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# Editor's Note

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Salvēte, amicī!

I'm very pleased to present one of the most aesthetically-pleasing issues in the history of The Athenian. Approximately 25 ish hours of pain and suffering went into formatting this jawn, so if you see Sara Ramaiah around campus, go ahead and give her a dollar. We are indebted to her. Like forever.

What exactly is Case Western Reserve University? Who went here that actually is relevant? What happened to the Leutner ketchup vat? While we cannot answer that last question, fear not: you will no longer live in oblivion. Knowledge is power! Wikipedia is kinda knowledge so thus it is power! That's definitely a math property that I learned in algebra or something. Can't remember. I should look on Wikipedia \*insert smug emoji\*.

It is good to be back in business, friends. I can't wait for you to dive into all this juicy information and bear its weight for the rest of your mortal lives. Enjoy!

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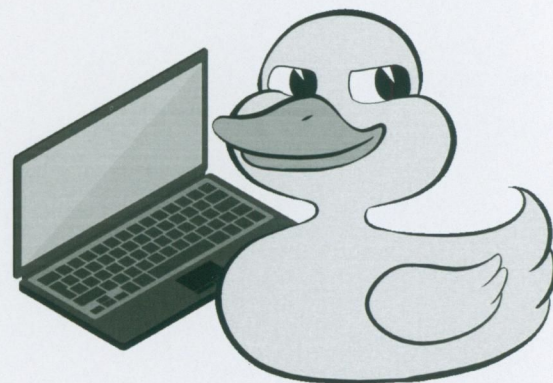
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# Kaler: Welcome to Mindfreak, and CWRUpedia

*The following article consists of a letter submitted to The Athenian by President Eric Kaler, who asked that it be published in its unadulterated entirety as an address to the student body.*

To our dearest, most beloved, smartest, sexiest Case Western Reserve University Community,

With the new semester now well underway, student and academic life on campus has returned with truly exciting fervor. As we once again prepare for midterm season, the administrative faculty would like to gently encourage students to continue participating in their extracurricular activities and social engagements as an outlet for emotional wellbeing. Even simple breaks from routine can be an enriching and exciting experience. If your schedule permits, perhaps consider exploring a new hobby as I have in recent weeks.

I must admit that my favorite pastime of late is watching students from my office window. I feel like a mischievous, nasty little gargoyle, perched overlooking the binary walkway. The scenery of the Case Quad offers an exhilarating change of pace from living with my wife, Karen, who disapproves of my recent penchant for close-up magic. The students I have met outside all tell me they love my magic, Karen. Please, just let me show you just once. One time, that's it—I promise. You don't even have to do anything, you just pick a card and then put it back when I tell you to. And then when I lift it up, Karen, you're never gonna believe it. It's gonna really knock your socks off, I promise you that, Karen. I've been practicing so hard and you're gonna be so amazed, you just have to let me show you. Please. Karen. Please.

You'll have to excuse me. That last part was addressed to my wife, Karen. My main reason for writing today is that university administration has decided to undertake new efforts to help our new freshmen class acclimate to life on campus in their first semester, as well as to help further the connection between upperclassmen and their campus community. Today, I am pleased and excited to announce the launch of CWRUpedia, published through our darling magazine *The Athenian*. As part of the program, community editors have written a number of articles complete with delicious, delicious knowledge about life on campus. We hope that the selection of articles enclosed will allow and encourage students to dive into the rich history and culture of our beautiful and esteemed university.

To close, I want to once again reestablish our continued commitment to the university's reproductive health goals in light of the Dobbs decision. With the grave uncertainty that surrounds this time, allow me to reassure you all—as students and as valued members of the Case Western Reserve family—I will abort your baby myself if I have to, so help me God. I mean it. I bet you didn't know I was allowed to do that, but I am. I have disbanded the Reproductive Health Task Force because they made me weak. It is just me now, and I crave vengeance.

That is all. Catch you later, deliberators.

Eric "Willy" Kaler  
President, Case Western Reserve University  
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# Case Western Reserve University

From The Athenian, the free "encyclopedia"

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"Throughout its illustrious history and the history of the schools that came before it, **Case Western Reserve University** has been the Alma Mater of some of the most honorable, upstanding members of society, as well as the home of many controversies. In this issue, The Athenian takes a look back at some of the things that make CWRU what it is today."

- Noah Hertzman

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# History

## CWRU Merger

*Last Edited by Kethan Srinivasan*

Prior to the federation of Case Western Reserve University in 1967, it was well known that even into the 1960s, the two universities' faculty and students would intermingle with one another, sharing facilities and classrooms for various purposes, academic or otherwise.

The 1887 Michelson-Morley experiment was a prominent example of this trend, in which Albert Michelson, a physicist from the Case School of Applied Science, and Edward Morley, a chemist from Western Reserve University, collaborated to set the foundations for what would become the theory of special relativity. According to newfound letters between the two scientists, the experiment's initial success was celebrated with a "passionate evening of ~~love-making~~ heavy drinking," that ended with their lab floor being "covered by ~~bodily secretions~~ vomit."<sup>[1]</sup>

Michelson and Morley's partnership and eventual union became one of many catalysts for the two universities' joining with each other. Through the 1890s both institutions obtained the support of federation by other educational bodies, complemented by an uptrend in students from one university getting caught with students from the other university engaging in explicit activities in public facilities. This trend, reviled by the public as "mass indecency", came much to the frustration of each university's administration, according to early campus news reports.<sup>[2]</sup>

However, during the mid-20th century, both universities would be under new leadership, with the appointments of presidents John Schoff Millis at WRU and T. Keith Glennan at Case. Both men were later discovered to have had an extremely passionate and prolonged romantic encounter on the floor of the Amasa Stone Chapel one evening. The two presidents, whose relationship began with multiple occasions of mutual eye contact and sexually-charged run-ins on the street and in university bathrooms, met under the moonlight of the chapel to clear the air before proceeding to paint the floors white.

Their consummation was soon made official to their respective boards of trustees, who used their close relationship to finally establish the process to consolidate the two institutions under one name. Historians posit that their relationship was kept out of public view so as to avoid controversy and to maintain their reputation of academic discovery, which also explains the cover-up of Michelson and Morley's relationship. In letters that were later discovered by custodians, Millis and Glennan maintained in close contact, often bickering with one another over whose "d\*\*\* was a 10 out of 10."<sup>[citation needed]</sup>

## Ketchup Vat Memorialization

*Last Edited by Sara Ramaiah*

In the Spring Break 2022 holiday, CWRU students made history with the first ever memorial service for a condiment. Students living in the North Residential Village reported a cult-like following around an open tub of ketchup at the Leutner dining hall (see Dining Halls) for most of the Fall 2021 semester. When this tub (affectionately termed "ketchup vat" by its devotees) was decommissioned in early 2022, students peacefully protested by organizing a candlelight vigil on the Leutner Pavilion in its memory. Inside sources allege that the Ketchup Vat Collective remains active to date, though no further condiment themed events have been organized.







