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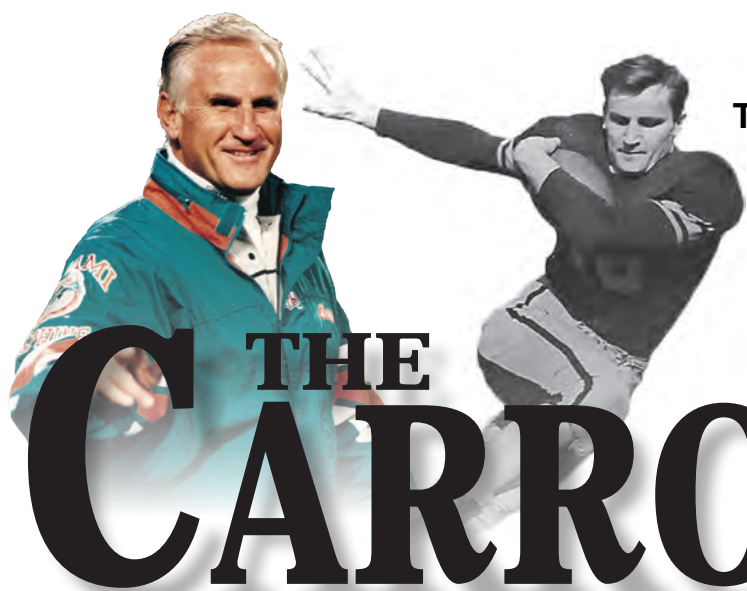
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Baby, it's cold inside

Changing temperatures outside make staying comfortable inside dorms difficult

Karly Kovac
The Carroll News

As the winter wind and the winter grind has ensued, John Carroll University students have been hard at work. But when you are waking up throughout the night like freshman Murphy Hall resident Bobby Traver, it is hard to get your beauty sleep.

"When I wake up in the morning, I can see my breath," said Traver. "Since the cold came in, it has been getting noticeably worse."

With some students claiming to have filed work orders with the maintenance staff and others not taking action to make a report, it is difficult to determine the main source of the problem. Regardless, it is evident that the heaters have been an issue in residence halls all across campus.

Kayla Leech, a sophomore resident of Campion Hall, said, "I am in a corner room where there are two windows. When it is really cold out, we have our heat turned up all the way, and even with both of these windows closed, we still experience heating problems. At night, when it is really cold, and we have numerous blankets, we still end up sleeping in other peoples' rooms because it is too cold to sleep there at night. We have put work orders in, but no one has responded to them yet."

Some students, like freshman Sutowski Hall resident Taylor Eckman, said she believed that the heater in her room never worked to begin with. A few residents in Hamlin Hall reported that the problem was not just the lack of heat, but rather the excessive heat.

Residence Life Advisory Board member Mariah White offered an explanation for the problems. Having just come out of a meeting on the issue, she explained that the staff is working very hard to make JCU residents as comfortable and as warm as possible.

White said, "The boilers that heat our dorms are as high as they can be right now. Even though we are struggling and having some issues in the dorms with heating, [maintenance]

is doing the best they can, considering the fact that it [has been] eight degrees out, and their goal is a 76 degree temperature in the rooms."

Senior Bernet Hall resident assistant Corrin Powell said students must be more proactive about the situation. "Overall there are issues on campus that can't be denied, but most of the problems just deal with breakers being temperamental, and [the Facilities Department] will just reset them, and the problem will be fine. I think that students need to be more diligent on filing work orders, because normally after they do that, the problem goes away."

Carol Dietz, the associate vice president of facilities, said the changing weather patterns are to blame. "When students left for break in mid-December, we had not had the stretches of the bitter cold temperatures that we experienced last week," she said. "Temperatures were in the teens and single-digits, not including wind chill, most of last week."

The Facilities Department proactively increased the boiler hot water temperature in anticipation of the record cold temperatures, according to Dietz. "[The] maintenance staff worked overtime Monday through Wednesday to address all heating concerns brought to their attention," she said. "The expectation is that [JCU] will be able to provide a minimum temperature of 67 degrees to all occupied spaces. When this criteria cannot be met, maintenance will provide temporary space heaters for rooms until we can get the particular heating issue resolved."

Dietz offered advice to students who are experiencing problems with the heat in their residence halls. "Windows need to be closed completely," she said. "Many times the windows look like they are closed completely from a distance, but when you look closer they are not. While this might not matter when the temperatures are in the 30s or higher, when they dip down to where they were last week, every little bit matters."

She also noted that when the temperatures are low, it is important that students keep furniture, bedding, clothing and miscellaneous items away from all radiators so that heat can be transferred to the rooms. Submitting a work order is the only way the problem can be resolved, she said.

Campus buildings being considered for 'historic landmark' status

Jackie Mitchell
Asst. Campus Editor

Buildings on John Carroll University's campus may soon be joining the ranks of prestigious national historic landmarks across the country. The following buildings on campus are pending approval to be honored as such: the Administration Building, Rodman Hall, Bernet Hall and the Boiler House, all built in 1935, as well as Pacelli Hall, built in 1952, Dolan Hall, built in 1955, and Murphy Hall, built in 1963.

Together, the buildings will form the North Quad Historic District, spanning across 19 acres of John Carroll's 69-acre campus. These will be the first buildings on campus to receive this distinguished recognition.

"The goal in seeking the designation is to preserve John Carroll University's architectural heritage," said Dora Pruce, JCU's director of government and community relations, via email.

Junior Chelsea Neubecker, a resident of Bernet Hall, expressed her excitement at the prospect of living in a residence hall that boasts the title of historic landmark. "I think it's really cool. It makes me feel in touch with history. I actually didn't even know that it was in the running to be a historical landmark. It definitely makes me appreciate John Carroll more," she said.

The Ohio Historic Preservation Office and the National Park Service determine the criteria for becoming a historic landmark. Buildings must be at least 50 years old to be considered and are also evaluated based on various elements such as architecture, materials and quality of significance in American history.

In the case of the North Quad Historic District of campus, Pruce said the area derives its historical significance primarily from its role in the development of the eastern suburban communities of Cleveland.

Junior Danielle Cappellino, who works in the alumni relations and advancement department of Rodman Hall, explained how the historic recognition will impact her view of the building. "Well, it doesn't really change my perception of Rodman on a

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Ever-growing immersion programs let students live out Jesuit mission

John Coughlin
The Carroll News

John Carroll University's mission statement reads, "As a Jesuit Catholic University, John Carroll inspires individuals to excel in learning, leadership and service in the region and in the world." It is in this mission and responsibility that this institution prepares its students for the world. In addition to academia, which provides a core curriculum used to produce the often-recognized "well-rounded" individual, JCU offers its students a number of important opportunities to broaden their perspectives and to strengthen key values to be utilized in future endeavors. One program particularly aligned with JCU's mission is the Immersion Experience Program. It is a program that acts as a gateway for the students of JCU to live and experience this

lasting mission far beyond campus.

The immersion program has been expanding. With the welcomed increase in student interest, the program has worked to organize more immersion options to accommodate with the growing number of applicants. In addition, it has been faced with the difficult issue of funding that many organizations encounter during expansion.

A collaborative effort from the Center for Service and Social Action and Campus Ministry, the immersion program provides participants with the opportunity to immerse themselves in a community of different cultures thereby engaging in the realities of the world. Five values compose the core of the program: education, service, social justice, community and spirituality.

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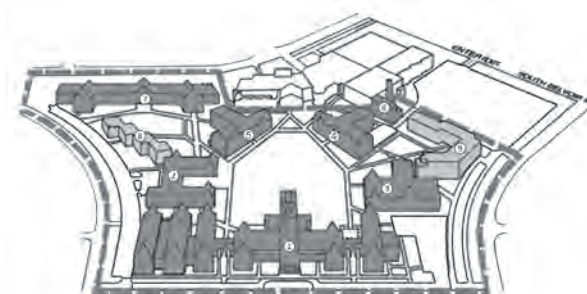


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Seven buildings are in the running to be honored as national historic landmarks.

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Campus Briefs

Submit nominations for the Culicchia Award

The College of Arts and Sciences is now accepting nominations for the 2013 Lucrezia Culicchia Award for Teaching Excellence. This is the most important award within the College of Arts and Sciences, and the award will carry a \$2,000 stipend.

Nominations should include a letter of nomination explaining how the nominee has made a distinct teaching difference in the college. In addition, the candidates need at least three letters from other John Carroll University students who have taken at least one course with the nominee. Letters from two faculty colleagues are required and letters of support from alumni are welcome.

Nominations are due by Monday, March 11 to the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Arrupe Scholars sponsor "Experiencing Poverty Simulation"

The Arrupe Scholars Program and the Cleveland Food Bank are hosting an "Experiencing Poverty Simulation" on Saturday, Feb. 2 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the LSC Conference Room.

Participants will have an opportunity to experience everyday challenges faced by impoverished members of society by experiencing various activities that simulate these issues.

Activities include simulations of visits to social service agencies, mortgage agencies, banks and food centers. Interested students should go to jcu.edu/arrupe to sign up for the program.

Career Center holds annual Career Fair

JCU's Center for Career Services will be hosting its annual Career Fair on Thursday, Feb. 7 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. in the Dolan Center for Science and Technology. The 106 attending organizations are searching for well-qualified people for internships, volunteer, part-time, full-time, entry-level and experienced positions.

Students of all majors, undergraduate, graduate and alumni are invited to attend. The event is free, and professional attire is required. Participants are reminded to bring copies of their resumes. A list of the attending organizations is available on students' Career Connection account available through www.jcu.edu/career center.

Attendees are requested to register in advance for the event in order to have a professional name badge waiting for them at the event. In preparation for the Career Fair, the Career Center will be offering extended walk-in hours from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday to Friday. Students may also call (216) 397-4237 to schedule an appointment.

Student Union makes dining hall changes a priority

Abigail Rings
Assistant Campus Editor

Dining services always seems to be a topic of conversation among John Carroll students, and at the start of the new semester, it was one of the first things discussed during open forum at the first Student Union Senate meeting, held Tuesday, Jan. 22. Students explained their complaints with JCU Dining, and the senators detailed what they were doing to help.

Junior Chelsea Gerken, the vice president for programming, brought students' complaints about dining services to the attention of the Senate, according to the meeting minutes. This instigated a conversation about the various problems with the Schott Dining Hall that have been irritating students this semester.

One of the issues brought to light by sophomore Tim Ficke, executive vice president, was that the Coke machine is "gross" and the buttons always are "sticky." Ficke added that everything should be cleaned properly. When asked about dining services overall, Ficke said, "I believe there are many minor issues in the dining hall that lead to a larger negative perception, including long lines for popular items and lack of availability and options for food."

Regarding mechanical problems with the drink machines in Schott Dining Hall, David Turska, JCU's director of dining services, said, "We are aware of the water leak at one of our beverage stations, and have and will continue to work with our equipment repair vendors to correct this problem."

As for the overall cleanliness of the dining hall, Turska said, "There have been no other issues brought to our attention. I would suggest that if any patron of the dining hall has a need, or if an issue arises, please let us know by approaching the checker stand and asking for assistance. A manager or supervisor will be alerted to assist in your request."

Other members of the Student Union expressed their concerns over the use of the meal plan. The conversation resulted from junior Jon Standish's comment that meal swipes should be transferable to the Inn Between so students who arrive on campus after dining hours, such as athletes, can utilize their meal plan more effectively.

Other JCU students seem to agree with Standish's position. Sophomore Julia Hohner said, "I think it would be wonderful to have more flexibility with meal swipes. If we are paying for the meal plan, we should have the opportunity to put all that money where we want to use it."

Sophomore Danielle Keane agreed with Hohner. "Sometimes it is hard to fit a meal in at the dining hall," she said. "I would love to use swipes instead of dining dollars at the Inn Between so I could grab something quickly without throwing off my dining dollars budget."

However, some students like the way the meal plan is structured. Sophomore Nicole Shellenbarger said, "I think John Carroll has a great system when it comes to meal swipes. There

is a certain amount that is budgeted into each meal plan. Other schools do not offer this option; instead, they must pay for each meal individually."

In regards to the meal plans, Ficke said, "Many students with block plans end the year with many extra meals, and I think a solution to this is establishing other places where students can use their meal swipes."

However, Turska noted that there are not currently any plans to amend the meal swipe policy any time soon.

Another issue that students seem to have involves the hours that the dining hall is open. Freshman SU Senator Emily Wach commented at the Senate meeting that it would be nice if the Dining Hall could open earlier on the weekends to accommodate athletes who need it for special events. In addition, freshman senator Cole Hassay, chairman of the Committee on Dining Services, said that the extension of the dining hall's hours by one hour could be looked into.

However, this is not the current plan for dining services, according to Turska. "There are no plans to change or extend the Dining Hall hours to my knowledge," he said.

Freshman senator Kyle Vermette expressed a frustration among students that the vegetarian station is not open on the weekends. Sophomore Michael Younes agreed, saying that it would be nice if there were more vegetarian options.

Hassay said, "I think the biggest issue that needs to be addressed in the dining hall is the sometimes limited food options. I think that a larger variety of foods in the dining hall would create a much happier student body."

Members of the Student Union are planning on trying to work out a plan with JCU Dining that will aid both the students and JCU Dining.

Ficke said, "This year on Student Union, I will work directly with the dining committee to address all issues that students have."

Finally, Hassay explained, "As chairman of the dining committee, I plan to work with the Aramark Dining Services Staff, and create and pass some legislation through Student Union that will work towards addressing the student body's dining concerns."

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— Julia Hohner
Sophomore

JCU North Quad district pending approval from Historic Preservation Office

From LANDMARKS, p. 1

day-to-day basis, but back when I first toured John Carroll and we walked out of Rodman onto the quad, I could really picture myself coming here. I guess it's almost the epicenter of campus," she said.

