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### **Editor's Note**

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Salvēte, Spartans!

There is about a 34% you are a business major. Don't ask for my sources. There's also a 59% you were once a BME student. No need to fret, all of the 34% overlap in that percentage. Well, whether you are familiar with NFTs, Sonic Inflation, and the Weatherhead School of Management or not, this issue will give you the ins and outs of being a business major. While we can't guarantee that we can provide advice for your small business plans involving \$10, homemade baked goods, and eco-friendly packaging, you will most likely learn something useful for the future. And make you laugh. That, too. So, buckle up in your obnoxiously loud Honda Civic, put on that polo shirt, and get your red solo cups ready because it's time to live, breathe, exist... BUSINESS.

A huge congratulations on reaching the end of the semester! I didn't think it seemed possible, either, but here we are. These past few months have been some of the greatest *The Athenian* has seen in a long time. We distributed around 450 copies of Issue 122 and Issue 123, and THE NEXT DAY I couldn't find one. Our first brainstorming meeting had over 40 people in attendance and our ideas sheet was the longest it has ever been (haha, that's what she said... I think?). This semester was arguably our most successful one since... well, as far back as I can recall. I am so proud of all of our contributors. Whether you wrote, designed a graphic, had an article idea, or just showed up for some free food and laughs, YOU made this semester the best it could have been. I never imagined getting so emotional about this. It's kinda off-brand! I guess that's just what a funny magazine does to you.

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### New business classes offered for the spring semester

Dee Snuttz

The Weatherhead School of Management has announced that it will be introducing some exciting new business classes for the spring of 2022. Some require prerequisites, but most are open to students of any major and any year. Consider enrolling in one of these fantastic classes!

COSI 101: The Basics of Mansplaining [cross-listed as ACCT 100]

**Instructor:** B. Shapiro

**Description:** In COSI 101, students will learn how to hold a conversation that only involves themselves and something everyone already knows about. Participants will first practice mansplaining to walls and will take a final examination in the form of a mock conversation: a randomly selected engineering student will participate in a simulation where the COSI 101 student must out-mansplain said engineering student.

Prerequisites: None.

PSCL 328: Developing a Personality **Outside of Being a Business Major** 

**Instructor:** K. Wetherbee

Description: Students will be led under the guidance of Kirby Wetherbee, certified business major with a real personality, to gain an identity outside of NFTs, r/Wall-StreetBets, and The Wolf of Wall Street. Dress code: no polo shirts; no Sperry topsider shoes; deodorant is required.

Prerequisites: Must be a business major. WGST 293: You are a Woman in **Business?** 

**Instructor:** TBD

Description: This class is no longer offered. An instructor could not be found and class enrollment was two at the highest, both students being men.

Prerequisites: Woman. **ECON 169: Sonic Inflation** 

Instructor: S. T. Hedgefund

**Description:** This course delves into the theories surrounding American economics that have not been discussed in other classes. Specifically, students will learn the fundamentals of economic calculators that compute values such as Sonic Inflation.

Prerequisites: Students are recommended to conduct some light research on their own regarding Sonic Inflation before attending class.

Instructor: A. Bernard, Cornell University '95

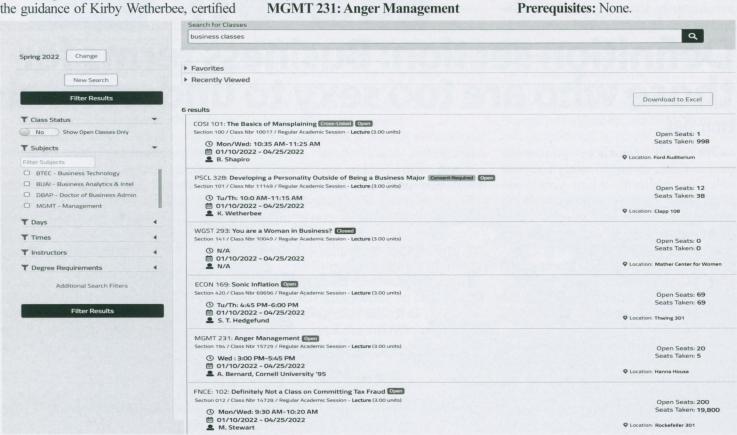
**Description:** Targeted towards former BME majors and mansplainers, this course aims to curb excessive rage and spark serenity. Students will participate in mindful breathing exercises, hold mock conversations involving non-business students asking why we cannot just print more money and get rid of all the debt, and take a final exam in the form of explaining to parents that they changed majors from STEM to business.

