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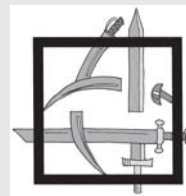
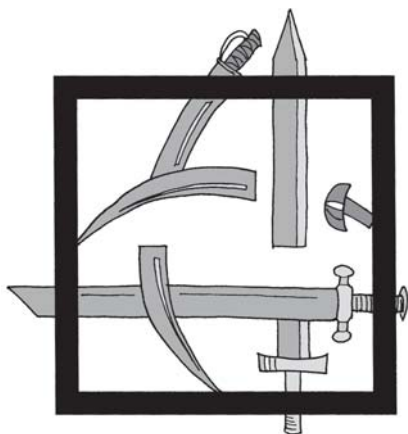
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A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

A Little Bit About Myself

First, I'd like to thank our readers and *The Athenian* staff. I don't know why I am thanking all these people, but that's one thing that figureheads do all the time.

So.

Thanks.

Like any other figurehead, it's good for my constituents to know something about their leader. Other than that he's condescending and self-righteous, as I'm sure you've gathered by the use of the phrase "my constituents." So here goes:

My name is Scott. I am a second-year student pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Pugilism, a Bachelor of Arts in Haberdashery, and a minor in Classics. Future job

opportunities include jokes at the expense of the Classics department.

I was born in Louisville, Kentucky, the son of an evolutionary biologist and a Southern Baptist preacher. Religious arguments got to be so bad that J.C. Himself came down and threatened to use his eye-lasers to settle the matter (His very presence seemed to do just that).

I have a brother, Alphonse, who is two years younger than I. Growing up, we hardly got along, since I maintained that he got everything that I couldn't have. My favorite example occurred when my father talked to us about driving: "Scott, you can't have the car until you're a senior in high school. Al, you can't have a car until Scott's a senior in high school." I got over this soon after I earned my first black belt.

There. Now you know that I was born, have a family, and have majors in college. You know me more than I know myself.



Hey Maw! Cousin Charlie's playin' wit' Grampaw again!

ATHENIAN POLICIES

1. *The Athenian* is a semi-anonymous publication. Authors' names appear at the beginning of the magazine, not with the actual articles. This means that only the editor knows who wrote "50 Reasons I Don't Like Black People."
2. *The Athenian* loves getting letters to its editor. In fact, we own a cattery and give the cute kitties an extra treat for every letter that's sent to us. So, puh-weeze think of the fwuffy kibbies!
3. *The Athenian* apologizes for the wording of the previous sentence.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

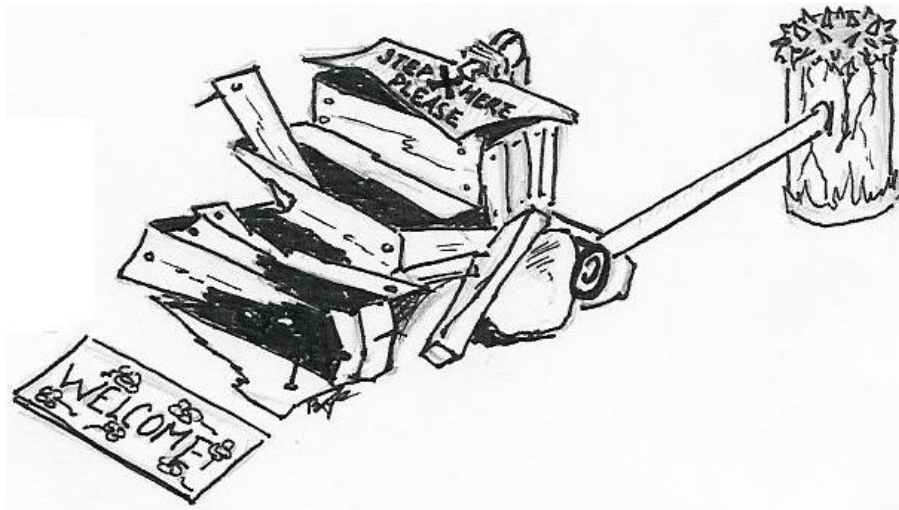
I love you. I can't stop thinking about you. Every time I see a new issue of *The Athenian*, I quiver with excitement thinking about you, working late at night, alone with those articles. Just you and your magazine, together in your room. Your sexy cover designs heighten the experience until I become overwhelmed with thoughts of you. How I wish that you would come to me, like *The Athenian*. Please, let me be your little magazine.

Love,
An Aspiring Lover

Dear Aspiring Lover,

The key to inserting nodes to a linked list is to make sure that the pointers point to what they should be pointing to when you're done. First, you search the linked list for the appropriate location of the new node. Then you set the pointer of the previous node to the new node, and the pointer of the new node to the next node. Remember that linked lists are an *abstract data type*; their usefulness depends on good pointer management.

pow (Love,2);
The Editor



Letters to the Editor are always appreciated. Send 'em on to athenian@cwru.edu. Most questions will be answered incorrectly, either intentionally or unintentionally.

[Write for us! Send articles to athenian@case.edu]

THE REAL VP DEBATE TRANSCRIPT

Because we all care so much about the presidential race, the Athenian is bringing you a transcript of the debate. Everything is entirely accurate, and if you say differently, you're a terrorist.

Moderator: Gentlemen, welcome to Case Western Reserve University. You will alternate with the opposing candidate for speaking time. You will start the debate, vice president Cheney. There have been new developments in Iraq, is there any link between Al-Qaeda and Saddam Hussein?

Cheney: Thank you, and thank you to Case Western for having me here. The simple fact of the matter is Saddam Hussein is a terrorist; he always has been and always will be. The world is a safer place without him and we would do it all again if possible.

Edwards: Iraq is not the terrorist issue here. The terrorists are in Afghanistan where this administration let them escape. We had the best troops, the best supplies, and the best surveillance in the world, and we let him escape. This administration is the flaw; it is entirely incompetent.

Cheney: Now you see, the actual problem is Senator Edwards is an idiot. All the Iraqis are terrorists, that administration has said that then and will say it again now.

Edwards: *aside (I'm so much better looking than him. Why is he still talking?)*

Cheney: Kerry and Edwards haven't gotten a defense issue right in 30 years. They would be a horrible choice for leaders of this country.

Edwards: No, vice president Cheney is wrong, the administration is flawed.

Cheney: No, you're wrong.

Edwards: No, you're wrong.

Moderator: Gentlemen, this is not the first grade. Let's stick to the issues at hand.

