitalieri and Steven Bagnowski all recorded pins against the Muskies.

Senior captain Adam Pizzurro entered an exclusive club as he earned his 80 th career match by way of a forfeit. He became the 21st JCU wrestler to accomplish the feat.
The Blue Streaks took that mo mentum on the road as they traveled to Wilmington College and recorded nother conference victory, 26-15.
Pizzurro and Adams picked up major decisions while sophomores Greg Elliot and Tim Lambert won by decision.

CU took their 2-0 record and a severely hampered squad into a match-up with no. 6 nationally anked Heidelberg.

The Blue Streaks limped into the match with five starters out due to injury or illness.

Adams and Pizzurro were the only wrestlers to record victories as the Streaks were outmatched by the healthier, deeper Student Princes, 35-7.
"We learned a lesson at Heidelberg," said Pizzurro. "We know what we need to work on and how ar away we are from where we want to be.

Despite dropping their first conference match, Pizzurro remained positive on what the rest of the season holds. The Blue Streaks sat third in the OAC after the loss to Heidelberg.
'We've had a lot of injuries and setbacks to deal with, but we're starting to get everyone back now and the team is focused and aware of what it needs to do," said Pizzurro "Our goals are to win the OAC and qualify as many members for the ournament as we can.
JCU bounced back from the loss o Heidelberg with a rout of their own against Baldwin-Wallace
The Blue Streaks cruised, 30-6 over their cross-town rivals by winning eight of 10 matches in a match that kept JCU in third place in the OAC, one win behind Ohio Northern.

JCU received victories from Naoum, Pizzurro, Mizener, Spifalieri, Jurczak, Bagnowski and Lambert. Naoum was the only Blue Streak wrestler to record a pin on the evening.
JCU will travel to Wheaton, Illinois for the Wheaton College Invitational before going back to OAC dual meets.

Two OAC meets remain before the conference tournament. JCU will face Ohio Northern immediately after the Wheaton Invitational, the team they are chasing in the standings.

JCU will face Mount Union in it's final OAC dual meet of the year.
So long as the Blue Streaks remain healthy for the remainder of the season, they should enter the OAC tournament as the favorite. OAC

Women's basketball wins fourth straight

Chris Ostrander Sports Editor

You have to go back 14 years to find a John Carroll University women's basketball team that had a better stretch than the one Kristie Maravalli's team is currently enjoying

JCU's 1993-1994 started with 10 straight wins. Most recently the team has won nine of their last 10 , including four straight.

Some games we are winning because we play good basketball, some games we have won because of pure determination," said Maravalli. "It is exciting because we haven't won any one way.

Saturday's game against Otterbein was another determined win for JCU. For the second straight game their streak almost came to an end.

Twice during the first half of Saturday's game against Otterbein JCU trailed by 14 points. By halftime, JCU cut the lead to eight.

JCU came back with a strong second half, cutting the Otterbein lead to one with just under 12 minutes to play.

The Blue Streaks received a boost from their bench players who produced 13 points and brought down 15 rebounds on the game.
"That has been a big focus for us," said Maravalli "In order to win in the OAC, it is truly a team effort.'

The only time JCU has lost in the last 10 games the bench produced zero points.

JCU took the lead for good with a 13-0 run led by freshman Lee Jennings. She scored six of the 13 points on the run.

However, the Cardinals crawled


## Freshman Lee Jennings scored six points in a pivotal 13-0 run.

within one point of JCU with just over one minute remaining.
Both Jennings and junior Rahael Price would miss opportuniies to ice the game on two separate possessions.

Each went 1-2 from the freethrow line with the clock under 45

Sophomore Caitlin Sureck, the OAC leader in blocked shots, came up with a block that kept Otterbein from tying the game.
[Caitlin] has been [blocking shots] since she walked in the door,"
aid Maravalli. "She is truly an unsung hero for us."
While it may not have been a pretty win, the Blue Streaks held on for their fourth straight win, 73-70.

The Blue Streaks put their winning streak on the line last night in New Concord against Muskingum, a team they beat 83-78 two weeks ago.

If JCU holds their fourth place spot or better, the Blue Streaks will be playing on their home court come playoff time.

## Seniors provide memorable finish

## Kristin Rudman

 Staff ReporterIn their last meet at the Johnson Natatorium, John Carroll University's senior swimmers put up a performance to remember.
The women received a great performance from their core of seniors, on their way to an easy 134-91 victory over cross-town rival Baldwin-Wallace.
While the women were able to cruise to victory, the men could not overcome the Yellow-Jackets depth as they fell 145-93 to B-W
In addition to the meet being the last for JCU's eight seniors, the heated rivalry was the last meet before the Ohio Athletic Conference championships.

Senior Ehren Eschmann was a member of the 200-yard free relay team that took first place with a time of $1: 31.52$, he also placed second in the 100-yard backstroke
Freshman Nick Grady, who won as a member of the 200-yard free relay, also took the 200-yard freestyle title. His time of 1:51.33 was his best of the year.
"It was a tight race," said Grady. "But I pulled ahead the last half of the race."

While Eschmann was the only senior from the men's team to record a win on Saturday, fellow seniors Dave Calabria and Tom O'Flaherty turned in solid performances for the Blue Streaks
O'Flaherty placed third in both the one and three meter diving events, while Calabria took second in the 100 -yard butterfly
JCU also received an impressive victory from junior Tom Barden won the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 11:11.60. His time was en seconds better than any other competitor.
Freshman Max Wilberding was the only other winner for the Blue


Seven of JCU's eight seniors are honored after their final home meet at the Johnson Natatorium (Tom O'Flaherty not pictured).

Streaks as she took first place in the 100-yard back stroke.
The JCU senior women did not wait long to kick off their final meet as Kim Kern and Kristen Kovach would team with freshman Katie Mathews and junior Heather Gilmour for a solid win in the 200 -yard medley relay.

In the following event, fellow seniors Kaitlin Griffin and Leah Wydro would finish first and second in the 1000-yard freestyle to extend JCU's lead.

The back-to-back wins would be followed by eight more event victories. JCU's ten wins on the day led them to an easy victory over their arch rivals.

It's a huge rivalry every year and it's the last meet before conferences," said Griffin. "Everybody swam out of their minds. I can't even describe the energy there. It was incredible."

The most impressive senior performance for both the men and women came from Kern.

In addition to being part of the

200-yard relay that started JCU on the winning path, Kern also took the 100-yard backstroke and 100 yard butterfly titles. She was named OAC swimmer of the week for her efforts.

Other wins from JCU came in the 200-Free, 50-Free and the 100-Fly.

JCU also recorded sweeps in consecutive events by taking first, second and third in the 100-yard freestyle and 100-yard backstroke.

JCU now has two weeks to rest until the OAC championships from Feb. 14-16.

The rest period is referred to as a "taper" period in which the swimmers lessen the amount of yards they swim in order to rebuild muscle.

The men enter the conference meet with a 1-3 OAC record while the women enter at .500 with a $2-2$ record in OAC dual meets.

It will be the last meet ever for Calabria, Eschmann, Griffin, Kern, Kovach, O'Flaherty, Megan Williamson and Wydro. The eight seniors will look to capture another title for the JCU dynasty.


## Streaks of the Week



Men's Basketball $\$ 9$
Terry Walsh senior
Had 33 points and 12 rebounds in two games as JCU went 1-1. Hit back-to-back big shots down the stretch to lead JCU to victory over Muskingum.