Cappellino believes that it is an honor for the buildings of JCU to bear the distinction of historic landmarks. "It reflects our history here at John Carroll and our reputation," she said.

The National Park Service will notify John Carroll if the district is listed in the National Historic Register. The University expects to find out if the buildings gain approval at some point during this Semester. The Ohio Historic Preservation Office administered a historical marker on campus once before, in 2011, to celebrate JCU's 125th anniversary. The marker is located outside of Grasselli Library and Breen Learning Center.



Photo by Zak Zippert

Rodman Hall is one of several buildings around the Quad in the running to become a national historic landmark through the Ohio Historic Preservation Office.

Campus Safety Log



January 23, 2013

Theft reported in the Administration Building at 3:11 p.m.

January 25, 2013

Theft reported in the RecPlex at 2:48 p.m.

January 26, 2013

Criminal mischief reported in Sutowski Hall at 12:16 a.m.
Offenses concerning underage persons reported in Sutowski Hall at 1:21 a.m.

January 27, 2013

Criminal mischief was reported in Murphy Hall at 9:23 p.m.
Theft reported in the fourth floor Campion Hall hallway at 2:03 p.m.

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

Get to know...Craig Sidol

Craig Sidol, a resident minister, recently took over the role of coordinator for the Christian Life Communities.

What is your position at JCU and what does it entail?

I am the CLC FSA. My position entails organizing the leader meetings every Monday evening. I also assign new members to current CLC groups.

What brought you to JCU?

I was an undergraduate at JCU and graduated in 2011, and I enjoyed the faith life at JCU.

What is your favorite food on the Inn Between menu?

The Hamlin, sans tomatoes.

What are some of your favorite movies?

“Hook,” “Good Will Hunting” and “The Bourne Identity”

What is your favorite professional football team?

I don’t watch football.



Craig Sidol

Photo from jcu.edu

Where are you originally from?

North Royalton, Ohio

What kind of music do you like?

I listen to all types of music. My current jam is “San Francisco” by the Mowgli’s.

What was the last book you read?

“The Game of Thrones”

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Strengthening these components in each participant is a common goal of the program. Living simply is also an integral part of the trip and allows participants to directly experience poverty and social injustice.

Carrie Pollick, the coordinator of social justice initiatives and immersion experiences, and Ted Steiner, coordinator of immersions and special programs, head the program and organize the numerous immersion experiences offered every Winter, Spring and Summer break. Pollick, an alumna of John Carroll who went on numerous immersions during her undergraduate career and after, distinguishes the difference between these experiences from other service activities.

“These Immersions are much more than a service trip, which is why we call them immersion experiences,” she said. “Through the experience of living in the community, meeting the people and being in direct contact with their struggles, people broaden their perspectives and strive to work for justice. And that work does not end when you leave. The trip is for a week; the experience lasts a lifetime.”

Steiner detailed the link between academics and these immersions. “We are an academic institution. But as a Jesuit institution, we are called to carry the learning out of the classroom and into the real world, where there are real problems and real people who are living lives filled with struggle,” he said.

Students have a wide variety of locations to choose from. Numerous domestic and international immersions are offered by the program. Only a month into the year 2013, four trips have already occurred, and nine more are scheduled and in current preparation. Immokalee, New Orleans and Louisville are three of the domestic experiences, while international trips stretch across the globe, landing in countries such as Guatemala, Nicaragua and even Africa, with an immersion departing for Uganda this May.

Some trips are organized with focus directed towards a particular area. One example includes a yearly May immersion to Honduras that centers on medicine and has created

a draw for many students who wish to pursue a career in the health professions.

Applications of hopeful participants pile high onto the desks of Pollick and Steiner, who are then faced with the decision of determining who will be accepted into the program. After a candidate interview and discussion between Pollick and Steiner, they fill the spots for each trip. Despite its recent growth, the immersion program cannot accommodate all who apply.

Yet, with the opportunity to apply for an experience every year, and the numerous location options available, students rarely find it difficult to be selected; some attend as many as three by the time they graduate.

As the student interest in these immersions has increased and more trips have been added, there is one area of the Immersion Experience Program which has failed to adopt this growth – the issue of financial support. Immersion experiences are expensive, with domestic trips ranging from \$425 – \$875 and international trips totaling between \$1,700 – \$3,000. These prices prevent many from participating in the immersion program.

To accumulate adequate funds to finance their immersion trips, students use fundraising techniques such as writing letters to family, colleagues or other organizations asking for donations

Junior Tyler McTigue said writing letters is effective. “I wrote letters to family, friends and past employers where I explained what I was doing and where I was going. I asked for their support and if they wanted to provide any financial assistance,” he said. “When all the letters were accounted for, I ended up with \$200 more than what I needed, which was donated to my group.” He added, “People really do care about what you’re doing and where you’re going and want to be a part of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity in any way they can.”

Despite the effectiveness of these fundraising techniques, some students still fall short of their required amount. Fortunately, the immersion program is able offer some financial aid. Most of the funding for this financial aid comes from the Student Activity Fund, with additional contributions coming from Campus Ministry and the Office for University Mission

and Identity. However, it can sometimes be difficult distributing the funds from financial aid, especially when so many apply for financial assistance. In the recent January 2013 immersions, out of the 87 students who applied for, 49 applied for some financial aid.

Some uneasiness can arise after realizing that more than half of those who apply for immersion trips feel as though they would need financial assistance in addition to personal fundraising. As the program continues to grow in size and global reach, the limited financial aid funding will eventually fail to meet the needs of some participants.

Senior Katie Warner experiences this anxiety. Warner, an advocate of immersion experiences at JCU, received financial aid for her recent immersion trip to Guatemala. She believes that her trip may not have happened had it not been for the additional funding.

“These experiences have become an integral part of my college career, making me more culturally aware and inspiring me to pursue a broader worldview,” she said. “They pushed me past my comfort zones and released me from the bubble I was living in. My immersion experiences have had such a lasting impression on my life that I hope that any student who wishes to participate in this program in the future will always have the opportunity to do so, regardless of their financial background.”

Paul V. Murphy, vice president for University mission and identity, hopes to calm these uncertainties. Murphy, who attended last year’s immersion trip to Jamaica, joined in the advocacy of the importance of these experiences.

“The idea of encouraging a student to go beyond his or her comfort zone to cultures that are foreign to what they grew up is an essential element of the Ignatian character of this University,” he said.

He went on to explain that due to its importance in the eyes of the Jesuit community and the common belief in the importance of the immersion experience, funding will always be available to assist students. “Mission and Identity play an important role in the funding of the immersion experiences, and we will always work to promote these important trips that exemplify the Jesuit ideal of learning beyond the classroom,” he said.

CAMPUS CALENDAR: JAN. 31 – FEB. 6

31 Thursday SUPB Thursday Night Live event in the LSC Atrium from 9 to 10 p.m.	1 Friday Late Night Programming presents: Fred Astaire ballroom dance mini-series in the Murphy Room from 10 p.m. to midnight.	2 Saturday Arrupe Scholars host “Experiencing Poverty Simulation” from 1 to 4 p.m. in the LSC Conference Room.	3 Sunday Mass at 5:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. in St. Francis Chapel.	4 Monday The Inn Between is offering sushi from Sushi on the Roll from 5 to 10 p.m.	5 Tuesday “Wrongful Conviction” discussion about flaws in the justice system in the LSC Conference Room from 7:30 to 9 p.m.	6 Wednesday Prayer from the Heart, hosted in the Dolan Reflection Room from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
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Warm up with a cup!

The CN gives you the inside scoop on the top five warm beverages at The Cubby

Brooke Hollowell
Mary Ellen Riley
The Carroll News

It's a Wednesday night, and the wind chill is -12 outside. All you really want to do is screen Netflix for the next three hours and burrow into your bed with a cup of anything warm, calming and tasty. Okay, so maybe you have loads of homework to do and sprawling on your bed with your Netflix is out of the question, but that something warm, calming and tasty that you want to be sipping on is within reach! All you have to do is bundle up and head down to The Cubby, where drinks such as London Fog and Calico Cat are calling your name. Looking at that beautifully decorated chalk board is overwhelming, but have no fear because Alyse Viggiano, student manager of The Cubby, offers a first-hand look at the top five hot drinks for the cold winter season.

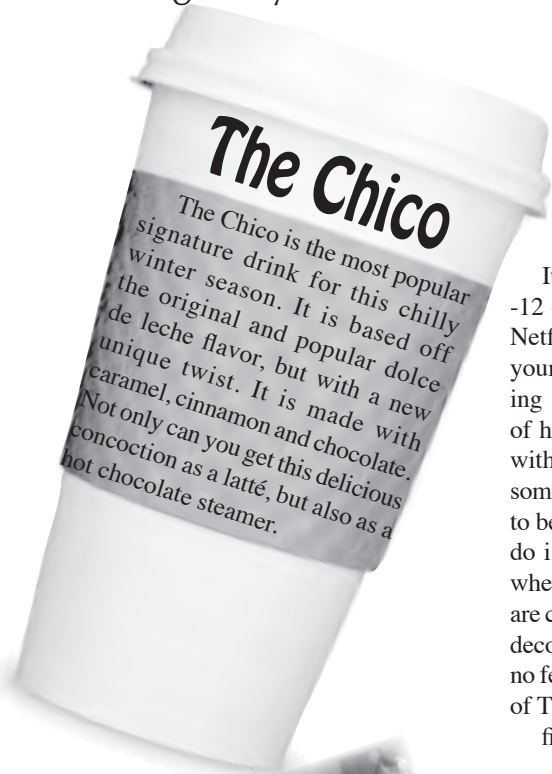


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Photos by Zak Zippert and Alexandra Higl



Trying to keep lean in 2013?

For anyone trying to keep their New Year's resolution of eating healthier this year, here is the answer. Drinks at The Cubby can be modified to substitute in healthier ingredients, such as using skim or soy milk. Tea lattés are also the perfect solution for someone with a sweet tooth, but want to keep the calorie intake to a minimum.



Photos from walmart.com and blimoor.com



Alongside their previous desserts, all made with no trans fat, The Cubby is now offering vegan banana bread in flavors such as chocolate walnut, with more flavors soon to make a debut.

Entertainment Calendar

Check out what's happening in Cleveland this week!

1.31

Lake Erie Monsters vs. Abbotsford Heat

Quicken Loans Arena

7 p.m.

\$10

2.1

Bell, Book and Candle

Cleveland Play House

Allen Theatre

2:30 p.m.

\$49

2.2

Cavaliers vs. Oklahoma City Thunder

Quicken Loans Arena

7:30 p.m.

\$19

2.3

Reopening of the History Center

Western Reserve Historical Society

12 p.m.

\$10

Free Tickets!

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

If you want to win a pair of tickets to see Trapt on Feb. 6 or The Warped Acoustic Basement Tour on Feb. 7, email johncarrolltelevision@gmail.com.

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

A dark twist to Hansel and Gretel

MOVIE REVIEW

"Hansel and Gretel: Witch Hunters"



Rachel Distler
Staff Reporter

"Hansel and Gretel: Witch Hunters" initially caught my attention as a potentially horrible monster film. I was proven wrong.

We all know the childhood story of "Hansel and Gretel." A brother and sister get sent into the woods. Inevitably, the kids get lost and end up at a house made of candy. Sweet, right? Anyways, the nice old lady of the house turns out to be one ugly witch who is planning on devouring these kiddies for a midnight snack.

The movie, by director Tommy Wirkola, begins exactly the same way. Like the story, Hansel and Gretel defeat the witch and throw her into the oven instead, but the movie doesn't stop there. Skip forward a few years, and these two siblings turn out to become one mean duo.

Hansel and Gretel, played by Jeremy Renner and Gemma Arterton dedicate their lives to killing witches.

After the movie's prologue, it opens up on a trial of a woman who is being accused of being a witch. This is quickly interrupted by the entrance of Hansel and Gretel who announce their presence. They were hired by the town's mayor because of the abduction of multiple children. Despite the reluctance of the town's sheriff, Hansel and Gretel, start doing work.

Wirkola made this film with action, deep-seeded plot, solid acting and comedy. The characters of Hansel and Gretel have lofty person-

alities and are incredibly sarcastic. There is a stark contrast between both Hansel and Gretel, and the town's people. The first difference that I noted was that neither Hansel nor Gretel had accents, while the rest of the characters did. Wirkola must have done this intentionally because Arterton is originally from England. I didn't particularly enjoy that change, but I was able to look past it. Hansel and Gretel also come off as much more knowledgeable and worldly than the townsfolk, allowing us to assume that they have traveled the world disposing of witches.

Hansel and Gretel also had access to incredibly advanced weaponry. There were machine guns, pistols, grappling hooks and much more. All of these toys led to a lot of fighting which led to a lot of blood. If you're not a fan of gore, this movie is not for you. Personally, I thought that the blood and guts added to the comedy of the film, but if you're uncomfortable with that, I would steer clear. You see men literally getting ripped apart.

All of this fighting inevitably unravels into an ornate plot that involves the past of Hansel and Gretel. A lot of people die, but in the end, those ugly witches get what they deserve.

I would recommend this movie to anybody seeking a good "bro" movie. Ladies, there are plenty of heroines to satisfy you, as well, but be prepared for some heads being blown up. I believe that "Hansel and Gretel: Witch Hunters" far surpassed its expectations. Seeing this movie on the big screen makes it that much more epic.



AP

"Hansel and Gretel" proves to be a blockbuster "must-see."

SUPB turns Thursday nights into 'Thursday Night Live'

Haley Denzak
Staff Reporter

Now that the winter season is in full force, students seldom want to leave their dorms, let alone campus, with the intense winds and heavy snow. For those who need a break from homework and want to see how entertaining the student body can be, SUPB has organized an event for you.