Edwards: *aside (I'm not in the first grade, I'm going to tell my mommy on her)*

Cheney: *aside (I'll suck out that moderator's soul later)*

Edwards: America is paying many times more for this war than the previous war in Iraq. This is the administration's fault. They are relying too much on other nations, it is American blood that should be spilled, not foreign blood!

Cheney: Maybe you should show up at the Senate sometime. Your wife has been there more than you have. She tells me you were shooting blanks last night.

Edwards: I'm going to find your coffin Cheney, and fill it with holy wafers.

Cheney: You and Kerry are just two big wusses. There is no way you'd actually have the cajones to even attempt an assault on my nightmare castle. The only reason you voted against the war in Iraq is because Dean was getting the public off by doing so. Neither of you have opinions of your own.

Edwards: That's it Cheney, you asked for it. *(Edwards unleashes the blinding light of his perfect smile)*

Cheney: Aaaaggh the pain!!! Meet your doom pretty boy! *(skeletons erupt from the floor at Cheney's demonic bidding and begin to gang bash Edwards)*

End transcript

KERRY REFERENCES DICK CHENEY'S ZOMBIFICATION PROCESS IN FINAL DEBATE; CALLED 'DIRTY POLITICS' BY MEDIA

At the final Presidential Debate of the 2004 election, which, according to Edward Hundert, was apparently held at Case Western Reserve University which is now "The Only Learning Environment in the World" thanks to his giant robot apocalypse, criticisms were rampant over a comment Kerry made that the mad scientist who reanimated Dick Cheney's heartless corpse into a Zombie of Destruction was in fact gay.

The comment came after a question to George W. Bush regarding homosexual rights in America, to which he replied, "Well, let me get back to that comment you made before about the economy, because by my plan there'll be no more terrorists, and since terrorists make the economy bad..."

Kerry responded that Cheney's mad scientist doctor was gay and would probably say he had no choice, but "to get back to my health care plan, that plan would *give* him a choice — a choice to get away from the hassles of HMO's that damage the middle class and make this country less secure..."

As if that weren't bad enough, it was later revealed that throughout the debate neither Kerry nor Bush was wearing pants.

Republicans are accusing Kerry of bringing a private issue into politics, something that is between zombie Cheney and his zombifying mad scientist.

However, during the Vice Presidential Debate, which according to President Hundert, was "a monumental event, the likes of which have never been achieved by humanity, showing the world clearly that there is no powerful environment with more learning in the world than Case — just look at how fast our commercial goes!" the zombie Cheney mentioned his gay zombifying mad scientist several times. In fact, zombie Cheney used it to attack Edward's extremely good-looking assertion that the Republicans have ignored gay mad scientist rights, all this while trying to restrain himself from calling Edwards a "\$%#&%# #%*&# and a %*&#\$* @#\$(."

All this raises questions about similar outcry by Democrats about the private life of former U.S. President Bill Clinton, who created zombies himself in the Oval Office while an intern pulled his reanimation lever. According to President Hundert, all this happened at Case University, the only school in the world with powerful learning to go along with plenty of environment. And according to Hundert's new commercial, everybody who watches MTV now has epilepsy.



Me eat brains and vote Republican

CASE THANKS STUDENT BODY FOR KEEPING FREAKS OF NATURE A SECRET DURING VP DEBATE

Case Western Reserve University would like to say “thank you” to the student body as a whole for helping to cover up the numerous failed experiments, freaks of nature, and biotechnological terrors that infest many of the lower levels of buildings on the main quad. We know that the casualty rate among our inexperienced first year students can be atrocious at times, especially due to the psionic spores that infest cranial matter of individuals who have hope and spirit that have taken up residence in the ceiling of Schmidt auditorium. As their wills have yet to be broken, unlike the majority of the campus population, only freshman and the occasional prospective can provide them adequate nourishment. We realize that the desire to reveal the existence of our less ‘successful’ efforts towards the advancement of science while such a great number of media and important political figures were on campus was substantial, especially in light of the rather limited availability of tickets to the event. In terms of the event itself, we would like to thank the high-threat security team for removing the boron-crystalline hydra from Veale center and the sentient medical waste that was being stored in that area. We would like to take this time to state that we take the issue of students being consumed, immolated, vivisected, slashed, incubated, and mutated to be very serious and we are taking measures to remove these creatures from campus. Currently, the robotics laboratory is on track to produce a line of miniature giant robots that will be able to maneuver through the buildings to make the campus a safe place once again. Until that time we ask all students to remain alert at all times while on campus and to refrain from any activities that would transform yourselves or others into freaks of unspeakable terror. Such activities would include: replacing ones blood with hydrogen sulfate, building teleportation gates to hell, merging ones consciousness with the AI that has taken control of Olin floors 6-8, or performing a very certain Physics 121 lab. You know which one. Honestly, is the need to demonstrate rotational kinetic energy worth the risk of turning you and your lab partner into 8 foot tall, blue skinned, xenophobic killing machines? We certainly don’t think so.

FANTASY POLITICS: AN ALTERNATIVE TO FANTASY FOOTBALL

With Election Day approaching rapidly, it is more important than ever to understand the personalities and stands of major political players. In an effort to help with this, I have compiled a list of current political figures, and equated each of them to a creature or character from various fantasy worlds. Hopefully, this will broaden your perspective of what is at stake this political season:

George W. Bush – Kobold: A strange, aggressive little rat/lizard creature.

Cheney – Lich: An extremely powerful kind of undead. Keeps his soul in a little box.

Kerry – Zombie: Also undead, but less powerful than a lich. Has fewer emotions, too. If a zombie still has a heart, it probably is purple.

Edwards – Paladin: High charisma, radiant smile. If he had armor, you know it would be shining.

Al Gore – Mimic: A creature that changes its appearance frequently. Prefers to appear as a treasure chest. In other words, a lock box.

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Bill Clinton – Satyr: Do you really need this one explained?

Monica – Succubus: Uh . . . right. Whatever.

Hillary – Red Dragon: The essence of manipulative evil.

Rumsfeld – Beholder: It's a giant floating eyeball with deadly powers, the personification of Big Brother. He's watching you. [Jaws Theme]

Condi – Drow: A highly assertive race of dark elves. Now if only she'd put on that black leather. Oh, yeah.

Karl Rove – Mind Flayer: He can suck out your brains, then turn you into a mind controlled puppet. What's not to like?

Schwarzenegger – An Orc barbarian trying to take levels as a bard: Strange thing is, it seems to be working.

Michael Moore – Intellect Devourer: Right or wrong, listening to him burns IQ points.