Women's Basketball ! 4
Caitlin Sureck sophomore
-The sophomore led the way for JCU in their OAC win over Otterbein. She recorded a double-double with 17 points and 10 rebounds.


## Hockey 444

John Sullivan senior

- Scored the game winning goal, en route to recording a hat-trick in JCU's 6-1 win over Akron on Saturday.


Women's Swimming 4

Kim Kern senior

In her last home meet of her career, she was a twotime winner. Kern was a member of the 200 Medley Relay team that was finished in first place. Individually, she won the 100 m Fly.

Men's Swimming 4
Tom Barden junior Won the 1000 m Freestyle event with a time of 11:11.60. His time was a full 10 seconds faster than any other competitor.

# Super Bowl Staff Picks 



## New York Giants

- A letter to the editor this week accuses The Carroll News of being biased. In this case, the letter is correct. I have no reason to pick the Giants aside from my disdain for the entire New England Patriots organization, Josh McDaniels excluded (he went to JCU). They beat the Buffalo Bills $56-10$, which is the equivalent of an able-bodied person winning the Special Olympics. No class.
Andrew Rafferty, Managing Editor



## New York Giants

With their ability to rush the quarterback and Tom Brady's apparent injury, I have to go with the Giants. I watched the entire game the last time they played on Dec. 29 and the Giants should have won that game. I know it's risky to bet against an undefeated team, but if anyone can pull off the upset, the Giants can as long as they continue their stellar play.

Brad Michael Negulescu, World News Editor

## New York Giants

Although the Giants suffered a loss to the Patriots earlier this season, quarterback Eli Manning has proven that he can play with the best quarterbacks in the league. With Tom Brady nursing a hurt ankle, the Giants' pass-rush defense, one of the best in the league, may be able to seal the deal for the Giants.

Kate McCall, Campus Editor

## New England Patriots

Whatever "it" is, the Patriots just have it. They have so much talent at nearly every position. The Patriots cast of veterans, along with Bill Belichick, will not let the opportunity to make history slip away. The Patriots offense can score from anywhere on the field - almost at will. I expect the Patriots defense to remind Eli Manning that he's Eli Manning. The Patriots will cruise to victory

## New England Patriots

Although the Giants have been playing extremely well recently and everyone loves the underdog, they still don't have quite enough to defeat the dynasty that the Pats have built. Tom Brady, hurt or not, is a winner. They have offensive threats coming from more ways than the Giants can handle. They have gone this far, created their perfect season, and they are not going to lose it this Sunday.

Max Flessner, Campus Editor


New York Giants
I am picking the Giants because I am a sucker for the underdog. However, if player attractiveness were a basis for winning the Super Bowl, Tom Brady would obviously win it single handily.

## TWO IN THE BOX: SUPER BOWL BREAKDOWN

Commentary by Chris Ostrander

## New England Patriots

- Tom Brady's NFL record 50 touchdowns paced the NFL's top offense that averaged 411 yards per game. The Patriots high flying offense is far more dangerous than the Giants run-based attack.
- The Patriots defense finished fourth overall this season. While Bill Belichick remains a defensive genius, the aging unit is not the same defense that won three Super Bowls in four years.

Wes Welker turned out to be a potent offensive weapon, however, he is still a threat for a big return everytime he touches the ball. The Patriots finished the year as the third best kick return unit in the league.

Bill Belichick is one of the greatest coaches in NFL history. JCU grad and offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels has the best weapons at his disposal. There is no doubt Belichick will find a way to stop the Giants offense and put up points come Sunday.


Offense
$\square$ Defense

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Special Teams
Coaching $\square$ Coughlin is no slouch when you talk about coaches in the NFL. However, he will not have the game plan that his counterpart will have when it comes to solving the unbeaten Patriots.

## Patriots win 38-17

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## Brad's Journal

## If I had a time machine...



Brad Michael Negulescu World News Editor

In compliance with full disclosure, I must admit to you that I am a history major. While it is true that I normally discuss politics here, history is my one true love. I wish more people were students of history, because you can learn so much from the past if only you take the time.

In one of my all-time favorite quotes, philosopher George Santayana once said,"Those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it." He is exactly right. In reality, almost everything that happens to you has probably happened to somebody else. So as far as I am concerned, the more we know about past events the more prepared we can be for the future.

Anyway, as a student of history, nothing would be cooler than being able to travel back in time to actually witness the events I study about. It's true that time travel is impossible, and probably for good reason, but here is what I would do if I could actually pull a Marty McFly and gain access to a flux compacitor:

The first place I would travel is to Dallas, Texas on Nov. 22, 1963, the day John F. Kennedy was assassinated. I am a huge conspiracy fanatic and I would love to once and for all witness the presence of a second gunman behind the fence on the grassy knoll. There is no way Lee Harvey Oswald was the only one involved.

After that traumatic experience, I would head to something more uplifting. I would go to Times Square on May 8, 1945, known to most as V-E day or Victory in Europe Day.

To see thousands of Americans in the streets partying to celebrate victory in a war is something that would never happen in contemporary times. Even if there were a Victory in Iraq Day, many looney people would protest the event and complain about how horrible America is. That kind of stuff was just not accepted back then, and that would be fun to bare witness to.

Next I would go back another four score and two years and arrive in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on Nov. 19, 1863, to watch Abraham Lincoln address the public with 271 words of oratory brilliance. What he said that day, on the battlefield, was in my opinion the best speech in American history. Just reading his words gives me the chills, I couldn't image actually watching Lincoln speak them.

While it would be hard to top seeing the Gettysburg Address live, I would do so by traveling back almost two thousand years to actually witness the birth of Jesus. The only problem would be attempting to look inconspicuous.

Perhaps I would try to get away with being a fourth wise man or something. I don't know. But, to witness the birth of a baby who would grow up to become the most influential person to ever walk on this planet would probably be too much for me to handle to be honest.

The very last thing I would do if I had a time machine would be to come all the way back to 2001, so I could see all of my grandparents alive. Just to be able to see them again, and smell them and hear their voices would literally be a dream come true. As I get older, I see more and more of each one of them in myself.

In fact, it was my grandmother, who died last year one month away from her 94th birthday, who initially got me interested in history. When I was younger, she would always tell me stories about how things were while she was growing up. I don't know why, but I was always mesmerized by those old stories. I would just sit there in disbelief at how different the world was back when my grandma was my age.

One story in particular I always loved hearing was about a family on her block that was accused of bootlegging beer during Prohibition. Eventually the Feds got a warrant to search the house to find the contraband. After going through the entire house, from attic to basement, they could not find a drop of booze.

Finally, just before they were about to leave in defeat, the guy in charge of the search went in to the kitchen for a glass of water. When he turned on the faucet, a small waterfall of moonshine hit his glass in all its foamy glory. The people had the beer running through their pipes.

House of Rep's and The White House agree on plan to stimulate the economy

## Nick Buzzy

 The Carroll NewsThe House of Representatives and President Bush have set forth a $\$ 150$ billion economic stimulus package to help stimulate the economy. The new plan was also a large priority in Monday's State of the Union address and is now waiting to be passed by the Senate. However, many additions look to be made to the bill.

The economic package was originally created by House Minority Leader John Boehner (R- Ohio), Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, and House Majority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D- Calif.).