The Student Union Programming Board has come up with an idea that is sure to get students to stay on campus for those bleak and boring Thursday nights. Taking place in the LSC Atrium this Thursday, Jan. 31, at 9 p.m., SUPB presents "Thursday Night Live," an open mic/variety series.

"During the fall we saw a few very successful open mic nights on campus," said sophomore Dani Keane, SUPB's major events coordinator. "As an organization, SUPB saw this as a huge opportunity to showcase the talents of John Carroll students. We have great musicians on campus and Thursday Night Live is a way to bring the community together with music and the spoken word."

With flyers posted all around campus, this intriguing event should be a huge hit among those students who would rather watch than perform. However, anyone is welcome to showcase their talent, and there is no limit for what their talent can be. For now, Thursday Night Live is scheduled for the next four months with shows on Jan. 31, Feb. 14, March 14 and April 11. With that in mind, there is ample opportunity for anyone to catch a show. Also, the musical comedy duo DakaBoom will be performing on March 14, as well as comedian Paul Varghese on April 11.

For more information on the event or if interested in performing, email supb@jcu.edu. To make the event a success, they need as many performers as possible, so if you have any kind of talent, sign up, and show the student body what you got.



Pick-Up Line of the Week

"Do you know karate? Because your body is really kicking!"

Have a pick-up line you'd like to share with us? Submit it to ahig15@jcu.edu.

Beer, cars and talking babies: Welcome to the Super Bowl, America

Super Bowl commercials continue to be leaked to the public

Alexandra Higl
Arts & Life Editor

The challenge is on. Get ready for nonstop intensity, competition and maybe some blood, sweat and tears. One of the most anticipated events in American culture is only a few days away: the Super Bowl.

Although the promising matchup between the 49ers and the Ravens may be an enticement to turn on the tube, the heated competition between companies vying to enter into the hearts and wallets of consumers nationwide has people on their toes.

According to The Plain Dealer, Super Bowl ad prices have skyrocketed to an all-time high as companies battle it out for the longer 60-second timeslot. In the spirit of hyping up the intensity between Coca-Cola and Doritos going head to head to win your affection, here's a little sneak peek of what to expect.

Budweiser has claimed the spot of the first commercial of the night, buying a total of four minutes and 30 seconds of ad space. What's on tap for the night: a celebrity surprise. Some speculate that it's Jay-Z. We'll just have to wait and see.



Talking babies are always a consumer favorite. America's in luck, because the E-trade baby is back. You can decide for yourself how cute he is.

The number one demographic for Super Bowl viewers: men. What do men like? If you guessed cars, you're correct. If you guessed scantily dressed women washing cars, congratulations – you and Mercedes-Benz are on the same page. Look out for Kate Upton in slow motion. Can't wait? No need to fear: the teaser has been released.

What's your Super Bowl party without junk food? That's why Doritos is reminding you to stock up now, or they may have you running out to your local grocery store during the game after seeing the commercials. Log on to Facebook to vote for which Doritos fan-made ad should be awarded the highly sought-after spot in the ad lineup.



Coca-Cola is trading in their polar bears for cowboys, bikers or showgirls – and the decision is in your hands. The public can vote online until the end of the Super Bowl. The winning commercial will be shown immediately after the game is over.

Celebrities such as Amy Poehler, Kelly Cuoco from "The Big Bang Theory," Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, Psy, Usher and Danica Patrick are rumored to make appearances.

– Information from adage.com, huffingtonpost.com and businessinsider.com.

Cup of Joe



Joe Ginley
Assistant Sports Editor

What's the deal with the Browns?

When Jimmy Haslam's purchase of the Cleveland Browns was made final on Oct. 25, he was hailed by some as the savior who would shepherd the long-suffering franchise and its fans to a Super Bowl. But now that the honeymoon is over, the question lingers: Are the Browns headed in the right direction?

In Haslam and CEO Joe Banner's quest for a big-name coach, the two heavily pursued Oregon head coach Chip Kelly. But they unexpectedly moved on, citing a lack of commitment from Kelly.

Less than a week later, Haslam and Banner made a "stunning" hire of Rob Chudzinski. The Browns traded a head coach who had his team on the right track, a.k.a. Pat Shurmur, for another rookie coach with no head coaching experience.

Following that move, the Browns hired former NFL Network analyst Michael Lombardi to be the team's vice president of player personnel, in essence the general manager with less power. Hired after spending five years outside of the league, Lombardi has been associated with dreadful drafts and questionable decisions in unsuccessful stints with the Browns and the Raiders.

To me, the immediate future in Cleveland does not look promising. All rookie head coaches struggle with growing pains, and Chudzinski will be no different. Making the everyday personnel decisions will be Lombardi, who was a TV analyst for the past five years. He is a definite downgrade when compared to former GM Tom Heckert.

On the field, a number of big questions remain. A looming switch to a 3-4 defense from a 4-3 scheme promises to bring unneeded change to a much-improved unit. Banner and Haslam hired a defensive coordinator, Ray Horton, who ran it in Arizona. With the skill set present on defense, the Browns are not suited to run a 3-4. A switch will require the team to dump its wealth of talent at defensive line for depth at linebacker, ultimately adding at least another year or two onto the rebuilding process.

Any NFL executive will tell you that regardless of who is running an organization, without the right quarterback, the team will not succeed. Neither Brandon Weeden (too many deep flaws), nor Colt McCoy (lackluster arm strength), nor Thaddeus Lewis (lacks top-level talent) is the right QB. With the top quarterback of the draft being Geno Smith, and few exciting free agent signal callers available, the Browns are in trouble at the most important position in football.

The Browns have a lot of young talent. This is an exciting team that has the potential for greatness. But as of right now, I am not convinced that the Browns are any better off with this new regime in place.

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Blue & Gold hold off fierce Fighting Muskies on the road

Host of Blue Streaks contribute, help JCU claim much-needed win to stay at .500

Dale Armbruster
Staff Reporter

The learning process has been far from easy for the young John Carroll men's basketball team. On Saturday, Jan. 26, clutch plays from a group of underclassmen helped the team avoid what could have been their most embarrassing loss of the season.

Sophomore Regan Sweeney scored 12 points and was perfect from the free throw line, as the Blue Streaks outlasted the Muskingum Fighting Muskies, 78-64, in New Concord, Ohio.

Senior Kyle Hubbard contributed 18 points for the Blue Streaks, but it was the John Carroll bench that made the clutch plays down the stretch.

Coach Mike Moran pulled his starters just four minutes into the

game, setting the stage for the bench to make an impact. Neither team was able to grab hold of momentum until midway through the first half, when John Carroll held a 15-12 lead.

From that point, John Carroll would go on two different 7-2 runs to gradually gain control. They were able to slowly stabilize the game through clutch 3-pointers by Kyle Pisco and the post play of Hubbard once the starters re-entered the game.

Pisco, a freshman transfer, made the most of his time on the floor. Previously, he had struggled to find consistency in sporadic playing time.

"Kyle's grown extremely fast this year," said Ryan Angers, Pisco's high school teammate at St. Edward High School in Lakewood. "I think he came into a tough spot at first, but he's handled it really well and has



Photo courtesy of Abbey Lispick

Freshman guard Kyle Pisco moves the ball up the court and prepares to drive the lane. Pisco netted 12 points in the Blue and Gold's 78-64 victory over Muskingum on Saturday.



Photo courtesy of JCU Sports Information

Freshman guard Danny Wallack decides whether to shoot the ball or deke out the defender. Wallack notched seven points for JCU in Saturday's 78-64 road victory over Muskingum.

become one of our best shooters."

Muskingum's chances evaporated in the second half, as a nine-point halftime lead for John Carroll swelled to 13 just four minutes into the second half.

Logan Kimble led the effort for Muskingum (1-18, 0-12) with 14 points and five rebounds, but four personal fouls kept him from cutting any further into the deficit. The Blue Streaks would seal the victory by hitting all six of their free throws in the final minute.

It was a much-needed road win for the Blue Streaks, who have struggled to a 3-4 record away from the Tony DeCarlo Varsity Center. The victory meant much more to Angers, who was one of three current Blue Streaks who took part in John Carroll's first loss to Musk-

ingum in six years last January.

Angers said he and Moran made sure the team knew of the history behind the matchup. "I just told the guys that this is a big game," he remarked. "I said, 'The stands are filled, so let's give them a show.'"

With the win, the Blue Streaks improved to 9-9 overall and 6-6 in the OAC. The squad sits at fifth place in the OAC with six regular season contests remaining.

The next match for JCU will be a home game on Wednesday, Jan. 30 against the Heidelberg Student Princes, who enter the contest with a 9-10 record (4-8 in the OAC).

Editor's Note: For results, box scores, game stories and more from last night's OAC game between the Blue Streaks and Heidelberg, please go to www.jcusports.com.

JCU women earn easy win over Muskingum

Spahar, Switzler outduel Muskingum's Nelson to help JCU end three-game skid

Jake Hirschmann
Staff Reporter

Strong defensive play allowed the Blue Streaks to end their three-game skid on Saturday, Jan. 26, with a home win over the visiting Muskingum Fighting Muskies. The Blue Streaks held Muskingum to 24 percent shooting and 51 points, the lowest total they have allowed all year. Muskingum has the worst record in the OAC this year, so this win, although expected, is just what JCU needed to gain some momentum for their end-of-the-season run.

The first five minutes of this game went back and forth, with both teams trading bucket after bucket. But after those first five minutes, it was all JCU. Just after the 15:00 mark, sophomore guard Beth Switzler and junior forward Missy Spahar hit back-to-back threes, and there was no looking back from there. The Blue Streaks finished the half strong and took an eight-point lead into halftime.

The second half began just as the first had ended for the Blue Streaks. Junior guard Allie Lustig came out and hit a 3-pointer to open the half, and then Spahar hit a lay-up during



Photo courtesy of Samuel Young

Junior forward Rebecca Sigler keeps her eyes on the prize despite pressure from a nearby Muskingum defender in a 64-51 win over the Fighting Muskies on Saturday.

the next possession to give JCU a huge 12-point lead.

As the half went on, the Fighting Muskies could not buy a basket, failing to score until the 13:00 mark of the second half. A lot of the credit has to go to the JCU defense, who definitely played their best game all year, forcing 17 turnovers.

The Blue Streaks pushed the lead

to 17 midway through the second half and never let it get closer than seven. The team played hard all the way through and set a precedent on how to play for the rest of the season. In the end, JCU ended their three-game skid and came out victorious at a final of 64-51.

Every player on the team got playing time in the game, and all

contributed, putting up at least one point, rebound or assist. The two stars of the game for JCU were Spahar, who put up her seventh double-double of the season, with an impressive 23 points and 10 rebounds, and Switzler, who was one rebound away from a double-double, with nine assists and 19 points.

About the big win and what it meant, Switzler said, "We have been working really hard on putting a whole 40 minutes of play, and we finally put it all together. We have a big week coming up, and we need a lot of focus; these next six games all need to be victories to put us in the right place for playoffs."

That trek to the playoffs continues for JCU on Wednesday, Jan. 30 at Heidelberg University. As Switzler said, these next few games are big in order to gain some momentum for the playoffs, so time will tell what the Blue Streaks have left in the tank.

Editor's Note: For results, box scores, game stories and more from last night's Ohio Athletic Conference matchup between the JCU women's team and the 'Berg of Heidelberg University, please go to www.jcusports.com.

Get crazy, JCU: The Carroll crazies are back in action

JCU fan group offering free busing to away games for select basketball games

Zach Mentz
Sports Editor

Traveling to and from sporting events can sometimes be a bit of a hassle. When you consider the expenses of paying for your own gas and trying to avoid Mother Nature's seemingly unpredictable ways, sports fans often decide they would rather just watch the game on television or listen to it on the radio. However, when it comes to keeping up to date with John Carroll's athletic teams, radio and/or television are not always an option.

That's exactly where the Carroll Crazies comes in. The Carroll Crazies will be busing JCU students to and from two different basketball games this winter – one men's game and one women's game. The student-run organization will bus students to the men's basketball game at Capital University, located in Bexley, Ohio, on Saturday, Feb. 2. The second game that the Carroll Crazies will bus students to and from takes place on Wednesday, Feb. 6 as the women's basketball team travels to Berea, Ohio to take on the host Baldwin Wallace Yellow Jackets. The best part of all of this is that both road trips are completely free to JCU students.

The Carroll Crazies is the official student section and fan group of Blue Streaks athletics. With numerous events throughout the



Photo courtesy of JCU Sports Information

The Carroll Crazies are providing transportation to and from two select JCU basketball games in the next week.

year to promote, support and cheer on JCU athletics teams, the Carroll Crazies have a reputation for bringing spirit and excitement to all different kinds of JCU athletic events.

"Our ultimate goal is to get more 'fans in the stands,'" said Carroll Crazies President Beckie Reid. "We want more of a student

section at games, especially football and basketball games."

This isn't the first time the Carroll Crazies have provided transportation to games. Reid explained that the organization did something similar to this "about five or six years ago" and that it was "very successful."

Who: Carroll Crazies
What: Busing students to and from two basketball games
When:
Men's – Feb. 2 @ Capital
Women's – Feb. 6 @ Baldwin Wallace
Where:
Men's – Bexley, Ohio
Women's – Berea, Ohio
Cost: Free
Contact: Beckie Reid, President, rreid14@jcu.edu
Sign-ups can also be found online at www.jcusports.com under the tab "Fanzone." Go Blue Streaks!

Swimming & Diving teams sink competitors, swim to 3-1 record

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Men's Swimming & Diving

The Blue and Gold had an impressive weekend, coming nine points away from sweeping its competition. JCU had no trouble dispatching Hiram at home on Friday, but suffered a narrow 118-109 loss to the Yellow Jackets the next day.