Prerequisites: None, but BME majors and people from New Jersey are highly encouraged to take this class.

FNCE 102: Definitely Not a Class on **Committing Tax Fraud** 

Instructor: M. Stewart

**Description:** This course is designed to provide students with knowledge of how to keep money from the government avoid the crime that has put even the richest behind bars. Those with a criminal record are encouraged to enroll in FNCE 102, but it is not a requirement.



## Newly formed "Uptight Virgin Society" to begin recruiting from Case For Life

Prowe Joyce

In a controversial closed voting session, the Undergraduate Student Government (USG) has formally recognized the Uptight Virgin Society (UVS), which can now officially receive university funding for club operations. The organization, which formed shortly after the recognition of Case For Life (CFL), has proven to be an exercise in supply and demand. Founder and president Jaqcues Strappe commented, "Well, evidently there's an audience for it. The real bright side to the Case For Life decision was knowing there are definitely enough uptight virgins here to get this thing off the ground; really, marketing-wise, it's kind of been a blessing in disguise for us."

However, just as "crisis pregnancy centers" shouldn't be confused for autonomizing or genuine healthcare, Strappe made it clear to The Athenian that the UVS' recruiting isn't intended to be an imposition. "We don't believe in using our tuition-backed funding to involuntarily force any kinds of difficult, life-altering decisions on anyone else. If they don't want to join, they simply have the choice not to participate. Truly, it's almost amazing how that works."

Case For Life declined to comment, mostly because we didn't feel like asking them anything. Admittedly, we are a bit curious how CFL's ex-parent organization Students For Life expects to reduce abortions while explicitly opposing access to contraceptives like

birth control, but really that's more in a rhetorical sense than anything else. In the meantime, we will appreciate the irony of Case For Life's parent organization not providing them with resources or messaging from its national chapter. Maybe someone should tell Students For Life not to have child organizations if they're not in a financially stable enough position to support them, and to make better family planning decisions in the future.



## **Definition section: Business terms for** those who are too sexy to understand

**Elon Slut** 

We've all been there: you're sitting in KSL, trying to study for your calculus midterm, when you overhear some finance students talking about the stock market and other made up things. Which makes you realize that every other word is a business term that you're just too sexy to understand. Well, here is a quick guide to understanding some of those terms that are so confusing!

**Accounting:** this is when you begin to count the days you have before your parents throw you out for failing chemistry #toohotforstem.

Assets: you already know what

ASSets?

Cash Flow: aka your income when you drop out and become a stripper. It flows into your bank account under the title of you being an "accountant".

Capital: this is the place that was raided on January 6, right?

Incentivize: this is a fun one! Think of it as something that motivates you to do well in school, like being a trophy spouse in the future. or never having kids and ending your bloodline!

Market Penetration: Nice.

**Nesting:** to be honest, I'm too this term means. I mean come on, sexy to understand this one. It's

probably something about birds. Or something sexual.

Retained Earnings: fully believed this said earrings at first, so that's what we're gonna go with. These are earrings in the shape of your retainer (that you lost and had to get replaced for \$300, which pissed off your parents).

SWOT: this is the government team that comes in to raid your house because your druggie neighbor frames you and they find black

tar heroin in your couch.

TOFU: we all know this one, it's not a trick question—the best replacement for meat! Personally, I love it with soy sauce.