Under this plan, 117 million American families would receive checks from the government in an effort to promote consumer spending and reverse the recent slowdown of the economy.

According to The Washington Post, lower and middle-class workers would receive as much as $\$ 600$ for individuals or $\$ 1,200$ for married couples, plus $\$ 300$ per child. The package also includes tax incentives for businesses to invest in new plants and equipment.

The full payments would only go to those individuals who earned less than $\$ 75,000$ per year or married couples who earned less than $\$ 150,000$ per year, according to The Post.

However, this hinges on when Congress passes the stimulus package. If it is passed by mid-February, as expected, then the checks will be sent in May. If not, Americans might not expect their checks until the late summer or early fall. Critics use this fact to argue that it might be pointless to pass this package since the economy needs help now.

President Bush views this bill as urgent and said last week, "Congress should move it quickly. I understand the desire to add provisions from both the right and the left. I strongly believe it would be a mistake to delay or derail this bill," according to The Associated Press.

Some conservatives view the proposed stimulus package as merely redistributing wealth for political reasons and would be ineffective in jump-starting the economy, according to the Associated Press.

David Schirm, finance professor at John Carroll University, recently commented on the affect


President Bush discusses his economic stimulus package Monday night during his final State of the Union Address.
the stimulus would have on the overall economy. Last years GDP was approximately $\$ 14$ trillion, and Schirm believes even if consumers spent all of their rebate checks the end result would only be an increase around one percent.
Since this is an election year, Schirm also believes "neither party wants to be responsible for economic slowdown, which should put
ditions made to the bill, Collins said, "The number of long-term unemployed in this country is dramatically higher than during the last recession, and I hope that Congress will pass a stimulus package that responds to this pressing need for so many Americans."

Next week the Senate Finance Committee will draft its own economic stimulus bill.
> "In the long run, Americans can be confident about our economic growth. But in the short run, we can all see that growth is slowing.'

> President George W. Bush

State of the Union
added pressure to passing this bill." Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine) said she and other Senators plan on adding $\$ 12.5$ billion in unemployment benefits and $\$ 5$ billion in food-stamp extensions that House negotiators eliminated.

When asked about possible ad-

Republicans and Democrats both do not believe the current administration should try and limit further spending if they deem necessary.
Yet, if too many additions are made to the initial stimulus package, President Bush would be expected to veto it, according to the AP.

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## Obama runs away with South Carolina primary

Hillary Clinton comes in second with John Edwards finishing a distant third


Barack Obama and wife Michelle greet supporters after his victory last Saturday night in South Carolina.

## Lauren Harris

The Carroll News
Jan. 26 marked an emotional and exciting day for the Democratic party as the South Carolina primary took place. After a racially charged week in which Barack Obama was criticized by the Clinton campaign, he emerged victorious after the votes were counted.

According to CBS, Obama said in his victory rally, "The choice in this election is not about regions or religions or genders, it's not about rich versus poor, young versus old and it's not about black versus white. It's about the past versus the future."
According to CNN.com and official results, Obama won an overwhelming 55 percent of the vote, more than doubling the votes of competitors Hillary Clinton and John Edwards.

The results come as a huge blow to the

Edwards campaign, a native of South Carolina and winner of the 2004 South Carolina primary.

African American voters overwhelmingly supported Obama, with 80 percent backing the Illinois senator. Black women turned out in particularly large numbers. Obama, the firstterm Illinois senator, got about a quarter of the white vote while Clinton and former Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina split the rest.
In all, 57 percent of voters had never voted in a primary and 66 percent had never voted at all. Also, 67 percent of the voters were between the ages of 18 and 29 .

The victory is very sweet after a week that incorporated high racial tension, but said he owed his victory to "most diverse coalition of Americans we've seen in a long, long time." Both Clinton and Obama suggested they're prepared to shelve some of the bickering of recent days to improve the tone of the campaign.

According to CBS2.com, Obama also said in his rally, "We are up against conventional thinking that says your ability to lead as president comes from longevity in Washington or proximity to the White House. But we know that real leadership is about candor, and judgment, and the ability to rally Americans from all walks of life around a common purpose - a higher purpose," Obama said.

> Obama received 80 percent of the black vote and only a quarter of white support

The win in South Carolina certainly gives Obama momentum going into Feb. 5, otherwise known as Super Tuesday, where 22 states will go to the polls.

The Ohio primary is not scheduled until March 4. According to Bloomberg.com, Democratic analysts said Clinton needs a more consistent strategy in the next week. "This campaign has got to go back to what Clinton was about in 1992," said Julian Epstein, a Democratic strategist not affiliated with any campaign. "They've got to go back to the putting people first' message," he said. "Contrasting the ' 90 s to what we're experiencing now is not a bad contrast.'

Bill Clinton has come under fire from felIow Democrats for his harsh criticisms of the Obama Campaign. In a surprising move, Sen. Ted Kenney endorsed Obama on Monday. The Kennedy's and Clinton's are close friends, and Ted Kennedy pulls a lot of weight inside the Democratic Party. Caroline Kennedy, the daughter of former president John F. Kennedy and Ted Kennedy's son, a congressman, also endorsed Obama this week.

## Dennis Kucinich ends his run for the presidency

## Kucinich now turns his attention to his heated re-election campaign

Craig Willert

The Carroll News
Democratic hopeful Dennis Kucinich officially dropped out of the 2008 presidential race, ending his run for the White House.
The Ohio congressman announced to his supporters Friday that he wishes to focus on his re-election for a seventh term on Capitol Hill.
"A lot of people are upset that he spent so much time on this [presidential] campaign," said John Carroll University political science professor Larry Schwab.

Kucinich, a former mayor of Cleveland, only received one percent of the vote in the New Hampshire primary, and captured zero votes in the Iowa caucuses.
The six term congressman was left out of the televised Democratic debates in New Hampshire, Nevada and South Carolina, hurting any chances to gain support for his candidacy, according to The Associated Press.
"There is a point at which you just realize that you, look, accept it, that it isn't going to happen and you move on," Kucinich told The Plain Dealer. His anti-war views never caught traction, and he gained little popularity with his liberal platform
"For some people he was seen as being too liberal," said Schwab of Kucinich's inability to attain votes and popularity.

A recent online poll taken by Reuters asked, "If the Democratic primary were held today, for whom would you vote?" Kucinich, 61 , only received 3.5 percent votes, finishing a distant fourth behind Democratic candidates


Dennis Kucinich speaks to supporters and drops from the presidential race.
Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton and John Edwards. The withdrawal leaves the Democratic Party with three candidates: Clinton, Obama and Edwards.
The Ohio native informed The Plain Dealer he would not endorse another Democrat in the primary.

Other reasons for Kucinich's exit remain unclear. However, the strains of running a national campaign linger as a motive. This marked his second failed attempt for the Democratic bid, the last taking place in the 2004 national election.

Concentration on his quest for a seventh congressional term appears the primary reason for the expected surrender. Kucinich faces four other Democratic contenders in the congressional elections, each of whom increased in popularity while Kucinich focused on the national election.
"I won't be president, but I can continue to fight for these important issues as the United States congressman representing the community that is first in my heart, Cleveland, Ohio," Kucinich told supporters Friday.

A few of his policy positions include universal healthcare, an immediate withdrawal from Iraq and assured educational opportunities for all including free college and pre-kindergarten.