The Blue Streaks came ready to rumble on Senior Night at Johnson Natatorium. The squad leapt out of the gate by winning the 400-yard medley event. A host of JCU swimmers followed up the win with individual victories, as the Blue and Gold swept first-place finishes. Freshman Jacob Crain was the most successful, capturing the 200-yard IM, the 200-yard butterfly and the 200-yard breaststroke. Senior

Drew Edson put on a strong performance in his final home meet, winning the 1,000-yard freestyle and 500-yard breaststroke. Also taking home two first-place finishes was junior Nick Holvey, who snagged both the 50 and 100-yard freestyle events. Juniors Zach Morris (200-yard backstroke) and David Sved (200-yard freestyle) also claimed top finishes for the Blue Streaks.

The Blue and Gold followed up Friday's great success with a strong road effort against the Yellow Jackets. Edson had another stellar day, notching wins in the 200 and 500 freestyle. Holvey finished second behind Edson in the 200 free and also claimed the 100-yard butterfly. Meanwhile, Sved reigned victorious in both the 50 and 100-yard freestyle events. Bockanic also scored his second triumph in as many days, securing the 100-yard backstroke.

Women's Swimming & Diving

JCU eliminated both of its opponents over the weekend, notching victories over Hiram and Baldwin Wallace.

The first team to challenge the Blue Streaks was the Terriers. On an exciting Friday night meet at Johnson Natatorium, the Blue and Gold downed Hiram, 137-69.

Veterans Megan Carrig and Julia Adams made their Senior Night particularly memorable. Carrig scored victories in the 200-yard IM and the 200-yard breaststroke, while Adams snagged the 200-yard freestyle and backstroke events. The two seniors got a lot of help from the team's underclassmen on the special evening. Rachael Libertin was the lone junior to attain a first-place finish (in the 1,000-yard freestyle), but a number of sophomores picked

up wins. Victoria Watson bagged the 100-yard freestyle event, Katii Sheffield netted the 500-yard freestyle, Karyn Adams (Julia's sister) picked up a title in the 50-yard freestyle and Danielle Ketterer collected gold in both the one-meter and three-meter dive events.

The next day, the Blue Streaks took on that team from the west side, the Yellow Jackets of Baldwin Wallace. Though a number of Blue Streaks excelled in individual events and the JCU relay teams performed well, the Blue and Gold dropped a close decision to BW, 145.5-110.5.

Seniors Julia Adams (100-yard backstroke) and Rachael Mizner (500-yard freestyle) each took home a first-place finish. Sophomores Watson (100-yard freestyle) and Karyn Adams (50-yard freestyle) also seized victories for the Blue and Gold.

STREAKS OF THE WEEK



Basketball



Kyle Hubbard
senior

The senior forward formed a major part of JCU's offense on Saturday in a 78-64 triumph over Otterbein. Hubbard tallied 17 points as well as four rebounds and three assists, to help lead the Blue and Gold to victory.



Basketball



Missy Spahar
junior

Spahar continued her outstanding 2012-2013 campaign, earning a double-double on Saturday in a 64-51 victory over Muskingum. The forward racked up 23 points and 10 rebounds to lead JCU to its 11th win of the season.



Indoor Track & Field



John Cameron
sophomore

In the biggest competition of his JCU career thus far, Cameron stepped up big time. The freshman was the lone Blue Streak to take home the gold, as he won the 1,600-meter run, helping JCU snag second in the OAC Split Meet.



Swimming & Diving



Julia Adams
senior

The veteran competitor helped the Blue Streaks attain consecutive victories over the weekend. She won the 200-yard freestyle and backstroke events on Senior Night as well as the 100-yard backstroke on Saturday.



Swimming & Diving



Drew Edson
senior

The senior notched two wins on both Friday and Saturday, helping JCU earn a 1-1 record. Edson snatched wins in both the 500 and 1,000-yard freestyles on Senior Night, as well as victories in the 200 and 500-yard on Saturday.

The Carroll News talks with NFL Hall of Fame head coach Don Shula

Winningest coach in NFL history talks about his days at JCU, coaching in the NFL and retirement

Joe Ginley
Assistant Sports Editor

Few would think that a small, Division III school could produce one of the best NFL head coaches of all time. But such is the case.

A Grand River, Ohio native, Don Shula graduated from Harvey High School in 1947 and John Carroll University in 1951. Following his graduation, he was taken by the Browns in the ninth round of the draft. He played in Cleveland for legendary head coach Paul Brown before being traded to the Baltimore Colts in 1953. After finishing his playing career with the Washington Redskins in 1959, Shula found a head coaching gig four years later with the Colts. Shula coached in Baltimore until 1969, when he moved on to the Dolphins.

Shula built a dynasty in Miami over the course of 26 years, accomplishing feats such as coaching the only undefeated season in NFL history in 1972. He won two Super Bowls and became the winningest coach in the history of the NFL with 347 career victories. The coaching legend was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1997.

The Carroll News recently talked with Shula over the phone, discussing a variety of topics.

The Carroll News: What do you remember about your education at JCU?

Don Shula: They emphasized educating the whole man, everything. It's not just sided, one way or the other. It tries to prepare you for what's out there.

CN: What exactly do you think about a John Carroll education makes it special?

DS: It covers all bases; it tries to take everything into account and prepare you for what could happen later in life. I think that's the big benefit of a Jesuit education.

CN: Do you think that a Jesuit education is why so many JCU alumni have moved on to the NFL? Is there a certain quality or characteristic that you believe is the reason for so many alumni in the NFL?

DS: I don't know how many have gone on to the NFL ... I just know as far as I was concerned, I felt I had great preparation to be ready for what's out there, all walks of life.

CN: What do you think makes the school special as a whole? Is it the place itself or is it the people?

DS: Any school, whether Big Ten or Ivy League, whatever, is a combination of what they have to offer educationally and then also the people who go there who later go on to represent that school.

CN: How did you draw from lessons learned at John Carroll when you coached in the NFL?

DS: I just think that it was part of my background. I had the opportunity to go to a school that took a lot of pride in educating the whole man, getting ready for life after college. I leaned back on that a lot. It was very instrumental in my career.

CN: Do you have any fond memories of the school? Are there any classes that you found particularly interesting?

DS: Father [Joseph] Schell in logic. He was an outstanding educator, an outstanding teacher, a very avid football fan. He'd be out there watching our practices. I'm sure he never missed a game.

CN: Have you been back to JCU at all recently?

DS: I'd have to think back; it hasn't been for a while.

CN: Do you try to keep up with what's going on in the school's news?

DS: Yeah, I get updates from the school. Tony DeCarlo would always make an effort to keep me up to date with what's going on. He lives over in Naples; occasionally they have reunions over there, and I always get invited to that.

CN: If you had the opportunity to share a piece of advice with a John Carroll student, what would it be?

DS: Make the most out of your opportunities, because the things that are offered at John Carroll are things that are always going to better prepare you for what you're going to encounter in later life.

CN: Was the 1972 team you coached, obviously to Super Bowl VII, the best team you've ever played or coached on?

DS: You know, in football, they keep score to see who wins the game. And then at the end of the year, they have a record to see who has the best record. The team that has the best record you'd have to say has the best team, right? And then if you go back and do something that nobody else has ever done, then you have to take a lot of pride in that. That's our '72 Dolphins. Nobody had done it in the 50 years that football was played before '72, and nobody has done it in the time since '72, 40 years since. And that's why it's such a special accomplishment.

CN: What do you think made that team special?

DS: I think everything combined. The coaches coached, the players played, we had great fan support. The combination of all those things it takes to build and to be a winner.

CN: Were you a Browns fan growing up?

DS: Yes I was. I lived about 30 miles south of Cleveland. Whenever possible, I would go to Browns games and Cleveland Indians games. When I was at Carroll, I remember that if we wore our letter sweater, for 50 cents we could sit in the end zone bleachers, which is now the famous Dawg Pound. We all made sure we had our letter sweaters on game day and got to go watch them play for 50 cents. After the game, we would jump out onto the field and run around a little bit and test out the field.

CN: In 1972, when you played the Browns in the playoffs, they gave you guys a pretty good fight. What was it like coaching in that game?

DS: It was like all the other games. You get your team ready to go, play the best that you can play. Each game that you played was equally important. The fact that I had played with the Browns and came from that area, that made it that much more important.

CN: What is your favorite memory of your coaching career?

DS: I think when you're able to do something that nobody else had ever done, it [has to] be the most memorable time in your career when you realize nobody had done it before, and especially now, nobody's done it since.

CN: Do you have any particularly fond memories playing for the Browns?

DS: The coach at Carroll, Herb Eisele, he went to every clinic that Paul Brown ever had, and our terminology to a much lesser extent was the same that the Browns had in their playbook. So I had an early start on my professional education. That helped me a lot, playing at Carroll for a coach like Herb Eisele. He had two assistants: Danny Marmelli and Bill Belanchek. They had a three-man coaching staff, but they were outstanding.

CN: Did you borrow a lot of terminology and techniques from Paul Brown?

DS: As I mentioned, our coach at John Carroll, Herb Eisele, went to every clinic Paul Brown ever had. That was the basis of his football, and that's the first football that I learned. When I went into coaching myself, I had to have my own playbook and my own terminology; a lot of it stems from that Paul Brown school of football.

CN: Do you think, over the span of your career, that the game of football and coaching

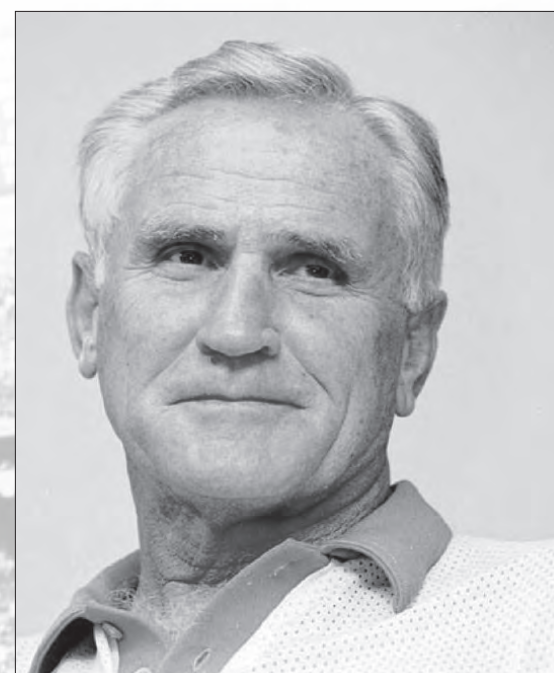


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Don Shula '51 coached in six Super Bowls over the course of his 33-year coaching career.

in the NFL changed?

DS: Yes, I think everything has evolved ... The players are bigger, faster, stronger. They start weight training at an early age. All of the techniques have evolved, too, to where they are today. The film and the videos, they pretty much video everything that moves nowadays. They use those as instructional tools to help present the picture to the player. All of that has been very, very helpful. It's evolved over a period of time. It used to be that you had one can of film and you'd have to pass it around to the different parts of the team – offensive line, defensive line, running backs, defensive backs. And now, everything that you do on a practice field is videotaped. You walk off the practice field and it's handed to you to look at and study. Everything has evolved and has modernized.

CN: Since you've retired from coaching, have you been enjoying the retired life?

DS: I coached for 33 years; I retired in '95. So now I've been out of it over 15 years. I'm enjoying my quiet time, my time away. My wife and I do a lot of different things: we travel, we have a restaurant business that has evolved and has grown into a big business. I want you to go out and try our Shula Burgers.

CN: Do you still keep up on the NFL?

DS: My son, Mike, was made the offensive coordinator of the Carolina Panthers, and they got Cam Newton, who's a great quarterback down there. So I get down there to watch games whenever I can, and certainly I'll watch them on TV if I can't get down there to watch them in person.

Indoor Track & Field squads run like the wind in OAC Split Meet

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Men's Indoor Track & Field

The Blue Streaks took home a second-place



Photo courtesy of Tim Johnson

Sophomore John Cameron (middle) mid-race.

finish out of the five teams competing in the OAC Split Meet held on Friday night in Alliance, Ohio. Though the Blue and Gold only took first-place in one event, the team earned 168.5 points, a solid performance that was second only to Mount Union's 279 points.

The lone top finisher for the Blue Streaks on the night was John Cameron. The sophomore took home the gold in the 1,600-meter run, winning the race with a time of 4:31.36. Junior Chuck Mulé wasn't far behind the promising young runner, crossing the line in 4:31.96.

Three JCU runners placed in the 3,000-meter run. Senior Will Rial snatched second, while sophomore Johnny Honkala took third and freshman Matt Chojnacki captured fourth.

The Blue and Gold also did well in

relays on Friday. The squad wrapped up second in both the distance medley and the 4x400-meter relay, as well as third in the 4x200-meter relay.

In the field events, junior Cory Biro snagged second in the 60-meter hurdles and pole vault. Junior Mike Minjock also took second in the long jump and the triple jump.

Women's Indoor Track & Field

Despite injuries to key personnel, the Blue and Gold managed to secure fourth place in the OAC Split Meet hosted by Mount Union on Friday evening. Though JCU did not have any runners finish in first, a number of Blue Streaks stepped up with solid nights to give the team 108.5 points in the meet.

Katherine Spillman achieved second in the 3,000-meter run, crossing the line in 10:41.11. Other notable individual performances for the

Blue and Gold included third-place finishes for sophomore Tess Barsody in the 500-meter run, junior Nicki Bohrer in the 800-meter run and Emily Mapes in the 5,000-meter run.



Photo courtesy of Tim Johnson

Freshman Emily Jenkins in mid-stride.

