



# *The Athenian*

*Issue #115*

*The Diversity Issue*

# Editor's Note

## Lady Charlotte's Tea Part 6

Case Westernians,

Diversity may very well be the definition of this university. Sure, there's diversity among the student body in terms of race, ethnicity and geography, but our campus diversity goes beyond the interracial group of students posed on the covers of prospective student brochures.

Here are some other things about CWRU that embody diversity:

1. Some campus buildings are modern architectural feats while others look like ancient asylums.
2. Some students can grind it out Thursday nights at parties while others are stuck grinding it out in KSL.
3. South Side has the 'elephant stairs' and North Side has Starbucks.

In this issue we explored the vertices, edges and faces of diversity. Perhaps the most important thing diversity lends us is its position next to the number 360.

Nothing lends itself to satire better than shared experiences.

Signed,  
Lady Charlotte

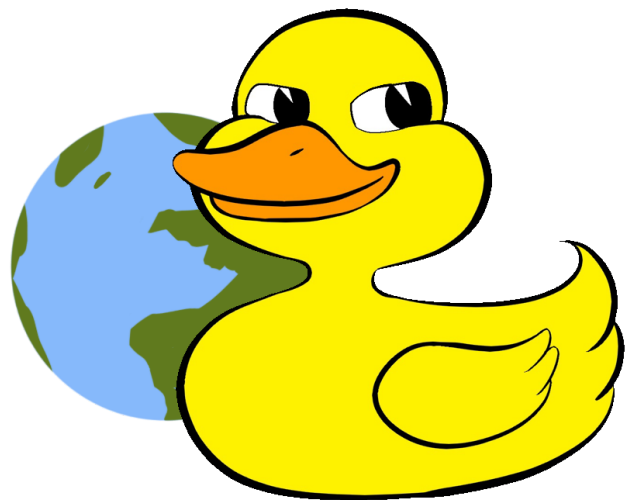
university   
media board

### Executives

Leticia Dornfeld  
Erin Hartmann  
Aleah Hixenbaugh  
Zubair Mukhi  
Rhiannon Reese  
Sophie Salomon  
Nat Tomczak  
Elizabeth Ye

### Contributors

Campbell Dukes  
Ishu Kottapalli  
Caroline Kuntzman  
Ellie Rapp  
Brandon Rudolph  
William Walsh



# How to diversify your fruit portfolio

Erin Hartmann

## 1. Buy plastic, decorative fruit

Nothing says “I’m cultured” like decorating your house with fake exotic fruits that are begging to be asked about.

## 2. Make friends with people in rural, exotic locations

While you’re out ‘helping people’ on your medical brigades trip, stop by the local market where the word “pesticides” doesn’t exist. It’s here that you will truly find a ~~worm in your apple~~ gem.

## 3. Pay out the ass at Whole Foods for a rambutan

To prove to your roommates that you are indeed superior, spend that birthday money on a trip to the produce department of Whole Foods. Coming back with a package of ostentatious Gooseberries in your reusable tote bag will solidify the fact that you are better for the environment, better at fruiting, and better than them.

## 4. Genetically engineer existing fruits

Use your CWRU degree to make headlines with your

‘banapple.’ Is it a cross between a banana and apple? Or a cross between a banana and a pineapple? Keeping it a secret will drive the curiosity, and by the time the public has figured it out, you’ll have come out with your ‘grapearine.’ Big power move.

## 5. Buy scented markers in fun fruity flavors

In order to embrace fruits in full, you must know their scents inside and out. This includes the stereotypical artificial smells typical of candies, scratch-n-sniff stickers and of course, markers.



# Unrecognized minority groups at CWRU demand recognition

Ellie Rapp

At Case Western Reserve University, one of the top priorities for a healthy environment is an abundance of different cultures and ethnic backgrounds. Although the university makes a respectable effort to include all minorities in celebrations of ethnicity, there are still numerous minorities that are completely disregarded by society as a whole. This lack of appreciation has angered many people, and they have agreed to speak about their culture so that they are no longer a “forgotten minority.”