The congressman also took fire during the 2004 presidential election for his pro-choice stance on abortion.
"That's the last thing on my mind," when asked about a possible run for presidency in 2012. The Democratic congressional primary held on March 4 will decide whether Kucinich returns for a seventh term. He faces rival Joe Cimperman, a JCU graduate, and Barbara Ferris, for the nomination.

## Palestinians pour into Egypt after blockade blown

## Nick Alberstadt

The Carroll News
After months of living under a blockade that has cut off nearly all the goods flowing into the Gaza strip, Palestinians took matters into their own hands. Thousands of Gazans streamed into Egypt after militants from the group Hamas blew up part of the fence separating Egypt and the Gaza Strip at the Rafah border.

The Gaza Strip has been under an Israeli blockade since June when the militant group Hamas took over control of the area from the more secular-minded Fatah. Egypt made attempts to restore the border after the wall was breached, but to no avail. Palestinians used a bulldozer to knock down another section of the wall, and continued to pour into Egypt to obtain desperately needed goods.
Egyptian border guards were then pulled back to avoid conflict with the Gazans, prompting Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to say, "let them come in to eat and buy food, then they go back, as long as they are not carrying weapons," The New York Times reported. Nonetheless, some 38 members of the Egyptian security forces have still been hospitalized after clashes with Palestinians, according to The Associated Press.

Israel initiated the blockade in the summer after a battle between the rival Palestinian political parties Hamas and Fatah ended with Hamas, considered by many to be a terrorist group, taking control of the Gaza Strip. The blockade was recently tightened after rockets were fired into Israel by militants in the area. Israel, and the United States put their support behind Fatah, and their leader, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, and blockaded Gaza for fear of a the area becoming a militant stronghold.

The actions of the Israelis drew international protests, but with little effect. Palestinians living in Gaza hope their acts of defiance pressures Egypt into keeping the border open in order for Gazans to continue to attain much needed commodities. The event has also been seen as another defeat for the complicit President Abbas in his partnership with Israel and the United States.
"The situation is mainly a humanitarian situation in which the Israeli's have put the Palestinians in a large jail. The Palestinian reaction has been reasonable for people who need a way out," said Mona Debaz, political science professor at John Carroll University.

Egyptian authorities are having a hard time dealing with the delicate situation. The United States and Israel have put Egypt under pressure to restore the border and regulate its crossing. However, President Mubarak is hesitant to use force against the Palestinians, whom he believes to be starving under the pressure of the blockade. If the Egyptians were to use force, the government would face tremendous scrutiny from the Egyptian public, according to The New York Times.

As the powers deliberate, the border remains open, with Egyptian riot police and armored vehicles restricting Palestinians to a small crossing area. Palestinian President Abbas has rejected calls for a meeting with rival Palestinian leaders in Gaza to help solve the border dispute.

Abbas maintains that he will only speak to Hamas if they leave the Gaza Strip that they violently overtook in June. Senior Hamas official in Gaza, Mahmoud Zahar, summed up the Palestinan point of view when he said, "Rafah is our only lung. If Rafah remains shut, it means our acceptance to be strangled, our acceptance to die." It is clear that the Gazans don't plan on going down without a fight.

# McCain and Clinton win Florida 

Brad Michael Negulescu

World News Editor

Arizona Sen. John McCain and New York Sen. Hillary Clinton won their party's primary race in the Sunshine State of Florida on Tuesday.

McCain edged out former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, getting 36 percent of the vote for the 56 Republican delegates. Clinton beat Illinois Sen. Barack Obama easily getting 50 percent of the Democratic vote, according to CNN.com.

Unfortunately for the Clinton campaign, the Democratic party stripped Florida of its delegates for moving up the date of their primary in violation of party rules.

In a disappointing showing, former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani came in third with only 15 percent of the total vote. Giuliani was the national Republican front-runner for much of last year, he also led the polls in Florida for many months, according to The Associated Press.

With his poor performance in Florida, Giuliani dropped out of the race Wednesday and endorsed McCain's candidacy. It is believed that his poor showing in the earlier primary states hurt his campaign, costing him both momentum and media coverage.

Both victorious candidates, Clinton and McCain, are now believed to have amassed momentum going into the all-important Super Tuesday states voting on Feb. 5 .

Delegate-rich states like California, New York, Illinois and New Jersey all vote this Tuesday. It will be the first time so many states held their primaries on the same day in American history.

After the results in Florida, John McCain retains his lead in the delegate count on the Republican side with 95. Romney is in second with 67, Huckabee is next with 26, Ron Paul with 6 and Rudy Giuliani 1, according to CNN.com.

For the Democrats, with no delegates being awarded, Barack Obama maintains his lead with 63 . Hillary Clinton has 48 and John Edwards is last with 26 , according to CNN.

## Florida Results

Percent of Vote
GOP
Democrats

| McCain | $36 \%$ | Clinton | $50 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Romney | $31 \%$ | Obama | $33 \%$ |
| Giuliani | $15 \%$ | Edwards | $14 \%$ |

Huckabee 14\%
Paul 3\%

## Dutch Lawmaker makes controversial film about Islam

Meghan Wolf Staff Reporter

A controversy has been stewing in the Netherlands over religious discrimination, specifically about something that has been scheduled to make itself directly seen in the mass media.

A ten-minute film created by right-wing politician Geert Wilders will depict Islam and the Koran in a negative light. Wilders himself referred to it as "a call to shake off the creeping tyranny of Islamicization.

Wilders announced plans to air the film on Dutch television in a segment allowed to the Freedom Party, of which he is the head. Even though there is extreme reluctance to broadcast the film, Wilders said that it will be released anyway, even if only on the Internet
Wilders declared the Koran a "fascist" text, an equivalent to Adolf Hitler's "Mein Kampf," one that infringes upon the prin-
ciples of trust and tolerance. Months ago he called for the Netherlands to outlaw the Koran, according to The Associated Press.
"The tsunami of Islamicization is coming to Europe," he said. "We should come to be far stronger."

Among the things that are fueling the tension over the tolerance of Islam is the increasing immigration of Muslims into the Netherlands.
They have taken low-paying jobs and found residence in high-crime neighborhoods, and have often been blamed for an increase in crime. The film is being seen as something that will ignite tensions further and incite more hostility towards Muslims.
"Tensions are rising because of nationalism," said Zeki Saritoprak, a religious studies professor at John Carroll University who holds a doctorate degree in Islamic Theology. " $\{\mathrm{It}\}$ is dangerous not only for the Netherlands, but all of Europe, and also for the Muslims."

Saritoprak went on to say that the Netherlands has a long history with Muslims and the Koran, and that while

Europe has traditionally not seen religion as a favorably in its politics, the strength of Islam could change things.
"Islam might be a huge power that makes people more involved with religious tradition," Saritoprak said.