JCU also finished solid in relay events in the five-team meet. The Blue Streaks snatched second in both the 4x400-meter relay, with a time of 4:25.62, and in the distance medley, finishing in 13:09.21. The squad will be competing next on Saturday, Feb. 2 at the Youngstown National Invitational.



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Around the World



1 Hostage crisis in Algeria causes fear of uprising terror

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Following a four-day long hostage crisis that ended Jan. 19 in Algeria, there are rising concerns over an increase of terrorist activity coming out of North Africa. The situation started when a group of Islamist extremists from Algeria, Tunisia, Mali, Niger, Canada, Egypt and Mauritania struck a natural gas plant near the Libyan border with pickup trucks and took the employees of the plant hostage. They then planted several explosives throughout the building and placed demands in exchange for the hostages' release which were seen as unreasonable to Algeria's prime minister. The attack caused the death of 37 hostages from Colombia, Japan, the Philippines, the United Kingdom, the United States and other countries.

Islamist militant Mokhtar Belmokhtar has said that he is responsible for taking of the hostages, claiming the event was retaliation against the Algerian government for letting France use its airspace to launch attacks against other militants in Mali. However, most analysts believe that it is unlikely that this plan was put into place in a short period of time; rather, it was probably planned over the course of several months.

The group involved in the hostage crisis is known as al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb, or AQIM, and started fighting for anti-government causes in Algeria in the 1990s. Through the years, the forces expanded through Algeria and into Mali as well as other countries in North Africa. Poverty, high unemployment rates and po-

litical instability due to lack of resources and raging crime has led to higher recruitments to AQIM in the past few years. Within the last two years, al-Qaida has moved from Afghanistan and Pakistan due to the many drone strikes aimed toward radical Islamists and has shifted its focus to North Africa. Furthermore, a surge in government take downs has also contributed to AQIM's power. Egypt, Mali, Tunisia and Mauritania have all experienced coups recently.

In addition, the recent fall of Moammar Gadhafi's tyranny in Libya is considered a "tipping point in AQIM's emergence as a

global threat," according to MSNBC. Libya has been central to the rise of AQIM as well, due to the attack on the United States consulate in Benghazi in September that killed Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens. The two events have led to a weaker government, and have allowed the expansion of the militant group.

Belmokhtar, the head of the attack on the gas plant, is known for raising millions of dollars through cigarette smuggling and kidnapping. Two years ago, the AQIM earned more than \$17 million in ransom money by kidnapping people from Italy, Spain, Austria

and Switzerland. AQIM has declared that a political agreement that will force French forces out of Mali will end the violence they have caused. North African governments have agreed to this, but French president François Hollande refuses to leave Mali as long as Africa is plagued by terrorism. However, Belmokhtar is in hiding once more and difficult to find. In fact, French officials call him "the uncatchable," according to CNN. Overall, it is readily apparent that the violence in North Africa won't be ending anytime soon.

Information from MSNBC was used in this article.



Islamic radical Mokhtar Belmokhtar, pictured left, has taken responsibility for the hostage crisis in Algeria that ended Jan. 19. Belmokhtar supposedly took several westerners hostage in response to Algeria's government allowing France to use its airspace to attack other Islamists in Mali. The African terrorist group known as AQIM is becoming more prominent following several government downfalls as well as high unemployment rates occurring within North Africa.

2 Nightclub fire in southern Brazil kills over 200

The Associated Press

A fast-moving fire roared through a crowded, windowless nightclub in southern Brazil on Sunday Jan. 28, filling the air in seconds with flames and a thick, toxic smoke that killed more than 230 panicked attendants, many of whom were caught in a stampede to escape.

Inspectors believe the blaze began when a band's small pyrotechnics show ignited foam sound insulating material on the ceiling, releasing a putrid haze that caused scores of university students to choke to death. Most victims died from smoke inhalation rather than burns in what appeared to be the world's deadliest nightclub fire in more than a decade.

Survivors and the police inspector Marcelo Arigony said security guards briefly tried to block people from exiting the club. Firefighters responding to the blaze initially had trouble getting inside the Kiss night-

club because "there was a barrier of bodies blocking the entrance," Guido Pedroso Melo, commander of the city's fire department, told the O Globo newspaper.

Police inspector Sandro Meinerz, who coordinated the investigation at the nightclub, said one band member died after escaping because he returned inside the burning building to save his accordion. The other band members escaped alive because they were the first to notice the fire.

Television images from Santa Maria, a university city of about 260,000 people, showed black smoke billowing out of the Kiss nightclub as shirtless young men who attended the university party joined firefighters using axes and sledgehammers to pound at the hot-pink exterior walls, trying to reach those trapped inside.

Bodies of the dead and injured were strewn in the street and panicked screams filled the air as medics tried to help. There was little to be done; officials said most of those who died were suffocated by smoke

within minutes.

Within hours, a community gym was a horror scene, with body after body lined up on the floor, partially covered with black plastic as family members identified kin.

The party was organized by students from several academic departments from the Federal University of Santa Maria. Such organized university parties are common throughout Brazil.

"There was so much smoke and fire, it was complete panic, and it took a long time for people to get out, there were so many dead," survivor Luana Santos Silva told the Globo TV network.

Police Maj. Cleberson Braida Bastianello said by telephone that the toll had risen to 233 with the death of a hospitalized victim. He said earlier that the death toll was likely made worse because the nightclub appeared to have just one exit through which patrons could escape.

"It is a tragedy for all of us," Brazil's President Dilma Rousseff said.



Several people escape the burning nightclub in Brazil, while others wait to look for friends and family inside the club. Lack of exits and the overcrowded building led to 233 deaths on Sunday.

3 Military to allow women in combat

Katii Sheffield
Staff Reporter

In a landmark decision announced Thursday, Jan. 24, Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta signed a memo lifting the military's previous 1994 ban on women serving in combat. The Pentagon's 1994 rule excluded women from units whose primary mission is to participate in direct combat on the ground. This memo does not address which military occupation specialties, or MOS, will be opened up to women. According to the official home page of the United States Army, of the 438 MOSs within the Army, 418 are open to women, as of September 2012.

The New York Times reports that each branch of the military will create an implementation plan in the coming months. If a military branch believes that there is an MOS that should not be opened to women, the branch would have to ask for an exception. Each branch will create a time line for integration between men and women for those MOSs that are not currently open to women. Panetta is setting the goal to have all branches of military fully integrated by January 2016.

As reported by The New York Times, more than 800 women were wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan, and more than 130 were killed last year alone. Despite our military women not holding combat positions, in a war that has no official front line, they are still found in circumstances where combat is necessary. According to The New York Times, in the military, serving in combat positions, such as the infantry, becomes critical for career advancement. Up until the present, women were not allowed in the infantry, but still fought in combat situations; there is a belief that the military did not recognize women's real service and hence holds back women's careers.

Gen. Robert Cone, commander of U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command acknowledges that one of the most important attributes of combat MOSs are the physical requirements and that "soldiers do not want to see (that) degraded." To ensure this, there will be objective assessments and validation studies to look at requirements according to each MOS. After the studies are completed, scientists will work to create MOS specific physical fitness tests. According to a CNN report, the Marine Corps will also begin examining physical standards. As of now, there are two different physical fitness tests for men and women.

The lifting of this ban marks the second of a historical landmark military decision under President Obama's administration, after the repeal of the "don't ask, don't tell" policy in 2011, which allowed for open gays, lesbians, and bisexuals to serve in the U.S. military.

Information provided by The New York Times was used in this report.



The ban that kept women from being in combat was lifted last week. Each branch of the military will soon draft plans to incorporate female members of the military into combat.

4 Changes proposed for Electoral College



Virginia state senators Richard Saslaw and Thomas Norment confer in the Senate chamber. Virginia recently proposed a different allocation of its electoral votes.

Silvia Iorio
Staff Reporter

Republicans in Virginia have now created a proposal that could change how the commonwealth allocates its 13 electoral votes, according to CNN. Under this proposal, electoral votes would become divided up with congressional districts that have won. During President Barack Obama's re-election, the president won all 13 votes in Virginia even though his opponent, Mitt Romney, beat him in 7 out of 11 congressional districts.

This proposal is not just occurring in Virginia, one of the crucial battleground states during elections, but in other states as well, as many Republicans are trying to change the way these votes are allocated. Many states that Obama carried in the re-election are seeking effort to change how the Electoral College votes are being distributed. These states include Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, Florida, Virginia and Pennsylvania. These states, according to NPR, are controlled by a GOP legislature as well as the governor's office.

Virginia may be getting in a vote this week and therefore have a new way of awarding its electoral votes. This means that Virginia would award its electoral votes by congressional districts and set aside two votes for the candidate who carried most of the districts in the commonwealth.

Obama would have won four votes rather than 13 in November if the changes in the bill had been set in place during his reelection. The Electoral College is already unpopular to many Americans; the idea of changing it doesn't bring too many smiles, especially to Democrats. The communications director for the Wisconsin Democratic Party, Graeme Zielinski, stated that Republicans are trying to rig the process in order to win and seem consumed by this idea.

The change in the system would no doubt help out Republicans, and the GOP would dominate more districts because its voters are already so spread out. The proposing bill in Virginia may have been popular in some states that have GOP ruling legislatures, but all Republicans don't exactly favor the idea. Many Republicans believe that these changes are only going to create a feud and therefore change the dynamic between the GOP and Democrats for a long set of years.

Republican Will Weatherford told the Miami Herald that the rules of the system don't need changes; Republicans just need to get better. There is no agreement on the alternatives to the current system, but at the same time no one is satisfied with it, so reforms on the Electoral College are not expected to fall through.

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Firing Lane



Sam Lane
World News Editor

Forecast for the political future

Following President Barack Obama's inauguration speech to the nation on Jan. 21, listeners had begun to formulate their reactions. Some concluded that it was an ambitious and newly devised plan for Obama's second term. Others indicated that it was nothing more than a message designed to attack the Republican Party. Both of these opinions may be legitimate. But they both fail to address a significant factor: that this marks a change in the politics of the United States.

That being said, it is evident that the see-saw that is American politics has shifted back to the left. Yes, it is true, the era of Reaganism is indeed over.

In a way, there is not necessarily anything that should be shocking, because this has been developing for several years. To those who did not pick up on the signs, then Obama's speech would have been the official diagnosis.

He discussed several issues that were previously taboo in presidential inaugurations. Gay marriage would have been unthinkable to mention less than a decade ago. For the next 20-30 years, Americans can expect to take the leftward approach to the way government solves problems in the U.S. Of course, there will be a loyal opposition, because one is truly necessary to the success of the state. But it can be expected that this will be the case for several decades to come.

Upon mentioning this, there will be several who hold different political views (such as myself) who may find this news rather horrifying. Yes, it is a little disappointing. But take my advice when I say that there is no need to worry. These political changes, better known as realignment, are as American as apple pie. This has happened several times beforehand and will indeed happen again. The two most recent shifts occurred first in the 1930s, when the Great Depression ushered in a wave of New Deal Democrats. Then, beginning in the late 1960s and cemented with the election of Ronald Reagan in 1980, conservative Republicans made their mark. Now, the latter group realizes that its time has begun to dwindle.

Although it may appear as though our country is now plagued by chronic political polarization, it will not last much longer. As the old guard of the Republican Party begins to fade, the newer ones will gradually give way to a more liberal agenda, while nevertheless maintaining some basic party principles. It is also likely that we will see the rebirth of the so-called middle class we once had, more socially conservative while fiscally liberal.

In time, maybe around 2040, the liberals will find that their ideas have grown stale and are no longer popular. Many of the Hispanics that they once courted will now be much higher up economically and will be looking to keep what they believe does not belong to the government. Then, the conservative ideology will be renewed, just as it had been before. But until then, Americans can expect to experience another recycled ideology for years to come, through good and bad.

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CAT viewed favorably despite acquisition

Stellar fourth quarter encourages optimism

Patrick Burns
Staff Reporter

On Monday morning, the Dow Jones Industrial Average continued to climb in what began a six consecutive day gain. The advance could be considered minor, but could largely be attributed to Caterpillar Inc., a blue chip construction and mining-equipment manufacturer.

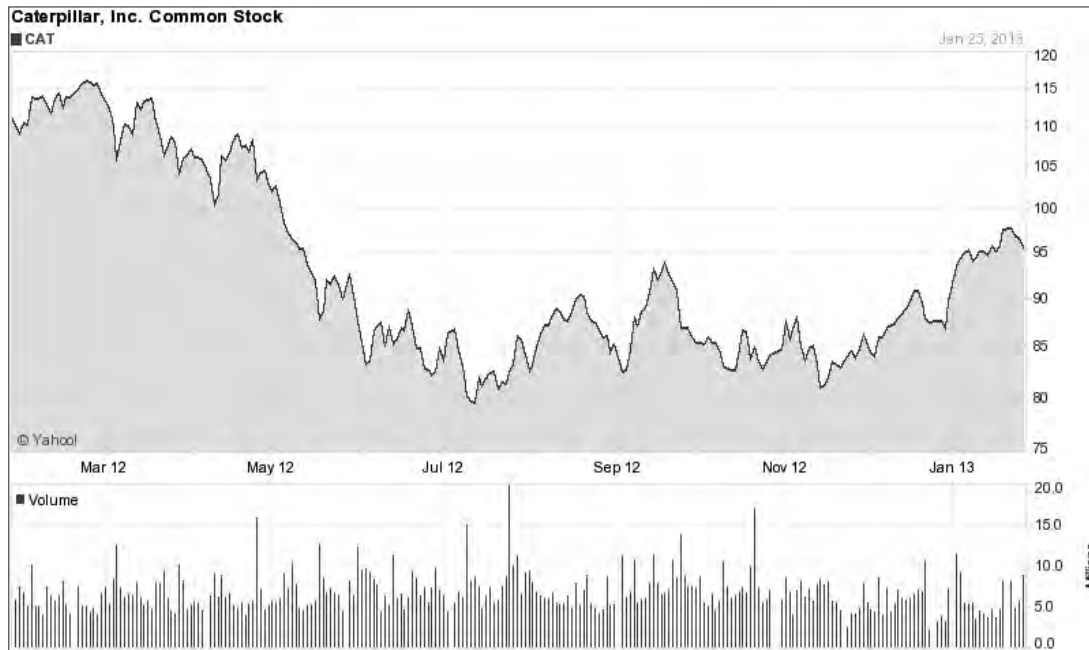
The major reasons that CAT performed so well lie within its fourth quarter. The firm produced earnings and revenues numbers that surprisingly exceeded analyst benchmarks. Macroeconomic trends also amplified the markets in favor to CAT as orders for durable goods (goods lasting three years or longer) rose 4.6 percent from November.

