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Seconds, please

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Shuttle loop revised

Administration works with SU to create possible West Loop

Caitlin Huey-Burns
Campus Editor

The Student Union met with the administration last week to discuss a revised proposal for the University to provide a "West Loop Shuttle" service. This shuttle would go to popular off-campus destinations such as Coventry Village and Little Italy on Friday and Saturday evenings.

While the SU originally proposed a University-sponsored shuttle to Coventry Village on Thursday nights for students over the age of 21, the administration assessed the liabilities attached to the idea and asked for a proposal that included more students and destinations.

Patrick McDermott, executive vice president of the Student Union, said, "After speaking with the administration, Student Union realized that our original proposal was too narrowly tailored and was, in some aspects, inconsistent with the University mission."

The administration was concerned that if the University was to provide transportation for students to places where known risks exist, such as bars in Coventry Village, liabilities would immediately surface.

Mark McCarthy, vice president

A Changing View
After meeting with administrators, the Student Union is amending their original idea for a shuttle to Coventry.



Administration Perspective

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VP for Student Affairs



Student Union Perspective

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Executive VP for the Student Union

for student affairs, said, "In the case of the Coventry shuttle, there is a concern that students will drink to a point of intoxication and become injured or need medical care."

Such shuttle service may inadvertently facilitate other crimes to take place.

"There is also the possibility that

a student transported to Coventry may be left behind or overlooked, and then run the risk of being a victim of a crime," said McCarthy.

Additionally, the original Coventry shuttle proposal required that the over 21 year old students who

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Severe rainstorms flood Bruening Hall

Classrooms filled with rain water and disrupted several classes

Bridget Fitzgerald
Staff Reporter

Last week's rainy weather not only affected temperatures, but also the floors of the Boler School of Business.

Bruening Hall flooded last Tuesday, causing some classes to be cancelled.

Junior Stephen Kedzuf was in his New Venture Management class in room 19 of Bruening Hall when the flooding occurred.

"It's a three-tier room and the first tier began to flood from the heavy rain storm," he said.

When the water started to rise, Kedzuf's professor did not end class.

"We just continued to have class because we didn't have another class to move into and we just all moved up a level so we wouldn't get wet," said Kedzuf.

The problem continued into the evening classes. While the day classes were not affected enough to cause the cancellation of class, evening classes were a different story.

Senior Gabriel Malemud said, "The flood was still apparent for my class on Tuesday night in the same room."

Yet Malemud's professor took heed.

"My professor had to stop his lesson plan because the bottom ground was in a few inches of water. He even had to stop using the PowerPoint because he could not change the slides," said Malemud.

Word traveled around campus.

Junior Chris Lewandowski did not have class in the flooded rooms, but said news of the flooding was brought to his attention at last Tuesday's Student Union Senate meeting.

"This was not the first I had heard about it, other senators had mentioned some students had come to them and mentioned the flooding," said Lewandowski.

Administrative authorities are investigating.

Carol P. Dietz, associate vice president of facilities, said, "We are still looking into what may have caused the flooding in classrooms 19 and 22 last week. To my knowledge, we have not had a problem in this area before."

"My professor had to stop his lesson plan because the bottom ground was in a few inches of water."

Gabriel Malemud
Senior

The wet carpets have been dried.

The water was extracted from the carpet and the carpets were disinfected and deodorized on Thursday and Friday nights, according to Dietz.

The carpets were also cleaned on Monday night.

The administration is taking further precautionary measures in order to investigate this issue.

"We are in the process of arranging for a camera to be used to view the drain and drainage piping to look for a cause," said Dietz.

It is hoped the camera will be an immediate solution.

"I hope to have the results of the camera work by the end of the week," said Dietz.

Economy affects JCU's financial status

Sam Gonder
Mike Spinelli
The Carroll News

John Carroll University has not been immune to the turmoil that has deeply affected the U.S. economy. Like people, businesses and institutions around the world, the University faces uncertainty about its financial future.

Richard Mausser, JCU's vice president for finance and treasurer, addressed these concerns in an e-mail sent to JCU faculty, staff and administrators on Tuesday. Mausser stated in the e-mail that "John Carroll currently has suf-

ficient working capital in the form of cash and short-term investments to fully fund its operations into the foreseeable future."

Mausser touched on three specific issues: short-term funds (STF), endowments and debt services, all of which provide for current operations and future projects.

The University participates in an STF that pools funding from nearly 1,000 educational institutions of various sizes in order to meet short-term investing needs. This funding is mainly made up of students' tuition and room and board payments.

Instead of keeping the cash on

hand, JCU puts it in the STF account until the funds are needed to cover expenses such as payroll, accounts payable and debt service obligations.

According to Mausser's report, the University received notification on Sept. 29 that their STF trustee, Wachovia Bank, was going to "terminate and liquidate the STF."

This means that JCU's STF will be closed and they will be receiving the cash held within the account.

Due to the nature of the investments, JCU will be receiving 60 percent of the funds by Dec. 31,

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Campus Briefs

Carroll's Got Talent: Beta's talent show

JCU fraternity Beta Theta Pi is sponsoring a benefit talent show called "Carroll's Got Talent" Friday night at 8 p.m. in Kulas Auditorium. Students, faculty and staff will be participating in the show along with a guest performance by a Beatles tribute band. Tickets for admission are \$2 and are available for sale in the Atrium, the Office of Student Activities and at the door on Friday night. All proceeds benefit the Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital. Students and JCU community members are welcome to attend.

Rev. Robin Hoover Lecture

Rev. Robin Hoover, the founder of Humane Borders in Tucson, Arizona, will be visiting campus on Monday, Oct. 20. The Honors Program, Latin American and Latino Studies, the Program in Applied Ethics, the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Academic Vice President's Office are sponsoring his visit and lecture. Hoover will be speaking at noon in Dolan Auditorium about "The U.S.-Mexican Border, Migration and Social Ethics" and in the LSC Conference Room on "Humane Borders and the Politics of Migration" at 7 p.m.

Brown Bag Lunch Series

The Brown Bag Lunch Series, as part of the Carroll Counts initiative, will discuss the topic "Global Climate Change: A Plea for Dialogue, Prudence, and the Common Good" on Thursday, Oct. 17 from 12:20 p.m. to 1:20 p.m. in the Faculty Dining Room, located in the Student Center. They will discuss the Catholic perspective on critical issues that are central to the 2008 election. All are welcome to attend and join the discussion. For questions, please e-mail abortz11@jcu.edu.

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Caitlin Huey-Burns

Res Life introduces key fobs for keyless entry

Alex Sword
Staff Reporter

The Office of Residence Life is piloting a new card access system that will allow for a faster and safer way to enter the dorm buildings. This new system consists of a key fob that when swiped in front of the reader unlatches the door.

This new system allows keyless entry into residence halls, erasing any problems with broken or lost building keys.

Students wave their key fob, which is a small oval plastic key chain, in front of the fob reader near the entrance door of their residence hall.

For now, this system is only a trial. "We would like to wait through the holiday season and see how that goes before making more changes for more students," said Heather Losneck, director of Residence Life.

Losneck also projects that this new system will make things much more convenient during the holidays.

Core lock systems will not have to be changed, as they normally are during holiday breaks, and residents will not be able to sneak back in or wait until the last minute to leave over the holidays when the residence halls close.

The key fobs will be dismantled over school breaks and residents will not be let back into the building until after the holiday season.

Residence Life chose to begin this program with Bernet Hall because of its manageable size of

students, Losneck said.

This new reader has also been installed for trial in Sutowski, Millor, Hamlin and Campion halls, with the key fobs given to seniors and Resident Assistants. Some Greek floors also have been given this trial swipe system.

So far, the system has been successful. When a storm hit campus a few weeks ago, cutting power in the academic buildings, Bernet also lost power, but students' key fobs still worked.

"I absolutely love it and think we should all have them," said sophomore Amy Gunderman, an RA in Sutowski Hall.

Senior Rose Petitti, the Senior RA of Bernet Hall, said the new system is convenient.

"It's nice to have a fob and not have to take the time to grab your keys and open the door while five other people are waiting behind you. With the new system, the fob can be several inches away. So I can put my purse, with my keys at the bottom, near the system and the door will be unlocked."

Each time students swipe the device, the system recognizes their name and keeps a log of what time they entered the building.

With the new key fob swipe system, the residence halls would become safer as well.

If there were to be an intruder in the building, Res Life would be able to find out who entered at the same time of the intrusion. This intends to dissuade students from allowing strangers into the building.



Photo by Caitlin Huey-Burns

The grey key fob allows keyless entry to John Carroll University residence hall buildings.

Additionally, if a student loses a fob, Res Life has the power to deactivate it so that if a stranger finds the device, it will be out of service, said Petitti.

The system also records when a resident uses the fob to try to open the wrong door, so that if a student lives in Campion, for example, he or she cannot use it to open the doors to Bernet.

This allows for more security and a safer environment for all those living on campus.

"I really like the key fob system. It should be implemented in all the other residence halls eventually," said Petitti.

As for any problems that have occurred thus far, Petitti said that

she has only encountered one malfunction with her key fob in Bernet.

"One of the door detecting system's wires was not receiving the signal from the key fob, so people had to enter through a different door. But as soon as Res Life knew, the problem was fixed ASAP," she said.

The Office of Residence Life is going to be monitoring the key fob readers for problems over the next few months.

"There have been many changes this year, with the new Carroll Cash system and different meal swipe schedule, that we are not sure how exactly [the keyless entry system] will work out," Losneck said.

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would be riding the shuttle show a photo identification to security officers. This created more concern from the administration.

"The fact that security was necessary also indicates that drunken and disorderly conduct was a distinct possibility and thus the risk level increased," said McCarthy.

In order to address such concerns, the SU revised their proposal and devised the "West Loop Shuttle" program, which would run similarly to the East Loop Shuttle program that currently exists.

This proposal suggests that the West Loop Shuttle would allow students of all ages to visit the cof-

fee shops, movie theaters, stores, restaurants and cultural places in Cleveland Heights and University Circle, according to McCarthy.

The SU is working with the Dean

ming geared towards underclassmen, such as SUPB-sponsored events on campus, the SU had projected little problem with providing a shuttle service just for

to all students."

The Student Union realized the restrictiveness of the former proposal. "Our new proposal attempts to increase accessibility to popular off-campus locations without limiting which students would be able to use the service," said McDermott.

If the proposed West Loop Shuttle is approved, long-term funding for such service will still need to be determined "as expenses will be tied to the frequency of the service and the locations served by the shuttle," said McCarthy.

He predicts that costs for the service will have to be shared by the SUPB, the Office of Student Affairs and the students who use the shuttle.

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-Mark McCarthy, vice president for student affairs

of Students Office and the Office of Residence Life this week to investigate the logistics and discuss costs related to a West Loop Shuttle.

With much of student program-

upperclassmen.

However, McCarthy said, "Since all full-time undergraduates pay the SAF [student activities fee], the shuttle service should be available

Campus Safety Log



September 30, 2008

A staff member reported a theft in the O'Malley Center Building at 10:29 a.m.

September 30, 2008

Theft from an office was reported at 1:30 p.m.

October 3, 2008

A parking permit was stolen at 1:54 p.m.

October 3, 2008

A ceiling tile was broken in Millor Hall at 10:16 p.m.

October 3, 2008

An alcohol violation and sale to an underage resident in Millor Hall was reported at 10:28 p.m.

October 5, 2008

Burglary and criminal mischief was reported at 2:48 a.m. when an unknown person removed a RA's nameplate and stabbed/cut it with a knife.

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

Financial woes hit JCU, administration addressing concerns about the University's current and future economic state

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2008 with the remaining funds spread through 2011.