LaRouche – Ochre Jelly: A hideous blob of amorphous, incomprehensible, and poisonous political rhetoric.

So now you will be prepared for whatever comes your way, be it a political activist or a new campaign for your tabletop. Good luck.

HALLOWEEN CALLED 'REALLY REALLY EVIL;' PRESIDENT BUSH DECLARES WAR ON EVERYBODY

C'mon, seriously, you've read the headline, how much more can there be to this story? To save you the hassle, here's a list of all the jokes in the story:

- Cheney zombie resurrected for Halloween fun — see full story next week.
- Kids kept from trick-or-treating because neighbors were a little *too* excited, like they might be ready to be a martyr for their sick evil cause, or something
- "People need to realize that we must fight evil everywhere. Halloween is evil. Therefore we must go to war everywhere."
- Case engineering students go on four-day masturbation marathon (see "10 Tips on How to Spend Your Halloween") and do not notice Hundert's giant robots doing battle with evil gnomes who apparently only come out once a year.
- John Edwards joins battle on the side of evil gnomes, uses laser beams from his gigantic toothy smile of destruction, lasers reflect off robot armor. Edwards talks to dead for advice, they tell him they sense a person whose name starts with a "'Ma...' or possibly a 'Ge...'"
- "Terrorists could easily bomb any kind of trick-or-treating party. Even worse, they could put a nuclear or chemical device right inside your own home! And it could go off! At any time! While you're sleeping!"
- Jerry Falwell: "You know why this happened, don't you? Same-sex marriages!"
- Robert Kennedy: "You know why this happened, don't you? Not enough same-sex marriages! In fact, I'm going to have a same-sex marriage right now! With that tree over there!"

POLITICAL SPOTLIGHT: PARTIES YOU PROBABLY NEVER HEARD OF.

In an ongoing effort to keep the students at Case Western Reserve University informed on politics, the Athenian is proud to honor the age-old tradition of covering some of the less publicized parties. We at the Athenian hope you take note when it comes time to vote this election year.

The Darwinists

Tired of the way the economy is faring? Worried about the potential changes to healthcare and employment? Then look no further. The Darwinists offer simple solutions for handling all of the US's major issues:

- Darwinists suggest cutting all healthcare programs across the board. If you can't fight off the common cold, then you probably shouldn't survive to produce offspring.
- Darwinists favor not only a strong military, but world domination. After all, we have the right to crush any nation that isn't as strong as us.
- Darwinists are also anti-environment: If the trees aren't going to fight back, they deserve to be cut down (along with the environmentalists trying to protect them).
- In order to eliminate the growing number of idiots in our country, everybody must spend a week in the Cave of Natural Selection. Only those that survive will be deemed fit to live in our society.
- All political/religious/societal issues not covered above will be handled in the Arena of Descent With Modification. Whoever comes out of the arena alive will be regarded as correct in the matter.

As of today, the Darwinists' greatest political opposition lies with the Creationist Party.

The Animecon

Another unpublicized group is The Animecon. Run by a rather different crowd (mostly dirty old men and people that never see sunlight), the Animecon has solutions to all our problems.

- The war in Iraq (along with all future) wars will be handled by giant robots along with super-powered schoolchildren.

The Animecon also would work diligently to pass legislature encouraging:

- A larger representation of catpeople in all business, education, and politics.
- Shorter skirts and skimpier clothing for schoolgirls (with additional legislation for more tissues in the case of nosebleeds).
- Changing the national language to Japanese (or at least making it required).
- Making all men with long, girly hair to dress like women.
- Making pocky the national food.
- More legal protection for peeping toms and other dirty old men.
- Making every US city as destructible as Tokyo.

ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN EXPIRES, HILARITY ENSUES

Conservatives cautiously optimistic

Following the lifting of the assault weapons ban last month, reports are coming in that the number of crimes has risen and people are in general feeling a lot worse than normal.

According to *USA Today* (motto: "More charts and stuff, better at calling people and writing down what they say"), the crime rate has risen by over 10,000,000 percent in the past two weeks, with a 1 percent margin of error. In addition, a recent survey showed the number of Americans who generally consider themselves "concerned for their safety" has stayed steady at an estimated 100 percent.

"The worst part is that criminals are now so happy that the ban is lifted that they're going out and buying two or three assault weapons each and blindly going on killing rampages. It seems that now everywhere you look there's somebody firing a gun wildly at people on the street," some stupid Commie Liberal said.

"It's our constitutional right to have these weapons, and if America doesn't want me to go around the street shooting random pigeons, then maybe we should all just go out and start imprisoning gay people and bombing abortion clinics and stuff," said a random homeless guy with a cowboy hat.

Officials are arguing that there are far more responsible adults buying assault rifles now than criminals. However, the lack of a ban has caused them as well to go nuts, as these seemingly normal people are shooting at drivers who cut them off or Muslims.

"I dunno, it's like once you get an assault rifle you just have to go shooting people. It's like the moment I discovered people were sharing porn on DC++, I just had to lock myself in my room for hours on end every day," one college student with an extremely muscular forearm said.

As if the premise of this article wasn't wearing thin enough, the police and the military have now declared themselves helpless against the might of assault rifles, and have ceded the country to Osama bin Laden and his new multinational terrorist organization which consists of, according to John Ashcroft, every single foreign person in the freaking world.

Some dirty long-haired hippies have begun protesting George Bush's lack of initiative to renew the assault weapons ban, but half the country still wants to vote for him because "at least he's not a flip-flopper, changing his opinion every single time there's overwhelming political or international pressure, or even gross incompetence and stupidity."

SUREFIRE WAYS TO TELL THAT YOU'RE AN IDIOT

You think the Peace Corps is some sort of dead hippie.

Classics.

Point Blue.

You scream or yell "OOH" when the lights go out in a large classroom.

You edit the campus humor magazine. (LOL!!!111 J/k!!@11)

CASE TO HOLD NEXT SUMMER OLYMPICS

In an effort to stay in the national and international media spotlight after the VP debate, Case Western Reserve University recently announced a deal brokered with China and the IOC to host the 2008 Summer Olympics.

"This is further proof that Case is the greatest university in the world, if not the universe," President Hundert announced. "You know, in case you needed more proof because you haven't been listening to what I've been saying since I came into office, which we all know is a flat-out impossibility cause I am so important." Hundert refused to comment about the blackmail notices sent to the Chinese and IOC threatening to release the "CMU Sucks!" virus currently in the works in the computer science department.