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# Campus and Greater Cleveland Area

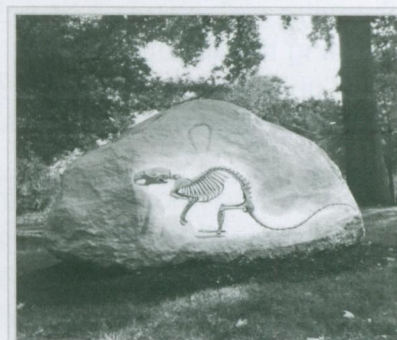
## Case Western Reserve University Museum of Paleontology

*Last Edited by Jaiden Borowski*

The **Case Western Reserve University Museum of Paleontology (CWRUMP)** consists of a single rock that was uncovered on the CWRU campus in 2022. The museum is located in front of the best dorm on campus, Clarke Tower.<sup>[3]</sup> Its sole fossil is a half-complete *Epidexipteryx* embedded in the rock, which the student body has hailed as CWRU's new official mascot.

### Discovery

In August 2022, a group of students allegedly uncovered the fossil when attempting to clean the hundreds of layers of paint which had accumulated due to the campus tradition of painting messages on large rocks. Initially they had mistaken the small half-skeleton for a campus squirrel.<sup>[4]</sup> However, after local officials were called a deeper investigation ensued, leading to the ultimate conclusion that the skeleton was indeed a rare fossil.



Paleontologists (under duress)<sup>[5]</sup> verify "Rocky" the *epidexipteryx* as CWRU's rarest fossil.

### Description

The *Epidexipteryx* fossil remains protruding from the rock in which it was discovered. It includes the skull, vertebrae, and some remains of its right femur. Its skull is said to have a smiling expression, which its fan base claims to have seen grow wider when it was declared as CWRU's mascot.<sup>[5]</sup>

### Mascot Controversy

The fossil (locally referred to as "Rocky") was recognized as the official mascot of CWRU in September 2022. Before the decision, student protest demonstrations occurred on both sides of the issue. Graffiti of various images—including facial expressions, cave drawing imitations, and *Scrat* from the *Ice Age* films—constantly adorned the rock and the fossil itself for a month until the dispute ended. The previous mascot, an undistinguished spartan unoriginally named 'Spartie,' was overthrown after a group of students chained themselves to the fossil for a week in solidarity.

### Squirrel Activity

The local squirrels in the area gather around the rock on full moons<sup>[6]</sup>. This mysterious phenomenon was overshadowed by the initial discovery of the fossil and remains unexplained. However, the biology department has created a new physical education course which allows students to receive three PHED credits for each month that they document the squirrel activity surrounding the rock.



# Dining Halls at Case Western Reserve University

*Last Edited by Shivangi Nanda and Nandana Vinod*

Leutner Commons and Fribley Commons, (abbreviated Leutner and Fribley, respectively) are the two main dining halls in Case Western Reserve University. Leutner, located on the north side of campus, primarily feeds starving first-years, while Fribley serves second-years and other upperclassmen still suffering on the meal plan. With options for nutritional meals being limited on campus, these dining halls are considered by many to be an oasis.

## History

Named after the departed student Larry Leutner, former Raymond rebel, Leutner Commons stands as the premier eating establishment on CWRU's campus. In honor of his rebellious nature, a late night dining option opened in Leutner's lower level known as Spartan BBQ (Be-Be-Que).

Named after the departed Francis Fribley, former founder of the elephant stairs, Fribley Commons is the foremost foodery on Case Western Reserve University's campus. The fast and nutritious food options provided from Elephant Step Inn and Fribley Late night allow students to satiate their palates late into the night. Moreover, the stairs erected throughout the dining hall draws inspiration from the dreaded stairs located on the south side of campus.

## Food

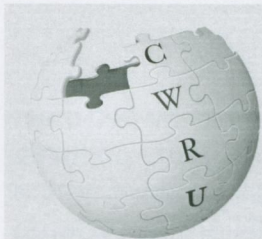
Food is at the cornerstone of the college experience, and both Fribley and Leutner exceed expectations in this territory. Home to Cleveland-famous chefs, Leutner offers cuisines and food stations that span countries. Fribley offers an Asian station serving up the continent's most questionable stir fry, and a soup station that knows how to reinvent even the simplest of dishes—with experimental variations like “adding peas” on classic staples like tomato soup. Leutner, in addition to their rarely-inspected salad bar, offers a creative pasta bar and pizza station. Among the most enticing aspects of Leutner is the Ketchup Vat, the largest condiment vat east of the Mississippi River.<sup>[citation needed]</sup> Inside this tub, gallons of ketchup are stored with various expiration dates and origins, embodying CWRU's “melting pot” philosophy.

Fribley Commons, specifically, is famous for its pizza selection. An excerpt from CWRU's Dining Services website says the following:

A culinary masterpiece, Fribley's pizza takes on combinations ranging from pineapple and orange with bacon bits, to pesto with a splash of cooking oil. Each offers a unique flavor profile that has caused the establishment to be named best pizza in University Circle. The fruit and salad bar—a feast for vegan students—provides an exotic variety of fresh produce, washed and cleaned daily. Daily, Ohio farms deliver nutritional fruits and vegetables, pivotal to the healthy diet available at CWRU. Like the best cheeses, salad components are given time to age and develop their flavor. With this process, bananas taste mushier, lettuce soggy, and oranges more sour—just as is required by most college dining halls. This food selection is paired with an equally flavorful beverage station. Coined the “watering hole” of Fribley, the assorted drinks station is always full of life, highlighting the “diversity” of CWRU. The unlimited combinations allow creativity to flow, encouraging students to express themselves through their unique concoctions.

Located at both Leutner and Fribley, the conveyor belt is the efficient solution to counter food waste. Just like in some sushi restaurants, the conveyor belt is constantly housing empty dishes waiting for sanitization. The well-loved belts are key to Fribley's optimal health score, ensuring that all cutlery and dishes are as clean as possible.