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The term liquid investments refers to investments that can be easily converted into cash.

In the e-mail, Mausser goes on to describe that "the University's endowment portfolio has also been adversely affected as a result of the present upheaval in the global capital markets."

The endowment is money received by the University from a

donor for scholarships and other programs.

Through August 2008, JCU's endowment investments experienced a negative return of approximately six percent. Compared to a national benchmark, like the S&P 500 Index which received a negative 11 percent

money. The current concern with JCU's debt is that some of it is at a variable rate.

Since variable rates in our current economy are considered to be unfavorable because of the uncertainty of future interest rates, Mausser assures the JCU commu-

nity that the University has taken action to get away from this type of debt.

JCU entered into an agreement to convert all of JCU's variable

rate debt to a fixed rate for a period of three years beginning December 2008.

Mausser believes that JCU has taken positive steps to ensure it will be able to endure these difficult times.

In the e-mail Mausser said, "We are confident that our short-term cash flow needs can be met with resources currently on hand. However, we remain concerned about the overall uncertainty in the financial markets."

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-Richard Mausser, VP for Finance and Treasurer

return over the same period, JCU's return is relatively favorable.

Mausser stresses that current JCU students will not feel the effects of such a negative return, but if the economy continues to decline, future students and the University may see funding being pinched.

In order to prevent this future pinch from happening, the University is closely monitoring these investments.

Another way the University funds its operations is by borrowing

JCU mourns the passing of long-time service employee

**Bob Seeholzer
Caitlin Huey-Burns**
The Carroll News

Eula McDowell's co-workers say it was an honor and pleasure to work with her.

Larry Foster, a colleague, fondly remembers working with McDowell because "she was just a kind person. God kept her going."

McDowell, a long-time service employee who worked in the Administration Building and the Recplex, passed away on Sept. 29.

McDowell's family established an online guest book through Cleveland.com where friends and family could write about their memories of McDowell.

The guest book will remain online until Nov. 5.

Mary Ann Hanicak, assistant to the vice president for student affairs, signed the guest book and said that she and Eula worked in the same building for seven years.

Hanicak said, "When I was on campus late or on the weekends, Eula would always stop to talk

with me. She was such a dear, sweet woman," said Hanicak.

"She always wanted to know how my kids were doing and talked about her family in such a loving way."

Hanicak remembers the friendly advice she received from McDowell.

"I laugh because she was always telling me to clear off my shelves so that she could dust and clean them for me. The funny thing was that I think I only did it once or twice in the past seven years," said Hanicak.

Foster, who worked with McDowell for six and a half years, said, "Everyone called her Grandma. She would go out of her way to do anything for anyone."

McDowell was the mother of eight children, Leon, Eugene, Kenneth and Gail McDowell, Patricia Turner, Mary Dunn, Leovetta Singleton and Rhonda M. Harris. She was also a beloved sister, grandmother, great and great-great grandmother.

Get to Know: Janet Paradise

Janet Paradise is the secretary for the Office of Student Activities. She is responsible for ensuring that daily office tasks run smoothly, while providing staff support and customer service, handling van schedules and writing the notorious "Weekend Wowzer."

How did you obtain this job?

After working as a recruiter for Management Recruiters International for the last 13 years, I decided to make a career change. I saw an online posting for my job, applied, interviewed and the rest is history.

What would you like someone to know about your job?

My job is very fast-paced and you have to be able to multi-task. Every day brings new things and I enjoy the variety of the job.

How about music?

I love the Beatles, Fleetwood Mac, Journey and Bon Jovi.

How many children do you have?

My husband and I are the very proud parents of four boys ages 18 to 26. All of our boys graduated from St. Ignatius High School. Matt graduated from Marquette and is an engineer at Harley Davidson in Wisconsin. Jason graduated from Miami of Ohio and is a sales manager at Enterprise in Ohio. Ryan is a senior at Ohio University and is majoring in Biology. And Keith is a freshman at Xavier with plans to major in IT. I believe my boys are my best achievement in life!

Any favorite foods?

I love a good cheeseburger. I love milk chocolate and anything with raspberries in it.

Do you enjoy any sports?

I am an avid TV sports watcher. Raising four boys, you get involved in all kinds of sports. The TV at our house always has a game or ESPN on. I support all Cleveland sports, but I especially like the Cavs.

What do you like most about your job?

I work with the most wonderful people. They make coming to work a joy. I love working with the students and seeing them on a daily basis. They energize me. I see these students as the future leaders of the world. I am so proud of them. Even when they don't need to visit our office, they stop-in to say hi.



Photo by Meredith Yagelski

Secretary for the Office of Student Activities, Janet Paradise.

Where are you from?

I grew-up on the east side of Cleveland, in the Slovenian neighborhood of St. Vitus Church. I am 100 percent Slovenian, but am married to a wonderful Italian. I have lived in Euclid for the past 27 years with my husband and boys.

What do you like most about JCU?

The entire JCU community is wonderful. Not only are the students great, but I am amazed how caring the faculty, staff and administrators are. Everyone tries to put the students first.

-Compiled by Meredith Yagelski

CAMPUS CALENDAR: OCT. 9-OCT. 15

9	Thursday	10	Friday	11	Saturday	12	Sunday	13	Monday	14	Tuesday	15	Wednesday
Derek Hughes, a magician and comedian, will be performing in Kulas Auditorium at 8 p.m.	SUPB is sponsoring Bingo Night at 11 p.m. in the Schott Dining Hall. Food and prizes will be available.	JCU's annual Oktoberfest begins at 8 p.m. on the Keller Commons, located directly outside the Student Center.	JCU club hockey will play Lindenwood at 2:50 p.m.	Students interested in learning about the traditional Catholic practices on campus are invited to a discussion in the Campus Ministry Conference Room from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.	The Spanish Club and the Rec desk will be co-sponsoring free salsa lessons tonight from 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the Annex gym. All are welcome to attend, no matter their level of ability.	The Cardinal Suenens Center in Theology and Church Life Fall Book Series will take place at noon in the Murphy Room. The book of discussion is "Utopia."							

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STUDENT HEALTH CENTER OFFERS FLU VACCINE

As the cold weather starts to hit, John Carroll University's Student Health Center is offering flu shots to all students, faculty, staff and administration starting Wednesday, October 15th. The cost of each flu vaccine is \$25.

They will be administered from 11-5 p.m., Monday through Friday in the Health Center, which is located in the lower level of Murphy Residence Hall. This convenient service is right here on campus. It is safe, inexpensive and definitely worth the time it takes to get it. No appointment is necessary.

"Flu" is an acute respiratory disease caused by an influenza virus. The symptoms include fever, cough, chills, headache, muscle aches and sore throat. Living on a college campus makes this highly infectious disease easy to be transmitted, and it can put anyone out of commission for up to two weeks. The number one precautionary measure a person can take to avoid being bed-ridden with flu is to get this vaccine. Frequent hand washing with warm water and soap, proper rest and good nutrition also play a key role in staying healthy.

**Please remember, Physicians are available to see students Monday through Friday 9am-10am. Walk-ins are welcomed. No appointment is necessary. The nurse is available 9am-5pm daily during the school week.

For more information, contact the Health Center at 216-397-4349.

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Women's club hoops team formed

Efforts of Bukach and Howard get project off the ground

Casey Epps
Staff Reporter

Thanks to the efforts of John Carroll University senior Ashley Bukach and Intramural and Recreational Director Sandy Howard, a new women's club basketball team has been created.

Current admissions counselor Meagan Heller, a former basketball player at JCU, will be serving as coach for the team. She spent last year as a graduate assistant for the women's varsity basketball team.

The interest for a new club team began four years ago when Bukach was playing pickup games with her friends and wanted more competition.

"About four or five of us would meet a few times a week and we knew we wanted an organized way to play competitively and to stay in shape," she said.

During the process of establishing the club team as a student organization, Bukach was in constant contact with Howard.

"Sandy was amazing. Without her, this club sport could not have happened," Bukach said. "She had the contacts and resources we needed to get things moving."

The team will compete in the Midwest Club Basketball Conference alongside seven other teams including Miami University, The Ohio State University and Ohio University.

"A lot of things have fallen into place in a short amount of time," Howard said. "The struggles we have faced have been helped along with our strong connection to the athletic department."

Not only is the athletic department happy to welcome another club team, but Howard commented



Photo by Mike Spinelli

Members of the women's club basketball team, shown here, are ready to get their inaugural season underway on Nov. 1.

on the positive encouragement from the women's varsity team.

"Starting a women's club basketball is a great idea, because the interest to play is high on our campus," said varsity head coach Kristie Maravalli.

Maravalli added that the team "gives more opportunities to participate in a more competitive setting" for those who may not be able to play varsity.

Howard was very grateful for the support from the varsity team.

"Kristie Maravalli and her team have been so supportive in the development of this team," she said. "They have even helped in the small details like saving old jerseys that would have otherwise been thrown away."

Now that most of the logistics are figured out, the team is looking to fill its roster.

"Right now it's about finding committed and interested girls who want to compete," Bukach said. "Without the interest of girls on campus, this team would not be possible."

Currently, the women of the

HOW TO JOIN
Those interested can attend open gyms at the RecPlex Gym on Tuesdays from 8:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

club team are holding open gyms in which students are welcome to join. The team is looking for 12 to 15 girls to complete their squad and do not plan to make cuts.

Freshman Lisa Freed plans to attend one of the upcoming open gyms and is looking forward to competitive basketball again.

"I played basketball in high school but knew I didn't have the time for a college-level commitment," Freed said. "I'm just excited for a new avenue being presented that allows me to get back into the sport."

The Blue Streaks club season begins with their first game on Nov. 1. The team will travel to the other schools in Ohio and one in Kentucky for away games.

Soccer begins OAC play

Pat Nygaard
Staff Reporter

It took a long time, but it was well worth the wait. The John Carroll University women's soccer team needed overtime to settle their Ohio Athletic Conference opener Friday night at home against the Capital Crusaders.

Capital came into the match with a solid 5-2-2 record. The Blue Streaks made sure that Capital went home with another loss on their record as JCU defeated Capital 1-0 in an overtime thriller.

The defense, as it has all year, carried JCU to victory.

Goalkeeper Michelle Zrebiec elevated her game and came up with clutch save after clutch save. She blocked nine Crusaders shots on the night en route to her eighth shut out this year.

"Michelle has been awesome this year," said junior Elizabeth Daigler. "She keeps making save after save which lets us be in every game this season."

After a back-and-forth first half, the Crusaders dictated play in the second half. However, they were unable to get the ball past Zrebiec.

In overtime, the Blue Streaks looked to be re-energized. Sophomore Betsy Haigh dribbled the ball down the left side as the clock dipped below four minutes to play in the extra session. She was able to find senior Lauren Wilson. Upon receiving the ball, Wilson was able to find junior Caitlyn Walton at the top of the box.

Walton turned and unloaded a low-line shot which found the net for her sixth goal, and her third game winner of the 2008 campaign.

"I was able to find Caitlyn at the top of the box," said Wilson. "I knew she had a good chance to turn and shoot because of how strong her

leg was."

With this win, JCU improved to 8-1-2, marking the best 11-game start in program history.

The men's soccer team opened conference play as well, also battling the Capital Crusaders.

Capital got on the scoreboard first when junior Steven McCarthy scored in the 12th minute of the game.

The game was even-keeled until the 41st minute when senior Scott McKinney tied up the score. McK-inney unloaded a shot from the top of the box, which snuck in the top right corner of the goal for his fifth goal of the season.

It would take just 54 seconds for JCU to strike again.

Junior Jeff Kosek redirected a cross from junior Ryan Ricart to give John Carroll a 2-1 advantage heading into the half.