Kat Dabkowski, a freshman, spoke on behalf of the Crocs-Lovers Community. “There are lots of haters when considering Crocs. People do not appreciate Crocs for the utilitarian shoes that they are. That’s what makes me the most upset: people just judge them without giving them a chance. Crocs can do anything, but people do not respect

their worth. I can’t wear my crocs in the winter because the staff does not plow the sidewalks properly. I also can’t wear them to chem lab, but that’s more understandable. I just think we deserve more recognition since we’ve been unfairly attacked for years.”

Another freshman, Tim Yen, reflected upon his minority group, Asians Who Date White Girls. “Asians relationships are stereotypically between an Asian woman and a male of non-Asian descent. I think that people generally believe that Asians can’t land white girls, but times have gotten better. There’s still room for improvement. My group feels pain everywhere. I’ve been on a few dates with a white girl, and we’ve gone to restaurants where elderly white people are the majority of the crowd. I usually receive weird stares from them.”

Finally, Hannah Morillo-Galindo commented on the lack of respect for her minority group. “As a proud member of the Gen-Z Knitting Community, it is hard for me to find other people that appreciate this fine craft as much as I do. It is infuriating. People pair knitting with elderly women who have completely lost their sex drive. Only one of those stereotypes are correct: I am NOT an old woman. We need more representation because we are going to exist for longer than the Boomer Knitting Community. They’re on their way out; we are sticking around and deserve to be respected.”

In conclusion, forgotten minority groups deserve to be recognized by humanity since the pain of living in the shadows of other minorities seems unbearable. Once society finally comes together to appreciate all forms of diversity, the world can be a genuinely better place.





# It's about time we bring back oppressing the Irish

Brandon Rudolph

Whatever happened to those “HELP WANTED | IRISH NEED NOT APPLY” signs in your local corner store market window? Personally, I think it wouldn't hurt for those bad boys to make a comeback. I can hear the voice of my dear deceased, potato-loving great grandmother telling me, “But Brandon, you're like 40-some percent Irish. Why would you suggest such a thing?” Well, Grandmother, let me begin by telling you I'm doing fine, thank you for asking. Might I suggest that the next time you get to pass on messages from the place beyond you don't waste your and, more importantly, my time in telling me about how hard the olden days were. Have you heard of the horror that is Case wif? My life is hard enough.

Second of all, I am tired of not being a member of the seemingly elusive intersectional hierarchy. I am a man, so I can't play the pink pass. I am white, so like everything seems to be my fault. And I'm straight, need I say more? I am like the only racial/gender/sexuality profile that doesn't have a particular department on campus to look after me. Turns out there's no office of Unicultural Affairs 'round these parts.

And no, I'm not Hispanic. Just about every job application I've filled out seems to forget that I just checked the box telling it that I am white. Why must they ask me if I am Hispanic? Would that not raise red flags, prospective employer? Would that not indicate to you that the menace behind the keyboard is plotting a scheme? Is the second “are you Hispanic” question simply a safety net to catch those border line guys and gals who say, “Well technically I suppose my grandmother was from Mexico”? Anyways, I digress. Back to like the one thing I

can rest my head on: I am Irish. Well... technically I suppose my great grandmother was Irish.

If there was a primarily white population that has had it rough in this country it would be the Jewish population, hands down, but the Irish are a clear runner up. Now before you start giving me sob stories about how Italians had it rough at one point in this country, I need to remind you that there is nothing cool about being Irish. I'm guessing you didn't go to dinner last week in Little Ireland. Oh yeah, I know of that popular Irish chain restaurant... Olive Garden I think it's called. Or maybe Papa John's. I'm also guessing you didn't just finish that fan favorite long-running TV drama about that mafia family “The O'Shabins,” known for breaking legs

and taking names.