Even though CAT is performing well, things arguably could be better for them. Last year, CAT purchased the Chinese-owned ERA Mining Machinery, a \$700 million dollar transaction.

The hope was that this play would aid CAT in its position in China, allowing them to tap into demand stemming from the myriad of infrastructure and construction projects that the nation has to offer. It seemed like a smart investment in the long run, but it would not be until after the acquisition that CAT would actually suffer from the mistakes in its rationale.

In any sort of merger or acquisition, due diligence is extremely important. Even as individuals, we would like to know what we are buying before we spend a large sum of money. CAT missed several red flags that indicated that ERA may not have been such a great buy after all.

For starters, accounts receivable between 2010 and 2011 jumped 37 percent. This was



CAT share prices from March 2012 to Jan. 2013.

not in line with the 10 percent sales growth over the same time period, and could be interpreted as evidence that people were not paying for ERA's goods.

Another major oddity was that inventory that had not been delivered to customers rose 234 percent, implying that many of their sales were not even being delivered.

The problems compounded as the company's directors began to loan money to the firm as a means of avoiding expensive financing. The financing would be unfavorable by management and could mean trouble for overall investor and executive satisfaction.

ERA was in serious trouble and found itself in an unsustainable business model. The only way the company would have any chance for survival was through a takeover by a company with superior financial muscle, or in this scenario CAT. Under the wing of a strong company, the hope was that ERA could further sustain its fast growth, relationship building and channel building. In the immediate term, it is hard to say that the

outcome will have a happy ending. CAT just had to bear a \$580 million write down for accounting misconduct at ERA. This plunged CAT's fourth quarter net profit by 55 percent and likely left a bitter taste in the mouth of executives. Yet despite all the trouble that came from the acquisition, life still goes on for Caterpillar and their investors.

The company is making smart moves elsewhere in the business by slimming down unnecessary production and inventory. For instance, CAT is moving away from less profitable regions, such as Europe, which is currently in the midst of financial struggle across the continent.

CAT, despite the major hit, remains resilient and continues to please Wall Street and those invested in the construction and mining equipment company. Look for Caterpillar to continue with a slow but steady share appreciation and to bounce back in its first quarter of 2013.

Information from *The Wall Street Journal* and *Yahoo Finance* was used in this report.

Nominated SEC chair raises eyebrows

Patrick Tarkey
Staff Reporter

President Barack Obama has officially nominated Mary Jo White to be the next head of the Securities and Exchange Commission. There is speculation that Obama chose White because he wanted someone that was going to be tough on Wall Street. The only issue is that Mary Jo White has a huge web of past connections to big banks that might make her task challenging.

Currently, White is the head of litigation at Debevoise & Plimpton, a private law firm; but as of Thursday, she will be one of the few females on the Obama team. Over the course of his first term, the president has slammed investment bankers for their role in the financial crisis and the recession that resulted from the process. Appointing White to the head of the SEC seems to be a defining decision in his presidency regarding financial regulation. According to *Money Morning*, the president said that "she helped prosecute white-collar criminals and money launderers. In the early 1990s, she brought down John Gotti." Gotti was the head of the Gambino family crime organization. What has she been doing since then? The question that comes to mind for those keeping score is whether she really is the best candidate for the position.

According to the records, it's been the exact opposite. For the last decade, White has been a defense attorney at Debevoise & Plimpton, where a large portion of her clients have been connected to large banks like Bank of America, JP Morgan Chase and Goldman Sachs. The choice to put White at the head of the SEC suggests that the President sees the establishment as an enforcer, but others find this thought to be misguided. Many people believe that the SEC needs to focus on its role as a regulator instead of an enforcer. If that is the case, White can spend the majority of her time restructuring the American Capital Markets and finding a way to translate that vision into rules that are required under the mess that is Dodd-Frank.

White's responsibilities with the SEC will make a conflict of interest nightmare. Time will tell if she can avoid these situations, but the pessimist would say that it is a problem that is too difficult to avoid in such a high-profile position. The web of connections alone create a plethora of conflict-of-interest violations. Even her husband creates issues for the new head of the SEC. As a partner at the corporate law firm Cravath, Swalne & Moore, the Federal Ethics rules prevent her from participating in any matter that is connected to a client of her husband's. So with all of these hurdles and scenarios for disaster, White has still accepted the nomination. The track records of her predecessors show that her chances of success are small, but many are relying on her success in this role.

Information from *The Economist* and *Money Morning* was used in this report.



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Mary Jo White has recently been nominated as the next chairman of the SEC.

IBM drives DOW average to its five-year high

Boosts by IBM and Google encourage investors

The Associated Press

Strong earnings from tech giants nudged the stock market to a five-year high Wednesday. Investors drew encouragement from a vote by the House of Representatives to let the government keep paying all of its bills for another four months. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 67.12 points to close at 13,779.33. That's the highest level since Oct. 31, 2007, a month before the Great Recession started.

Google and IBM reported surprisingly solid fourth-quarter earnings late Tuesday, a hopeful sign for investors who expected tech companies to struggle at the end of last year.

IBM's results beat expectations, thanks to its lucrative Internet-based "cloud computing" business and sales of software services to Brazil, Russia and other developing countries. The company also raised its earnings outlook for the current year. IBM led the Dow's 30 stocks, rising \$8.64 to \$204.72.

Without IBM's 4 percent gain, the Dow would have been nearly flat. Other indexes made slight gains. The Standard & Poor's 500 index inched up 2.25 points to 1,494.81, while the tech-heavy Nasdaq composite rose 10.49 points to 3,153.67.

The stock market has climbed so quickly

this month that it will likely take more than good earnings to keep it heading higher. "This market is really stretched," said Clark Yingst, chief market analyst at the securities firm Joseph Gunnar. "We've essentially gone straight up since January 2. There's certainly room for people to take profits."

The S&P 500 index is already up 4.8 percent in 2013. That's more than half of what most stock-fund investors hope to make in a single year. The House passed a bill Wednesday afternoon to suspend the government's borrowing limit until May 19. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said his chamber would immediately move the legislation to the White House. House Republicans had previously said they would use the debt ceiling as a bargaining chip to push for deeper government spending cuts.

Google gained 6 percent after its earnings climbed at the end of last year as online advertisers spent more money in pursuit of holiday shoppers. Google rose \$38.63 to \$741.50.

Another tech giant, Apple, fell in after-hours trading after reporting sales that fell short of forecasts.

Slumping coal shipments have been a drag on railroad operators, but CSX and Norfolk Southern posted better revenue and profits than expected. The railroads managed to offset some of the hit from falling

coal demand by getting more money from carrying car parts, building materials and other products. Norfolk Southern rose \$1.47 to \$68.41, while CSX gained 87 cents to \$21.68. The quarterly earnings season is off to a strong start. Of the 83 companies in the S&P 500 that reported through Tuesday, 54 have beaten Wall Street's estimates, according to S&P Capital IQ.

In the bond market, the yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note dipped to 1.83 percent from 1.84 percent late Tuesday. Among other companies posting quarterly earnings:

Advanced Micro Devices jumped 11 percent, making it the top stock in the S&P 500. The world's second-largest maker of microchips, behind Intel, posted a smaller loss and higher revenue than analysts had forecast. AMD rose 28 cents to \$2.73.

Coach plunged 16 percent, or \$9.93, to \$50.75. The luxury handbag maker said a challenging economy and heavy price-cutting by competitors weighed on its results. Rivals like Michael Kors have attracted more followers. McDonald's Corp. eked out a higher quarterly profit with the help of its Dollar Menu and the McRib sandwich. The world's biggest hamburger chain plans to roll out new menu items this year to support sales, including the Fish McBites. McDonald's inched up 53 cents to \$93.48.

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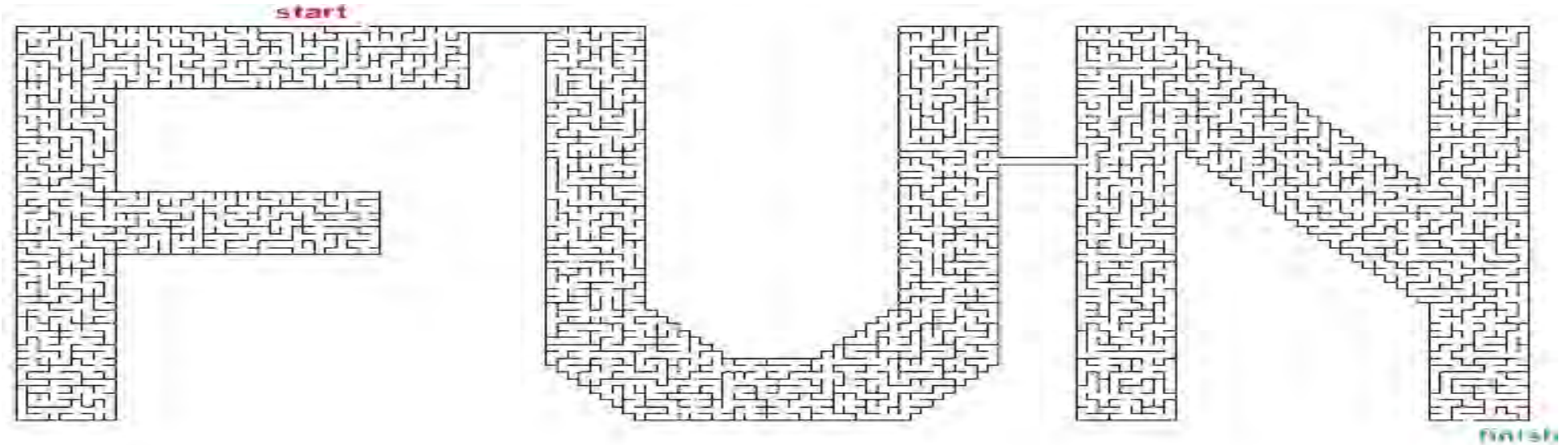
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Editorial

Must be the Blue Streaks in the atmosphere

It's no small secret that Cleveland's temperatures have taken a plummet lately. Students expect to have a nice, warm room to retreat to in such frigid weather, but this has not been the case for those living in the residence halls.

Since the beginning of the semester, proper heating has been an issue in nearly all of the dorm buildings, bringing dissatisfaction among students.

Students have reported extremely cold temperatures despite having the heat turned all the way up in some rooms of Murphy, Campion and Sutowski halls. Other students in Hamlin have complained of excessive heat.

Residence Life and the Facilities Department claim the extreme temperatures, blocked radiators or partially open windows could be to blame. Facilities advises students to check for these problems in dorm rooms. The department stated that it is working to resolve the consistent distribution of heat in all dorms.

If students continue to experience heating problems, the resident assistant should be informed and a work order should be put in to the Facilities Department so any mechanical problems can be remedied. In light of rapidly changing weather, it is important that Facilities is diligent and responds quickly to these orders.

Editorial

Satisfaction: questionable

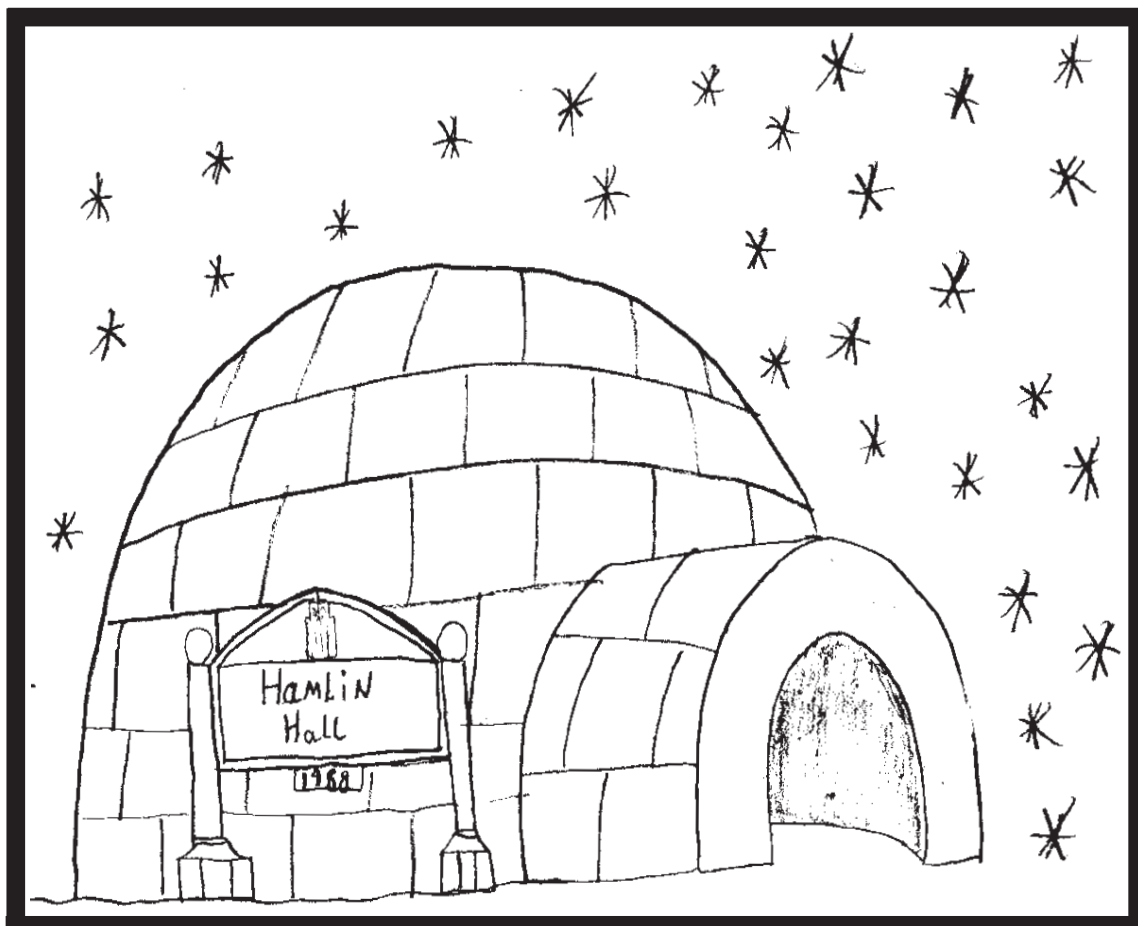
During the open forum at the inaugural Student Union Senate meeting of this semester, one of the first topics discussed was dissatisfaction amongst students about dining services at JCU.