Alaeddin Boroujerdi, head of the National Security and Foreign Policy Commission of the Iranian Parliament, said that Iran will have to reconsider the relationship that the two countries have if the Dutch government will allow films like Wilders' to be broadcast, according to the AP.
"In Iran, insulting Islam is a very sensitive matter," said Boroujerdi, "And if the movie is broadcasted, it will arouse a wave of popular hate that will be directed towards any government that insults Islam."
Wilders' film has not yet been released, and pressure is coming from the public to keep it that way. The controversy over it
has been compared to one that brewed in 2006 over cartoon depictions of the Prophet Mohammed, who founded Islam.
"Obviously... we cannot say anything about the movie until the movie has been shown," said Floris van Hovell, a spokesperson from the Netherlands Embassy in Washington, D.C. "But the message Mr. Wilders has told us he wants to portray is disturbing.'
The murder of filmmaker Theo Van Gogh in 2004 was the result of tensions over Islam. His ten-minute film, "Submission," portrayed violence against women in Islamic society, depicting them in transparent garments with whip marks and verses of the Koran on their bodies. The 47 -year-old Van Gogh received threats on his life and was eventually shot and stabbed to death by Mohammed Bouyeri, a Dutch Muslim of Moroccan descent.
This incident set a precedent of placing high-profile authority figures of known anti-Muslim sentiment under government protection. Wilders himself has been one of these, due to the comments he has made about Islam
even prior to announcing his film's upcoming release.
Whatever the case is with religious influence in European politics, the Dutch government is noticing a growing trend of intolerance toward the Muslim faith.

Among those who embody it are the Bavarian Premier, who criticized an increase in the number of mosques being built, and Susanne Winter, a Graz City Council candidate from Austria, who said that Islam should be "thrown back where it came from, behind the Mediterranean."

Justice Minister Luc Frieden of Luxembourg expressed concerns over the growing tensions, and what could be provoked by the film's release.
"It is our moral duty to call upon everybody, to make people aware, so that they do not abuse their fundamental rights of freedom of expression," said Frieden. "We must also protect those who may be hurt or harmed by irresponsible statements."

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## Do you want to be in charge of Homecoming 2008?

SUPB and the OSA are seeking a dedicated individual to help plan and oversee all aspects of J CU's Homecoming. Interested applicants for Homecoming Chair should pick up an application in the OSA, starting on Thursday, J an. 31st. All applications are due by Thursday, February $7^{\text {th }}$ by 5PM in the OSA.

Applications for the Homecoming Committee will be available in the OSA on Friday, February $8^{\text {th }}$, and the deadline to apply for the Committee is Friday, February $22^{\text {nd }}$.

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## Editorial

## Rombalski replacement

In June, current Vice President of Student Affairs Patrick Rombalski will be taking on the same position at Boston College. John Carroll University administrators will have the job of trying to find an individual not only to replace Rombalski, but one who will continue to make the same progress.

This position is vital to the maintenance of student development as this individual oversees all functions of this division and offers leadership, vision and creativity. The administration must invest time and effort into finding a replacement that embodies these characteristics that Rombalski displayed while holding the position.

Since Rombalski accepted this position in 2002, major changes have been made at JCU. He has been involved with the campus master plan, the strategic plan and safety decisions.

He cultivated relationships with administrators and students and has given significant attention to improving various aspects of the JCU community educationally, socially and spiritually. Also, Rombalski has given much awareness to safety concerns and ways to develop social awareness.

Hiring an individual for the sole reason of fulfilling the position will not only impede growth of student affairs but will also cause dissatisfaction among students.

The vice president of student affairs acts as a liaison between student organizations and the administration-it's crucial that this individual gives attention to achieving the open communication lines. Administrators must seek out an individual who will be solid, flexible and well-rounded.

## Editorial

## U.S., Iran relationship

Amid tensions between the United States and Iran, Condoleezza Rice is looking to solve discrepancies between the two nations.

Rice offered to open communication last Wednesday, as well as increase trade to Iran if they would abandon their nuclear ambitions.

The U.S. must continue to work towards stabilizing relations with Iran instead of continuing practices that allow a possible nuclear problem.

Although this has historically failed, the country needs to be persistent in being the forerunner in communication with Iran.

The U.S. has tried to develop a power attack with other countries against Iran, however this is the opposite of a negotiation track.

It is sending mixed signals and causing even more instability in the Middle East. The situation appears to be deadlocked.

Iran argues that its goal for growth is nuclear energy, while the United States argues that what Iran is doing is against international law.

However, our country to realize that the primary goal is to stabilize relations and that Iran is not going to back down. The country needs to find a new way to approach the situation.

While other countries are siding with the United States, it is the U.S. that is leading the charge, as well as heading the sanctioning of Iran. Because we are leading the fight against nuclear energy in Iran it is important to be persistent.

Sen. Joseph Biden, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, offered the wisest counsel to the administration when he called for the Bush Administration to abandon talk of "regime change" and adopt a strategy focused on "conduct change."

This change are the negotiations that Rice is trying to pursue and what needs to continue.

"The only words that come to my mind is that this is a dream come true, not just for me but for my family as well. I'm not just standing up here alone."
-Kirsten Haglund, a 19-year-old University of Cincinnati student, on winning the Miss America 2008 crown.

## HIT \& miss

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# Defending the democratic debate 

Staff Commentary


## Max Flessner

Campus Editor
In the last issue of the award winning Carroll News, a column ran listing the reasons why it would be "disastrous" for this country to elect a Democrat to the Oval Office this November. It seems important not to print something like that without the other side of the argument.

This election is the epitome of what America is. It represents the notion that the Oval Office is not simply handed from father to son, or husband to wife, but rather is earned in the most extraordinary way. To turn your back on that, to write off an entire party because people tell you that they are not good enough, is an abuse of the great privilege and responsibility that the United States citizens face this November

It has been suggested that a Democrat does not possess the patriotic capacity to handle the grave situation that this country faces in Iraq. It was also said that only Republicans understand the world well enough to
handle the massive entanglement which we have ensued. It has been suggested that not supporting our engagement in the Middle East is unpatriotic. It has also been said that a vote for a Democrat is a "vote for our enemy." That is one of the most ridiculous statements I have ever heard. It is hallow rhetoric designed to shape opinions in one narrow-minded way and I think Americans are smarter than that. I think that they see through that, and I don't think that they buy it.
Asking the important questions is patriotic. Demanding to know why we are there, how long we will be there and what it will mean to get out is what's patriotic. I do not accept the assertion that the only way patriotism can be displayed is to support the war, especially not from someone dressed as a civilian. It's all right though. I'm sure anyone who would suggest something like that is simply waiting for their enlistment papers to process.
The other issue that seems salient is (universal) healthcare. So far, in the CN , the debate on healthcare has simply been boiled down to "it would be too expensive."
It is important to have proponents against the universal healthcare argument. But, if all they can say about it is it would be too expensive, then to not have universal healthcare would be ridiculous.
Saying it's too expensive is like
saying "it's too hard," and that's not the American way. If Americans did not do things that they thought would be hard we never would have fought off the British. Brave men and women would not have sat at lunch counters in Montgomery, nor would they have marched on Washington. We would have fallen to communism rather than stand up to a world super power. Americans, welcome the challenges and we tackle whatever task lies in front of us, no matter how daunting it may seem. It also should be noted that universal healthcare would cost a fraction of what we are paying to fight an unpopular war and would be beneficial to the country as a whole. It is good for the economy to have healthy, productive workers.

It is also important to realize that I'm not saying "only vote for a Democrat" because that would mean you should not vote for a Republican. I think they have some candidates who are worthy of sitting in the White House.
I'm saying vote for what you believe in. Don't let mere rhetoric stand in your way. If you believe that we should be in Iraq, then vote for a candidate who will keep us there. If you don't, then vote that way. Don't be intimidated or thrown off of your beliefs simply because you think you will be mocked. You have a voice in what happens with this country-use it.

"Hey! What do you mean I'm not mature enough for youl?"