## How to come out as a business major to your parents

John Cockefeller

For a moment, I invite you to imagine a scenario with me, if you will.

It's a few weeks before classes at your university begin for the next semester. You take advantage of the last few days of summer by watching movies and "pleasuring yourself". So far, you have no life plans and no idea what you are going to major in. In the meantime, you are sitting in disgust, the scent of lubriderm and saliva lingering in the air. Sweat stains your shirt as you, for a moment, gaze at your phone screen. Another OnlyFans subscription bought, another \$10.45 gone from your checking account. With your heart beating out of your chest, you check your balance, and are shocked by the dismal \$0.03 left in your account. After cleaning the mess up and kindly being asked to leave the movie theater, you get hit with an epiphany. I need to learn how to save money, and fast. I can't keep living like this!

Right here is when the idea hits you—you get the douchiest haircut you can find, watch all 13 seasons of Shark Tank on HBO Max, and go all in on becoming a business major, concentrating in finance. You've been told that business majors are respected and loved, and naturally you want to be a part of that community. Your parents, both pediatricians, are not a fan of the business bozos though. You manage to get through the school year without any issues, but know that eventually you will have to tell them the truth.

If the sperrys, khaki shorts, and addiction to Jordan Belfort weren't enough to show your oblivious parents who you really are, then this article is for you. This right here, ladies and gentlemen, is the surefire way to come out as a business major to your parents (without losing Daddy's money in the process).

#### BEFORE THE TALK

Get pumped up. Look at yourself in the mirror with all the confidence of a bitchcoin connoisseur. Tell yourself the affirmation, "I AM a business major, I AM a future entrepreneur, and soon, the whole world will be working at MY startup!" After this, make sure to take a swig of a frappuccino (because black coffee is for doctors and Panic! At The Disco Fans, aka people with no taste). Casually roll on your business casual suit as you begin to make the trek to your parents' place. For most business majors, this just means walking upstairs since you are "temporarily between funds" and can't afford an apartment yet. Go through the three scenarios that could happen: the good, the bad, and the ugly. The good scenario would be that they accept your business ventures and even buy you a copy of Joe Rogan's new book, You're Either Rich or Lazy. Everything is all sunshine and rainbows, or, using business colloquialisms, profits and capital. Now let's take a look at the bad.

The bad scenario would be your parents being disappointed. Their smiles fade away like the chances of you ever stepping foot in Silicon Valley or Wall Street. Your father, with a sinister growl, states that "you are making a fool of yourself" and you leave their room in disgust, appalled by your foolish parents. Who do they think they are? Oh well, they'll never stop you from being yourself.

The ugly scenario is just a worse version of the bad. Your mom literally bites the watch off your arm and your dad spits in your face for even saying the word "crypto" in his house. But of course, these are all hypothetical! We won't know what happens until it does, so let's go on with telling them. For this, we will examine the imaginary person "Ryker".

#### THE CONVERSATION

"Hey mom, hey dad!" Ryker says to his parents upon walking in the house, his voice breaking.

"Hey there champ!" his dad responds.

Ryker's mom is on the couch knitting a sweater, as a doctor would do in their freetime. Or a liberal. She happens to be both. "Ryker! How are you sweetie? Are you excited for class in a few days?"

"I sure am!" Ryker states, uneasily sitting down next to his mom. He is noticeably sweating through his blue polo. His dad pats him on the back softly, asserting his dominance.

"Just a few more years until med school, champ!" His dad adds. *This is the moment of truth*, Ryker thinks to himself. *I have to come clean, I have to come out of the business closet.* 

"You know, it's funny that you mention that--"

"Why?" both parents say in unison. Ryker takes a deep breath, and finally, he spills the beans.

"I think... I think I want to be a business major."

Dead silence. Blank stares. Even the neighbor's dachshund stopped barking.