I'm not asking for anything big. Maybe the next time you stub your toe or step in that puddle in the street and you need to let off some steam, you should heckle some pale white guy with brown hair. You can say, “Damn it Conor O'Flaherty, you unemployed freeloading potato loving bum” or something along those lines. Just be creative with it. And maybe, just maybe, that pale white and unemployed freeloader will be me. Finally I can talk about a time I faced adversity because of my identity. No longer will I spend job interviews stuttering about things I've never really needed to give a hoot about. Why? Because I'm Irish, and we are finally an oppressed minority again.



# Epcot named most diverse place in the United States

Aleah Hixenbaugh

Disney World. The most magical place on Earth, but little do people know that it is also home to one of the most diverse places in the United States: Epcot. That's right, Epcot, the park that kids think is boring but adults seem to love. Epcot features various shops that sell overpriced merchandise from many countries and cultures globally. These never ending shops help truly celebrate the worldwide consumerist desire for expensive material items while simultaneously spreading culture with each purchase. Not only do they sell a wide selection of diverse items, but visitors can

also try many ethnic foods. I know my favorite food to get at Epcot is in the United Kingdom where I pay \$18.99 for fish and chips. I will always cherish these amazing memories of paying so much money to experience culture.

Of course the crown jewel of Epcot is not the festivities of the various countries, but how Norway displays its authentic culture. The only showcase of Norwegian culture in Epcot is the ride *Frozen Ever After*. This ride features an animated tour through Arendelle, a made up country that is inspired by the Norwegian lifestyle. The

excellent graphics feature all of the favorite "Frozen" characters and really immerse riders into the culture of this made up Norwegian-inspired kingdom. It is this distinguished ride, that truly captures Norwegian culture, that ultimately led Epcot to be named the most diverse place in the United States. In my experience, the ride truly is an incredible and educational experience. I got off the ride knowing more about Anna and Elsa than I ever wanted to. Obviously there is nothing else to know about Norway outside of "Frozen" and the made-up kingdom of Arendelle.



# New dating app matches people based on how racially diverse their baby would be

Rhiannon Reese

A new dating app has become all the rage among the socially woke Gen Z and it's called Mixed Genes. The aim of the app is to match users with people of significantly different racial, cultural, and ethnic backgrounds in order to make "The most racially diverse baby possible." The algorithm used ranks a person's racial percentages with potential matches to give a "Racially diverse baby score," or a RDBS for short. The highest RDBS possible is 100 (i.e. an already racially diverse person is matched with another racially diverse person), whereas the lowest is 0 (i.e. a Wonderbread sandwich).

Critics are worried that creeps may use this to further their racial fetishes like the colloquially called yellow fever (the fetishization of Asian women) or other stereo-

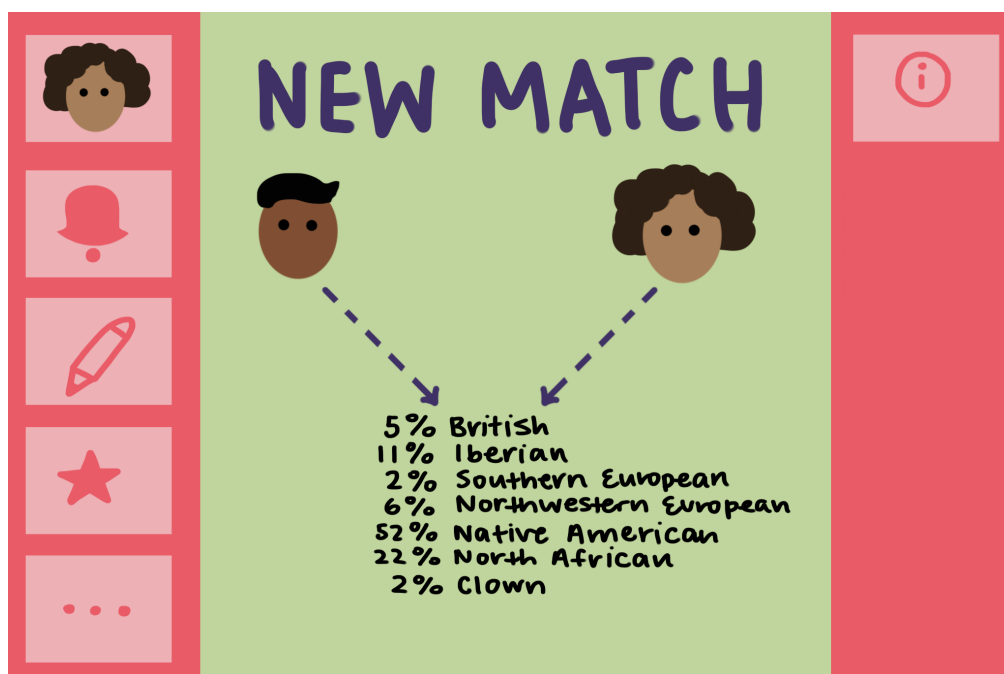
types. The creator of the app, Benny Frank, has no experience with relationships or racially diverse people whatsoever. (Despite this, he has a minor interest in eugenics. Frank rebuts these criticisms of his app, claiming) that the algorithm also screens for sexually perverted people and bans them from contacting or seeing others' profiles.