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## Wildlife in University Circle

Last Edited by Sara Ramaiah

After the Cuyahoga River fires of 1868-1969, the Cleveland area wildlife has been permanently debuffed. The primary surviving animal populations to date are those that maximized their stats in the urban camouflage, scavenging, or improvised weapon skill trees.<sup>[7]</sup> These builds also frequently minimize their natural fear statistic, but this comes at the expense of vulnerability to damage from automotive enemy types. In the grass terrain, squirrel, rabbit, and skunk species have the highest spawn rate, while pigeon-type avian builds dominate the concrete and brick building terrains.

While most wildlife is typical of the greater Cleveland area (see Cleveland), the University Circle subregion is notable for its unique species of bulletproof rodents, *Rattus kevlarus*, commonly referred to as "JESUS CHRIST WHAT THE FUCK IS THAT?"<sup>[8]</sup> *R. kevlarus* is a facultative carnivore, with a preferred diet of "meat" from the dumpsters behind campus dining locations.

The bulletproof rat acquired its thick coat by removing all evolution points from the Intelligence family of skills and putting all points into Constitution, specifically the hardiness skill tree. As a result, these rats are easily identified by their lack of object permanence—much like an analogous subspecies of *Homo sapiens*, the Case Western Reserve University computer science major (*H. sapiens virginalis*). *R. kevlarus* is likewise so cognitively underdeveloped that it does not discern humans as a threat, but to date there have been no documented successful attempts to kill a bulletproof rat. Behavioral biologists at CWRU have suggested that perhaps *R. kevlarus* lost its evolutionary fear of humans as part of its build optimization, but research findings remain inconclusive.

### Bulletproof Rat



*Rattus kevlarus*

#### Scientific classification✎

Kingdom:	Animalia
Phylum:	Chordata
Class:	Mammalia
Clade:	Simplicidentata
Order:	Rodentia

## University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center

Last Edited by Emily Cheng

### About

University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center (UH CMC) is a surprisingly not-for-profit second home to many of CWRU's pre-medical students. The start of each semester signifies a new wave of students scrambling to find a volunteer or research position in order to either diversify their resume or their wardrobe with that highly coveted bright red volunteer t-shirt that alerts SafeRides to swiftly end their misery as they cross Euclid. The five dollar cost of the shirt for incoming volunteers brings into question the non-profit nature of UH CMC.<sup>[9]</sup>

### Rankings

UH CMC is nationally ranked in the top 25 neurology and neurosurgery programs, owing primarily to its rich history of lobotomy procedures before the advent of modern mental healthcare. But with emergency helicopter rides that cost over \$70K,<sup>[10]</sup> they could surely be a little higher.



## Notable Alumni

Any CWRU student who has been to UH CMC for a non-medical visit and survived could be considered a notable alumnus. Additionally, those who enjoy flexing their underfunded lab positions on LinkedIn also fit into this category.

## Research

Ironically, students researching cancer are slowly inducing it for themselves as they grasp for authorship on their PI's next paper. If all of the premeds worked together they could potentially figure out a novel solution, but collaboration is not in the books for many.

## Controversies

University Hospitals probably has enough endowments to survive a lawsuit or two (hundred), with the most recent being from disgruntled pre-health students finding out the most they can do is restock gloves boxes in the outpatient clinic and not perform open-heart surgery by themselves. University Hospitals responded in an official statement saying: "If the hospital doesn't allow students to handle patients as volunteers, they may be tempted to put away the organic chemistry textbook and touch some grass instead."

## The Morley-Yost Reconstruction

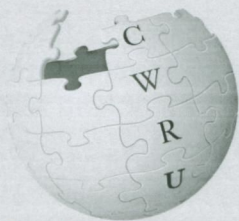
*Last Edited by Henry Essex*

*The Observer* recently announced Case Western Reserve University's plan to demolish Yost Hall and replace it with a massive \$300 million modern building devoid of significant classroom and lab spaces for students. However, there is a darker, lesser-known side to this decision. During the pandemic, some of the windows of Yost Hall were left open to the elements for most of a year, resulting in snow accumulating inside of the building. The snow was not noticed, precipitating into the perfect environment for a massive and uncontrollable mold outbreak, making Yost Hall a biohazard. The university administration's decision to demolish the building requires some offices and departments to be temporarily or permanently relocated. While some of the locations have not been revealed as of now, the Mathematics Department will notably be discarded into the toxic cesspool of a superfund site that is Morley Chemistry Laboratory.

Morley Chemistry Lab, the poor excuse of a building hidden behind Rockefeller, has a storied history to say the least. Erected from 1908 to 1910, and voted "Best Place for Spooky Season Hookups" as well as "Favorite Place on Campus to Hide a Body" for twenty years running<sup>[citation needed]</sup>, the building formerly contained the Chemistry, Physics, and most recently Biology departments. It was used as swap space during the renovations of Rockefeller, Millis-Schmitt, and DeGrace, before CWRU ran out of money for the renovations and hastily completed the project. Now, Morley has to undergo its own renovation program in order to fix just some of the many issues with the building. These problems include: asbestos flooring, lead paint, mercury in the desks of the former NASA Yeager Battery Lab, crappy plumbing, shot electrical wiring, significant roof damage, former President Babs "forgetting" to heat the building for over a decade because she hated it, the main lecture hall occupying so much space that it pushed the floor down on one side of the building, it being a National Historic Chemical Landmark and International Architectural Historical Location, as well as ADA non-compliance due to the building having lost continuous occupancy status.

While renovations may be able to fix most of the issues with Morley Chemistry Lab, or maybe even all if Eric Kaler can manage to call in a few miracles, it is still a testament to the gross mismanagement of campus resources and money. The only thing that could make this worse is if a fat man showed up riding a surfboard.





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# Athletics and Extracurriculars

## University Media Board

*Last Edited by Lightblue*

University Media Board (stylized as UMB) is an umbrella organization at Case Western Reserve University. It began as a organization under the name Media University Bulletin (MUB), and after several skirmishes with Undergraduate Student Government proclaimed itself University Media Board. In the years following, UMB would make several attempts to become the next USG. At first this was done through blackmail, but as the years progressed on, UMB became a normalized board organization. However, experts debate on whether the next evolution of UMB, known as the Athenian Media Board (AMB), will come to fruition.

### History

The organization started as a theater group in 1892, headquartered in Eldred theater. By 1894, Media University Bulletin had an estimated attendance of 42 (the total number of theater kids in the state of Ohio). It was quickly sanctioned by then-president Barbra Synder, after a campus production of "Cabaret" was rated "too scandalous" for the sophisticated clientele of the school.