#### THE AFTERMATH

Welp, your parents cut you off completely. You are now calling up your buddy from high school, following up on his one idea to sell counterfeit IDs on Craigslist. Shoutout to Case Western Reserve University alum Mr. Craig Newmark.



## Breaking news: "Who gave Weatherhead head?" solved.

NFT (Nice F\*ckin' Tits)

The mystery of November 5 is solved. As you remember, on November 1, 2021, Weatherhead School of Management changed its name to "Weather" out of solidarity for No Nut November (NNN). Many business majors decided to partake in the challenge after hearing about the failure of their "Hunt for the Clitoris Event"; it was not found, and many feel reflection is needed.

The camaraderie changed on November 5 when suddenly, Weatherhead was spotted with its full name once again. Apparently, another anthropomorphized building had given Weatherhead... head. Business majors enlisted the detective services of *The Athenian* to help solve this mystery. First, we asked the business majors which other buildings are suspects. They stated that Weatherhead has been hanging around Glizzy-Ford House, Whore-vorka, and Hitchcock within the past few weeks. We went to investigate.

First, our detective met up with Hitchcock. When she asked for comment, the building answered, "Yeah, we did it on Halloween, but I stopped

there to respect its boundaries. I haven't seen Weatherhead since. Now, I'm in a relationship with Twink[Box] and we're very happy." Our expert social media stalkers confirmed this, eliminating Hitchcock from the list of suspects. Hitchcock did put the head in Weatherhead, but not during sacred NNN.

Next up was Whore-vorka, an odd suspect considering its STEM nature. When asked about its relationship to Weatherhead, Whore-vorka responded, "That building? Give head to THAT BUILDING?! I would never in a million years! I mean, did I send a nude? Maybe. But that was a dark time in my life and now I am in a better place." After scrolling through Whore-vorka's horrendous texts with Weatherhead, it became clear that the two never truly met up, unless "get out of my DMs you weird, right-angle-less slut" means something else to buildings.

Finally, there was the Glizzy-ford House, our final suspect. We were confident the culprit was found until Glizzy-ford said the fateful words, "I'm too sick to go out and hook up right now. I have jaundice! Look at me, I'm yellow!" Glizzy-ford was out.

All hope was lost, and our Weatherhead was de-de-headed without knowing who to blame. Our head detective was walking to BIOL 214 when suddenly it hit her: Sackstroker. Of course! It had to be! She immediately asked the building at it replied,

"Of course it was me! Come on? Who else could it have been? It's in my name".

So the mystery was solved. Sackstroker gave Weatherhead head, and both buildings should be bullied for their failure of NNN. Business majors were overheard celebrating the solved mystery by...you know...bullying said buildings. When it comes to NNN. no one is safe. Not business majors, not buildings, and not you. If you or a friend is at risk of failing NNN, please contact our Athenian support line to get yourself on the right track (don't contact the Case4Life one, they encourage NNN every month to "preserve life"). And remember, if you complete No Nut November, you get to Destroy Dick December.

## Observer launches new "Trojan War"

Peter B. Lewis

Last month to much fanfare, The Observer announced that it was beginning weekly serialization of its new satirical paper: The Trojan. It launched to great expectations, as it was being backed by the largest printer of nonsense on Case Western Reserve University's campus. Readership was expected to be as high as The Athenian, CWRU's premier satire magazine, which has experienced major shortages of its past few issues, clearly shown by a lack of copies at any campus news stand. Those newsstands, however, always seem to be overflowing with pristine Observer issues, which led to the organization believing its supply chain could adequately handle the explosive

demand that has crippled distribution of *The Athenian*.

Unfortunately, the staff of *The Observer* mischaracterized the nature of why their content is always available at the stands. It is not because their supply chain can properly meet demand, it is because there is no demand for their printed content in the first place. This problem extends to their newly launched paper, *The Trojan*, as it quickly overflowed the news stands. However this is not the only problem plaguing *The Trojan*, as their content does not fundamentally match the humor and wit that was expected. To put it bluntly, *The Observer*'s attempt at creating a satirical newspaper failed at its

primary objective: to be entertaining. The student body has spoken through their actions, and copies of *The Trojan* piling up around campus are a testament to that. Meanwhile, *The Athenian* has resorted to digital distribution via email and its website in hopes to satiate the immense demand for its content.