"We ended the first half on a good note," said Kosek.

However, it was a tale of two halves. Said Kosek, "We did not play well in the second half and you can't afford to do that against good teams."

Just three minutes into the second half, Capital tied it up at two.

Capital added their third goal in the 73rd minute to re-take the lead when Josh Thaboune scored his second goal of the match.

McCarthy then added an insurance goal in the 86th minute, making the score 4-2 and putting the game out of reach for the Blue Streaks.

Sophomore Mike Telzrow made five saves, but allowed four goals in his first collegiate start.

With the loss, the team fell to 4-4-1 to start the season.

JCU will look to position themselves to defend their OAC title with an important league game this Saturday against Marietta College.

INTRAMURAL UPDATE

Current Action:

* T-Fat, captained by Matt Saluan, remains undefeated in their quest to stay at the top of the flag football world. T-Fat is looking to retain their title from last year.

* In a game that went into overtime, FC Goal Me pulled out the win over The Losing Edge in men's soccer.

* Barbara Pawlowski and Riannon Ziegler look to be the team to beat as they try to win the women's tennis championship.

Upcoming events:

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JCU ATHLETICS SCOREBOARD OCT. 1 - OCT. 7

Cross Country

Great Lakes Championships

Men - sixth of seven teams

JCU Leaders

Short Course:
Neil Kelleher 17:53
Ned McGrath 17:53

Long Course:
Dan DiRuzza 28:05

Women - second of 10 teams

JCU Leaders

Short Course:
Michelle Grossman 11:40

Long Course:
Emily Tillmaand 24:22

Volleyball

JCU 0
Ohio Northern 3

JCU 3
Baldwin-Wallace 1

JCU Leaders
Kills:
Meredith McDiarmid 8
MaryEileen Dalton 7
Kristen Kidd 7

* Stats only reflective of ONU game

Women's Golf

Cardinal Fall Invitational

JCU - fifth of five teams

JCU Leader:
Ashley Pettibon 94

Soccer

Men
JCU 2
Capital 4

JCU Leaders

Goals:
Jeff Kosek 1
Scott McKinney 1
Saves:
Mike Telzrow 5

Women
JCU 1
Capital 0

JCU 1
Mount Union 2

JCU Leaders

Goals:
Caitlyn Walton 1
Colleen Harmon 1
Saves:
Michelle Zrebiec 14

Defense comes up big in win

Late fourth quarter scoring seals the deal



Photo courtesy of Sports Information

Senior running back Tyler Gingrich dives across the goal line to put JCU ahead 24-17. He added another touchdown late in the fourth quarter to put the game out of reach for the Wilmington Quakers.

Tim Ertle
Sports Editor

Missing was senior pre-season All-American defensive end Ken Bevington. Missing was junior defensive end Chuck Iheama, who chipped in two sacks Sept. 27 in the Blue Streaks victory over Heidelberg College.

Yet, even without their two starting defensive ends, both of whom will miss the rest of the 2008 season, the JCU defense came up big when called upon in Saturday's 31-17 victory over Wilmington College in Shula Stadium.

"I think the defense did a great job because Wilmington has a great offense," said head coach Regis Scafe. "Our defense just rose to the challenge. Without Chuck [Iheama] and Ken Bevington, our All-American, guys like Case Allin and Josh Black stepped in and really did a nice job."

The Blue Streaks allowed the Quakers to cover 304 yards in the game, but came up with big plays all afternoon.

None bigger, perhaps, than senior safety Carlo Melaragno intercepting a pass from Quakers' quarterback Billy Blackburn. Melaragno intercepted the ball in the red zone, ending a potential Wilmington scoring drive in the first quarter.

While Melaragno made the big play, senior linebacker Mike Nettling was a consistent force.

Nettling tallied a career-high 17 tackles on the day, including four tackles for a loss and a sack.

Scafe was thrilled with what he saw from the three-year starter.

"Mike is an awesome player, a great kid and a tremendous leader," he said. "He continues to get better and better. He has gotten better from year to year and now he is playing real great football. What you saw Saturday was Mike Nettling at his best."

Nettling was quick to point out that he was stepping-up in the absences of Bevington and Iheama, but said that everyone on the defense rose to the occasion.

"All week our coaches have been saying that since those guys are out, someone still has to step up and

make plays. They reminded us that even without those guys, we're still a good defense," said Nettling.

The defense got a lot of help on Saturday from the offense as they hung 31 points on the board.

Senior Mark Petruziello distributed the ball to his talented group of wide receivers, as four different players had at least five catches.

JCU scored first, striking in the first quarter when Petruziello found junior Frank Ross on a four-yard pass.

In the third quarter, Petruziello connected with senior Peter Spachner on a ten-yard touchdown pass to make the Blue Streaks lead 17-7.

Wilmington added a field goal to make it a one-possession game early in the fourth.

JCU appeared to be on its way to another score when Petruziello's pass was intercepted by Wilmington's standout linebacker Chris Medley at the two-yard line.

After a good return by Medley, Wilmington managed to reach the end zone when Blackburn and wide receiver Brandon Hiatt hooked up for a 21-yard touchdown to tie the game at 17 with 4:34 remaining.

Petruziello, however, would redeem himself. He set up a first down and goal on a 26-yard quarterback keeper. Petruziello then handed the ball off to senior running back Tyler Gingrich to finish off the drive.

Gingrich bullied his way into the end zone for his first rushing touchdown of the season to give the lead back to the Blue Streaks.

It looked like the defense would be counted on once more to preserve the lead.

However, the Blue Streaks special team unit came up with a game-changing play.

On the kickoff after the touchdown, Wilmington kick returner Jeremy Stuckey brought the ball out to the 20-yard line before a huge hit by freshman Corey Castro jarred the ball loose.

Junior Kenny Owens pounced on the ball to give it back to the Blue Streaks at the Wilmington 19-yard line with 2:14 still showing on the game clock.

After the fumble, a scary moment occurred as Owens was slow

to get up with what proved to be a serious concussion.

Owens spent Saturday night in the hospital and was released Sunday night, according to Scafe.

With the lead and the ball, JCU looked to run out the rest of the clock. The Blue Streaks switched from their usual spread offensive formation to a more traditional power-I look.

That meant Gingrich would get a chance to shine.

Gingrich seized the opportunity and on his fourth carry he walked in untouched to the end zone to put the game well out of reach.

Scafe was thrilled to see Gingrich come up huge in the fourth quarter.

"In the red zone, our offense has been sputtering a bit," said Scafe. "To have an effective running game was huge. Our offensive line really stepped it up and Tyler ran hard. He did a great job."

A new-found power running game and a defense that proved itself to be more reliable has the Blue Streaks excited to see how things turn out this season.

Nettling remains optimistic about what the defense can do the rest of this season.

"We can't replace Kenny [Bevington] and Chuck, but we can rework our defense to get pressure from other areas," he said.

Nettling has just one guarantee: that the team will play hard.

He said, "There's a lot of pride that goes into this game. We lost two big players but it's still our defense and we take great pride in that. We have no excuses; we just want to get the job done."

The defense will look to get the job done Saturday on the road against Marietta College.

This will be the 21st meeting between the two schools, and JCU has never lost to the Pioneers. Scafe is 9-0 against Marietta.

Still, the Blue Streaks will not take Marietta or any opponent lightly.

"Traditionally, it has been a tough trip for us to go down there," said Scafe. "They aren't having a great year but they're still a good team."



Streaks of the Week



Football



Mike Nettling
senior

- Nettling earned All-OAC honors this week for his performance against Wilmington. He recorded 17 tackles and four stops behind the line of scrimmage, including a sack. Both were career-highs.



Women's Soccer



Michelle Zrebiec
senior

- Zrebiec extended her shutout streak to three as JCU defeated Capital University this week. For her efforts, she earned Ohio Athletic Conference Player of the Week honors.



Women's Soccer



Caitlyn Walton
junior

- Walton scored the only goal of the game as the Blue Streaks knocked off defending Ohio Athletic Conference champion Capital University. Her goal came in overtime.



Cross Country



Emily Tillmaand
junior

- Tillmaand paced the Blue Streaks to a second place finish at the Great Lakes Short and Long Course Championships, placing fourth overall in the long course event.



Football



Tyler Gingrich
senior

- Gingrich was a big factor against Wilmington. He put JCU ahead when he went into the end zone from ten yards out, then added another touchdown late in the fourth quarter.

Blue Streaks fall sports teams rounding into form

Ashley Bauer
The Carroll News

The John Carroll University fall sports teams have been busy throughout the week. Ohio Athletic Conference match-ups are now underway and the teams have been striving for success.

Volleyball

The women's volleyball team had their first OAC game against nationally ranked Ohio Northern University last Friday at the DeCarlo Varsity Center.

The Blue Streaks, still without senior standout Meagan Gambone, suffered a three game loss to the Polar Bears (18-25, 11-25, 24-26).

"We are now able to see what we need to work on and polish every skill in practice," said sophomore Meredith McDiarmid. "Knowing what we need to do can make us very successful in our next OAC games."

The team responded by defeating cross-town rival Baldwin-Wallace on Tuesday in four games.

With the victory, the Blue Streaks ran their record to 13-7 overall, and 1-1 in the OAC.

This start is very encouraging for a program that has not finished a season with a record of better than .500 since 2001.

Upcoming games for the team



Photo by courtesy of Sports Information

Junior Kevin Bove and the golf team read their putts well this fall en route to winning four tournaments as they tune-up for the spring.

include home matches against Ursuline on Oct. 9 and Capital on Oct. 14, both at 7 p.m.

The team also has an away game against Muskingum on Oct. 11.

JCU hopes to dominate each game with their motto, "Family. Focus. Finish."

Senior Colleen Cavanagh said, "We have learned to play together. There has been a strong emphasis on family this season."

Cavanagh added that it would take a total team effort to accomplish their goals in 2008.

"It takes everybody together to achieve everything we want to this season," she said. "We have to always communicate and trust that

everyone is going to do their job and play their role. If they do, then we will be successful."

Cross Country

The men's and women's cross country teams have also competed throughout the week. On Friday, Oct. 3, the team competed in the Great Lakes Short and Long Course Championships hosted by Adrian College. The men's team placed sixth out of seven teams, while the women finished second out of 10.

"As a team, I think we should be focused on running a solid season," said senior Danny DiRuzza.

"We have a very young team and

so this season is really important as a base to build on within the next few years. I'm honored to be able to run with these guys."

The Blue Streaks women's team was led by a trio of runners that finished towards the top.

Junior Emily Tillmaand, junior Tricia Doherty and sophomore Melissa Thorne placed fourth through sixth respectively.

Both the men's and the women's teams will compete in the All-Ohio Championships tomorrow in Delaware, Ohio.

Golf

The men's golf team has completed their fall season and they are now prepared for the OAC spring season.

The Blue Streaks competed in the 2008 Mount Union College Fall Invitational held at Tannenhauf Golf Course last week.

The team set a school record-breaking round of 282 on the second day of competition, leading them to a 19-stroke victory.

Sophomore Jeff Deal finished second to lead the Blue Streaks to their fourth victory out of the five tournaments they competed in this fall.

The team was led in the fall season by junior Blake Furgerson and senior Dan Arison. Furgerson averaged 71.4 shots per round, and

Arison finished with a strong average of 73.4

The women's golf team also completed their fall season last week at the Otterbein Cardinal Invitational.

The tournament took place at Table Rock Golf Course in Centerburg, Ohio.

JCU had only four golfers compete in the tournament; therefore, they were not able to compete for a title and finished in fifth place of five teams.