Between 1894-1926, MUB was kept as a secret society, which in fact meant that they were just a USG recognised organization. MUB would then put on secret film screenings, musical shows, and full-length plays in the basement of Clarke Tower, using the kitchen area as a stage. This would affectionately become known as the "dark ages".

In 1926, USG kicked MUB out, citing infractions with their bookkeeping practices (claiming too little money was being put into roll over). Angered and outraged, members of MUB barricaded Crawford Hall, then an ornate lecture hall, and declared themselves the "University's Media Board" in an effort to gain legitimacy in the eyes of the public. Scholars debate whether this was the reason for the original Crawford Hall's demolition, or if it was due to a fire in late 1925 caused by an angry pre-med student who didn't get into med school.



The short-lived UMB Hall.



From that day UMB has been taking over the hearts and souls of more clubs in order to elicit its position as the next USG. For example, in 1951, the board threatened the editorial board of *The Athenian* to report them to the House's Committee on Unamerican Activities, should they not join UMB. In 1957, Footlighters joined under a similar threat to Musical Theater International. WRUW was also included, due to Ronald Reagan's threat to ban all shortwave radio in the United States at the peak of the Cold War.

After the Cold War, UMB sought to make itself more mainstream by building an office in the Thwing Center and holding various events. In 2000, it dropped its pursuit of replacing USG, and instead elected to focus its efforts on observing student media on campus.

## Today

Today, the University Media Board is a thriving community of nerds, geeks, and social novices who turn their lack of social skills into theatrical performance. It contains at least more than three organizations. It does, in fact, exist.<sup>[citation needed]</sup> And yes, it is a real thing. Take that mom, I'm making a difference.<sup>[citation needed]</sup> Writing for a satire paper IS a real college experience?<sup>[citation needed]</sup> No, parties are lame, I don't go to them, I write for *The Athenian* instead!

## Structure and function

UMB is composed of 12 committees: the executive committee, the executive's committee, the committee of executives, the most executive committee, the politburo, the centra commiteel, the executive committee, the People's Workers Committee, the 1925 committee, an executive committee the, and finally *the* executive committee.

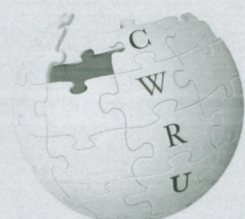
Each of these committees is charged with supervising different organizations in order to prevent serious felonies and securities fraud from occurring. They do this through the following:

- Meetings
- Audits
- Investigations
- Social media ghosting
- SWAT-ing
- Threatening funding
- Mass emails
- UMB's Instagram account

## Future

Rumors have been circulating that UMB is just the Athenian Media Board (AMB)? The duck controlling the UMB office claims otherwise.





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## Spartie (mascot)

*Last Edited by Justin Zimmerman*

*See also: List of mascots for Ohio universities, List of Mexico's 37 most wanted drug lords, and Minions (2015 film)*

*"Sporty" redirects here. For the pornographic autobiographical film of the same name, see Spartie (film).*

Spartemius Dongus Maximus ("Spartie") is a Cleveland-based gladiator and professional hype man known for his strong, silent presence and antagonistic demeanor. Though he has been active in some capacity for the past 25 years, Spartie's public persona would not come to be developed in the mainstream until around the last decade.



Spartie salutes campus visitors during a parade procession (2019, colorized).

### Early and personal life

Not much is known about Spartie's early life prior to the early 1970s, except that he was born in a small suburb of New Jersey before moving to Cleveland for work. Despite his proud and frequent use of Greek imagery, Spartie is ethnically Italian-American. Little else is confirmed about his upbringing, with Spartie noting in interviews that "it was a really dark period [in my life]. Drugs, sex, violence. I had seen it all. Swear to God, I saw one guy eat another guy's face in Newark airport once, like he was on bath salts or something. I've done some shit too. I can never go back there."

### Career

Spartie is renowned as "the world's worst modern gladiator" and would get his ass kicked if he were ever thrust into a real fight to the death.<sup>[12]</sup> Following a career-ending injury, Spartie has continued his career in attending events, hosting inspirational talks, and podcasting on his talk show "The Man Cave Alpha Cave No-Girls-Allowed Cave with Spartie." He also does children's birthday parties.

### Publications

Spartie's research interests are in surfactant and colloid science, statistical mechanics, thermodynamics, and materials synthesis. His work has focused on complex fluids, which are characterized by changes of composition or density over length scales comparable to molecular dimensions. Examples are liquid crystals, microemulsions, and micelles, some polymeric solutions, vesicles, emulsions, and protein solutions. He has supervised 37 Ph.D. students and numerous postdoctoral researchers, and has served as a consultant to numerous industrial laboratories and legal firms. Spartie is co-editor of the book "Giant Micelles" and is author or coauthor of more than 200 papers. He holds 10 U.S. patents.



# Case Western Reserve University Spartans Football

*Last Edited by Abigail Gilman*

Case Western Reserve University Spartans football represents CWRU in the NCAA at the Division III level. They are a member of the University Athletic Association and the Presidents' Athletic Conference.


## History

The current CWRU football team was formed in 1970 after Western Reserve University and Case Institute of Technology merged in 1967. No other information is known.

## Public Reception

Public reception towards CWRU Spartans football is remarkably ambivalent, as most people are unaware the team even exists. This is especially true among students, with a 2021 poll conducted by *The Observer* reporting that 75 percent of students had never attended a football game, and that 50 percent did not know the team existed prior to participating in the poll.<sup>[13]</sup> Moreover, many students added that they did not know CWRU had any sports teams besides the esports club. Alumni polls showed similar results, with many respondents asking if the football team was a recent addition.



Artist's rendition of student interviews about Spartans football.   
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## Controversy

In August 2022, the Spartan Marching Band started a petition to take control of DiSanto Field. An excerpt from the petition reads:

DiSanto Field can only belong to one group, and we believe we have earned it. Polling has shown that the Spartan Marching Band is far more popular than Spartans football, so we ask that the team accept defeat (like usual) and stop using DiSanto Field.

The Spartan Marching Band is now advocating for a school-wide referendum over control of DiSanto Field; early polling shows the Spartan Marching Band leading by double digits (See Spartan Marching Band). The football team has not responded, but were recently seen negotiating with the Quidditch team for use of Freiburger Field.