This campus has displayed that it is not big enough to support two satire publishers, especially when one is subpar. In other news, if you think you are funny and can write, edit, draw, make videos, or even just come up with fantastic and hysterical ideas, come join *The Athenian*, the premier satirical magazine of Case Western Reserve University!

## WORD SCRAMBLE

Rules: Each of these words can be rearranged into different ones (see bonus question for additional directions). Complete ALL the word scrambles and send your answers to ellierapp@case.edu and shl66@case.edu. First one to submit all correct answers will win a FREE 4-pack of Athenian (pretend that's in italics) stickers!

Special thanks to Byrne E. James for creating the word scrambles.

- **1. BRIEFLY:** Time (or space?) for choosing pizza or cereal.
- 2. EAR LICKER: After seeing Titane over Fall Break, the Prez got all mixed up.

### \*\*\*BONUS\*\*\*

Find the 7-letter word hidden inside the **JOLLY SCHOLAR**. (Hint: it's not scholar!)



### CWRU Physics Department to Introduce Trickle-Down Grading System

### Mark Fuckerberg

In a drastic shift from traditional grading techniques, the CWRU Department of Physics has agreed to implement a "trickle-down grading policy" to better distribute test scores across classes. The move was made in response to unprecedented low test averages in PHYS 115 and 121 courses.

"The professors actually simplified the course material and exams, yet test averages are still lower than usual. The only explanation is that students are dumber this year," said Marvan Gorgen, a PHYS 121 teaching assistant. When our investigative reporter reminded him that this is the first in-person semester

since early 2020, and both professors and students are still getting reacclimated to in-person education, he shook his head. "No, that can't be it. Students are just bad this year. This new trickle-down system will surely help."

According to Dr. Covault, Co-Chair of the Department of Physics, trickle-down grading will better distribute grade points so that struggling students will achieve better scores in the future. "The way it works is that students earning 90 percent or above on an exam will be given an extra five percent bonus on top of their grade. This directly benefits them, and as they earn higher grades, they will feel incentive to help students who struggle. Those students will then improve as well. There is no way this can go wrong." He gave himself a pat on the back, then walked to the faculty lounge where other physics faculty stood in a circle, patting each others' backs for a job well done.

The Athenian's investigative team reached out to Lou Stark and Eric Kaler for comments, but neither responded to our request. To our readers taking physics: may gravity never fail you, and may trickle-down grading work exactly as it is intended to.

# New student organization forms on campus: Case for Death

Why are people so eager to be the blood sacrifice at each meeting?

**Boner Petit** 

Students at CWRU are dying to join the newest group on campus. Case for Death, also known as C4D, has taken the student body by storm, becoming the first organization with over 1,000 members. While the structure is unorthodox (with a Grim Reaper instead of a president and Sickness and Danger Officer rather than one devoted to health and safety), this does not seem to bother its members.

According to the current Grim Reaper, Victor E. Assymons, signups for the coveted blood sacrifice are through the roof. "Our first meeting is coming up, and so many people want to become the first sacrificial student of the year," explains Assymons. "We've noticed that the majority of volunteers are BME majors but



**Hugh Jasz** 

cannot figure out why this is happening."

The first blood sacrifice still has yet to be determined, but the group still has been relatively active thus far. It has already qualified for USG recognition and is subsequently receiving funding for scythes, pyres, and gluten-free pretzel rods. Transportation is still up for debate, with gondolas looking like the best option. Oars are not provided, but can be purchased at the bookstore with the code "REAPERGANG" for 10 percent off. Case for Life declined to comment.