The Blue Streaks finished with a score of 435 strokes. Freshman Ashley Pettibon was the top finisher for JCU, shooting a 94 which tied her for tenth place.

Junior Brittney Coder, who finished second on the team with an average of 98.4 strokes per round, put the fall season into perspective.

"We reoriented our team goals to all of the new players that joined the team this year," she said.

Even after a disappointing end to the fall campaign, Coder is still optimistic as to what she will see from her team once they return to action in the spring.

"We are going for the [OAC] title," she said. "We are an underdog this year, but the ability of this team is phenomenal."

"We are an extremely competitive group of girls who are very hungry for an OAC title." Coder said.



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2009 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame nominees have been determined

Jenn Holton
Staff Reporter



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Run-DMC released their latest album, 'Crown Royal' in April 2001.

Run-DMC could find itself being the "King of Rock" after all. The 1980s hip-hop group, along with heavy metal band Metallica, is one of nine nominees for induction into the 2009 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Neil Walls, founder of a watchdog Web site for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, called Futurerockhall.com, feels these two bands will fare well as nominees.

"I think they're great choices. They're two standout nominees who probably have the best chance of being inducted," Walls said.

Other nominees include guitarist Jeff Beck, R&B/American disco group Chic, singer Wanda Jackson, R&B group Little Anthony and the Imperials, punk-rock band The Stooges, R&B group War and singer/songwriter Bobby Womack.

After first collaborating in 1981 in Los Angeles, the band Metallica was eligible for a nomination in 2007.

"Metallica is an obvious pick for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame because they've done so much to develop the hard rock scene," said John Carroll University sophomore Ryan McCullough.

"I think they should definitely be inducted, because they are metal, and the most popular metal band out there," said JCU freshman Luke Sebbens.

Metallica's newest album, *Death Magnetic*, was released in early September, and sold 490,000 copies in the first three days.

"*Death Magnetic* is very good, it's a lot like their first four or five albums and they really went back to the roots in this one," McCullough said.

Run-DMC, made up of Joseph "Rev. Run" Simmons, Darryl "DMC" McDaniels, and Jason "Jam Master Jay" Mizell, is most famous for its 1986 cover

of Aerosmith's "Walk This Way," and other songs such as "King of Rock" and "It's Tricky."

"Run-DMC is the original trendsetter of how hip-hop artists dress, speak and deliver their style of rap," said JCU junior Ronald Brownrigg.

The first hip-hop act to be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame was Grandmaster Flash and the Furious Five in 2007. Now, Run-DMC, nominated in its first year of eligibility, has the chance to follow.

"I think it sets the tone that they will induct more hip-hop groups in the future, and Run-DMC certainly deserves to be there as one of the pioneers of the genre," Walls said.

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame chooses performers, songwriters, disc jockeys and others whose contributions have had a significant impact on the development and evolution of rock.

Artists become eligible for nomination 25 years after the release of their first record.

Ballots will be sent out to over 500 voters, who will choose artists to be inducted at the 24th Annual Induction Ceremony on April 4, 2009.

The inductees will be featured in the Rock Hall's exhibit, which consists of a "jukebox" containing every song of the inductee, signatures of the inductees, a display of their artifacts, and a film recounting their careers.

The induction ceremony will return to Cleveland this year from New York City, where it has been held for over ten years.

For the first time, tickets for the ceremony will be made available to the public.

Advance ticket sales will be made to Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Museum members first, and then to the public.

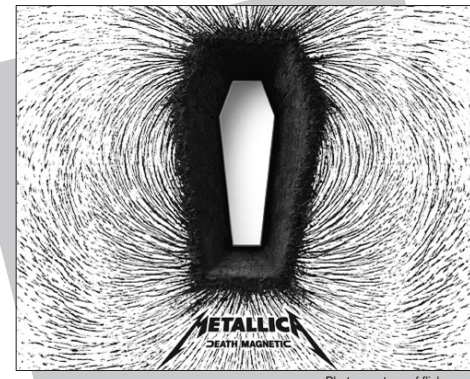


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'Death Magnetic' is Metallica's ninth album, released Sept. 12, 2008.

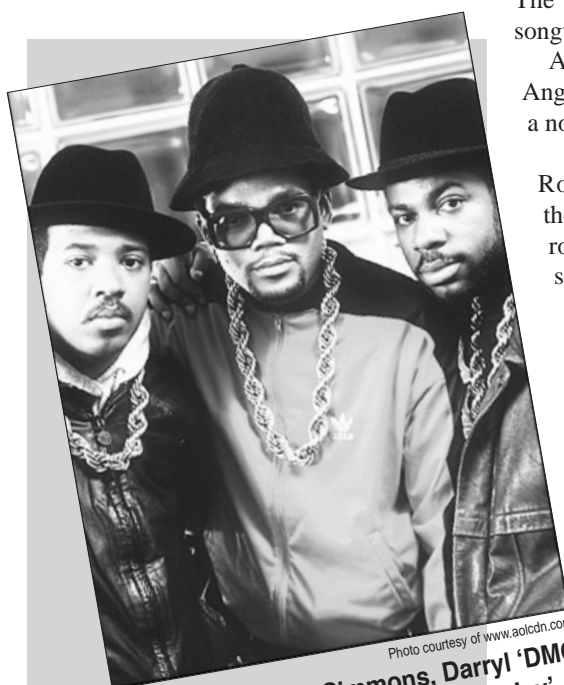


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Joseph 'Rev. Run' Simmons, Darryl 'DMC' McDaniels and Jason 'Jam Master Jay' Mizell of the group Run-DMC.



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Kirk Lee Hammett of Metallica performs on stage at a festival on June 6, 2004 in Leicestershire, England.

Fall brings several Oscar worthy films

Craig Willert
Movie and Music Critic

As 2008 begins to wind down, the Oscar talks go from a whisper to a shout. And some of the best movies of the year are yet to come.

However, we can't forget those films that have made this year so memorable: "The Dark Knight," "Indiana Jones," "Forgetting Sarah Marshall," "Iron Man" and "Step Brothers," just to name a few.

But with a new year fast approaching, the upcoming releases will truly cap off what was one of the best years for movies.

For those faithful Browns fans, "The Express" follows the life of former Cleveland Brown Ernie Davis, the first African-American to win the Heisman Trophy.

The movie relives the social struggles Davis fought, and how he won the hearts of Americans everywhere.

Actor Rob Brown plays the role of Ernie Davis, while coach Ben Schwartzwalder is played by Dennis Quaid. "The Express" is scheduled for release on Friday.

Along with "The Express," Ridley Scott's "Body of Lies" opens nationwide tomorrow. This spy thriller is about a CIA operative who puts his career and life on the line to stop a suspected terrorist leader in Jordan.

Leonardo DiCaprio plays a young, determined CIA agent, and teams up with the old



Photo courtesy of indiewire.com

Angelina Jolie plays the lead role in new film, 'Changeling,' out on Oct. 24.

veteran Russell Crowe.

In light of the upcoming election, Oliver Stone's new movie "W.," which portrays the life and presidency of current president George W. Bush, is sure to raise some eyebrows. Josh Brolin takes on the role of President Bush, while Elizabeth Banks plays First Lady Laura Bush. The movie is set to open

in theaters Oct. 17.

"Changeling," opening Oct. 24, has already warranted talks of possible Oscar nominations. Clint Eastwood directs and produces this thriller, based on actual events about a mother whose son is kidnapped. Upon finding her son, she soon realizes that the boy is not her son.

The movie features a provocative cast that includes Angelina Jolie, John Malkovich and Jeffrey Donovan.

A romantic comedy that already has critics talking about a nomination for Best Picture for the Oscars is "Slumdog Millionaire." This movie illustrates the life of an 18-year-old orphan from Mumbai, India who is about to win 20 million rupees on a game show.

However, after the show takes a break, and with one question remaining until the biggest moment of his life, Jamal Malik, played by Dev Patel, is arrested on suspicions of cheating. Will he win? To find out, see the movie Nov. 12.

Two days later, the much-awaited "Quantum of Solace," the latest installment in the James Bond series, opens in theaters.

The 22nd movie of the "007" series, and the second for Daniel Craig as Bond, leads viewers on a frantic chase to uncover a mysterious organization plotting to overthrow the government in a Latin American country.

Bond struggles to make this mission personal after his love ends up turning on him.

Other movies that may make a splash before Jan. 1 are "The Soloist," "Australia," "Four Christmases," "Revolutionary Road," "Frost/Nixon" and "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button."

For more information on these movies and other upcoming films, check out www.imdb.com.

Cleveland's own Little Italy offers a world of fun

Articles by Christopher Haering The Carroll News

Everyone knows that Little Italy is the place to go for authentic Italian food, but this quaint little neighborhood has even more to offer. In addition to fine cuisine, Little Italy is also home to a funky coffee shop, a unique boutique, a happening yoga hot-spot and let us not forget residents like Don and Linda.

Little Italy is located just 10 minutes away from John Carroll University. To get there, simply make a right-hand turn from Fairmount Circle onto Fairmount Blvd. Next make a slight left-hand turn onto Cedar Rd., followed by another slight left onto Cedar Glen Parkway. From Cedar Glen Parkway, make a right onto Murray Hill Rd.



Antonio Calandra's Il Bacio is located at 2181 Murray Hill Rd.

Il Bacio Authentic Italian cuisine

Located on the corner of Edgemoor and Murray Hill, Il Bacio has both a romantic and home style feeling.

Vivid Italian music combined with the candlelight aura provides its diners with an experience that they will rave about, all at a moderate price.

The owner, manager, chef and head waiter of this truly authentic Italian restaurant moved to America less than two years ago with the intentions of pursuing his life-long passion: Italian cuisine.

The owner of Il Bacio, Antonio Calandra, had some interesting views on food in general.

When prompted to select an item from his menu that he personally enjoyed most, he almost looked insulted and said, "When you eat great food every day, your favorite food is whatever sounds best to you at that moment in time. It is a question dependent on so many things that there can never truly be a consistent answer."

Murray Hill – They call it home

Commentary by Christopher Haering The Carroll News

Walking through the streets of Cleveland's own Little Italy, it is easy to see this is a neighborhood rich in culture and heritage. As I walked around the area, there was an older couple sitting on their patio enjoying the fall afternoon.

The couple invited me over to their patio for a talk. In speaking with them, I was amazed by their story. I, like many other John Carroll University students, had previously only thought of Little Italy as nothing more than a great place to eat dinner, and an even better place to grab some authentic Italian dessert. However, I soon found that I was sorely mistaken.

In the midst of an hour of conversation, I was treated to the couple's Little Italy tale. Don and Linda married fresh out of college. They moved their family to Hudson, where they had three children.

As their children grew up, they moved out of the area in search of their own lives. After a series of medical issues, the couple decided that they were going to spend an extended vacation in Italy. There, they fell madly in love with Italian people, culture and atmosphere.

Upon returning to the United States, Don and Linda decided that life was too short not to love every day on Earth. So with the European culture in mind, they packed up their lives and moved to the next best thing, Cleveland's Little Italy.

Since their arrival in this unique part of the city, they have fallen in love with its friendly atmosphere.

The couple said that while living in Hudson, they knew two of their neighbors, but never well enough to have a complete conversation. Their life in Little Italy could not be more different.

The neighborhood is a close-knit community, comprised of business owners, restaurant owners and families. Little Italy provides a warm and inviting atmosphere that is a great place to call home.

What I found thoroughly surprised me. This couple had come from a conservative, upper-class area to a more middle-class part of town that is saturated with history and an incredible sense of family.

Don and Linda could not stop raving about how much they loved their current home. The two amazed me with their enthusiasm and passion for a part of town that seems to be highly overlooked.



Gina's Gallery and Boutique is located at 2072 Murray Hill Rd.