Critics were quick to point out the difficulty Case will have hosting the event on such short notice but the university administration remained undaunted. "It's not that difficult if you think about it. The new Olympic village will simply be the new dorms we've been building and Veale Center can be the stadium. It's already been transformed into a debate room once so compared to that it's going to be easy!" one enthusiastic administrator explained.

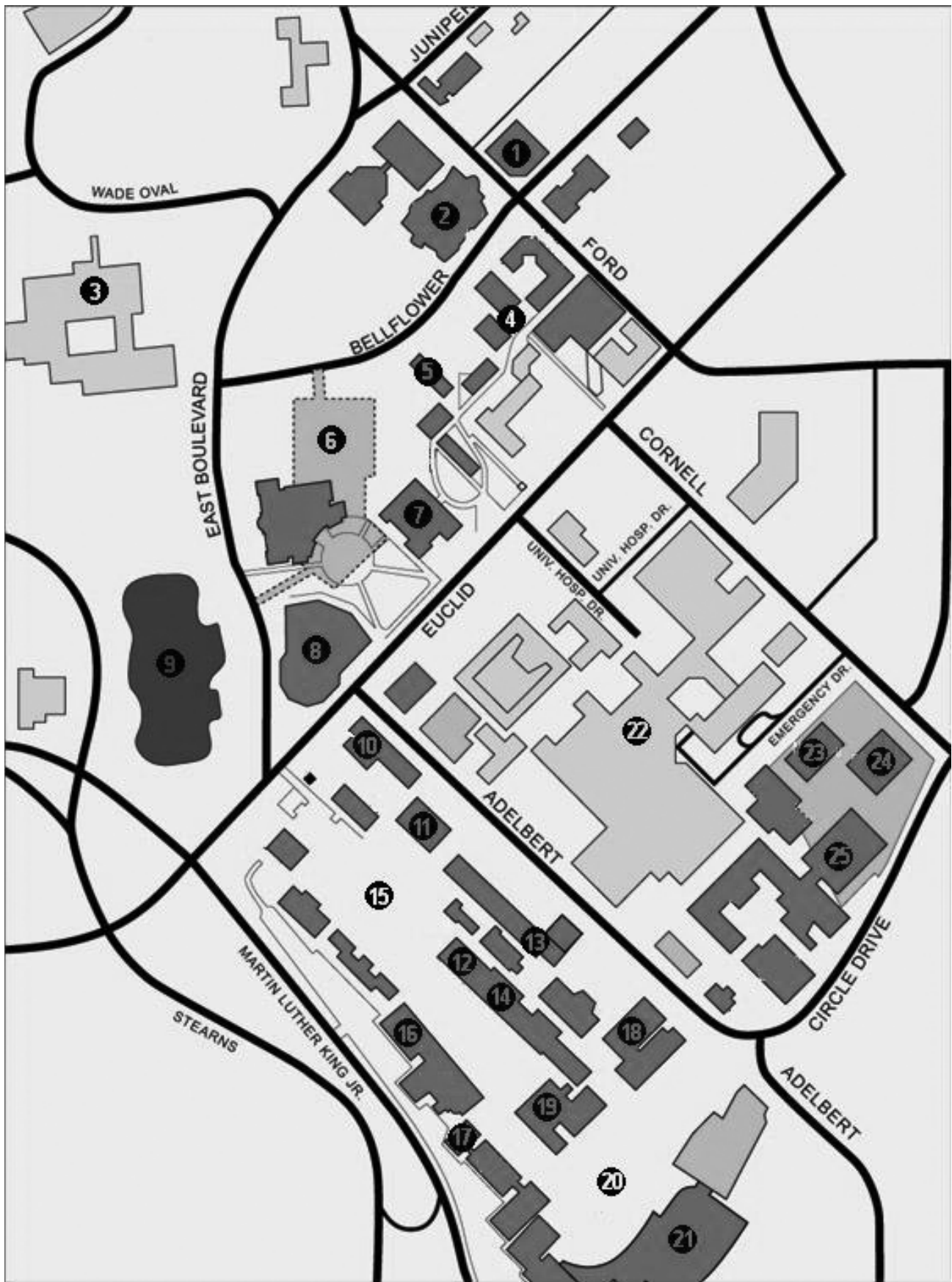
When asked if the university could handle the huge amounts of people that would be on campus during the Games the said administrator showed no worries. "When we had the Race at Case we had such good propaganda running that we convinced students to wake up for absolutely nothing at seven in the morning. As for security, all those Rent-A-Cops seemed to know what they were doing..."

The administrator also revealed that the deal to hold the Olympics at Case was inspired by the commercial aired by Case during the debates. "I saw a girl in it who said proudly, 'I came here for the basketball' despite the fact that most people on campus are not aware that we have a team," the statement continued. "I mean, she obviously was a student who intended to go to Pitt but made a wrong turn at the Pennsylvania border and was having delusions. So why not alleviate her hallucinations by actually letting her see some great basketball between Lithuania and Puerto Rico?"

The university's admissions department was also enthusiastic about the move. "We try to have a diverse student body but let's face it: everyone at Case right now is a nerd." one representative mater-of-factly stated. "So in order to have true campus diversity we will now appeal much more to the dumb jock category." In order to keep these new students thriving, new majors such as turfgrass management and child development are in the works, the representative said.