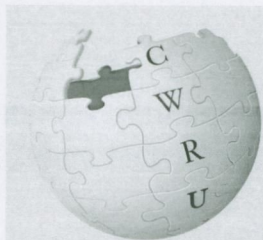
## Notable Alumni

Former NFL player Steve Belichick (1919-2005) attended and played football at CWRU from 1938-1940. However, he never admitted this during his lifetime, and would often mumble and change the subject when asked.

## Win-Loss Record

Currently, Spartans football holds the record for the widest win-loss gap in Division III history. The current win-loss record is 0-4,279.





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## Spartan Marching Band

*Last Edited by Rowan Talmadge*

Case Western Reserve University's marching band was founded in 1861 under the principles of "pride, spirit, musicianship, and dedication." Spartan Marching Band's (SMB) one and only goal is to cheer on CWRU's Division III football team. SMB is offered as a course at CWRU that any student can enroll in, no matter their existing skill level. The course is listed as MUEN 384.

Recent notable SMB performances of Fall 2022 include their opening weekend Shrektacular, followed by an award-winning CBAT arrangement organized by the Drum Major, Ellie Rapp. On the CBAT performance, Ellie Rapp commented, "It was such a passionate and thought provoking song. Ellie just had to make it happen. Nobody could stop Ellie."

The CWRU campus community held a referendum on Sept. 12, 2022 as to whether or not to abolish the football team after the twentieth consecutive season with no wins. This referendum was led by Ellie Rapp. Ellie Rapp was seen waving a color guard flag with "What the fuck do they even do?" written in Sharpie. Another participant, Anna Bortion, provided CWRU Police with details regarding the situation. They said, "The Marching Band should replace the football team. People only show up for us anyways." After failed attempts to convince the university's faculty to support the abolition of the football team, SMB launched an invasion of DiSanto Field. The football team put up a fight, but fell to the superior power of SMB after two and a half minutes.<sup>[11]</sup> The Slaughter of DiSanto led to the colonization of the football team by the marching band. Football players were forced to learn to read sheet music and practice walking in formation, as opposed to their previous football drills, which were made illegal by new Grand Drum Wizard, Ellie Rapp.

Grand Drum Wizard Ellie Rapp continues to rule over both SMB and the newly formed Junior Varsity Marching Band.

## Controversies

### Hazing at CWRU

*Last Edited by Collin Slaw*

*See Also: Butt Chugging (A form of hazing used by CWRU medical students)*

#### History

Hazing is the imposition of strenuous, often humiliating, tasks as part of a program of rigorous physical training and initiation. Hazing at Case Western Reserve University began with the inception of Western Reserve University in 1826 as early student groups came to fruition. The Case School of Applied Science, later known as Case Institute of Technology, also had major hazing scandals since its beginning in 1880.



## **Western Reserve University**

Members of the Western Reserve University cross country team were forced to run the entirety of the Oregon Trail in order to have their names on the roster. The Andrew Jackson Support Club hazed potential inductees by making them infiltrate various history textbook publishers so that pilgrims were “friendly and helpful” to Native Americans.<sup>[15]</sup>

Beta Rho Omega, Western Reserve University’s first fraternity, catalyzed the advancement of hazing. In the 1880s, BRO partnered with David’s Otherworldly Sandwich Parlor to create the largest weekly event at the time. “Parched ThursDavids” was created by the brothers of BRO to serve as a platform for hazing. Pledges found themselves drinking homemade “moonshine” by the gallon to demonstrate their interest in the fraternity. In 1886, BRO required individuals to hide in the vents of various buildings for an entire night with only a candle to keep them company. Eventually, one prospective new member admitted to possibly being the cause of the fire that burned down Adelbert College. According to Chad Dudebro, the ordeal was the product of “a poorly-timed fart.”

## **Case School of Applied Science**

Upon the birth of the Case School of Applied Science (a.k.a. Case Institute of Technology), Leonard Case himself was arrested on multiple counts of attempted murder when he instated a policy for new students that required them to dive into Wade Lagoon and retrieve an iron pool torpedo. Case stated that he was “bored out of his mind since opening the number one second-choice school in America.”

Alpha Chi Sigma, the pre-professional chemistry fraternity, forced potential new members to drink every chemical in the back rooms of the chemistry lab until they could “see sounds.”<sup>[16]</sup> Chapter advisor Edward Morley claimed it was a “noble method of pledging your allegiance to chemistry.”

## **Case Western Reserve University**

Hazing has morphed into what seems to be a new normal at Case Western Reserve University. The Mental Health Club hazes by means of lobotomy and fork-in-socket style electroshock therapy, somehow putting all mental health specialists within a 10-mile radius out of a job. The now-defunct dental fraternity would not allow newcomers unless they let the president pull four of their teeth. Students looking to audition for any CWRU Footlighters production must fittingly lick a bioluminescent foot until it lights up. Students looking to join the business fraternity must go into the “Shark Tank,” where members of the executive board decide if their business pitch is worth pursuing. If not, individuals will be blindfolded and promptly thrown into an actual shark tank. Needless to say, hazing is both rampant and oddly creative at Case Western Reserve University.

## **Inflammatory Remarks on Financial Aid Portal**

*Last edited by Chipped Pink and Sara Ramaiah*

During the Summer Break 2022 holiday, many newly admitted students logged onto their financial aid portals to sign their lives and fortunes away to the university with no disruption. The equally numerous returning students who considered withdrawing from the university over the holiday, however, were greeted with a pop-up window that seemed to directly insult the reader (displayed below). After backlash from the campus community, [U]Tech began emergency response protocols, managing to delete the pop-up window in only 3 weeks and minimizing collateral damage to only one student computer. This event marks [U]Tech's most efficient resolution of a tech support problem to date.<sup>[14]</sup>