Students complained of unclean beverage machines and long food lines. Others hoped that the dining hall hours would be extended to accommodate those with busy schedules. Students also want transferrable meal swipes to other locations within the dining service, like the Inn Between.

JCU Dining said that repairs to the beverage machines are in progress. All grievances about cleanliness or other needs that students have should be brought to the dining hall managers.

There are not currently any plans in the works for extending dining hall hours or increasing meal swipe flexibility. However, doing so would benefit many students and John Carroll including student athletes.

Many students have a wealth of meal swipes left at the end of the semester, yet they run out of plus points, which are capable of being used at Einstein Bros. Bagels, the Inn Between and The Cubby. Making meal swipe usage more flexible or extending the dining hall hours would ensure that students get the most out of their meal plans. The dining service should strongly consider changing the dining hall hours and making meal swipes universal. Doing so would enable students to get the most for their money and provide incentive for students who live off campus to buy a commuter meal plan.



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“I think for me, people really now have taken time to find out who I am. They are really learning what my character is. My character is simply just to make this world a better place, to encourage people that, no matter what you are going through, it really isn't about what you're going through; it's your mindset while going through it.”

— Baltimore Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis on support from his fans in pre-Super Bowl interview



HIT & miss

Hit: Super Bowl XLVII **miss:** Cleveland's bipolar weather **Hit/miss:** A motorcyclist illegally shut down traffic on a major California highway to propose to his girlfriend **Hit:** The Leap Motion Controller, which hits the market in the spring, will allow users to control their PCs without a mouse **miss:** A Catholic health care company argued in a lawsuit that a fetus is not legally a person until it is born **Hit:** The Senate approved more than \$50 billion in a Hurricane Sandy relief fund **miss:** Lindsay Lohan has been found in violation of her probation again **Hit/miss:** Charles Barkley gave weather reporting a shot on a Phoenix station; his performance was cloudy **miss:** Ashton Kutcher was hospitalized after following “fruitarian” diet in preparation for his upcoming Steve Jobs role **miss:** Nickelback **Hit:** J.J. Abrams has been announced as the director for the seventh “Star Wars” installment **miss:** The fact that they are making more “Star Wars” movies

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Letter to the Editor – Responding to bias incidents

This week we celebrate Ignatian heritage week as a campus community. It is a time when we reflect on and celebrate the values of the founders of the Society of Jesus and JCU that are at the core of the educational tradition we share worldwide. These values include striving for excellence in all that we do, finding God in all people and things, being men and women for and with others, and respecting the inherent dignity of each person. While we prize and celebrate these values, we also face complex challenges as a community to live them out in our daily lives, in the ways we treat each other, in the actions we take or don't take to confront the injustices that chip away at the Ignatian heritage we honor.

This past weekend two incidents were reported by students and staff using the Bias Incident Reporting system. The first was a demeaning statement including a racial slur directed at African Americans written in bold letters on a chalkboard in a common area lounge of Sutowski Hall. The second

report was an off-campus party with an African theme at which some white students dressed in pseudo "African" costumes wearing signs denoting the names of Lord Resistance Army leader Joseph Kony and various Kenyan marathon runners. Pictures were taken of the racial slur and of the party-goers, many of whom are active student leaders on campus, and posted on Facebook. This further exacerbated the hurt and harm these actions cause to the African American members of our community--to all members of our community. In fact these incidents undermine the very heritage, values and tradition that we cherish, celebrate and promote as a Jesuit Catholic university.

Whether motivated by hate or ignorance, these types of incidents demean and oppress others at the very core of their identities. The use of racial slurs and the perpetuation of stereotypes of identities, ethnicities and cultures are harmful and they continue to disenfranchise, alienate and isolate students of color on our campus. While these two incidents are unrelated in some ways, their occurrence on the

weekend following the second Inauguration of our nation's first African American president and the celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, and preceding our annual Ignatian Heritage Week should challenge us to be more vigilant, more conscious, more courageous and more determined to take responsibility to confront each other when we witness actions that harass, demean, stereotype, and make light of others who are marginalized on campus, in our community, our region and our world.

While the incidents of this past weekend were reported and are being investigated and responded to, unfortunately they are not the only incidents that occur on our campus. Many incidents of bias are perpetrated by anonymous persons and are directed at students of color, women, members of our LG-BTQA community and even students whose political affiliations differ from their own. When these persons are identified, the cases are confronted and responded to as quickly as possible through the conduct process, facilitated conversations with the faculty and staff

involved, classroom discussions or through appropriate employment action, up to and including termination. Although systems are in place to report and respond to these troublesome incidents, the fact remains that members of our community continue to act in ways that deeply hurt, isolate and marginalize others regardless of intention.

If we truly want to be called members of the John Carroll University community, then we must reflect on and live out the mission, vision and core values that we articulate and promote. We each need to take a stand and find the courage deep within us to interrupt bias and confront actions that demean, disrespect, and demoralize others. Please take time this week to reflect on your commitment to diversity and inclusion and to the mission we share by reading our Diversity Statement, <http://webmedia.jcu.edu/hr/files/2011/08/Statement-on-JCU-Diversity.pdf> and act accordingly.

Sincerely,

Mark D. McCarthy

Vice President for Student Affairs

Letter to the Editor – Addressing bias concerns

I have news of tremendous growth and development regarding the intolerable acts that occurred over the weekend. While the identity still remains a mystery of those who were involved in the incident on Friday, January 25, I was able to sit down with the student whose African themed party was in question on Saturday, January 26.

This student reached out to me by requesting the opportunity to shed new light on her side of the story.

This student allowed me to explain my perspective and in return, the student sincerely apologized and then shared what the incident meant to her. What was most phenomenal was the mutual understanding we reached. The student is expanding her horizons by studying abroad in South Africa. To celebrate, this student had a party themed to fit the occasion. It was never her intent to offend anyone. Most importantly; she now sees where the theme could have

been taken out of context. As for the photographs taken, the student never anticipated some guests arriving in what can be considered offensive attire.

I think the University would be proud to know that two students met and reached an understanding that has resulted in a new bond in a fight for cultural competency and awareness on campus. This student is kind, sincere, hard-working and deserves every chance to resume her normal college

life at Carroll and to go to South Africa. As for future steps, the African American Alliance is having a meeting this Wednesday at 7 p.m. in The Underground. The student has agreed to be present and to deliver a public apology to students. I would like to take this opportunity to invite every one of you to what will surely be a night of productive discussion in our fight for cultural awareness.

– Curtis Walker '13

When contacted by The Carroll News, the student who coordinated the party wished not to comment on the situation.

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OURVIEW

Kyrie Irving is making Cleveland fans forget



Zach Mentz
Sports Editor

"I'm going to take my talents to South Beach." These are words that will live on in Cleveland infamy, haunting the same city that hasn't won a professional sports title in 49 years.

When LeBron James, the most talented basketball player on planet Earth, ditched Cleveland nearly three years ago, the future for the Cavaliers looked anything but bright. In the 2010-11 season following LeBron's departure, the Cavaliers looked like anything but an NBA team. A long, exhausting stretch of struggles and hardships left the Cavaliers with an overall record of 19-63 that season, a mark poor enough to ultimately net the Cavs the first pick in the 2011 NBA Draft.

The good news was that the Cavaliers had a chance to select the best collegiate player in that draft, which would in turn automatically improve the talent level on their roster. The bad news? The 2011 NBA Draft class was one without a blue chip, superstar prospect. There was no Kevin Durant. There was no Derrick Rose. There was no Blake Griffin. And of course, this had to be the case the year that the Cavaliers had the top pick. At the time, it just seemed like more rotten

Cleveland luck.

Analysts and other talking heads debated who the Cavaliers should take with the top pick, or perhaps whether they should trade the pick away entirely in return for a package of players and picks. Eventually, the two top choices for the Cavaliers were narrowed down to Duke's Kyrie Irving and Arizona's Derrick Williams. Unless you're a sports fan who's been living under a rock, I think you know which direction the Cavaliers went with that pick.

Fast forward nearly three years later, and the Cavaliers have resurrected themselves from the cellar of the basketball world. Irving, a point guard who was born in Australia, is quickly grabbing the attention of the basketball world – and for good reason. At the young age of 20, Irving isn't even old enough to legally purchase alcohol – but he is old enough to be playing in the 2013 NBA All Star game, his first, in Houston on Feb. 17. Irving is also coming off of a three-game stretch in which he averaged 35.7 points per game on 61 percent shooting, a stretch of excellence that was good enough to earn him Eastern Conference Player of the Week. How's that for a list of accolades before turning 21?

After LeBron left, many believed that it would be years before the Cavaliers were back on the NBA map. Fortunately for the city of Cleveland, all of those predictions have gone out the

window. Playing in the shadows of LeBron James is not an easy thing to do – not by any stretch of the imagination. It takes a special kind of talent to make an entire city forget about the man who was once their hero, yet that's exactly what Irving is: a special, once-in-a-decade type of player.

Don't get me wrong: the NBA is chock-full of young, athletic and talented point guards. But anyone who has seen Kyrie Irving play knows that this kid is unique. He's different. There's just something about watching Irving that leaves you in awe, as your mouth waters for one more Irving jumper.

This past October, I predicted that Kyrie Irving would be a top-15 player in the NBA by the season's end. As of this moment, I think it's safe to say that Irving is well on his way to not only being a top-15 player, but perhaps one of the best players in the entire league. While we're on the topic of predictions, I'm going to take it one (or two) steps further: The Cavaliers will win an NBA title in the next decade.

LeBron James left Cleveland fans with some fantastic memories from his time here, but if Kyrie Irving can bring a title to Cleveland during his career, you might as well wipe LeBron's name out of the Cleveland history books for good. That's how good this 20-year-old kid is.

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Cooney Meets World: Hockey is back



Dan Cooney
Editor in Chief

In some cases, it doesn't take a lot to make me happy. This year's NHL schedule is one of those cases: 48 regular season games over four months, rather than the usual 82 games over seven months.

I'm just happy to see some hockey.

After the NBA and NFL had their lockouts and collective bargaining disputes that ran into their seasons, the NHL decided to have their own. The only problem was that the NHL had been down this road many times before.

The first lockout was during the 1994-1995 season, which was resolved in time to play 48 games, just like this one. The second time the league and players decided to play hardball with each other, during what should have been the 2004-2005 season, there was no hockey. The entire season was cancelled.

Just after the second lockout was around the time I got into hockey. I had been a casual fan of the Pittsburgh Penguins up to that point. I knew of one of their players – some guy named Mario Lemieux.

Then came the draft lottery, where the Penguins won the first pick and the chance to draft young phenom Sidney Crosby. He, Evgeni Malkin, Marc-Andre Fleury, Kris Letang and others have been tormenting opponents on the ice ever since. The team won the Stanley Cup, arguably the greatest championship trophy in sports, in 2009.

Yes, I've written about hockey before in this column space. But I left you in that column last October with a slight cliffhanger: The NHL and NHL Players' Association had not come to terms on a new collective bargaining agreement. Three months later, the two sides finally started seriously playing "Let's Make A Deal," and came to terms on a new agreement on Jan. 6.

Hence, the league developed a 48-game schedule, and teams began play on Jan. 19. Finally.

Many were concerned how the fans would react to yet another work stoppage. The Penguins opened a scrimmage to fans at their home arena, charging no admission. The fans responded by standing out in the cold for hours, waiting to get in. An estimated 18,000 people jammed into Consol Energy Center just to watch their beloved Penguins hold a scrimmage. The president of the team was so astounded by the fan response that he opened up the luxury suites for fans to stand and watch the team.

Yeah, I'd say the fans are excited to have hockey back.

On paper, the Penguins have an insane amount of talent. They should win the Cup this season, or at least have a great chance to do so.

In the last few years, however, the Penguins suffered humiliating playoff exits. Most recently, their hated cross-state rival, the Philadelphia Flyers, crushed Pittsburgh in six games. The overall beatdown the Pens suffered was hard to watch.

So, I am most excited to see Pittsburgh play with some physicality and grit. The results have been okay so far. The Pens opened their season on Jan. 19 with a big win at Philadelphia.

Malkin and Crosby should also be fully healthy from their injuries and ready to go. They've looked impressive so far, with James Neal also providing his lightning-quick shot to put pucks in the net.