Gina's Gallery is edgy

Slightly farther down Murray Hill, there is Gina's Gallery. This gallery is one that is quickly merging collectible artwork and a combination of fresh and one-of-a-kind fashion merchandise.

Browsing through the store, you'll find a collection of diverse pieces. Sitting next to a beautiful hand-blown glass sculpture lies a fresh piece of deco art. Across from it is a hand-crafted bracelet embroidered with ornate glass beading and silver décor.

Some of the items found resting in Gina's gallery are hand sculpted and painted pottery pieces meant to serve as a gorgeous center piece on your Thanksgiving table or to hide the goodies until guests come knocking on your door. Also there are remarkable examples of original stained glass windows designed to ordain everything from a church sanctuary or an eccentric addition to your home.

The Algebra Tea House



Perfect mix of art, culture and food

The Algebra Tea House is a funky and diverse atmosphere for people of all ages, ethnicities and interests. At any given time, walking into the Algebra Tea House, you are bound to find an extensively diverse group of people sitting in discussion. Patrons routinely enjoy a round of chess while enjoying a cup of tea.

The key to this company's success is cited as its mantra. The sign on the front window says: "We agree to disagree." After speaking with a few employees, it was noted that on an average day the diversity of people who walk through the door is incredible.

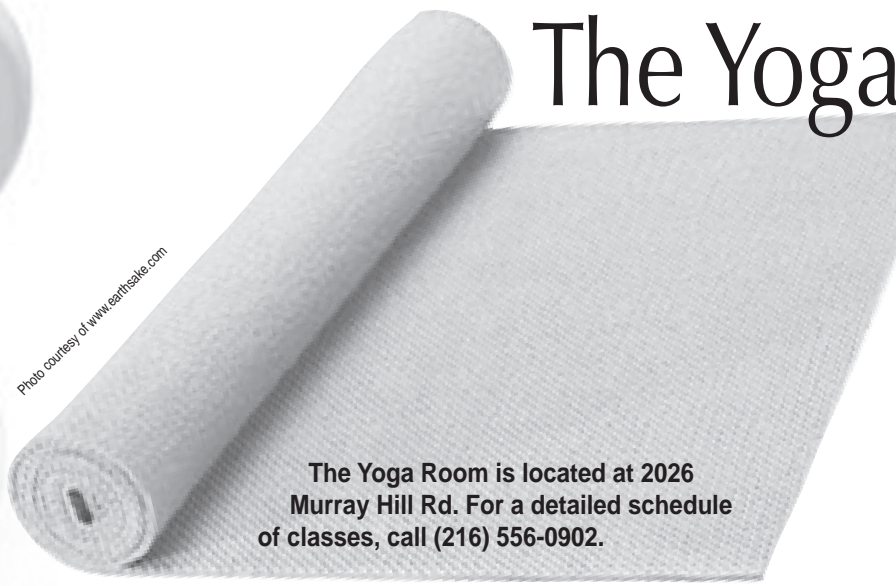
On the menu for this little tea shop are many types of exotic teas, ranging from Turkish Dark to Apple Mango.

They also offer homemade fresh fruit smoothies, and Middle Eastern Kus Kus.

The Algebra Tea House is located at 2136 Murray Hill Rd.

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The Yoga Room – a hidden treasure



The Yoga Room is located at 2026 Murray Hill Rd. For a detailed schedule of classes, call (216) 556-0902.

The Yoga Room is an old, converted school house and is easy to miss to the untrained eye.

It is one of the most celebrated facilities of its kind in the greater Cleveland area.

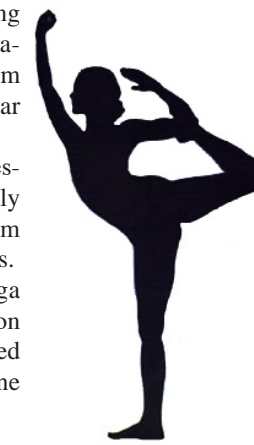
A variety of yoga classes varying from "Gentle Yoga with Colleen" to Hatha classes, which is the practice of yoga postures, as well as the more spiritual sessions such as "Core Body Wisdom with Ginny" are offered at The Yoga Room.

Not only is yoga a great physical

exercise and a method of rejuvenating the spirit, but it also has many therapeutic elements, which The Yoga Room puts to use during its weekly calendar of classes.

There is a specific class taught especially for those individuals currently recovering from injuries, ranging from back alignment issues to muscle tears.

Open six days a week, The Yoga Room offers classes with per-session rates, as well as monthly or unlimited passes, making it affordable for anyone to join.



Such and Szuch

Feeling the pressure: Deciding what to do post-graduation



Rachel Szuch Arts & Life Editor

She brought me into the world. She clothed me, fed me, nurtured and raised me and sent me off to college to become an adult. That's right ladies and gentlemen, my mom actually expects me to do something with my life.

Go figure! Four years of college and I'm supposed to know who I want to be and how I want to spend the rest of my life.

In all fairness, since she got me here, she probably deserves some kind of answer as to how I plan on supporting myself after I graduate. After all, I suspect she's desperately afraid that I may be moving back in with her, post-graduation, as I strive to find gainful employment in my chosen field of communications (more specifically journalism, a.k.a. the road to starvation).

I would love to give her an adequate answer, one that might give her some glimmer of hope to believe that I won't be sleeping on her couch when I am 30 years old, but I honestly don't have one. I haven't the slightest clue as to what I will be doing after I graduate.

It isn't that I haven't thought about it – I think about it all the time. I know that I want to write for a living. But that is a lot easier said than done. Journalism isn't exactly the best paying profession. It is just my luck that I would spend more than \$100,000 on my education, only to choose a career path with an entry level pay rate of \$30,000 per year or less.

Yet, it isn't as easy as simply knowing what I want to do. There are hundreds of different career paths that I could explore that involve writing. So, the question becomes: what type of writing field do I want to enter? And that is a question I have yet to answer.

What worries me, and my mother I'm sure, is what to do after graduation when I am still uncertain of exactly what career I want to pursue. I suppose I could always just take the best paying job that I can find, but that really isn't going to make me happy. Thus, I am left with either graduate school, or unemployment.

Perhaps in studying for the GRE and the ever-intimidating LSAT, I will stumble across my calling. And if not, at least graduate school would give me another few years or so to get my future together.

WAIT! I've got it; I know what I want to spend the rest of my life doing. Drum roll, please. I will be a career student, learning all that I can, spending my nights at the drive-thru window of McDonald's to support myself. Would you like to super size that?

Of course, I am only kidding. I have no desire to spend more time and money on school when I really don't know what type of degree I would work towards next. And let's face it, when it comes to the food service industry, the only expertise that I have is how to consume large amounts of junk food and caffeine.

My only solace is that I always have mom's couch to fall back on in the unfortunate event that I cannot find a decent job. (In all actuality, this possibility offers me little to no comfort, but at least I won't be living out of a dumpster.)

Happy career hunting, my fellow pre-grads!

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Entertainment Calendar

Check out what's happening in Cleveland this week!

10.11 Racing Kites
Agora Theatre
8 p.m.
\$9.99

10.12 Cobra Starship
House Of Blues
6 p.m.
\$15.50

10.12 Everybody Out!
The Grog Shop
8 p.m.
\$8

10.13 Becoming the Archetype
Peabody's
7 p.m.
\$10

10.15 Nick Lowe
Beachland Ballroom
8:30 p.m.
\$25



Involved in '08

The Carroll News profiled the two major political groups on campus to hear about their election plans. Both groups have remained relatively inactive on campus, but members are focusing their energies towards activities in the surrounding communities.

JCU COLLEGE REPUBLICANS

On any given day, the JCU College Republicans are hard at work making crucial calls to undecided voters at the McCain Call Center on Mayfield Road. The call center, organized by the McCain campaign, has acted as an external headquarters for the JCU College Republicans.

President, senior Christina Stickan, said "We are trying to get the members to go out and make phone calls in order to engage the county. We've hit the undecided [voters]. We are also going door-to-door and contacting people and answering their questions." Such door-to-door activities has included literature drop and general question and answers for voters.

The group is not all politics, however. Stickan went on to say that the group has prepared USO care packages for military men and women. While their involvement has been critical, treasurer Leo Govoni feels that JCU students need to be more active, "One of the biggest problems we're running into, there isn't enough conservative activism," said Govoni. He said that the group is always looking for new volunteers to staff the call center to work for John McCain's election.

When asked what the group is most looking forward to for 2009, Stickan said "To hopefully see John McCain in the White House."

Want to get involved? E-mail Christina Stickan, cstickan09@jcu.edu or Leo Govoni, lgovoni09@jcu.edu for info about meetings



CURRENT NATIONAL POLLS

BARACK OBAMA - 49.6%
JOHN MCCAIN - 44.1%

Poll courtesy of RealClearPolitics



JCU COLLEGE DEMOCRATS

Canvassing, literature drops and street fairs are just a few of the items the JCU College Democrats have on their agenda for the upcoming election. Since their first meeting in early September, the JCU College Democrats have already begun extensive plans for the presidential election and for 2009.

The president of the organization, senior Annie Schaeffing, said, "The College Democrats have already been active in the dorms on campus to ensure students are registered to vote in this year's election." Supporting the Democratic candidate, Illinois Sen. Barack Obama, many of the group's members have already begun participating in various events coordinated with the campaign's local headquarters in Shaker Square.

The organization has invited speakers to educate the group on how it and others at JCU can get involved. The group invited a volunteer with the Campaign for Change, Obama's campaign, to provide JCU Democrats with the tools and the resources they need to get involved. The JCU Democrats plan on a series of film screenings including "Sicko" and "Swing Vote." In addition to the screenings, Schaeffing said, "[We will] continue to inform John Carroll students on the policies and views of Barack Obama and Joe Biden."

Want to get involved? E-mail Annie Schaeffing, aschaeffing09@jcu.edu for info about meetings

Did you know.....

Famous JCU Alumni in politics include:

Former Pittsburgh Mayor Tom Murphy
Former U.S. Rep. Mary Rose Oakar
U.S. District Court Judge Anne C. Conway

State Rep. Timothy J. DeGeeter
The late NBC Washington Bureau Chief Tim Russert
The late Municipal Judge Frank D. Celebrezze I
State Sen. Timothy J. Grendel
Former Polish Finance Minister Paweł Wojciechowski
The late Cleveland Mayor Anthony Joseph Celebrezze, Sr.
Cleveland City Councilmember Joe Cimperman



INAPPROPRIATE proportions

Dining hall staff disappoints students with lack of generosity in distribution

Bob Seeholzer
Features Editor

Any given day, students are leaving the Schott Dining Hall with the same complaint: they don't have enough on their plate, literally.

Students are waiting in long lines, and when they're finally served, it's not as much as they want.

"They don't give enough roast beef. It's not that big of a hassle, it's actually worse just having to wait in line," said senior Steve Spanola.

Sophomore Melissa Thorne has a dif-

ferent problem when she's in line getting food.

"Everyone in front of me was getting two scoops of potatoes and when I got to the front they assumed I would only want one just because I am smaller," she said.

Not only are female students affected by this size discrimination, but also smaller males.

Further problems include lack of choice in how much food can be taken at once. Students are complaining that the dining staff is telling them to put food back or that

they've taken too much.

According to Xavier Flores, the general manager of food services at JCU, this is not the policy that is in place.

"We have standard portion sizes and every student in line is supposed to receive one serving. If you ask for an additional serving it should be provided."

The buffet-style setup is supposed to allow students an all-you-can-eat-experience. Students can indeed get as much food as they want. However, they are expected to make multiple trips through the line instead of get-

ting what they want the first time through.