## Lo Castro's

 Lowdown\author{
Gettin' the <br> word on: <br> The Perfect Starter

## City

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Jenna Lo Castro Editorial \& Op/Ed Editor

Economic growth is imperative and the fact that the poverty rate of Cleveland is one of the highest in the country doesn't really sound enticing to young professionals.

Young people are drawn to booming communities where there is ample entertainment, culture and little worry about being able to start a family because of economic paralysis.

On several occasions, people have asked me what I like better Pittsburgh or Cleveland. And almost instantaneously I reply with "Pittsburgh."

Not because I've pledged home town loyalty to Primanti's sandwiches and the Stillers, but because, although I found Cleveland to be conducive to my college experience, don't really see myself growing up, getting a job, raising a family and dying here.

The weather alone has propelled me to want to move. OK, maybe that's pushing it, but look at Drew Carey. The guy went to Kent State University, realized he could never be the host of "The Price is Right" by staying in Cleveland, and packed his bags for the West Coast.

I'm sure Kent did a great job of preparing Mr. Carey for his future endeavors-hence his success now But this is pure representation of how much behind you have to bust in this city to make it.

Cleveland is a great city. I'll be the first to admit that. But the city needs to develop a more aggres sive approach to things plaguing communities, namely poverty and violence (which coincidentally, go hand-in-hand with one another).

Young people just seem to use abuse, then throw away the city's offerings
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## You're wrong, I'm Rafferty: The significant other problem



Andrew Rafferty Managing Editor
Maybe it's happening to you right now, and if it isn't, you could fall victim to it tomorrow. I'm talking about when a friend of yours finds a significant other that you dislike. How do you tell your friend, "Hey, that boy/girl you're dating is not very good at being a person"? I currently am in such a situation,
but since the parties involved do not attend JCU, I feel I am at liberty to share my experience with you. This inevitably will come back to haun me down the road.
I will refer to the significant other that no one likes as "Heshe," because often times Heshe will not act like his/her gender. It does no take you long to realize you do not like Heshe. And, it's probably nothing that Heshe does to you, rather the way Heshe treats your friend. It is subtle insults that you start picking up on more and more during the encounter. I started to become skeptical of heshe when I first realized she had the mouth of a trucker.

My vernacular is not saintly, but
compared to this girl, I am a choir boy. Then, the insanely profane language started to become directed at my friend, Heshe's boyfriend. I started to look around, seeing if anyone else found this as disturbing as I did. Once one person acknowledges he or she does not like Heshe, an anti-heshe coalition forms.

From there we began to see my buddy less. He started lying about why he couldn't hang out with his friends. Heshe had become a man- eater, and not the cool Nelly Furtado kind. Rather, I wouldn't be surprised if this girl literally bit off my friend's finger, or something else. My friend is so brainwashed his response would be, "Well, I was being rude and she was hungry, so

I can't hold it against her that she literally began eating me."

Here are some of the strategies we tried to end the hold Heshe had on our friend-First was the embargo. We tried to cut off all communication we had with our friend in hopes that he would come back to us. This is tough because everyone needs to buy in, no one can crack.
The embargo culminates in a massive defriending of this person on Facebook. We never got to that point. We were weak, people broke the embargo, and Heshe reigned supreme. In hindsight, it really didn't matter because we never saw our friend anyway and he probably wouldn't have noticed.

We also thought about trying ome tactics we had seen in the movies, though these plans were dropped when the legality of the action was brought into question. Another tactic was to wait until were in front of my friend's parents and ask, "Hey, how did you two meet?" The story is not complimentary towards either of them.) But, we haven't had the opportunity yet. If you have any ideas on how to destroy a relationship, shoot me an e-mail. Facebook is probably the best. I think I might start to Photoshop pictures of him with other girls and write posts like, "Dude, that girl was all over you last night!" Contact Andrew Rafferty at: arafferty09@jcu.edu

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Adam \& Jason Sockel Humorists<br>"Grumpy Old Men: A Rope of Sand"

Jason: Hang on, I gotta get my coffee before we hear about the State of the Union.
Adam - Don't rush. I'll just pause the TiVo. (Jason leaves)
A: (to himself) Thank God we got the new TiVo that lets you record two things at once. I'd hate to miss tonight's "Andy Griffith" marathon.
J: (yelling from the kitchen) Remember we're getting up early for the Sofa Express clearance sale tomorrow! Their ottomans are on special.

A: (muttering under his breath) Your face is special.

J : (sitting back down on the couch, coffee in hand) What were you saying?

A : Nothing. And where's my tea? Oh,
and pass me my slippers
$\mathrm{J}:$ I didn't make you tea, its not your birthday anymore; you old man.

A: Quiet, he's about to start.
J: (quoting "The Big Lebowski") This aggression will not stand, man.

A: This stew is delicious. I especially enjoy it because you don't have to chew. Hey, you're old. Is this a sign of things to come?

J: I don't know what you're talking about. Hey grab me that book about the travails of David and Goliath off the coffee table. Also, slide me a coaster. Don't need no water marks on my Ikea.

A: You know who's funny? That Dave Coulier.

J: The guy with the fingers from "Full House"?

A: Yeah, "cut it out." No seriously. I actually meant Ray Romano.
J: Now you're just being ridiculous.
A: I do think he's the new Seinfeld
hough.
J: Hey speaking of which, my fiancée asked about baby names the other day.

A- How is that "speaking of which?"
J: I think I like Jackson for a boy.
A: This derby hat you got me for my birthday is amazing. It matches my scarf and slacks perfectly.

J: Hold on, I have to turn down the TV, it's really loud. Man this space heater really keeps you warm, or maybe it's the knit afghan.

A: Hey poor circulation, could you be any older?
J: Not so young yourself there, Mr. Andy Griffith.

A: That was some of Ron Howard's best work.
J: I feel like my back and joints should be aching. Like Bayer will be my new best friend.

A: That reminds me, I need to get to the
pharmacy. My extra strength muscle balm

## YOURVIIEW

## Letters to the Editor

## Plans for Building

Lilly Scivittaro
University Heights Resident John Carroll University

We are residents of University Heights that are facing a tough time.

We received news of a project developed by Waterway Gas and Wash Company to build a full service gas station, car wash and convenience store at 2216 Warrensville Ctr. Rd.
That is the strip of retail stores that include(d): Hold it, Oriental Rug Store, Huntington Learning Center and Empire Kosher Chicken Restaurant.
They are so close to residential property that they already asked permission to be "forgiven" ten feet of clearance.

Their own company made a traffic assessment and declared that it is not going to pose a problem to the two neighboring streets (i.e. Lansdale and Bushnell Rds.).

According to them, and the mayor, everything can be worked out.

Instead...The reasons for our opposition to this proposal are several.

A full service gas station so close to private residences will increase the pollution of the air due to increased traffic flow, increased gas emission by vehicles in line waiting to be filled up, and/or washed, and emission of benzene gases from the pumps.

The hours of operation of the gas station will go from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.; that is a lot of gas, traffic, and noise.

The line at the car wash for the peak and weekend hours may occupy the whole strip of either Lansdale Road or Bushnell Road, according to where they will accommodate the car wash (Al Paul has a line of cars reaching Marc's...).

This will mean prolonged gas emission on these streets with increased levels of ozone, and it is known that younger and older people (the main occupants of houses at Lansdale and Bushnell Roads) are very sensitive to increased amounts of ozone.