Several users have left glowing reviews of Mixed Genes. One user, Jenny, has noted, "Honestly, I had never even thought about having racially diverse babies before this app came along. I'm really glad that I can personally help mix up the gene pool. Before, I was just dating boring white guys, but I guess it makes sense to try to date other more racially diverse people to really piss off my dad. Since I

signed up for the app, my dad has disowned me, which is great, because he was always criticizing me anyways."

Another user, Braxton, has said, "Wow, all these people out there are so exotic-looking! I never thought that I'd date an exotic before now. I mean, isn't it good to make exotic people less exotic so they fit in better? I guess I have some work to do here, if you know what I mean. Sorry guys, I gotta go save the world."

While others are skeptical of the app, the users seem to be steadfast in their staunch praise of Mixed Genes. Until we truly figure out the best way to procreate (no, not the drawing app), this might just be our best shot at splitting our differences.



# Porn is breaking down racial barriers

Sex was once considered a taboo subject, but today sex is everywhere you look. With shows like “Sex Education” on Netflix, more access to contraceptives on college campuses, and free porn everywhere (even places you really don’t want it to be), it seems we’re all “doing the do” to “do good.” Researchers at Case Western Reserve University have even discovered porn helps break down racial barriers and reduce preju-

dice.

In a recent study, a group of individuals scientifically classified as “extremely racist” were exposed to porn featuring various minority groups to see if their attitudes towards them improved. After 30 consecutive days of being exposed to the exceptionally diverse pornography, researchers noted that racist attitudes had gone down by 100% in each candidate. “See, it’s not just about the pornography,”

says Dr. Timothy Snart, head scientist of this project. “The porn is what draws in the viewers, but really, it’s through the plot that our test subjects started empathizing with the other races where they were openly hostile in the past.” Despite these great improvements, test subjects have also reportedly started popping boners upon seeing certain groups of minorities. Dr. Snart had no comment.

## Man Discovers He’s Not Human After Receiving 23 and Me Results

Caroline Kuntzman

34 year old Isaac Kimerlyn submitted his saliva sample to 23andMe expecting to learn about his ancestry. He was anticipating his descentance from various Western European countries. When his results arrived two months later, they couldn’t be farther from his assumptions.

“I signed into my 23andMe account and the screen said ‘You’re not human’ in big red letters. I was confused, so I called customer service. It took them 16.5 hours to find somebody who could explain. When someone finally answered, she said that they’d analyzed and reanalyzed my DNA so many times that they are confident I’m not human.”

23andMe did not say much in response to our request for more information due to “Privacy concerns”, but they are currently searching all existing DNA databases to figure out what species he is.