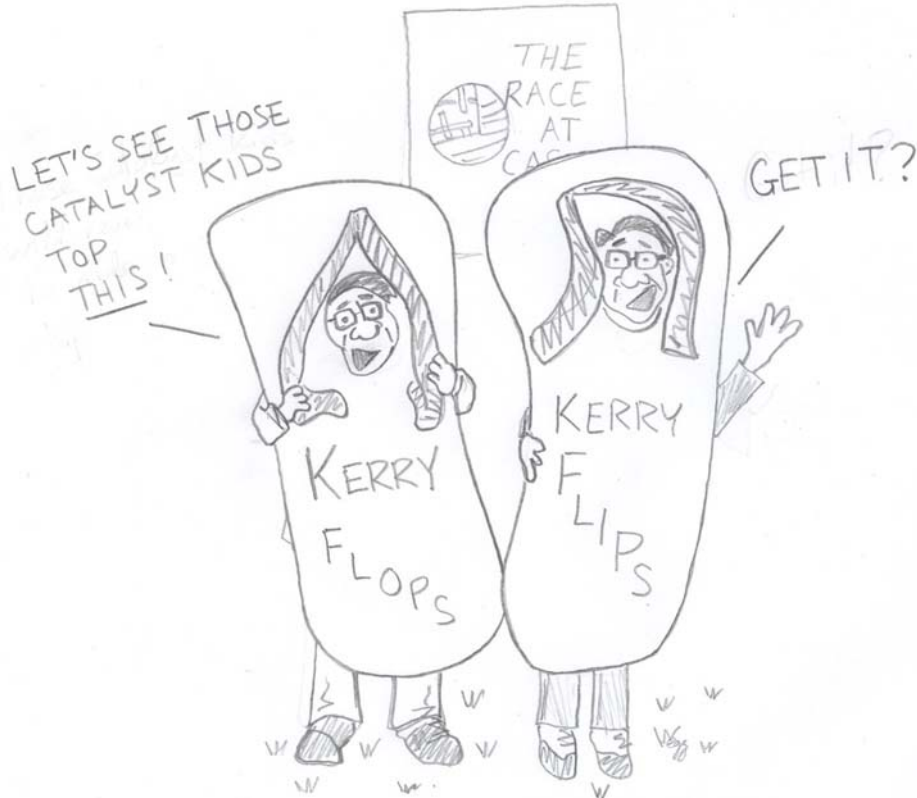


HELPFUL CAMPUS MAP



MAP KEY

- 1 MASS Building
- 2 Peter B Tinfoil Building
- 3 Museum o fart
- 4 Indistinguishable Liberal Arts Buildings
- 5 Collapsable Yellow Building
- 6 Nuclear Fallout Shelter
- 7 Tuh-wing (not Thuh-wing)
- 8 Kazakhstani Imperial Palace
- 9 Pile of Leaves and Dead Fish
- 10 Baker-Shaped Hole in Ground
- 11 Presidential Palace
- 12 Where Your Dreams Go to Die
- 13 Where the Rest of Your Dreams Go to Die
- 14 Sackstroker
- 15 Giant Metal Phallus
- 16 BME Killer Robot Facility
- 17 The Source of that One Smell
- 18 Adelbert High School Gym
- 19 Building that Looks Like a Boot on This Map
- 20 Vice-Presidential Trailer Park
- 21 Baby Cow Center
- 22 Gigantic Splotch on Map
- 23 Where to 'Pick Up Chicks'
- 24 Dental School of Dental Medicine
- 25 Medical School of Medical Medicine



ANOTHER DESPERATE CRY
FOR HELP

CASE COMMERCIAL NETS POSITIVE REACTION ON CAMPUS

Case Western Reserve University's recent commercial has netted considerably positive reactions on the campus of Case Western Reserve University. After viewing the commercial over 90% of Case students wanted to transfer to this 'other' Case Western Reserve University located in another Cleveland elsewhere in the country. Key points found in the survey were that Case students felt that these Case students were happier and more relaxed and that this Cleveland seemed to be a hip, vibrant city that supported a positive collegiate atmosphere. In addition there were positive notes that it appeared that this other Case had copied Case's architecture exactly to the building placement and even the faculty appeared similar. The general opinion of the Case student body was best summed up with the view of sophomore Jack Sarmeinier. "It was amazing watching that commercial! It was as if that Case took Case and copied it down to the logo but made their campus full of vibrant energy and found a supportive city to complement it. I'm sure there is likely to be some copyright problems between the two as a result but still I am so transferring the first chance I get."

DICK MISSING

The string of disappearances of high-profile campus personalities continued yesterday. Richard Jamieson, Assistant Vice President of Campus Services, was pulled into an unmarked black sedan around 2:00 yesterday afternoon, just after he mistakenly mailed official university correspondence in an envelope bearing the old "CWRU" logo. The Sedan was last seen entering an underground garage at University ARCHIVES (**A**uthoritarian **R**egime **C**entral **H**ideout. **I**t's **V**ery **E**normous (and **S**ecret!) on Cedar Road.

This marks the third time well-known university personnel have disappeared in the last week. USG President Taroon Amin disappeared in a similar vehicle on Tuesday after questioning whether or not spending \$4.1 million on the Vice Presidential Debate provided any real benefit for students. That same day, the Quizno's cup was grabbed by three men in black suits and carried into Adelbert College after waving brightly colored coupons around while yelling "CWRU students love Toasty Trios!"

In response to the recent disappearances, the great leader Hundert made the following statement: "I am deeply troubled by the disappearances of these familiar faces. If anyone thinks they have information regarding the whereabouts of these people, please contact me during my office hours. I promise you will not be assassinated."

HELPFUL SAGES WRITING TIP

Adding the suffix "-ian" to historical or cultural allusions makes you sound intelligent. For example, the Pope's latest tour was a Weekend-At-Bernian experience.

HERMANN VONN SHPOOKINNN'S HANNDY HALLOWEENN COLUMNNN

As some of you idiots presumably know, Halloween, the greatest night of the year, is just around the proverbial corner. It's very important to get Halloween right, so today I'll be fielding questions on proper costuming. OK, first question . . .

Q: Hey Hermann, all I have is a white sheet and a pair of scissors. What can I possibly dress up as?

A: A KKK member, obviously. It's especially great if you're planning to trick or treat in an ethnically diverse neighborhood. Minorities just love little kids dressed as racists! Alternatively, you could stab your friend with the scissors, then soak the sheet in his/her blood. Now you have a red sheet and a pair of scissors – you're all set!

Q: My child's costume keeps falling off. Is a nail gun a good way to attach it to his head?

A: No. Use solder.

Q: I'm a poor college student with no money to spend on costumes, what can I do?

A: Easy, easy, easy! Just put on your oldest, dirtiest clothes and go as yourself. Explain to the parents of young children that you are the sort of delinquent that their kids will inevitably turn into despite all their best efforts. Then show them your piercings, tattoos, brandings, and/or obscene clothing. They'll be scared out of their wits and probably start crying. Then you can take their candy, wish them good luck parenting, and go on to the next victim . . . I mean house.

Q: What are the scariest and least scary costumes you can think of?

A: Scariest – Physics professor. Just think of it . . . walk up to someone's door, knock, and say “test or treat.” They'd probably fork over all the candy right then and there. You would even scare the kid who dresses as an IRS agent. Least scary – A half-orc zombie druid/thief vampiric werewolf with a giant ebony soul-stealing axe covered with the blood of ten thousand innocents. I mean, who's going to take you seriously? It's obvious you're just a twink.

Q: I want to impress this girl I know. What should I dress up as?

A: A pimp. With lots of gold chains. And get about twenty “tastefully attired” girls to hang off of you at all times. Yeah, that will show her just how cool you are. What? Did you think that this was some kind of relationship help column? You know, I've had it with you people and your stupid, whiny questions! I quit! (Door slams.)