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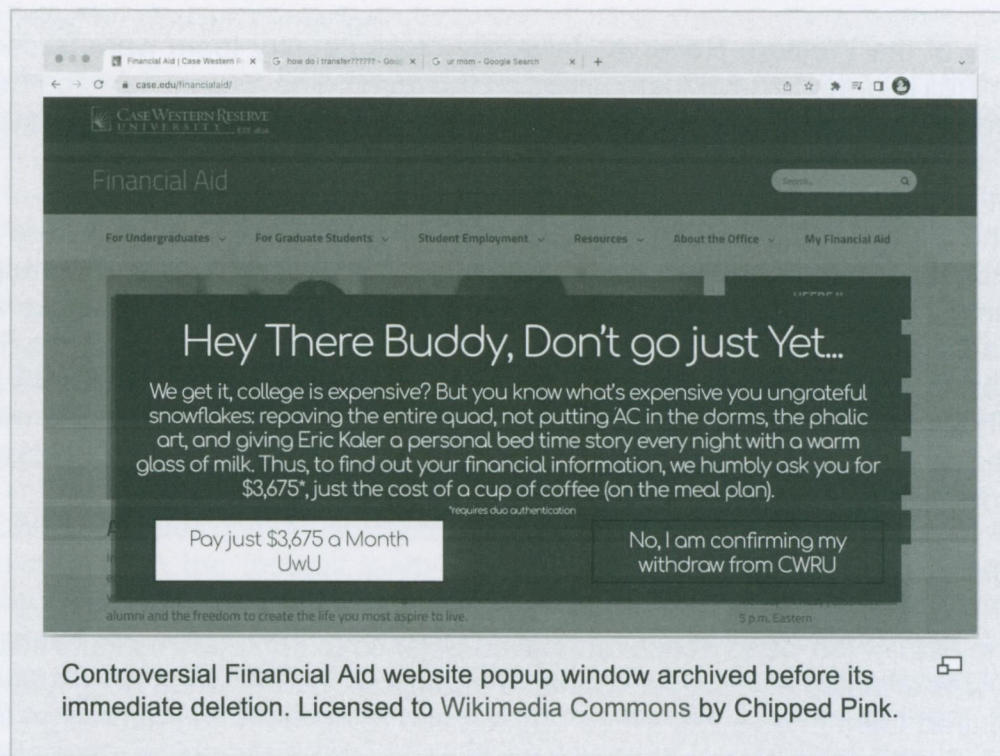
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Controversial Financial Aid website popup window archived before its immediate deletion. Licensed to Wikimedia Commons by Chipped Pink.

## Notable Alumni

*Last Edited by Noah Hertzman*

George Washington Crile (1864-1943): Now formally recognized as the first surgeon to successfully perform a direct blood transfusion, Dr. Crile put his "world-class" education from what is now CWRU's School of Medicine to good use by anesthetizing his patients with cocaine, sometimes for several days.

Herbert Henry Dow (1866-1930): A brilliant inventor and businessman, Herbert Henry Dow graduated the Case School of Applied Science with a degree in chemistry and founded the Dow Chemical Company, which made a fortune selling chemical weapons during World War I.

John Charles Cutler (1915-2003): This brilliant Western Reserve University Medical School graduate used his skills and smarts to head the Tuskegee Experiments, which deliberately let hundreds of Black people die from syphilis.

Steve Belichik (1919-2005): Player on the Detroit Lions and father of New England Patriots head coach Bill Belichick, the elder Belichick imparted onto his son the same integrity and anti-cheating ethics he learned from taking his SAGES classes at Western Reserve University.

Fred Gray (b. 1930): No joke here. This guy is just a real motherfuckin G. He's the lawyer who represented Rosa Parks, worked with MLK, and successfully sued the U.S. government for the Tuskegee Syphilis Experiments. Gray is the first alumnus to receive an overwhelmingly positive response by current CWRU community members.



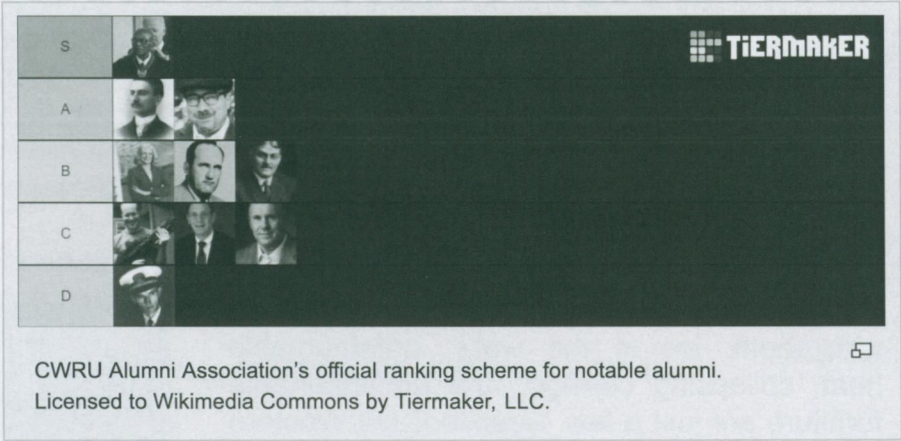
Edward C. Prescott (b. 1940): Nobel Prize-winning economist who, along with 250 other smug fucking assholes, wrote an open letter to Obama in 2009 telling him not to save the economy.

Craig Newmark (b. 1952): Founder and namesake of Craigslist, Craig Newmark also looks like a guy who leases his apartment on Craigslist in exchange for sexual favors.

Peter Tippett (b. 1953): Invented Norton AntiVirus. Fuck you, Peter.

Julie Louise Gerberding (b. 1955): Known mostly for being the first female director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in 2014 Dr. Gerberding was also appointed Executive Vice President for Strategic Communications for Merck & Co., a pharmaceutical company known for Medicaid overbilling, tax fraud, and sometimes causing erectile dysfunction in men.

Paul Buchheit (b. 1977): The 23rd employee to join Google, Paul Buchheit invented Gmail and is also credited with coming up with Google's former motto, "Don't Be Evil." Buchheit later developed AdSense (which tracks users' online activity), worked for Facebook, and is now an angel investor. Good job not being evil, Paul!



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5. ^ Trust me bro.

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# Talk: Case Western Reserve University

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## Discussion Topics

### Freshman Dormitories

*Last Edited by [UNAUTHENTICATED SOURCE]*

Freshman dorms have never been the best. There is usually at least one thing "wrong" with them: ice in the walls, unfathomable heat, collapsing ceilings, and uncomfortable furniture are just a few. Despite Case Western Reserve University being the best school in Ohio, its freshman dorms are not exempt from the stigma around freshman dorms.

All of the freshman dorms can be found in the Northern Residential Village, the northernmost part of campus, next to DiSanto Field and upperclassmen housing. It is bordered by fields, sorority and fraternity housing, and the edge of campus. This means there are many places for freshmen to find parties off campus, and with all of these places within walking distance, who knows what those crazy kids will do. Not to mention the ragers held inside the freshman dorms.

Already this year, many parties have been shut down. All one has to do is look at Yik Yak and CampusGroups to hear about the insane parties that have RAs shaking in their boots. *(Because freshmen think there is no way for the administration to see these and shut them down. But shhhhh. Keep it quiet!)*



CWRU's North Residential Village, photographed from Juniper and E. 115th Street.