“I’m freaking out right now,” Kimerlyn said when asked how he felt about his results, “I have so many

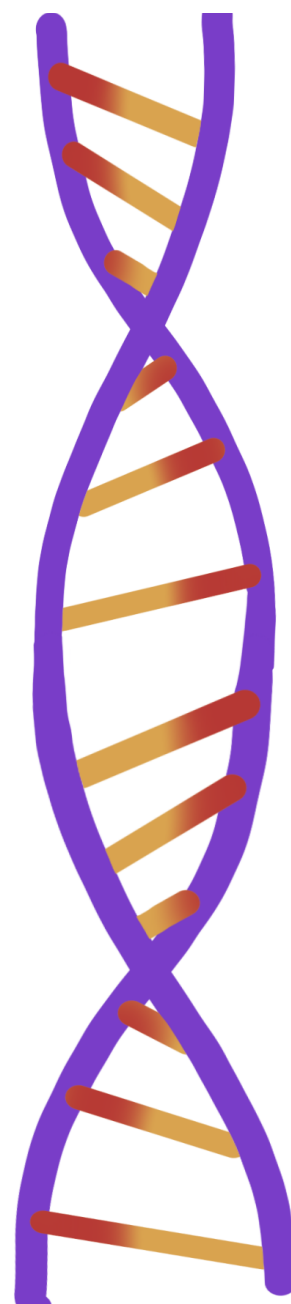
questions for my parents. I must be the next Clark Kent or something. I need to see if I have x-ray vision now.”

Kimerlyn’s parents did not respond for comment other than to state that they are suing 23andMe.

While he was very shocked by the news, Kimerlyn said that he feels it has had a positive impact on his life.

“Since learning I’m not human, I’ve started going to PETA rallies with a sign that says ‘Protect Me’ and seeing a veterinarian instead of my old doctor. It’s been good. I feel like I’ve discovered my true self.”

Kimerlyn has requested that the public call him instead of 911 in case of emergencies so he can see if he has superpowers. Unfortunately, he was arrested for this and will be in jail for the next week. PETA has condemned his arrest as “Animal abuse” and demands that he be released, along with all the pets and livestock in the city, within the next four hours.





# Competition between CWRU academic departments leads to elitist colonialism

Ira Lee Trident

Due to increased competition for resources among the academic departments of CWRU, many have turned to conquest to increase their influence and siphon supplies. This new era of colonialism has elicited massive controversy, as increasingly acerbic rhetoric is used to justify these exploitative practices. Talk of departmental supremacy has proliferated, allowing some departments to rationalize their unfair domination of their more vulnerable peers.

The English department incited the contention by taking over the entire World Literature department, and there have been widespread protests of its oppressive SAGES regime. This was followed by the German department and the Japanese department invading the French and the Chinese departments, respectively. The Religious Studies department has been accused of instigating much of the conflict through its pervasive dou-

ble-major missionaries spreading their gospel to other departments. The Philosophy department was even taken over by rebel Religious Studies majors but decided to be all stoical about it.

Meanwhile, in the engineering hemisphere, civil war broke out in the EECS department, leading to its bloody division into the EECE and CDS factions. The BME department invaded PBL in order to recover the "Business Major Eventually" deserters. Ironically, some of the victorious engineers remained behind to keep order and ended up staying permanently. The isolated Polymer Science department faces ongoing challenges due to low population but exerts enough influence over other departmental objectives that it remains an incongruously powerful force. The Mechanical Engineers have been serving as mercenaries in other battles over the quad.

The sciences region has not es-

caped this campus-wide conflict. The pre-med diaspora has been subject to widespread discrimination and resentment, and many have given up trying to maintain their distinctive culture and assimilated into their home departments. Some departments have a high population of pre-meds, which leads to tenuous alliances and mixed loyalties. As a result, Biology and Chemistry agreed to a joint territory of Biochemistry, where the citizens often have unequal allegiance. Mathematics largely avoiding the widespread violence through its natural defenses, mostly complex analysis. Physics was drawn into the conflict by engineering separatists but placated the rebels with convoluted lab procedures.