Students feel a long wait in line should be rewarded with ample portions.

For more on this topic, see page 17

Student Speakout:

What do you think about the portion sizes given out in Schott Dining Hall?

"On the weekends, it's OK because a lot of it is self-serve. During the weekdays though, it's not fine at all. You have to come back for more. Like the macaroni and cheese, they literally give you a little scoop."

-Christine Liebrecht, sophomore

"It's definitely biased. If I go up with one of my guy friends, they'll serve him a whole plate and I'll get like four chicken nuggets."

- Kelly Szczerbacki, junior

"The sizes are better than last year. I think they're good."

-Jeff Kosek, junior

"The portions are horrible. I always have to ask for more. I was 180 lbs., but I've lost weight."

- Mark Elsaesser, junior

"They just don't give enough. I have to keep circling back in line. When they have pierogies, they only give two at a time. It's not enough."

-Craig Thomas, sophomore

Examining the other side of the issue: how much is too much?

Finding the middle ground between **under** and **over** eating

Baseball - a serving of vegetables or fruit

Computer mouse - about the size of a small baked potato

A rounded handful - about 1/2 cup cooked or raw veggies or cut fruit, a piece of fruit or 1/2 cup of cooked rice or pasta - this is a good measure for a snack serving, such as chips or pretzels

CD - about the size of one serving of a pancake or small waffle

Golf ball or large egg - 1/4 cup of dried fruit or nuts

Six dice - a serving of cheese

Tennis ball - about 1/2 cup of ice cream

Checkbook - approximately a 3 oz. serving of fish

Five things you should know this week



AP Photo

Town hall debate begins

The second presidential debate occurred Tuesday night at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn. The debates took place in a town hall setting in which members of the audience asked the candidates questions focusing on domestic issues.

The economy takes a larger dive

U.S. markets keep tumbling further across the board. The Dow Jones Industrial Average has dropped 508.39 points to 9,447.11 as of Tuesday, when stocks fell to a new five year low.

Federal Reserve intervenes in market

The Federal Reserve invoked emergency powers in order to get cash to businesses quickly. The bank will buy short term debts of companies outside the financial sector used to pay expenses. It is also hinting at a cut in interest rates soon to combat tumbling stocks.

Abusing a bailout

American International Group is being investigated after the company sent executives on a \$440,000 retreat to a California resort less than a week after the government bailed them out.

Gas prices expected to go lower

While the economic situation continues to get worse, experts expect gas prices to remain on a steady decline due to a decrease in demand for crude oil and an end to hurricane season. Since the all-time high in July, gas prices have decreased 18 percent.

Compiled By Mike Zum



AP Photo

Traders on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange watched television monitors closely on Monday, Sept. 29 as House votes were being counted for the original bailout that failed.

Congress acts and passes bailout

\$150 billion in added incentives wins over House support

Sean Webster
The Carroll News

Last Friday, both Congress and President Bush approved the \$700 billion bailout plan first proposed by Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson roughly three weeks ago.

The plan aims at stimulating a faltering economy that lost 159,000 jobs in September – the worst month in five years.

The bailout was initially rejected by the House last Monday, causing stock markets to drop by an alarming nine percent, the largest single day drop in nearly 20 years.

However, desperate to pass the proposal, Senate officials added more than \$150 billion in incentives aimed at increasing House support.

The incentives included increased protection of deposits, a tax break for many middle-class families, \$7.6 billion in disaster aid for the storm-devastated Midwest, improvements in the treatment of those with mental health conditions, and credits for the production of solar, wind and other renewable energy.

In a vote of 74 – 25, the proposal easily passed through the Senate last Wednesday. The plan was then sent back to the House where – although essentially the same plan that had been rejected earlier that week – it was approved on Friday by a vote of 263 – 171.

Along with the incentives, the fear of a global economic crisis played a key role in persuading 33 Democrats and 24 Republicans to switch their vote from no to yes.

Because the proposal had been met with fierce public opposition,

many representatives facing competitive re-elections this November voted against it to maintain their constituents' support.

Also, many fiscally conservative Democrats were displeased with the proposal's failure to adequately offset the cost of over \$150 billion of attached incentives.

However, Larry Cima, a John Carroll University of economics professor called the plan an "absolute necessity."

Whether or not the economy is officially in a recession, Cima believes that our current state is becoming "as bad as 1929."

By allowing the government, namely Paulson, to purchase billions of dollars worth of troubled assets from banks and investment firms, the plan aims at increasing both investor confidence and the amount of money banks are willing to lend.

Led by Rep. Barney Frank of Massachusetts, chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, Democrats were able to tack on a number of additional modifications to the plan.

Some of the added provisions include increased oversight of Paulson's actions, steps to limit home foreclosures and limitations on the amount of compensation received by executives of institutions seeking assistance from the program.

In an effort to check Paulson's power, only \$250 billion will be available right away, with another \$100 billion available if authorized by the president. Up to \$350 billion will become available after that, pending Congressional approval.

The plan also includes a mecha-

nism that will allow taxpayers to indirectly share in any profits that might be recorded from the bailout.

However, the problem of how to deal with any possible losses incurred by taxpayers from the bailout will be left to the next administration to solve.

Another potential problem Cima identified is that the bailout plan may create "serious moral hazard consequences down the line."

In other words, the plan creates a precedent for the financial system to continue making risky decisions with the assurance that, if things start going wrong again, the government will bail it out at the expense of the taxpayers.

Therefore, Cima argued that if the bailout plan succeeds, the next step should be "regulatory rethinking" that aims at preventing this situation from happening again.

The Treasury will begin purchasing troubled assets in about five weeks. However, the bailout may not be able to increase consumer spending for a while.

For the first time in 20 years, declining home values, rising gasoline and food prices and an inability to obtain loans even with good credit ratings will most likely result in a drop in spending this quarter.

Furthermore, Goldman Sachs, one of the few remaining investment banks, predicts that the unemployment rate could reach eight percent by the end of next year, which would be the highest rate in 25 years.

Stocks within the U.S. have recently hit a five year low, and across the globe they continue to decline and show little signs of recovery.

Rome is Zurning



Mike Zurn

World News Editor

Voting the right way

The past few months have been plagued with bad news throughout the media. From the economy to food and oil prices, people of every class are struggling. The exception of course is CEOs of bankrupt lending giants that walk away with \$480 million over eight years.

America is nearing a presidential election where neither politician demonstrates signs of hope for the country. The two party candidates continue arguing back and forth over the state of turmoil, while pointing fingers at whose party is responsible.

Whether you are an ardent fan or critic of either, I do not care, but choosing a side based solely on your political party or hate for the other is dull. Unfortunately, this is now common practice and the reason politics has become a selfish game without substance.

Today, politics is no longer based on voting for the candidate with the best policy options. Political campaigns try to force Americans to side with their party by convincing them that their candidate is the "lesser of two evils." Honestly, how many times have you witnessed or been part of a conversation where someone has fallen back on that argument?

The fact is politicians try to use the media to their advantage by making their opponent appear worse on some level. After, they cite it as a reason to vote for them. For those of you who have not taken Brent Brossmann's debate class, this is a false dilemma. Then, on Election Day, individuals go to the voting booth praying their vote is not the wrong choice.

Just look at the controversy surrounding the bailout. Both Republicans and Democrats, including Obama and McCain, immediately cited reasons why the other is responsible for the financial fallout. At the same time, they take advantage of the crisis and leverage it for the sake of political gain by listing countless reasons why this would never occur under their administration or party's watch.

Instead of working with one another to resolve a critical dilemma, the parties engage one another in a media war to shift responsibility onto their rival.

Both Republicans and Democrats make up the majority of the government. So, is it possible that maybe both had something to do with the ensuing crisis? Or did those sneaky Republicans (or Democrats) let a legislative initiative slip by without the other having a clue? I don't know, maybe I am just thinking too far out of the box.

Therefore I encourage you, before you go out and vote for a specific candidate, educate yourself about both. Understand the key differences between the two, weigh the advantages and disadvantages, and make a decision that you will not regret four years later.

While I know that this system is not perfect, I guarantee it will yield better results than the widely accepted "lesser of two evils" philosophy. After all, how many times do you talk to an Obama supporter who throws around the words change, hope and inspiration without knowing anything about Obama's platform? Conversely, how many times do you hear a McCain supporter bashing Obama without any knowledge of either candidate?

For those of you who do not fall into this class, I salute you. If you have practical reasons for voting for either, do not take offense. Be happy, you are a step ahead of 75 percent of America.

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Biden, Palin clash in only chance to debate

The much anticipated debate drew record-breaking television audiences

Nick Alberstadt
The Carroll News

Americans hoping for a vice presidential slip up on last Thursday were thoroughly disappointed. In the most watched vice presidential debate in history, Sen. Joe Biden and Gov. Sarah Palin sparred in a formal setting at Washington University in St. Louis, Thursday night.

The hype surrounding the much anticipated Palin-Biden debates tuned in more than 70 million viewers, most likely because it was the candidates' only opportunity to debate face-to-face about issues surrounding the election.

Palin, Alaska's first female governor, delivered her lines carefully, and Biden, a senior senator from Delaware, sought to counter with polite but pointed criticism.

The two largely steered clear of direct attacks against each other. Instead, the two contenders focused their energy on the policies of the presidential candidates.

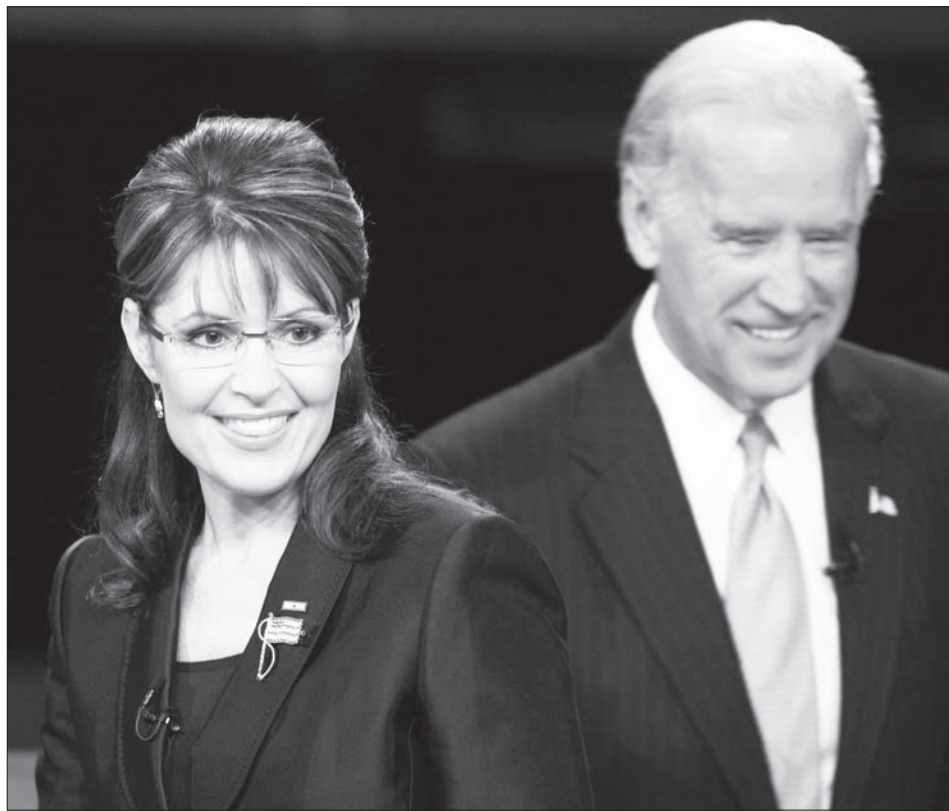
The vice presidential candidates faced many of the same questions as their running mates, often restating their positions on the economy, taxes, Iraq and energy.