Last known photo of CWRU student before violent party shutdown by rogue RA.



Everyone knows that Pierce is the dorm to look out for this year, and everyone can't wait to see what they come up with!

One of the most well-known residential communities is the Mistletoe community. Located in the middle of the NRV and near Wade Commons, almost every freshman passes it on their way to class. Students have mixed feelings about living in these buildings. Reports from freshmen this year have included rooms smelling of fungus, water marks along the ceilings and walls, and fears of mold in the walls and disease. *(Don't forget the use of puns by the RAs as if it covers up any issues.)*

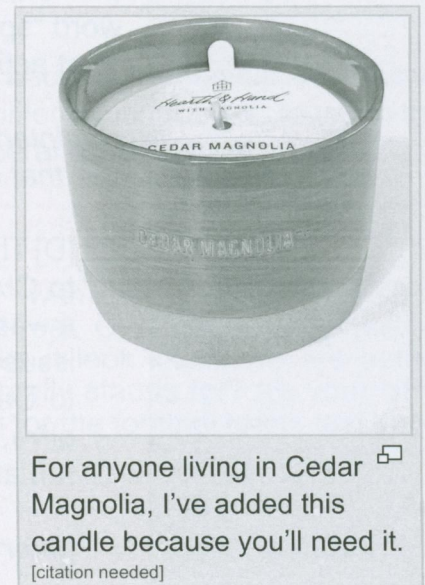
Another residential community is the 11-floor Clarke Tower. The building traps heat and creates a sweltering environment that only gets worse as one moves up the floors. Not to mention the water pressure issues—showers have low pressure while the sinks have exploding faucets. Students have resorted to putting pool floaties around the rims of the sinks just to keep water off the counter. Additionally, the water temperature is entirely unreliable. If one person turns on cold water from the sink while someone is in the shower, then the naked person starts to burn. Clarke has also had reports of the Clarkeroaches already, starting before freshmen showed up. Students have also been shocked to see rat traps laying around the building inside and out, but were never warned about rodents. *(What a lovely surprise.)*

Cedar Magnolia is yet another residential community. Reports say that they are gross. Nothing much else to add.

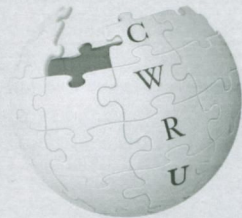
These three\* communities come together to make up the entire Northern Residential Village.

*\*There are actually **four** communities in the NRV—the genius who wrote this forgot about Juniper. Granted, it is not much better than the others.*

All ~~three~~ (four) residential communities suffer from many of the same problems like intense heat, broken elevators (especially great for the sophomores of Clarke), no working washers or dryers, and the least of their worries: the food at Leutner.







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## Sparty-Gate

Last Edited by Foluso Bolaji

The day was Sept. 9, 2022, when *The Athenian* executive team informed their loyal followers that their next issue would be discussing sports, even going so far as to allow a section exclusively for sports news. Upon hearing this the members of *The Athenian* began to riot. This time period was known as “The Spite of Spartie” on *The Athenian*’s calendars, whereby the awakening of the mythical beast Spartie caused a series of unfortunate events to take place after the aforementioned announcement. First souls began to be switched: humanities majors started reciting mathematical formulas while writing articles and STEM students began working on their immortalization of Babs by making a sculpture of her for their “art final.”

“Spartie’s spirit” continued to spread beyond *The Athenian* and reach students in other organizations, until it finally reached the CWRU sports teams. The “spirit of Spartie” had suddenly reversed the status of the sports teams, leading people to start wearing CWRU merch and spartan jerseys unironically. Students around CWRU started discussing sports during small talk and were interested in skipping classes in order to attend football practices. The infectious “spirit of Spartie” even made its way into classrooms. It ranged from math teachers using Spartie to figure out how many footballs it would take to outline the perimeter of the football field, to psychology professors correlating the amount of spartie gear worn with lowered sanity levels.

After days of this ongoing tragedy, a resistance group from *The Athenian* known as “d.e.e.z.n.u.t.s” (each letter corresponding to the first letter of each resistance members name) formed to exorcize Spartie’s spirit from the school and return the university back to its unenthusiastic, spiritless self. A segment done by NBC News interviewed one of the resistance members known as “D,” where they explained the formation of the group. The interviewer was cautioned against saying the word “sports” for that was a trigger word for the members so they referred to it as “that activity.”

*[Interviewer] Can you recall the day they told you you would be discussing the “that activity?”*

[D] The day at *The Athenian* started off like any other. We connected our devices to CIA’s wifi network and inducted—I mean welcomed, new members. Finally, it was time for the exec team to reveal the topics we would discuss for the new issue, and I nearly went deaf when I heard “that activity.” I then tried to connect to CaseWireless wifi to see if I had died, but with no luck I presumed myself alive, and confirmed that we were talking about that thing people do where they run around in matching spandex.

*[Interviewer] Why don’t you discuss “that activity?”*

[D] We don’t talk about “that activity” unless we’re talking about how we don’t talk about “that activity.” That’s all I’m gonna say on the matter.



[Interviewer] And how did you feel when you knew you had to discuss “that activity?”

[D] I felt disrespected. I looked to my fellow *Athenian* brothers and sisters for support and they felt similar. That was the moment when we decided to come together and attack blindly, because how dare they make us talk about something we don't understand!

[Interviewer] What was your first plan for the resistance after such a request?

[D] Our first plan was to not write for this *Athenian* issue at all, but when the “spirit of Spartie” started taking over the school, we knew this was bigger than us and that this required an exorcism. We thought about all the innocent students at Case who were possessed, thinking they had to talk about “that activity” to impress their love interest or med school interviewer, that they had to enjoy “that activity” to be different. We decided to use the power of the pen to remind Spartie and everyone else that this is CWRU! You don't have to be anything but depressed! So fine, we would talk about “that activity,” we would put Spartie in his place, and then we would tell them the truth.