ARTICLES WE'RE TOO OBSITARIOUS TO WRITE

Student Complains About Being Served Food, Gets Smacked Upside The Head With Spoon Full O' Taters

New Study Shows Amount Of Sleep Linked To Intelligence: Athenian Right Gud!

Midterms Over, Hell Weeks 9-18 Begin

Liberal Arts Major Overheard Talking About Tough Course-Load, Given Ugly Stares, Blows To The Face

Case Students Roll To See If They Get Drunk During Alchohol Awareness Week

Shibooty: Fribley And Leutner Staff Replaced By Out Of Work Oompa Loompas; Chocolate Waterfall Deaths To Date: 87

Walter Koenig, James Doohan To Visit Anxiously Awaiting Case Campus. Rest Of The World: “Who?!”

HOW TO GET AN EDUCASHUN

The Holding Pen: The Middle School Years

Middle school's purpose is to keep you in quarantine for a few years to make sure what is really happening to you is normal and not a contagious disease. They figure you would freak out the elementary school kids and be squished by the high school kids so they put you away for a few years.

You won't learn much in middle school because you're not supposed to be able to figure stuff out on your own yet. There is a plus to this, however: your grades do not count at all because there's nothing to evaluate if they think you have no sense. So don't do badly enough to repeat a grade, get suspended, or get disowned by your parents and you'll be all right. Don't forget: if you get labeled as an underachiever, everyone will be happy when you turn in standard level work!

If you still scrape by with reasonable grades you might make honor roll and get a "My Child is an Honor Student at [Insert Name Here] Middle School" bumper sticker to give to your parents. If this does happen be sure to ask how long the stickiness will last on the sticker. Explain you have plans to be a drug addict and a high school dropout within the next few years and you don't think your 'rents will still want the sticker on their car then. Your school likely has a sign somewhere on campus proudly stating your school is "Drug Free." Teachers will not, however, be very happy if you point out the discrepancy between the sign and the fact that a lot of kids are given drugs to make them pay attention during class. They will like you even less if you point out a lot of the kids really don't need that many drugs a day, the teachers are just too lazy to put up with a generally rowdy bunch.

For some reason or another people love giving middle school students surveys for various studies to fill out. If you are given one of these surveys try to deliberately skew the pool and encourage others to do the same. For example, if you're told to give advice regarding the friendship between a badger and a porcupine, start telling a story about a herd of flying dinosaurs that attack a zebra mollusk. Try not to laugh too loudly when the study states in its results that most of the middle schoolers in the country have ADD even if the study was supposed to determine a correlation between pointy objects and childhood friendships.

One of the most fun things to do in middle school is to start plotting a rebellion in your spare time. Tell a select few they can join your quest for world domination if they accept your leadership and adopt the theme from "Pinky and The Brain" as your rallying song. Tell friends, relatives, and teachers who get on your nerves that they'll be the first to go in the New World Order. Just keep in mind some people have no sense of humor and will actually think you're serious.

The End of the Beginning: The High School Years

High school is the final stage of basic education. It's rather annoying because teachers like handing you information as if the scraps they give you were holy keys to the kingdom. You would be impressed if it was actually true but it's not because you've likely figured most of it out by now. In short, it is a lot of rote memorization with some boredom mixed in repeated endlessly.

Another self-evident point: if you want to learn something pertinent in high school you have to learn it by yourself. Nothing worthwhile or exciting will be taught in the five academics so if you want to know something, search elsewhere...

A word about grades, if I may: do not become one of those people who is obsessed with their GPA, class rank, SAT score, AP credits, and other arbitrary numbers and statistics. A few years down the line when someone asks you what you did in high school they do not want to hear how you got a 1600 SAT score and took 15 AP tests. All you just proved by saying that is you didn't actually do anything.

Keep in mind a bunch of good stats does not mean a person is necessarily smart, he or she might just be more thorough than others. Truly smart people know they have realized no one is knowledgeable about anything in high school and don't gloat. They also realize there are always people out there smarter than themselves and have a smidgen of humility about them.

Also remember high school doesn't have any bearing on how successful you'll be. There will never be another point in your life where you have to be good in everything, where rote memorization will yield success, and where plug and chug is guaranteed to work. If you don't believe me look at any sample SAT test and tell me just how that connects to your everyday life.

The motto of every high school is "don't ask stupid questions." This won't actually be said, of course, but teachers don't like to admit they're wrong much. As such they will avoid virtually all confrontation on their authority.

It pays to watch your mouth a bit around certain teachers. For example, the head of the Teacher's Union with socialistic tendencies will not be thrilled with your new-found objectivism philosophies. You will, however, likely get a black mark next to your name in the grade book, which is not good!

No matter how great the urge is, refrain from asking your guidance counselor why s/he is a guidance counselor if s/he is so good at making decisions. If you do this, the local community college will likely be in your future.

It won't take you long to realize high school is a very bureaucratic place. All schools are like that, you just never noticed before because you had other things to worry about earlier on in life. No one really comes after the administration when the red tape gets thick because most likely they fund and run the student newspaper (which they also have the legal right to censor). If your muckraking self gets annoyed by this bureaucracy and corruption, you may want to consider starting an underground webzine named *Politically Incorrect*.

If you get fed up with it all just remember college is around the corner! That's right, you get to deal with a whole new set of irritating administrators because you got tired of the old ones!

Join us in the fight against gigantic blank spaces.
See last page for details

THE ATHENIAN PRESENTS: ASK THE HELP DESK

Where you send us your questions about life, love, or relationships...
...and we forward them to the Help Desk.

Dear Ask the Help Desk,

I've been doing badly in school. No matter how hard I study, I can't seem to get my grades up. What's worse is that my parents are always on my ass about getting good grades. I drink all the time, and now I'm seriously considering using drugs to help cope with my problems. What can I do?