Furthermore, these streets carry signs stating: "Caution, children at play". Will there be any children at play? We cannot afford anymore to let out our children to play. What if a pedophile is driving by to get his car washed?

Who prevents him/her to give a look at our children? Who is going to be willing to endanger them?

We refuse to keep our children prisoners
in their own home, but what alternative do we really have? Should we trust the judgement of our mayor? Is she going to personally protect our children from harm?

Convenience stores are not particularly famous to attract the "in" crowd: small criminality and littering will increase. Once again, who is going to suffer? What will become of our lives?

We bought homes at Lansdale and Bushnell Roads to be in a relatively secluded area. Now, the people at Waterway Gas and Wash Company tell us that there will be trucks emptying their tanks in the gas station at night.

Tell us how can this be a quiet operation Children need to rest to go to school, who is going to make us believe that they will not suffer BEFORE it's too late?

Our mayor told us that this is a $\$ 6,000,000$ deal, too good to let it pass (see article in Sun Press, Thursday, Jan. 17, 2008).

We ask you who is going to benefit from this deal?

We can guarantee you that our property values, everybody's property values, will sink even lower of what they already have.

As you can see, what is considered a"win/ win" situation from our mayor, is a "lose it all" for us.

What is more upsetting for us is the feeling of powerlessness because the people we trusted in, and elected, instead of looking out for our best interests, are undermining our quality of life.

It feels a lot like a betrayal. What can be done?

On our side we are contacting EPA, East side car washes, real estate agents and researching similar situations to build a case to present at the City Council meeting. What can you do?

We encourage you to contact us to sign a petition against this proposal. We posted a web site at: http://www.nogasstation.com.
On this Web site you'll find info about the upcoming meetings for residents of UH, and the date of the upcoming meeting of City Council.

We also ask you to post and sign your comments on the blog site nogasstation. blogspot.com.

You'll find a link to this site (and instructions on how to post a comment) on the http:// www.nogasstation.com.

If you can help us in any other way, especially by providing us with hard copies of documents that can be helpful to our cause, please do. We thank you very much.

## Response to Brad's Journal

## Annie Shaeffing

College Democrats
Class of 2009
John Carroll University
As president of John Carroll Democrats, I was appalled to see the op-ed "Why you should not vote for a Democrat this November" ( $1 / 24$ ) on the World News page, and doubly surprised to see that it was written by the editor of the World News section.

If the students of John Carroll are to expect journalistic credibility, surely an equality of views should be presented, and the editor's opinions should not be published in a news oriented section.

I did not find the author's opinion to be reliable or informed. He resorts to name-calling when discussing Edward's policy towards the Iraq War. He also goes so far as to equate not supporting the war with being unpatriotic.
Indeed, democracy is meant to allow the citizens to dissent. The opinion of the vast majority of Americans has turned against the war.

He also incorrectly claims that Democratic presidential candidates have not been asked about the surge in any debate.

They have indeed been questioned about the success of the surge, and all have agreed that its purpose was to facilitate political progress by a decrease in violence.

The violence has decreased, and yet political progress in the country continues to be at a stand still. Sustained occupation of Iraq is not, evidently, the answer to political success there.
In his support of the Patriot Act, wiretapping, and Guantanamo Bay the author asserts they were "crucial anti-terror tools" without questioning the clear breech of civil liberties by each of these policies.

He also refers to the war as one "against Islamic extremism," which is not only incorrect but also offensive and misrepresentative of the Islamic faith.
Finally, in his argument that the U.S. must remain "Earth's only superpower," he completely neglects the importance of international cooperation that has been lacking in the current administration.
By putting this opinion column in the World News section, The Carroll News is not only undermining their credibility but also alienating a number of students who will be proud to be voting for a Democrat in November 2008.

## ame in.

J: Dude, you're just a designated hitter.
(Long Silent Pause)
J: I wish this dialogue wasn't actually happening.

A: Yeah, I can't believe someone's actually reading this.
$\mathrm{J}: \mathrm{I}$ wish they didn't start these presidential things so late. I really have to get to bed.

A: Seriously, by the time Tim Russert finishes his analysis, it'll be close to 11 p.m.

J: I was watching "Price is Right" the other day, I really miss Bob Barker.

A: I think it's time for you to move on already. He's not coming back. Plus, it could be worse, it could be Al from "Tool Time" or Louie Anderson.

J: Your face needs to move on.
A: Ok, maybe we're not that old... Yet.

## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Please read before SUbMitting a letter to THE EDITOR

## Katie Mahoney <br> Editor in Chief

Please allow me to briefly explain something to every reader of The Carroll News.
We are a news-focused paper that provides solid facts on hard news issues. However, we are also individuals who are entitled to express our opinions.

Editors of this paper are given the chance to have a column regarding issues relevant to that section. Sports frequently runs sports columns, staff opinions are involved in the Op/ Ed section and World News frequently runs a column about political or world issues.

These columns are opinions. And, everyone is allowed to express their opinions. But, opinions are reserved for columns, not news pieces.
The news articles written and published by The Carroll News are factual and unbiased. Columns are meant to give the author's perspective on the issue. As editor in chief, I make it my job to ensure a clear distinction between the two throughout the paper.

The Carroll News reserves the right to edit letters for length and to reject letters if they are libelous or do not conform to standards of good taste. All letters received become the property of The Carroll News. Anonymous letters will not be published unless the source reveals his or her identity to The Carroll News and the situation is deemed appropriate in its anonymity. Letters to the Editor must not exceed 500 words and must be submitted to jcunews@ jcu.edu by 6:30 Sunday night.

## CLASSIFIEDS

## For Rent

## University Heights

Charming 4 bedroom, 2 full 2 half bath on quiet street, close to campus. Well maintained with private yard. \$ 179,900 Cici Riley Howard Hanna. 2169991883 Home For Rent - walk to JCU from 2505 Channing. 4 bedrooms, 1.5 bathrooms, finished basement, Air conditioning, back patio w/furniture, fenced in yard, 2-car detached garage. Appliances include dishwasher, refrigerator, oven, washer, dryer Call Patrick at 216-287-4656.

Two family house for rent. Five bedrooms on one side \& four on the ther side. Very close to cam pus. Carroll students surrounding. Available now!! Call Sam (440) 669-9996.

## For Rent/sale for JCU students Oc

 ober 1st - December 31, 2007. \$330 month. This 3 bedroom, $1 \& 1 / 2$ bath, 2 car garage, clean, new paint \& carpet, oak kitchen floor. 330-6667529.Available June 2008 5-10 person house 5 minutes from JCU. Call 216.402.9653 For more information.

For Rent: University Hts. 2 family houses. 3 bedrooms each suite, very clean and well maintained on Warrensville Center Rd. near John Carroll. Big rooms, garage space, all appliances included. Available June 1st 2008. The good ones go quick so get started! Call Mike: 440-7246654.