Expectations for Palin were low in recent weeks after coming under criticism for faltering in recent television interviews. However, the Alaskan governor exceeded expectations and "made a few interesting points...and was very likable," said Jen Ziemke, a professor of political science at John Carroll University.

Palin endeavored to highlight her and Sen. John McCain's maverick credentials, while attempting to relate with disenfranchised middle-class voters, using phrases like "you betcha" and "say it ain't so, Joe!" She often reverted to well-rehearsed lines, and declared the need for reform in Washington that "a team of mavericks" could bring.

Sen. Biden "kept his passion under control and was very articulate," said Ziemke. The experienced senator repeatedly attempted to link the policies of Sen. McCain to those of President George W. Bush.

He also looked to undermine McCain's



AP Photo

Republican vice presidential candidate, Alaskan Gov. Sarah Palin is photographed as she passes her Democratic counterpart, Delaware Sen. Joe Biden, after the vice presidential debates at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo.

record as a maverick when he expressed that McCain has not been "on virtually anything that generally affects the things that people really talk about."

The candidates also clashed over support for the troop surge in Iraq, taxes and energy policy, often arguing about who would bring real reform to Washington. The arguments were similar to those in the first presidential debate.

Both candidates spoke poignantly about their respective personal struggles. Palin discussed her fight to provide for special needs children, a struggle close to her heart as her young son has Down's syndrome.

Biden choked up as he recalled the death

of his wife and daughter, and near-death of his sons in a car accident in 1972. Palin and Biden also have sons in, or shipping out to Iraq, making the war all the more personal.

Both succeeded by not making any significant mistakes, according to Ziemke, during a debate in which they "could have only harmed their ticket," she said.

Ziemke also said that Palin cleared the bar, and both candidates avoided their weaknesses.

Ziemke believes that the debate will not have "too much of an affect" on public opinions or the outcome of the election, as more attention is generally paid to the presidential candidates' performances.

Senator pushes Congress to drill for oil now

Sam Amos
The Carroll News

On Oct. 1, the nation's moratorium on offshore oil drilling expired. Republican Sen. Jim DeMint, of South Carolina, called it "Energy Freedom Day."

DeMint celebrated by introducing the "Drill Now Act," a bill which, if passed, would permanently end the ban on offshore drilling and expedite the leasing of the coastal petroleum fields to oil companies. Currently, oil companies still need to acquire Congressional approval before they can drill.

The senator commented "...the bans on American energy have expired and we can begin to produce our own oil and natural gas to lower gas prices and reduce our dependence on foreign oil."

The proposed bill has four parts. First, it would permanently end bans on offshore drilling in the Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf of Mexico. Second, it would expedite the leasing process to oil companies.

Third, it would divide revenues from leases 50/50 between the Federal Treasury and the state in which an oil field is located. And fourth, it would speed up judicial review on environmental lawsuits.

The regions protected by the expired moratorium are estimated to contain 20 billion barrels of oil and 97 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

Advocates of offshore drilling say that it would lower gas prices, reduce dependence on

foreign oil, create American jobs and generate revenue for the government.

"An increase in total world supply of oil and gas would put a downward pressure on price," said John Carroll University economics professor Lindsay Calkins.

However, the proposed legislation is not without its opponents. Democrats in Congress are strongly against offshore drilling.

"An increase in total world supply of oil and gas would put a downward pressure on price."

- Lindsay Calkins
JCU Economics Professor

They point out the protected offshore regions contain only about 20 percent of the nation's oil deposits. The remaining 80 percent is already open to drilling.

Currently, oil companies hold leases on 68 million on and offshore acres, much of which is undeveloped. Some Democrats accuse oil companies of not developing the land they already possess to drive up oil prices.

Oil companies say they pay millions of dollars for the leases, and it makes little sense for

them to purposely leave the land undeveloped. They point out it takes years of exploration before oil drilling can begin.

Some analysts believe oil companies are reluctant to invest too much money in developing their fields, fearing that oil prices will drop. Many of the sites they hold are in deep water, which can be costly to drill in.

The areas protected by the offshore drilling moratorium are in shallow water, which would be cheaper to develop.

Others question the prudence of drilling more oil. Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi argues that the U.S. oil deposits make up 1.6 percent of the total known world supply, but Americans consume one fourth of the world's petroleum.

Therefore, more domestic drilling cannot completely end our dependence on foreign oil. In addition, some are concerned that more drilling could be a distraction from pursuing alternative energy solutions.

"When gas and oil prices are higher, it creates more of an incentive to pursue alternative sources of energy," said Calkins.

Concern over offshore drilling began in the 1970s after several coastal oil spills. In 1982 Congress banned offshore drilling along portions of the northern and central Californian coast.

In 1990, President George H.W. Bush extended the moratorium to the whole U.S. coast except for Texas, Louisiana, Alabama and parts of Alaska. In 1998 President Bill Clinton extended the ban for another ten years.

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Editorial

Preposterous portion sizes

The Fresh Food Company, which is in charge of dining services at JCU, is inadequately serving the student body. The minimum price of a meal plan is \$1,692 per semester for 10 “all-you-care-to eat” meals each week. However, the dining hall staff has been known to deny student requests for more food.

By implementing a “one size fits all” strategy to distribute portions, the dining hall staff is short-changing the students who have already paid for their meals in advance. Many students feel they are not getting a sufficient amount of food after waiting in long lines at the Schott Dining Hall. Students who want more than what they are given are expected to get back in line and wait again if they want more. This causes an inconvenience, not only for the student who needs to stand in line several times per meal, but also for the students who are behind him or her and in line and waiting for a first helping.

The Fresh Food Company needs to take each individual’s nutritional needs into account when calculating how much food to put on the plate. This can be accomplished by allowing students to ask for more while in line the first time.

Another option is to make every station in the dining hall self-serve. This way students would get to personally decide how large their portions are. Given the cost that each student has to pay, the power of choice when it comes to portions should lie with the individual.



Cartoon by Joe Hinkel

Editorial

Political apathy on campus

In the midst of heated campaigns and emotionally charged debates, John Carroll University students have remained passive throughout the ongoing presidential race. While the administration is making a mass effort to ensure students are registered to vote and educated about candidates through the 2008 Carroll Counts initiative, student clubs have done very little to provoke an interest for the election in their peers.

Currently, JCU has three different on-campus political groups: the College Democrats, College Republicans and College Conservatives. Although the groups have hosted speakers in the past and have been active outside of campus with the campaigns, little work has been seen recently. There have been no rallies, protests or even open communication events between the groups. In a time when knowledge about the election is critical, especially to young Americans, it is imperative that these groups make all the necessary strides to inform others.

Although many students will make their own observations and decisions, it is the job of these political, student-run organizations to reach out to their peers and be the liaison between them and the issues.

This situation could easily be improved. All three groups could host highly advertised open forums, rallies and even provide tangible literature on the campus for students to read. For many JCU students, this will be the first election in which they will be able to vote. It’s critical that these political groups on campus do their part to make sure everyone has a reason to vote.

NOTABLE QUOTABLE



“Because we don’t have a material which has enough strength to construct a space elevator yet, it is difficult to change people’s mind so they believe that it can be real.”

-Massachusetts Institute of Technology aeronautics and astronautics professor Jeff Hoffman, on NASA’s new space race to create the first space elevator.

HIT & miss

Hit: VP debates **Hit:** Commuter meal plan gets plus points back for semester **Hit:** Study Abroad fair **Hit/miss:** New mascot’s name, “Lobo” **Hit:** Pre-Election Day voting **miss:** Salmonella outbreak in 12 states **Hit/miss:** Steelers win against Jaguars **Hit:** Blue Streak football win over Wilmington **Hit:** “Donnie Darko” cult series at Cedar Lee movie theatre **Hit:** Fall Break starts a week from today **miss:** It’s only one day **miss:** Classroom flooding **miss(ing):** JCU area rug from the Atrium **Hit:** New Nordstrom’s Rack in Legacy Village **Hit:** UFC fighting **miss:** Spam e-mails **Hit:** Saturday Night Live’s Sarah Palin impersonation by Tina Fey **Hit:** Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band will be playing at the upcoming Super Bowl halftime show

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OUR VIEW

Putting a horrible week in perspective



Tim Ertle
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We all have what we consider a “horrible week.” Facebook statuses say, “I hate this week!” People gripe that the amount of work is so great that they may have to stay in on Thursday night. What could possibly be worse than that?

I found myself having one of these “horrible” weeks throughout the past seven days.

I felt sick and all the work was piling up. There would never be enough time to tend to all the papers, quizzes and midterms.

My life was just so tough. On top of going to classes for three hours a day, I had to study, work and meet these wonderful Carroll News deadlines.

I amazingly fulfilled all of my

responsibilities by running on fumes throughout the week. I was “exhausted” by the end of the week and could not wait to sleep in on Saturday.

That was until I realized I would only get to sleep in until 10 a.m. because of my promise to broadcast the football game.

Not being able to go out during the week? Waking up at 10 a.m. on a Saturday?

Poor me.

After waking up at this cruel time on Saturday morning, I made the necessary Facebook check, then logged onto Cleveland.com to see what was happening in this beautiful city.

One glance at the local headlines suddenly made me realize that suffering through five days of classes and running on fumes ‘til the weekend is nothing.

The first headline I read was: “12-year-old fatally shot early Saturday in his home.” According to police, the kid was “shot between the eyes” by his 18-year-old cousin in his own bedroom.

Right below that headline was “Normandy High School football

player dies of aneurysm.” Darren Perez of Normandy High School, approximately 25 minutes from John Carroll, fell unconscious after football practice on Thursday and died on Friday afternoon.

Finally, I saw “Community bids farewell to Army Capt. Michael Medders.” The 25-year-old was killed on Sept. 24 in Iraq by a suicide bomber.

Medders was just five months shy of completing his military service. Once he returned back to the west side of Cleveland, he was to marry his longtime sweetheart.

These three young men were called home too soon. The family and friends of these men must be experiencing great grief after these tragic losses.

What the family and friends are experiencing is horrible.

While staying up until the early morning to finish a paper is no fun by any means, it really is nothing in the big scheme of things.

All I am saying is, when we’re having one of these “horrible” weeks where nothing seems to be going our way, let’s keep it in perspective.

Lo Castro’s
Lowdown

Jenna Lo Castro
Editorial & Op/Ed Editor

Gettin’ the
word on:

A Lost Cause on
Cultural Identity

The United States is a melting pot of identities. Since the birth of our nation, the U.S. has been known as the promised land for immigrants choosing to escape persecution or try their luck at a new life.

In the same breath, we are also a country that has discriminated, segregated and even massacred certain minorities in an attempt to solidify the American persona.

Recently, I’ve been questioning what it means to truly be “American.” With the onslaught of continuing criticism of Spanish-speaking immigrants entering the U.S., I’ve been reflecting on certain characteristics that a person either does or needs to retain, in order to be socially accepted. Do you need to be fluent in English? Own a pair of Nikes? Love the American pastime of baseball? Would you have to completely erase your native roots?

If you’re having trouble envisioning this, please refer to any of the Ford commercials with the amazingly patriotic country music singer Toby Keith.

We seem to live in a society where balancing our roots with American culture is an everyday teetering conquest.

We’ve seen prevalent examples of this during the first and second World Wars where immigrants were forced to forget their native tongues and customs in order to be accepted. Germans dropped the “berg” from the end of their last names. Italians changed their names from Francesco to Frank. Family genealogies were tweaked in order to accommodate the New World.