Signed,
A Student in Need of Help

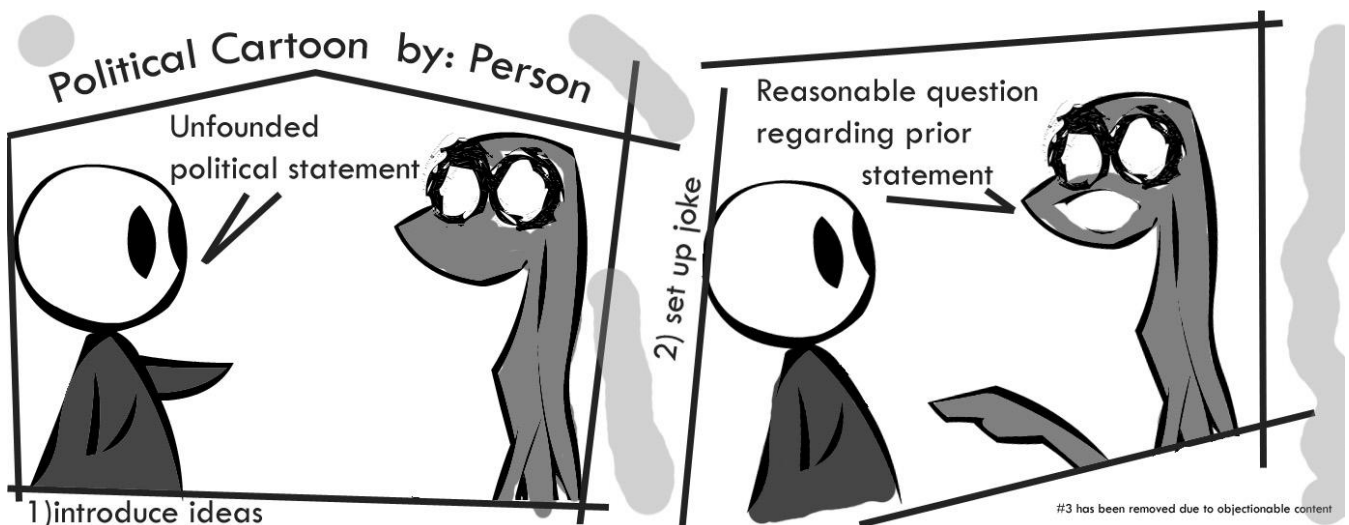
Let's see what the Help Desk has to say...

Case Student:

The Help Desk is for computer-related problems only. Further misuse of the Help Desk email system will result in notification of Student Affairs.

Signed,
Help Desk Representative

Hope this helps!



MINERVA'S HOW-TO

This month's feature: cooking

Being a student doesn't mean that you can't enjoy life, too. It's just a matter of refining your lifestyle, or avoiding Leutner. All students at Case should know what they are doing when it comes to using kitchen equipment. Kitchens include stoves, counters, something really hot that you will accidentally touch, and piles of dirty dishes. When cooking, you should try to use the stove. Usually, stoves work best by turning a few knobs, putting some pots and pans on nearby counters, throwing uncooked rice in hard to reach places, then walking to Leutner with your friends.

Once you have figured out how to use the stove and other kitchen appliances, go ahead and use them. Try to remember these helpful hints as you prepare that scrumptious meal you've been dreaming about:

1. Whatever it is, it shouldn't smell like a resistor burning. If it does, something is wrong. Just leave before anyone notices you.
2. Always get your roommate to taste it first. Things always turn out better this way. If they don't die, you get to eat. If they do, you get a single.

CWRU'S TOP TEN BEST SELF-JUSTIFICATIONS

10. "I study better with Megadeth."
9. "Dreams are just a review of everything we've ever seen, anyway."
8. "I'm never going to using graphing."
7. "Are you kidding me? Of course AP Physics included Statics."
6. "I think my professor would want to be well-rested."
5. "If he was a better teacher, I'm sure I would've read the textbook."
4. "Google can't fail me!"
3. "Football is the only sport that gets us attention."
2. "It's a funny article when you're high."
1. "We're on our way towards becoming the most powerful learning environment in the world!"



LOGO STOLEN

Outside consultant hired to find logo, save Caseland.

The new university logo, purchased just last year at the Walmart on Mayfield Road, was stolen last Monday by Mr. Gannon A. Pig. The logo is believed to have been broken into nine different pieces, each one hidden somewhere throughout the underground tunnels that connect the overworld of Caseland.

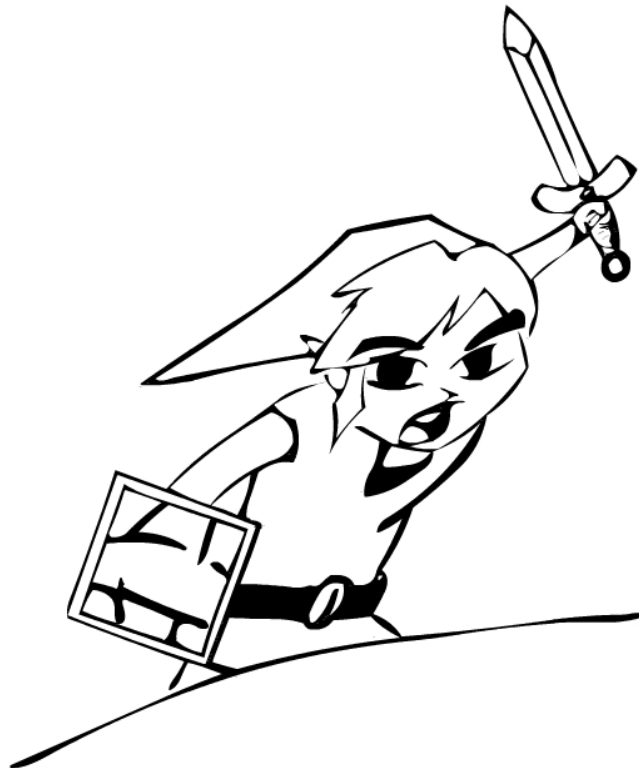
The university has hired an outside consultant to recover all nine pieces of the logo. Link D. Elf, of This Article is Not a Ripoff of a Popular Video Game Solutions, said, "I'll do my best. I do not fear venturing into the underworld of Caseland to recover the precious logo, from which all power that controls the university is drawn. I shall return."

The poorly pixilated Link then donned a Robin Hood type uniform and picked up his wooden shield and sword, which will only zap if all of his life hearts are full.

Will Link succeed in his quest? Can he defeat Gannon and recover the logo? Will order be restored to Hyrule? I mean CWRU. Ah! I mean Ca-...



Editor's Note: The writer of this article was not abducted into an unmarked black sedan and taken to University ARCHIVES. The Great Leader has informed us that the logo is not missing and there is nothing wrong in Caseland. Continue with your everyday lives. Thank you.



BUILDING BRIDGES WITH VINCE LEDEZMA

Vince Ledezma is one of those overachieving freshmen who has credits for all the easy courses, and so he is starting off in the far more difficult courses at a more challenging venue than he was accustomed to. Take some 101s!! Anyway, the bridge we built should be most intriguing to anyone wearing spectacles or contacts.

Me: What's happenin', Vince?

Vince: My glasses are bugging me.