## How to grow your business – Top 10 multipurpose sex tips

Michael Scott

Any man who says he totally understands women is a fool. Because they are un-understandable. But, I would say I kind of have an unfair advantage, because I watch reality dating shows like a hawk, and I learn. I absorb information from the work! strategies of the winners and the losers. Actually, I probably learn more from the losers. But that makes me smart because most people don't listen to losers. Which is stupid. I mean, even if they don't show a lot of potential at first glance, it doesn't mean they won't grow—that's what she said!

Disclaimer: YMMV. I don't come up with this stuff, I just forward it along. You wouldn't arrest the guy who was just passing drugs from one guy to another.

10. It's all about networking...

...lots of potential future partners, no commitments. Everyone wins!

9. Soft skills are just as important as hard skills...

...teamwork makes the dream work!

8. Remember trickle-down economics...

... accept that sometimes you'll put a lot in and won't get a lot out.

7. Make use of integration... ...both horizontal and vertical.

6. Like the stock market...
...keep your portfolio diverse.
Good things come in threes.

5. Know when to cut your losses...

...sometimes it's better to pull out. But if you continue to invest,

always have a Plan B. Or P.

4. Size doesn't matter...

...it's the quality of the product that's truly important. The little things count—sometimes they can surprise you!

3. Choose your partners wisely...

...network and select carefully; they're part of your business now. Don't let other people fuck them up unless you have a mutual agreement.

2. Be prepared to pay...

...it's inevitable. Grab some cash—the amount will depend on the size of your business—and bingo, uh, bang... o.

1. Don't...

...you're a business major. What'd you expect? Your business ain't goin' nowhere.

"Little Kid Lover".

That way people will know exactly where my priorities are at.



## "Please don't masturbate in the showers": a horror story told from an eyewitness

Guy Fieri

It has been brought to our attention here at *The Athenian* that a masturbation outbreak that has plagued many other universities has made its way to CWRU. To further address the life choices that students are making here, we sat down with a first year student, who wishes to remain anonymous, to discuss their eyewitness account of communal shower masturbation. And since I'm too lazy to write out "The Student" each time, we'll refer to them as Dude.

Guy: So Dude, how have you been holding up?

Dude: In all honesty, I was pretty traumatized by the incident, Guy, and it's been hard since then.

Guy: I can see that. Now, why don't you describe the scene for us?

Dude: It was around 10 p.m. last Wednesday, we have communal floor showers in my dorm. I came in the bathroom, and then...

Guy: Is that when you came across the incident?

Dude: Yes.

Guy: And how did that make you feel? Dude: Disappointed, traumatized, excruciatingly uncomfortable, all of the above. Not only is there yet another STD in the shower stalls of Taplin, but it's November for God's sake. Such a betrayal.

Guy: That certainly is a disappointment. Dude: If it had been the end of November, maybe I could understand, but so early, and at 10 p.m., at least wait until like 2 a.m. when most of the floor is asleep. Or, I don't know, crazy idea here, just please don't masturbate in the showers.

Guy: I see you have strong feelings about this.

Dude: It doesn't help when you recognize the person's towel. That was not imagery I needed.

Guy: Could it have been someone else? Dude: There are only so many bright pink towels with purple flowers on my floor. I know it was [REDACTED].

We have elected to conceal the name of the perpetrator to protect their identity from possible retaliation by their peers. We will refer to them as Karl (with a K because I have the power to make that decision).

Guy: And is Karl a friend of yours? Dude: They were. After his disappointingly short No Nut November [NNN], I'm not so sure I can continue to associate with him. Not for the rest of the month for sure.

Guy: Understandable.

We reached out to Karl but he declined to comment on his actions at this time.