As young Americans, we have learned in our history classes about the mass genocides of the Native Americans and the unrelenting need to isolate African-Americans from white America.

I think though, that all this work has “paid off.” Thanks to citizens wanting to purify the culture, we now have an influx of lost cultures and consequently, lost identities.

As a young person from a strong, direct Italian descent, this cultural evolution has been quite bothersome to me.

While today most culture/language is lost within one to two generations, I consider myself quite lucky that my family is still deeply rooted in these facets of the motherland. I also contemplate what our culture will be like in the future.

As we continue to divulge this specific facade to U.S. citizens, we also reflect the same persona to countries around the world.

Countries have developed the perception that we’re all overweight cowboys. As a monolingual society, we still have faltering foreign language programs in our schools. This is what I believe to be as just another product of our country’s ethnocentric perspective.

Contrastingly, it seems that most other countries’ citizens are at least bilingual or trilingual. In places like Asia, the American identity is so sought after that people reflect our culture by eating McDonald’s and using the peace sign.

Additionally, we have turned ethnicity into an economical phenomenon by showcasing it as an unfamiliar luxury.

Commercial restaurants are probably the most prevalent form of this. (For the record, Olive Garden’s food is not anything like true Italian food.) But really, it’s anything but foreign.

So where is the balance? How much is too much of one specific culture? It seems like you can never be American enough.

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Wonderword

What does pugilist mean?



“Someone who sailed on the Trans Atlantic voyage of Columbus in the early 1400s.”

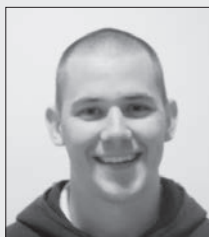
Matt Hodges,
junior

A pugilist is a person who fights with his fists, a professional prize fighter or a boxer.



“Someone who acts like an idiot.”

Olivia Mathews,
freshman



“Something you find in Tyler Gingrich’s room.”

Peter Spachner,
senior

That’s what See said: The Confessions of a Closet Story Topper



Bob Seeholzer
Features Editor

Ever tell someone a story and before you could even finish he or she was already telling you a similar story that was bigger and better?

This person is known as a story topper. Not only am I an expert on them, I am one.

People tell me a lot of stories. It’s probably because I’m a really good listener (at least according to my eHarmony.com account).

But even though my listening skills are superb, they are no match for my speaking talents. These three examples will illustrate why I am the ultimate story topper.

One day I was talking to a friend who plays for the JCU basketball team and he told me that he dropped 40 points on Capital University and won MVP of the OAC Tournament.

While that accomplishment is pretty impressive, it barely holds a candle to my athletic achievements. In little league my team spent two seasons compiling an impressive 1-40 record.

In that one lonely win, yours truly stole six bases, including home. Twice.

Kenny Lofton, who?

I started on my grade school’s varsity basketball team. We only had five guys. Do the math.

Senior year of high school I pulled off quite an achievement: two intramural titles in two different sports where I didn’t score a point in either. It’s all about who you know. As far as track and cross country go, I spend an hour and a half with junior Mike Joseph every day. Need I say more?

Last week I was watching CNN while eating my Froot Loops and a friend was on TV being called a “hero” for saving a bunch of kids from a fire. A commendable act to say the least, but heroic? Eh, that’s debatable.

One time I dropped a match in a barn, trapping tens upon tens of cattle, farmers and tools. I quickly reacted to the situation by building a fort of hay around them and creating a tunnel escape route (à la Shawshank) to bring them all to safety. Sure the barn was lost, but we saved Bessie. Hero.

While listening to a guest speaker for one of my classes, I overheard a pretentious ninny talking to a professor about how he was backstage at the Republican National Convention.

He said he got to meet John McCain and checked out Sarah Palin up close without her sexy librarian/Tina Fey glasses. I had to pull out the trump card and top him. When I

was seven years old, I went fishing with my dad and uncle.

I caught a whale.

It was the toughest fight of my life. It lasted all day and took all the strength my little body could muster to bring his colossal carcass to shore.

When I finished my story, the professor asked what that had to do with the RNC. I looked him straight in the face and said, “Nothing. Nothing at all.”

Some of what you’ve read is true. The rest? Not so much. The fallacies, though, are meant to provoke thought and inspire you. Believe in your dreams!

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YOURVIEW

*Letters to the Editor***Acts Make History**

Amanda Heimburg
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On Nov. 4, Ohio will have the chance to play a crucial role in deciding the election results for senators, major environmental issues and the president of the United States.

Paul Loeb, author of "Soul of a Citizen," recently spoke at John Carroll University. His speech inspired me to take action in educating voters and promoting conscious voting on environmental issues in Ohio, and I know there are many organizations on campus which one can get involved in towards this end.

Referencing Nelson Mandela, he spoke of the "multiplication of courage." Even though I am a shy person and do not know everything about the candidates' stances on environmental issues, I believe the future of our world and our country depends on sound environmental research and action against global warming.

By taking action, even though I am nervous, hopefully others will make the same decision. Together, as the sum of small actions, we can make history and affect the results of this election and our impact on the environment.

Regardless of candidate or partisan preference, environmental issues are pressing and more important in this election than any other.

To ensure the survival of the Earth, and a clean, safe Earth for future generations, we need to pay attention to the issues and vote responsibly. Investment in alternative energy is not only wise for a sustainable future, but will help jumpstart the current economy.

Please stand with me, pay attention to the platforms of the candidates on environmental issues and energy policy, and encourage others not only to vote, but to become actively engaged in the voting process. Together, we can make a difference.

Hometown Equality

Mike Nettling
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John Carroll University

This is for all JCU students from Buffalo, Chicago, Detroit and of course, southwestern Pennsylvania. All of you Chicago fans, Buffalo fans and Pittsburgh fans that have graced us with your presence in Northeast Ohio.

I feel your pain and I sympathize with you. You do not deserve the verbal harassment that you have been subjected to.

After all, you are just supporting your team, and it is only a sport. People should not be so quick to judge you based on what team you root for.

I completely agree with that notion, and have some advice on some mistakes you guys are making. Your first mistake is that you are hypocrites. Before you complain about being harassed, remember that your fans back home are doing the exact same thing that we are doing.

If I were to walk into a bar in Pittsburgh with my Cleveland gear on, I guarantee a couple negative comments would come my way. Probably from a Pittsburgh fan with "an innate characteristic or some freak genetic mutation."

The second mistake you make is that you wear your jersey around campus.

Wearing a jersey is only acceptable at games. When you wear it in the cafeteria it does not look cool. It did in the '90s but not now.

Your third and final mistake is that you chose to come to Cleveland, Ohio.

If you constantly want to complain about the verbal abuse from Browns fans, than you should have went to college in your home state.

The good news is that there are only a few mistakes and they can be easily corrected.

Or we can go to Plan B, all JCU students must cheer for Blue Streaks and Blue Streaks only. Just my opinion, but I'm no award-winning journalist.



Saving for retirement: The importance of starting early



Marylou Bontempo
The Carroll News

As the fall semester rolls on, many seniors are freshening up their résumés in preparation for their impending job search.

As students sort through all of the opportunities on John Carroll University's Career Connection Web site, I'm sure that job description and salary are at the top of their priority list.

While these are extremely important characteristics to pay attention to, I would recommend that applicants also consider the companies' benefits programs – their retirement plans in particular.

What is important to look for in a company's retirement plan? First, you should find out if the company offers a match. This means that for every dollar that you invest into your retirement account, they will invest a certain percentage.

Logically, there are limits to this, but a common match would be 50 percent on the first six percent you invest. (For example, if you invest six percent, the employer would in-

vest an additional three percent, for a total of nine percent per year.)

This is free money that you should take advantage of. Another important aspect to consider is their educational program.

Unless you are a business major or a finance buff, chances are that you are not well-versed on the investment options and the risks associated.

For this reason, most companies offer educational meetings with a representative for employees to discuss appropriate investment choices.

When it comes to saving for your retirement, you do not want to gamble and should always consult a professional.

I realize that retirement saving is not at the forefront of student interest; however, it is something that needs to be understood and considered.

Most students do not know the importance of saving right away, thus I have provided a fairly simple example.

Two students, Susie and John, graduate from JCU the same year. They start out making the same salary of \$35,000, and earn identical pay increases over their careers.

Both had the opportunity to defer (or automatically remove from their paychecks) a percentage of their income to invest into their retirement accounts.

Susie takes advantage of this immediately, while John decides to wait ten years until he has more disposable income. Assuming they earn the same return on their investments, and both want to have around \$900,000 by the time they retire at age 65, how much would they need to invest per year? Susie would need to defer 10 percent per year, while John would need to defer 17 percent. Just by waiting those ten years, he then needs to invest substantially more than Susie to have the same account balance.

Why is it so crucial to understand the importance of saving for retirement?

As our generation watches our parents approach their golden years, many face the truth that they have not saved enough.

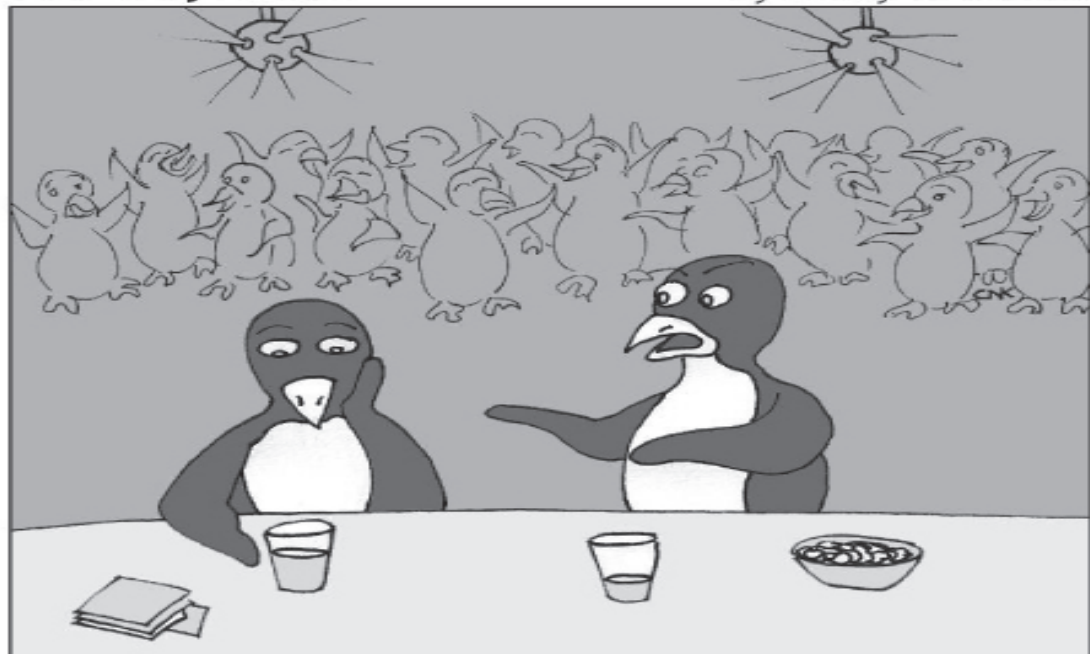
They are fortunate enough to have the extra support from Social Security, which we may not have. Even if there is a restructuring of the program, there is no guarantee that we will receive our full benefits.

This means that we need to be prepared on our own. By investing early, doing your homework and taking advantage of the perks offered by your employer, you will be well on your way to an enjoyable retirement.

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The Why? Files

by Casey N. Kindle



"Dude, it's not that complicated. Here's what you do: you get out on that dance floor, you figure out which ones are chicks, and you start buying them drinks. Boom."

Think three pieces of bacon just isn't enough in the dining hall?

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