Me: You know, you could get corrective laser surgery on your eyes to fix that.

V: Well only one of my eyes is bad, so I'd only have to get corrective surgery on one eye.

Me: Whoa Whoa Whoa. Hold up! Only one of your eyes is bad? Why the hell don't you get a monocle? I mean, one of my goals in life is to get corrective laser surgery in only one eye just so I can get a monocle.

V: I've thought about getting a monocle, but I haven't found any.

Me: If I were to get you a monocle, would you wear it?

V: Well... maybe once in a while, but not all the time.

Me: What?! Why not? It's a monocle!

V: It would be pretty sweet, but I have no idea how to wear one of those things. I mean, it must take a lot of eye muscles.

Me: That's true.

V: Secondly, what happens if I'm driving down the road and something or someone surprises me? I would open my eyes really wide and the monocle would fall out and then I'd crash and die.

Me: Note to self: don't ride with Vince if he ever gets a monocle.

V: Thirdly, how would I wear sunglasses?

Me: Well you could get a prescription... tinted... monocle? I see your point. But what if you got another monocle that was tinted the same but didn't change your vision. Two monocles are better than one.

V: That's what I have right now except with no tint.

Me: Oh yeah.

V: So you see? I couldn't wear sunglasses, I'd never get to drive, not to mention I'd look like Mr. Peanut.

Me: Nooo. You could be all classy with your monocle and get a top hat, a cane, dress in some nice clothes, maybe even get a pipe. That's total class right there.

V: No, that's Mr. Peanut. Well, except for the pipe. I guess those would be the smoked nuts.

Me: *Rolls eyes so hard they nearly fall out of my head*

V: Yeah sorry about that one.

Me: OK, so what if you get a huge purple hat with a feather in it. Then you could be a pimp. In fact, you'd probably be the classiest pimp of all time with that monocle. It would totally work.

V: Hmm. This intrigues me. Go on.

Me: No, that's about it. You could be a pimp if you don't want to be an extremely classy gentleman.

V: Are those my only two options?

Me: I'm afraid so. One last question: How do you like to eat your Oreos?

V: With milk... if you know what I mean.

THE RETURN OF WONDERPHRASE!

After a two-year hiatus, the WonderPhrase has returned! Hopefully it will confuse as many people this time as it did the first time!

Directions:

Find all the words in the puzzle, given the clues. The remaining letters spell out the WonderPhrase! The first person to send an e-mail to athenian@cwru.edu with the correct solution wins something inane!

The clues:

1. A type of dog.

The Puzzle:

E	M	I	O	F	U	F	C	L
B	E	N	E	F	U	A	F	O
Z	M	T	V	I	S	R	I	E
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VP ARTICLES WE DIDN'T WRITE FOR SOME REASON

Those Crazy *Observer* Folks Think Up Something Clever Again
MTV Presents "*Totally Rockin'*" *Old Men Discussing Politics in Front of a Stoic Crowd*
Arrival of MTV at Case Brings "Hip," "Sexy" Actors to Pose as Case Students
Creator Of Previous Headline Sacked For Overuse Of "Words In Quotations"
That Second Headline Guy Dies of "Natural Causes"
Race at Case Not About Asians

Hey Faculty and Staff!

Do YOU think YOU can write for the campus's ONLY HUMOR MAGAZINE?! If "yes" (we also accept "maybe"), send us your work! It could be anything--articles, drawings, newly-invented swear words.

The Ground Rules

1. **All submissions are to be sent to athenian@cwru.edu.** If we don't have your contributions, we can't print them. Duh.
2. **Nothing blatantly racist or (too) offensive.** A few people reacted badly toward our Racial Stereotype Disapproval Issue last year.
3. **Don't send inside jokes.** "Hey Roommate, Remember that One Thing That Was Funny That One Time? Yeah, That Ruled" is an example of a no-no.
4. **If there are a large number of submissions for a given issue, *Athenian* staffers get priority.** If there are a large number of submissions for a given issue, *Athenian* staffers get priority.

With your help, we can actually include faculty, staff, and students in making *something* the world's most powerful thing-a-ma-jig.

Together we can help win the war against large blank spaces like this one.

Where Are They Now?



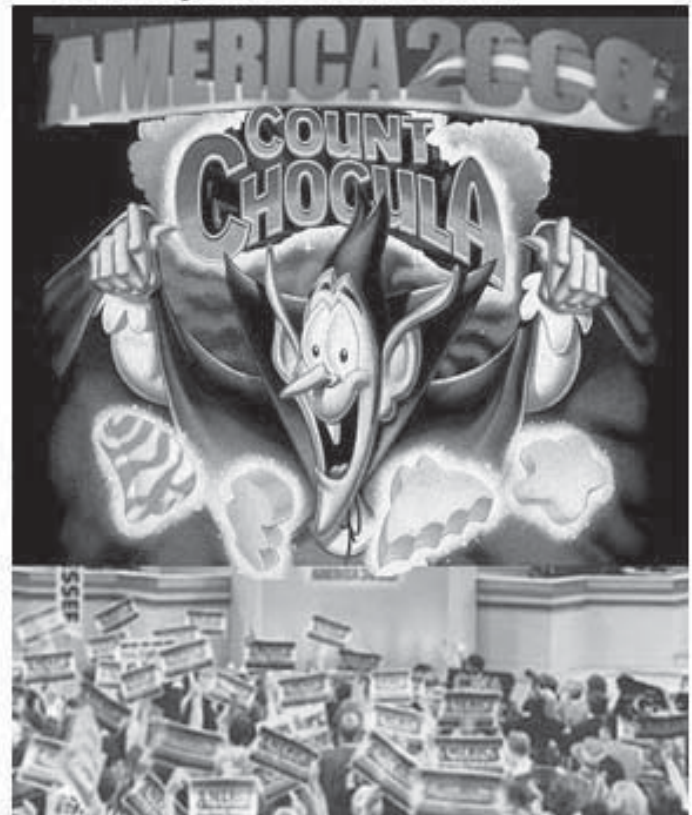
After spending two years in rehab for his cocaine addiction, Tony vowed to teach children sugar is the only acceptable white powder, on and off the commercials.



The Smack's Frog's was convicted of three human rights violations when it was uncovered that his philanthropy was just a cover for a child prostitution racket in Taiwan.



After chocolate cereal drove him to a homicidal rampage, Sonny found Jesus in prison and is now working as a missionary in Kuala Lumpur.



Heartened by the success of Kerry and Cheney, Count Chocula starts his Reanimation party and launches a campaign for the 2008 presidency.