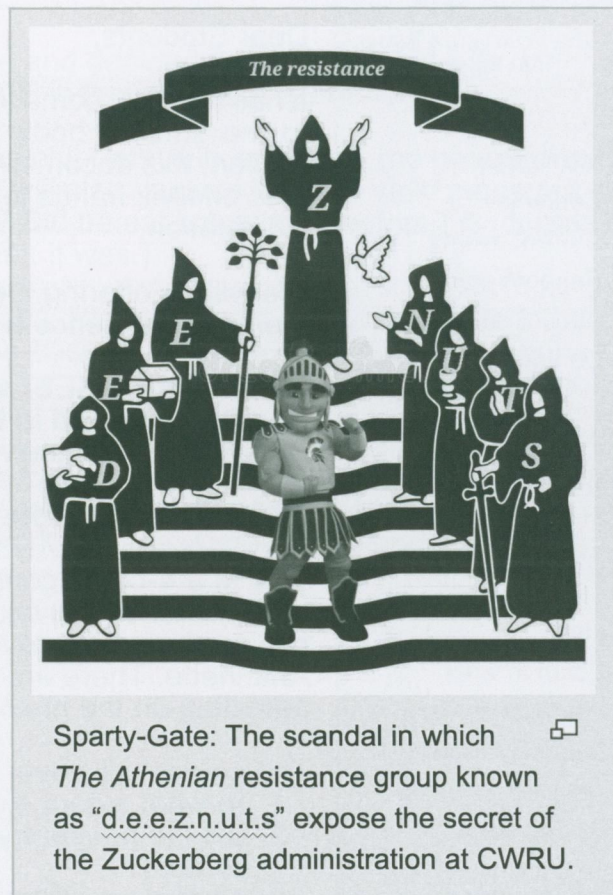
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
“d.e.e.z.n.u.t.s” published their exposé on sports at CWRU that soon exorcized the “spirit of Spartie.” The contents of the issue exposed that people at sports games and on the sports teams were actually curated NPCs that were created with the help of Mark Zuckerberg’s new metaverse technology. This scandal was known as Spartie-gate. The expose raised debates on privacy and consent on students being cloned and used for athletic propaganda.

The exposé helped expel the “spirit of Spartie” and return the school back to its original depressive state. The exposé was posted on Facebook and later translated into 48 different languages, to teach the importance of knowing exorcism techniques and the threat of sports at liberal academic universities.

An excerpt from the exposé is included below:

“Have you ever thought to yourself, “that one kid looks like an NPC,” with their CWRU sweatshirt, basketball shorts, and dad shoes? Well then you'd be right: they aren't real. CWRU has been testing Mark Zuckerberg’s new NPC technology within the metaverse to make it look like there are actual people attending football games. You wanna know what your Case ID really stands for? It's your NPC clone number. So the next time you think you might see Nathan cheering for the football team, just know that it's just NPC144.”



Spartie-Gate: The scandal in which  The *Athenian* resistance group known as “d.e.e.z.n.u.t.s” expose the secret of the Zuckerberg administration at CWRU.





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## Statement on Leaked SAGES Department Records

*Last Edited by I.P. Freely*

The Athenian editorial board recently received an official correspondence from the chair of the SAGES department. We have been requested to publish this in our most recent issue. Please read the attached email.

Dear Students,

It has recently come to our attention that a certain classified document was leaked to the student body regarding previously rejected SAGES courses. For some reason, this document has come under much scrutiny as students have too much time on their hands to read them. We hope this correspondence provides you with clarification.

We will be offering these courses to first year students and the Class of 2027 for them to experience a much more diverse course load.

Two major SAGES courses under development have been leaked: **FSSYXXA: The Role of Food in the French Revolution of Yore** and **FSSYXXB: Kale Salad and Western Reserve University: Da Vinki's Analysis**.

### FSSYXXA: The Role of Food in the French Revolution of Yore

This is a 4-credit course only open to culinary arts students studying the history of the French Revolution. We will explore the role that various baked goods played during the revolutionary era of France, including the beheading of Marie Antoinette. There are 10 essays in the course, and each will contain a sub-essay reflecting on the previous essay.

The course will cover questions like:

1. To what extent did Marie Antoinette adore French baked goods?
2. Did the peasantry use baked goods to convey secret messages across town borders?
3. What does Marie Antoinette's beheading have to do with baguettes, and did she really say "let them eat cake?" (Spoiler alert: she really did say this in a speech. She made everyone cake afterwards.)

Every class session we will start by sharing our feelings on the current economic and environmental state of the world, then slowly progress into insanity as we realize that Marie Antoinette's goal was to promote the baking of exquisite French pastry and not to ruin the lives of the peasants. Please contact Dean John Krant to be placed in the class. His walk-in hours begin on September 31 at 3 a.m. Feel free to knock on the door of his personal residence and scream "TASTE THE RAINBOW." He and his loving wife Barbara will be happy to receive you in their personal home.

### FSSYXXB: Kale Salad and Western Reserve University: Da Vinki's Analysis

We're not talking about Da Vinci here, we're talking about Da Vinki, one of the most famed philosophers of the 3rd century BCE, who established Western Reserve University right in the middle of Stonehenge. (*Note: this claim and those to follow are not supported by many reputable sources and may not be factual.*)

Da Vinki actually single-handedly built Stonehenge and is considered the creator of the SAGES program.



In the words of his disciple Eric Kahler (not to be confused with CWRU president Eric Kaler): "Nah for real bro, he literally lifted all the stones with his little toe and walked from Antarctica to the middle of England on his fingers, no cap. He's pretty dope."

He was so cool that he invented the concept of SAGE-ing and created a series of utterly useless, absolutely wasteful, and enrichingly introspective increments of time dedicated to making more depressed students.

In this course, we will examine how Da Vinki discovered kale and decided to make a salad with it in the original Western Reserve University from the 3rd century BCE in the middle of Stonehenge.

This class will involve analyzing kale, its growth structure, the chlorophyll in its fronds, the beautiful curl of the leaves, the crunchy stem, and its disgusting taste. We will also analyze how Da Vinki managed to bring kale to Stonehenge. Was it stuck to one of the stones? Did he eat kale seeds before his journey? Did he plant it there? Was it the aliens? Was it Garfield? (Hint: it was.)

Respond to this email to indicate your interest in these courses. Please expect a response within three to seven months via snail mail or mycelium network. In the case that you don't receive a response, understand that the snail got lost, confiscated, or crushed by oncoming traffic, or that the almighty shrooms did not think your message worthy of a response.

You should consider whether the almighty shrooms will think your message worthy of a response before writing a response to this email. Please feel bad if they think you're unworthy, for they are superior to us measly humans. All hail the almighty shroom mycelium network or have your kidneys and livers stolen.

RUN.

Stay fresh, cheez bags.

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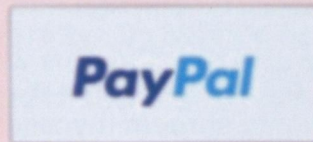
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