As departments start to fight revolutions against their colonizers, the question on everybody's minds is *how long is the History department going to say "I told you so"?*





# Diversity 360: What it really means

Erin Hartmann

Diversity 360: You know it, you lived it, you can't forget it. But what does it really suggest? What does it teach us? What are the messages the administrators are really trying to get you to understand? *The Athenian* has found out.

Diversity 360 suggests that five days of the year you can, in fact, be racist

1. If you go in racist, 360 degrees later you've come full circle and leave, still racist
2. If you are the child of two

- different minorities, you're most likely here on a scholarship
3. Undergraduate Diversity Collaborative (UDC) was created by students who knew that Diversity 360 failed
  4. You quickly learned that in college you often have to do things that you do not want to do

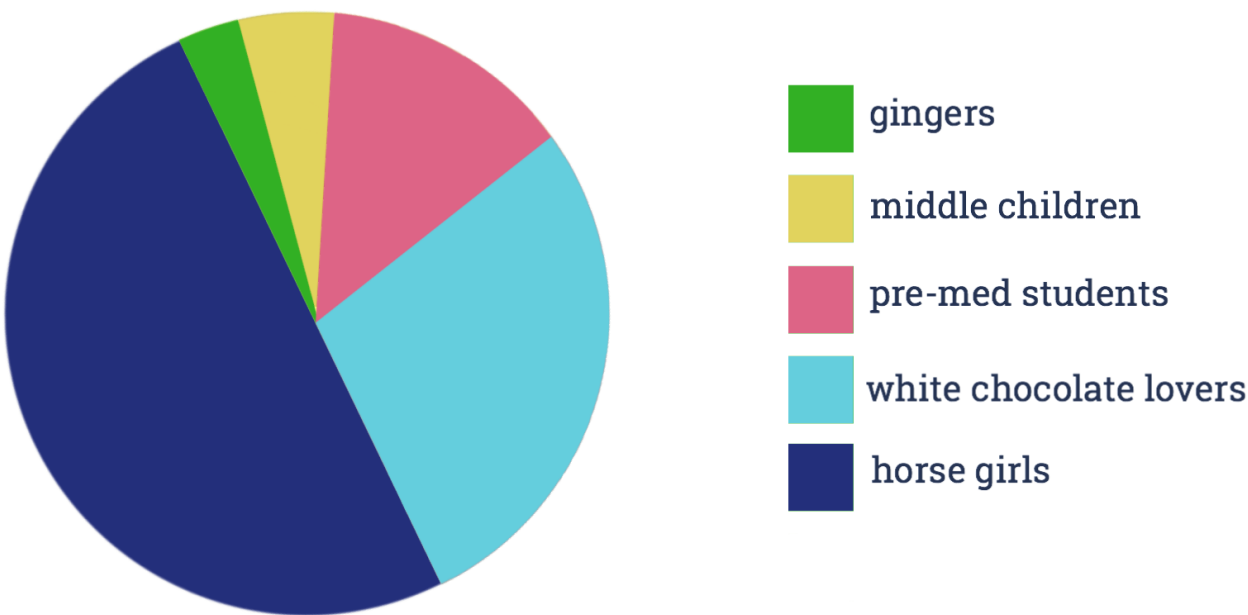
As someone once said, "I'm going to Diversity-180 myself outta here."

## Broke 2 Bespoke: A 10 Step Plan

### The Armchair Anarchist

1. "Borrow" Marxist literature (permanently)
2. Canvas for Bernie Sanders (NOTE: after step 9, you'll be too bespoke for Bernie)
3. Wear a pussy hat, but only if you identify as male
4. Acquire token friends of all races
5. Pirate the Chapo Traphouse podcast and subscribe to r/COM-LETEANARCHY
6. Become a proselytizing vegan
7. Steal all gendered restroom signs
8. Actually read your Marxist literature
9. Call anyone who slightly disagrees with you a statist (looking at you, Bernie)
10. Buy an armchair and condescend

## Demographics That Face Oppression



# NEW FOREIGN LANGUAGE OFFERED AT CASE



## REGISTER TO TAKE COWBOY LINGO 101 TODAY