House for sale behind Murphy Hall on Lalemant! 3brdms, 1.5 baths, w/ finished basement. Ample parkng includes 2 car garage. Great ocation- easy walk to campus! Currently owned by JCU alum. Call Audra Fullerman w/ Century 21, Best Service @ 216-337-1295 Home for rent for May 2008/2009 school year. Renting to JCU students is our business! 1 mile from campus 4 bedrooms 1.5 baths. Newly remodeled, all hardwood floors brand new appliances, private backyard deck and patio. This will go fast! Call Michael 330 388-7798

Good Housing Goes fast for next school year - don't get shut out! Entire two family house for rent next school year. Two large bedrooms each unit. Modern Amenities. On Warrensville - Two blocks from CU. Call 216.292.3727 (Owner/ Broker)
Houses for rent on Cedar and on Warrensville. Call Grace: 216-751 4519

Nice, spacious 5 bedroom 2.5 bath room house for rent, available June 2008. 4352 Acacia Drive in South Euclid, less than 1 mile from JCU and NDC. All appliances, finished basement, 2-car garage, plenty of parking, nice yard. Currently renting to JCU students. Email for photos and details jmbernot@aol.com. SECURE YOUR 2008 HOUSING NOW...GOOD ONES GO QUICK!'

## Downstairs unit at 13726 Cedar

 Road for rent. 5 bedrooms, 2 full bath. Off-street parking. Free WiFi. Near JCU campus and very close to shopping. Please call Dan Lindner to schedule an appointment. (216) 374-5220.Home For Rent - walk to JCU from 2424 Saybrook. 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, finished basement, bas ketball court, deck, 2-car attached garage. Appliances include dishwasher, refrigerator, oven, washer, dryer. \$1175 per month. Call Jake a 216-287-9254

For Rent 2008: Renovated 5 bedroom / 2 full bath with '06 Luxury bath, new appliances, dishwasher, A/C, deck, 1st fl laundry, walk-in closets. Walking distance. Call (216) 832-3269 today

Four Bedrooms, 1.5 Bath house at one miles from Jcu. Freshly painted \& new carpets. Oven, refrigerator, washer an dryer included. Central heat + air conditioning. Call Nina 216.773.1304
Rent: 5-10 people Student house for ast 15 years. Starting June 2008. Only 5 minutes from JCU. Call Charles (216) 402.9653

Cleveland Heights (near Coventry) (Available Dec) 2 BR/1BA (1st
floor), with basement, patio and garage, water+sewer included. $\$ 725+$ one month deposit. Applianc es include refrigerator, oven, washer dryer. Call Rollie at (216)233-5795 or email creamtop@aol.com

Duplex for Rent. Spacious \& Well-Maintained. Each Unit has 3 Bdrms, 1 1/2 Bath. $1 / 4$ Mile from JCU.
Call JCU Alumni @ 440.336.2437.
Duplexes for rent on Warrensville. Call Curt at 216 337-7796.

Five bedrooms house for rent on Washington Boulevard.
Currently occupied by JCU students. Completely remodeled. All applianc es. Bonus if signed before January 31 Call Elaine at 440-341-8494
GREAT HOME - 1/4 MILE FROM JCU
Single Family, 3 Upstairs Bedrooms, 1.5 Bath., Spacious 1st floor, Finished Basement, 2 Car attached garage. 216 870-1640

For rent: 2494 Warrensville road Easy walk to JCU. 3 bedrooms up, 3 bedrooms down - kitchen, dining, livingroom, 1 bath each floor. lawn and snowplow provided - extra room for each unit in basement. $\$ 900$ per month - 931-6488 3 bedroom second floor nit. Less than $1 / 4$ mile from University. Cen tral Air, Kitchen appliances, Carpeting, Hardwood Floors and Washer/ Dryer all included. Available June, \$900/mnth. 440-542-0232 Entire two family house for rent - next school year(08'09). Two large bedrooms each unit, modern amenities, on warrensville - two blocks from JCU. Good housing goes fast. Don't get shut out! Call 216.292.3727 owner/broker. For rent: 2 block walk
Warrensville\& Hillbrook, 6 person duplex, Each unit 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bath, living and dining rm., kitchen with eating area. Dishwasher, all Appliances, Central Air, Alarm System, Very Clean with plenty of parking. 2008-2009 School ear. Call 440.821 .6415

Univ. Hts---Walking Distance to Campus--- 4-5-6 Bedroom houses are available. All with plenty of parking, AC, newer appliances, washers and dryers. Currently rented by JCU students.Only a few blocks and within walking distance from campus! DON'T WAIT, ACT FAST! Leases to begin in June. Cal Anthony at (216) 374-7164

Home For Rent - walk to JCU from 2505 Channing. 4 bedrooms, 1.5 bathrooms, finished basement, Air conditioning, back patio w/furniture, fenced in yard, 2-car detached garage. Appliances include dishwasher,
refrigerator, oven, washer, dryer. Call Patrick at 216-287-4656.

## Help Wanted

BABYSITTER NEEDED for Saturday nights, occasional weekday afternoons. Eastside home with three young kids. Must have experience and references. I have always used JCU students and have been happy! Call Cyndi @ (440) 542-1895.
** \#1 Spring Break Website! 4 \& 7 night trips to BahamaPartyCruise, PanamaCity, Acapulco, Cancun and more. Low prices guaranteed. Group discounts for 8+. Book 20 people, get 3 free trips! Campus reps needed. www.StudentCity.com or 800-293-1445.
Part time babysitter wanted for one child, age 10 , after school in my Shaker Heights home, near Fairmount/Green. M-F 3-6PM. Occasionally additional hours if you desire. Must have own transportation. Call Carolyn @ 216.831.0901

BABYSITTER NEEDED for Saturday nights, occasional Friday nights in Solon (Eastside) home with three young children. Must have experience, references, and provide own transportation. Call Ilana @ 440-349-1867.
Spring Break 2008 Sell Trips, Earn Cash and Go Free. Call for group discounts. Best Deals Guaranteed! Info/Reservations.
1-800-648-4849 www.ststravel.com
Chagrin Falls family looking for part time ( $10+/-$ ) help w/ two teenagers. Great environment, excellent pay. Own transportation. Please call Maggie (440) 543-2482 or (440) 785-1714.

Babysitter wanted in Beachwood: Thursday and Saturday evenings. 2 kids, 1 dog. Must have own transportation, fun and energetic. Call Jen: 216-310-3947.
Child Care Wanted 3-6 pm, M-F, non-smoker, must drive Shaker 518-588-3656 lv msg

Need person to drive our high school student one-way from Shaker Heights High School to extracurricular activity about 15 minutes away. \$12.00/day-M-R. Call 216-561-0885.

Babysitter(s) needed for eight-year-old girl. Occasional afternoons and evenings. One minute walk from JCU dorms. Please call 216-691-3813
Babysitters wanted to help care for kids ages 3 to 9 after school and evenings. Regular hours possible, but not required, at $\$ 10$ an hour. Must love kids, have own transportation and references. Call Laura at 216-932-1409. Babysitter needed. Days, occasional weekends/school breaks. 10-20 hours/week. Walking distance Prefer local student looking for long-term, flexible job with a 3 year old and newborn. $\$ 10 / \mathrm{hr}$. Call (216) 765-1069.

Part-time babysitters wanted for daytime hours (mostly afternoons) Up to 10 hours week. More than one parent in the Avon / Avon Lake area is interested. Please call 216-470-2432 for more information. Rate is $\$ 10$ per hour.

A Beachwood business has an excellent opportunity for someone who would like learn about and work in the home medical equipment industry. Responsibilities include monitoring, servicing, and delivering home medical equipment to our patients residing in the Cleveland Area. The position offers flexible hours working approximately 15 to 20 hours per week. Please contact Mr. Kahn at 216 292-4406.

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