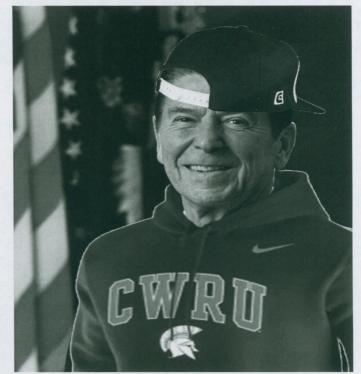
On a separate note, the custodial faculty has asked us to pass along a message for the on campus residents:

Due to the recent increase in drain clogs in the residential buildings, there are now semen disposal units located sporadically throughout the women's floors of each residential building. Please utilize them as we draw the line at unclogging hair from the drains. Thanks, the custodial staff.

If the custodial staff's request isn't enough, consider the poor, bare feet of your fellow residents (bleach only does so much) and the drains that will remain clogged for the rest of the semester. And as recommended by a fellow writer here at *The Athenian*, "Seek out Jesus ya nasties," and try not to enjoy the rest of NNN.

FEATURE

Portrait by Addy Rall



Ronald Reagan is a proud 4th year combined BA/MBA student at the Weatherhead School of Management. He also hosts Airtime for Bonzo, a biweekly film review and political podcast sponsored by D.A.R.E., available exclusively on Apple Music. He is beauty, he is grace, not to be confused with the former president of the United States.

# Case For Life to utilize shower drain debris to maintain "gift of life"

Trick L. Down

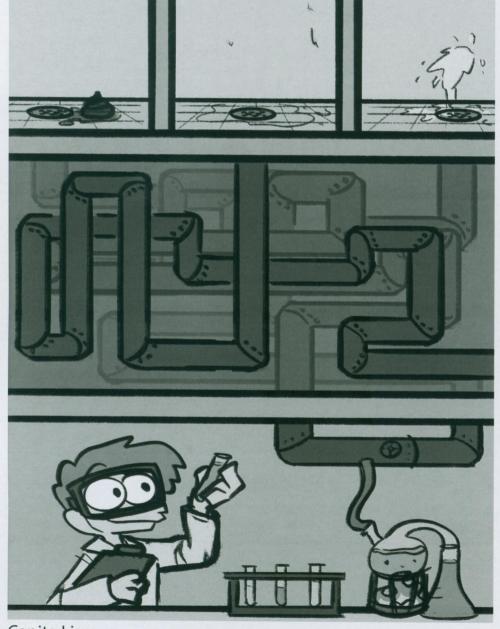
For many young people, the month of November is associated with upcoming holidays and last-minute assignments. Another meme has also taken the internet by storm, called "No Nut November" (NNN). The rules are that you cannot masturbate for the entire month of November, and many people on

the Internet will make posts about their stories of success (or failure). This has taken hold of CWRU students just as it has with many other college students, although many students seemed to have "failed" early in the month. See Guy Fieri's article in this Issue of *The Athenian* for an eyewitness report.

As Fieri writes, custodial staff on campus have put up signs requesting that students not masturbate in the public showers since the dated plumbing cannot handle such substances. Since the beginning of December and the resulting surge of students "celebrating" the end of NNN, custodial staff were shocked to find that the pipes did not experience as much clogging as expected. Upon investigation from one of The Athenian's reporters, we were shocked to find that many of the pipes had been rerouted to the Case For Life headquarters beneath the basement of Millis Hall.

Our reporter photographed the scene, which consisted of vats full of redirected pipe water, separation tools to filter water from contaminants such as semen, racks of test tubes, and pages of handwritten notes spread across a lab bench. In the notebook were memos that read, "End of NNN = death of millions?" "Save shower 'residues' to create life" and "Need to update filters, still finding feces in drainage (why is there feces??)". Some test tubes bubbled and boiled while others sat on blocks of ice. Closed vats labelled "CAUTION: LIFE INSIDE" were lined up against the back wall. A slide left under a microscope on the bench appeared to have something swimming beneath the glass upon looking through the lens.

The Athenian's investigative team was not able to find more information given the timeframe of investigation and the lack of proper access to Case For Life's headquarters. However, interviews with students and staff alike share a common curiosity: what would even prompt someone to support this in the first place?



Capita Lism