If you walk by the newsroom on Tuesday, chances are we'll have hockey on the TV. I'm looking forward to Sunday's game against the Washington Capitals. If the Pens win, I have newsroom bragging rights over Assistant Sports Editor Joe Ginley for a while.

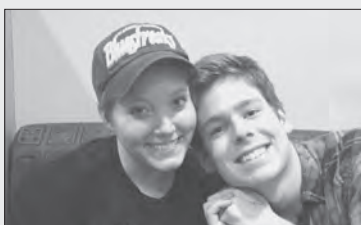
And while I've talked about Pittsburgh, JCU has plenty of Sabres, Blues, Blue Jackets, Blackhawks and Red Wings fans. They'll tell you the same thing I've said: Drop the puck, already.

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Wonderword:
What does couthie mean?

"A pink shirt."

Steve Henderson,
sophomore



"A smoothie for cats."

Ethan Yourd
and **Rachel Friend,**
juniors



"A cougar's cooties."

Elliot Schermerhorn,
sophomore

Couthie: agreeable, genial



Brian Bayer
Managing Editor

"Bureaucracy is an obstacle to be handled with a cool head and a bulldozer when necessary." I stumbled upon this quote five years ago, and have lived by it ever since.

One of my greatest experiences at JCU has been serving my peers in leadership roles. But over these past four years, I have discovered that no leadership comes without its fair dose of red tape and paperwork nightmares. And let me tell you something – bureaucracy makes me bureau-crazy.

That's right, I simply can't stand working between different parties to accomplish a little task. Teddy Roosevelt felt the same way while he was trying to authorize construction of the Panama Canal. At the time, international treaties, government legislation and a whole

The Bayer Necessities:

array of other red tape were preventing the approval of the Canal. And the whole malaria thing didn't make it any easier.

So, after getting completely stranded in the quagmire of bureaucracy, my man Teddy exclaimed: "Damn the law, I want the canal." The Panama Canal was promptly built.

Now, maybe it's my lack of hat/mustache combo or the fact that I'm not a registered Bull-Moose party member, but I have not been able to overcome the red tape with the same integrity that Roosevelt did.

In fact, I almost wasn't allowed to come back to JCU this semester because of red tape. So allow me now to issue some sardonically intended shout outs to my favorite departments here at JCU.

First, I would like to thank the Office of the Bursar for holding my records, transcripts and eligibility to register for classes until I was thoroughly rigamaroled from the process that is so affectionately known as "verification."

For those of you who are fortunate enough to not be familiar with this term,

let me simplify it. Based on a "random selection process," a handful of students are chosen every year to prove that what they wrote on their FAFSA (the financial aid document submitted to the U.S. Dept. of Education with all income and tax information) was not falsified (even though it's a federal crime to falsify tax records in the first place; but, hey, JCU, thanks for playing).

For the record, it's the Office of Financial Aid that actually deals with this process. The Bursar's role is seemingly just to complicate the matter.

Personally, I was "randomly selected" twice in my time at JCU. Getting selected for verification is what I imagine it must feel like to be chosen to compete in the Hunger Games. There's a chance you'll make it through, but the gamekeepers have evil tricks to try to stop you. May the odds be ever in your favor.

If you like puzzles, then this one's for you – JCU randomly selects the students; the students then have to contact the IRS to get the required information for verification; the students then submit the

forms back to JCU; JCU then submits the forms to the Dept. of Education, who sends them back to JCU. If the DoE is happy, then the process ends there. If not, the process repeats.

It's like being stuck in the "It's a small world after all" ride in Disney for three months. The puppets go from cute to terrifying after the third refrain.

So, after four months of the back and forth nonsense between the government, JCU and another arm of the government, my financial aid was approved with money to spare. Naturally, I bought a bigger meal plan.

It bears noting that the administrators of this process claim that they have no control over it, and they were unable to allow me to register for classes until the government gave them the green light to use loans they had already approved eight months earlier. Administrators who can't administrate? I think I just found a salary we can afford to cut.

Who's next? You guessed it, CSS. Back in September, I became the president of JCTV4. By the second week of classes,

my name was on a list to be allowed into the television studio (you know, the place where we produce and edit almost all of our content).

The constitution of the club, as required by the JCU Office of Student Activities, clearly states that the president of the club shall hold their office until the end of the spring semester. However, my "authorization" to get into the studio expired at the end of the fall semester because they haven't received an updated list (even though my name was on the list for both semesters, but that would require actually reading), according to CSS. I guess I just can't be trusted.

Naturally, just like with my financial aid holds, these all-powerful administrators sit in their thrones and claim it's not an issue of trust, "it's just procedure." Maybe that's just the way it is. Maybe I'm the one who's wrong. But if that's the case, then in the spirit of good old Teddy Roosevelt (and arguably Burger King), "Damn the law, I want to have it my way."

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Red tape and bulldozers

The Op/Ed Top Ten: Zoo Animals

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| 1. Polar bears | 7. Sloths |
| 2. Elephants | 8. Zebras |
| 3. Giraffes | 9. Hippos |
| 4. Emus | 10. Capybaras |
| 5. Otters | named John and |
| 6. Wallabees | Carroll |

— Compiled by Grace Kaucic

Nick's Knack: Senioritis: Part one



Nick Wojtasik

Asst. Editorial & Op/Ed Editor

Subject: Male, Age: 21

Condition: Senioritis

Symptoms: Instability, immaturity, apathy, fatigue, inactivity, distractibility, ineconomism, revelry, intoxication, sociability

Status: Chronic, Malignant

I've spent 16 years in the American education system. This time has brought me triumphs and failures, good times and bad, friends and enemies; it has improved me and worsened me.

The standard time for a person to be in school is coming to a close for me and my comrades, and, like four years ago, we once again fit into the senior scholastic category. There are a lot of great and exciting things going on for us during this time, from job searches and offers to relocating educational pursuits in more specific paths. Despite these standard experiences, there is one thing that unifies 80 percent (in my estimations) of all seniors around the country: a condition called senioritis.

I have been stricken with this disease since junior year of high school. During these five years (some worse than others), I've come to realize a great deal about this affliction from observations of myself and others. I consider myself as much of an expert as one can be on the subject, though I don't care much about it and, until just now, I figured my knowledge and intelligence will be assumed to be immense, rendering me irresponsible for proving this to anyone. Alas, the world at large continues to be ignorant or perhaps inconsiderate of this infirmity just as mental illness was once considered to be brought on by demonic possession. To debunk this falsity I've decided to attempt to justify this state of consciousness so I feel more comfortable with my constant flare-ups.

Using one's education of Latin roots, the word senioritis can be broken down and translated to mean "inflammation of seniors." Having been around a particular institution for four years, the senior believes itself to be at the top of the food chain in his or her biome. This is never the case. The false sense of superiority can often cause those infected to lead an existence disrespectful of everything from deadlines to federal laws. The senior realizes that he or she has survived the rigors of college up to this point and daily encounters don't

challenge one's existence anymore so excitement is sought out. Complacency breeds craziness.

Throughout one's time in college, the academic challenges will be met for the most part. If they are not, one most likely will not reach senior year. The first few semesters of new scholasticism might be exciting. It's a new environment, a diverse learning experience. The luster of the update from high school usually will become boring, however. It is then realized that academia composes such a small part of existence and is most likely not enough to sustain enthusiasm day after day (for those whom this is not the case, they continuously find excitement in their chosen area of study is right for them. These people are the 20 percent that stay focused and driven all four years and beyond). Later comes the realization that the place of academia in life is roughly equivalent to the place of professionalism later in life.

The sense of superiority discussed above is not always negative. For some, feeling older might compel a person to spread acquired wisdom and care for the younger nuggets with whom they are associated. A weight of responsibility for the improvement of the college experience for those in all stages of their journey might be felt. In my experience, this duty completes the anchoring of the senioritis parasite in the host.

The senior might begin to toss the imposition of frugality out the window. Hell, after being at least \$60,000 in debt, what difference will this \$10 craft six pack make? The homesick feeling might be remembered, so throwing down \$20 for a pizza party at this off-campus house might make these freshmen feel better. Hopefully they'll remember this and do the same for upcoming generations.

The foundation established by senioritis is hopefully one of relaxation and empathy. The small place of academics and later professionalism brings one to realize that the people and experiences around them matter most and bring refreshing happiness to each day. Senioritis might be a sign of enlightened determination, a search for a path in life that can make one continuously happy and enthusiastic, rather than a disease. If this mentality is continuously combatted, is the best interest of the youth really at the heart of this system of cultivation?

Keep your eye out in The Carroll News for Senioritis: Part two. Who am I kidding? That will never get written.

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Clara Richter
Columnist

DUBLIN – The first thing I noticed when I got off of the plane in Dublin, Ireland was the smell. It smelled like spring; grass and damp air. The next thing I knew, my hair was frizzing out like it was nobody's business. Welcome to the Emerald Isle! The forecast calls for rain for the next five days. Do I mind? Not at all.

Here's the thing, though. I operate under the impression that when I am foreign to a place (whether it is in Europe or at home in the U.S.) everyone knows it and judges me for it. In Europe it is especially bad because I don't want to be labeled an "obnoxious American." And when is it easiest to be the dreaded "obnoxious American?" When you are in airports and on buses with two giant roller suitcases, each weighing between 30 and 50 pounds.

That was me when I arrived in Dublin. Jet lagged, hungry and self conscious, with 80 pounds of luggage. The Irish, however, proved to be absolute saints the entire leg of our (mine and Maggie Hutchison's) journey from Dublin to Mallow, where I will be living and learning for the next four months.

Because I am weak, I

couldn't lift my luggage into the overhead luggage rack on the bus. Noticing my struggle, a nice middle-aged man who had been sitting quietly with his wife offered to help me and Maggie with our luggage, even though the bus was careening through the streets of Dublin, making the job a little harder than it normally would be.

I don't know how many of you have experienced trying to handle two roller luggages; but if you haven't, I pray you never have to. I guess it would be like trying to pull two baby strollers. So imagine trying to pull two baby strollers down the aisle of a bus. It doesn't really work. Luckily, another kind Irish soul came to my aid and offered to take one for me until we got off of the bus. My savior.

All these bus people stick in my mind because my luggage was my biggest inconvenience, but countless others were willing to give us directions, answer our questions, and in general, put us at ease. But then, I'd probably be nicer too if I lived in a country that was always this green.

Sure, it's nerve-wracking to go to a place where you know all of one person and you are a foreigner, and I'd be lying if I said that in a moment of jet-lag induced pathetic-ness I didn't question my reasons for coming here. And I am homesick. That's the truth. The important

thing is to power through and remember that it only gets easier from here.

The key is to always keep yourself busy. We went to the Cliffs of Moher on Sunday. If you think you don't know what they are, you probably do, as they are featured in "The Princess Bride" as "The Cliffs of Insanity!" If you still don't have a clue what I am talking about, Google it, it's lovely. It is also windy. Imagine enduring a gale force wind while standing at the edge of a cliff that drops straight down into the Atlantic Ocean. Those are some powerful vibes.

The Cliffs are on the west side of the country, in County Clare, down the coast from Galway. The West is what people think of when they think of traditional Ireland. Our bus had to stop and wait for about 10 minutes for a farmer who was walking his cow down the road to pasture. Stone walls are built everywhere, even when it doesn't seem like anything is around that needs to be fenced in, or out.

It's not hard to see why the Irish favor fairy stories. There's an other—worldly feel about the place. I plan on playing the adventuring, rambling explorer for the next four months, and I couldn't be happier about it. Until next time, cheers!

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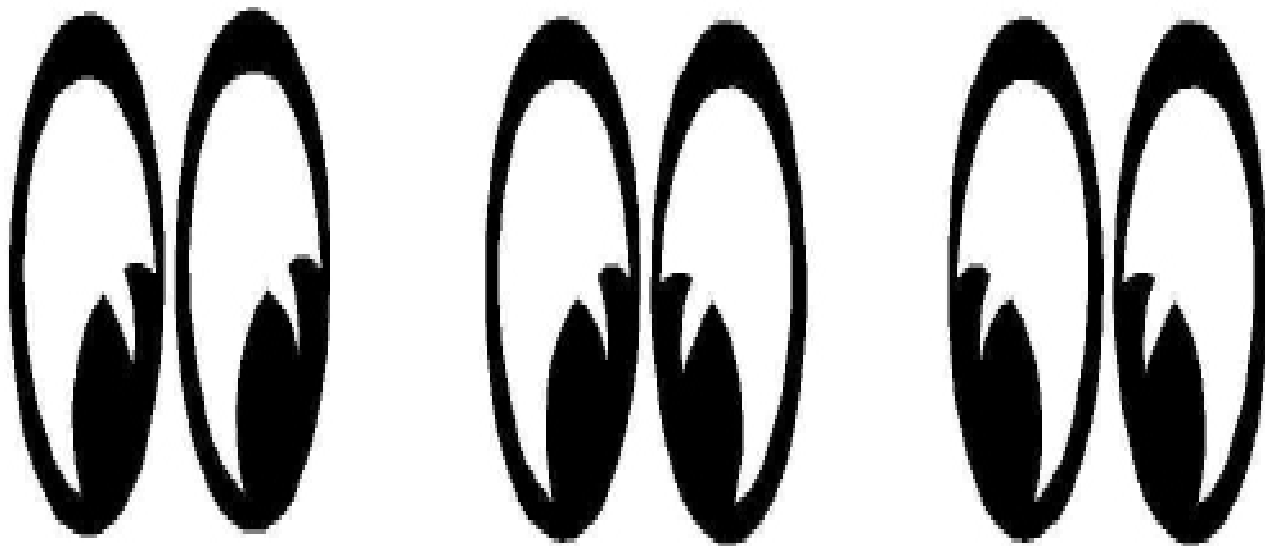
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