

THE
ATHENIAN

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The Athenian

"My only regret in life is that I am not someone else."

– Woody Allen

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Recently I've been presented with a very interesting question: what is the Athenian? When I try for an explanation, I fumble, and I'm presented with a follow up. Is it like the Onion? Well, yes, it is like the Onion, if the Onion came out sporadically and consisted of articles pieced together at the last minute by reluctant people who aren't sure if they would even laugh at their own jokes. Otherwise, no, we are not like the Onion. Or are we?

As our charter tells me, our official name is The Athenian, Case Western Reserve University's Lampoon. According to my handy copy of the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, "lampoon" means "SATIRE, especially a harsh satire directed against an individual." If you need a definition for "satire," please use your own dictionary.

In the past, the Athenian often aimed one or more scathing articles at our former infamous president Edward M. Hundert (M.D.). Since then, our content has become more schizophrenic, and we mourn the loss of such an easy target. Still we carry on and challenge ourselves to write more creative pieces – a challenge that we ultimately fail to meet. We are ambitious only as long as free pizza is involved.

To give you a better understanding of the Athenian, we are including for the first time (to our knowledge) our charter, which explains what the hell it is we do, aim to do, or wish we could do. I cannot guarantee that you will understand the Athenian after you read this charter; in fact, I cannot guarantee that you will understand the Athenian without being inebriated. However, I hope it answers your question. At the very least, it takes up space.

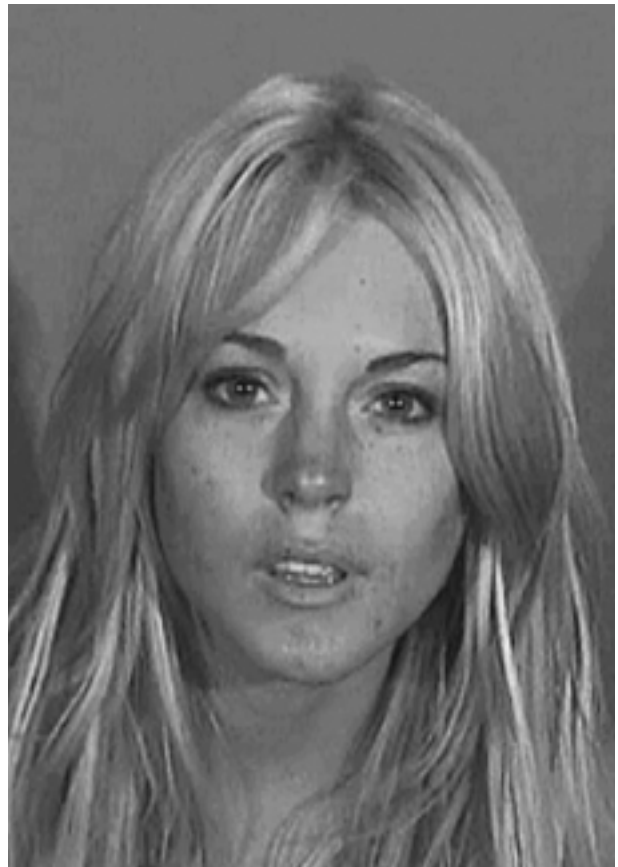
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Athenian Guidelines

1) *The Athenian* is a semi-anonymous publication. This is to preserve a lack of integrity for the staff.

2) *The Athenian* is not something you just dump something on. It's not a big truck. It's a series of tubes. And if you don't understand those tubes can be filled and if they are filled, when you put your submission in, it gets in line and it's going to be delayed by anyone that puts into that tube enormous amounts of drivel.

3) Any gripes/suggestions/complaints/double entendres can be sent to athenian@case.edu. Any submissions can/will be altered as needed.



THREE KILLED IN PHYSICS LAB MISHAP

CERN - PI WIRE - Three physicists were killed at CERN today and seven were injured when a large wavefunction they were working on unexpectedly collapsed. According to a spokesman for the group, the increasingly robust values in the function caused unstable eigenvalues, which triggered the collapse. There is also some question as to whether the eigenvalues were real or imaginary in nature.

A memorial service for the physicists is planned for next week. The hymns will be sung by the Grand Canonical Ensemble.

AN ERRATA

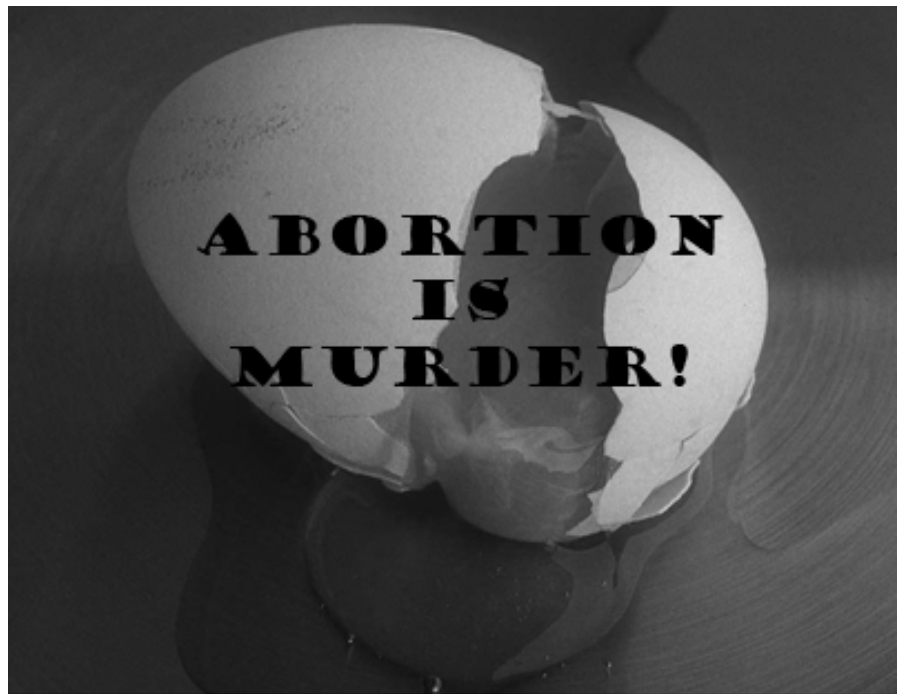
The Athenian would like to apologize for any confusion in our previous issue, where it was printed that matter in the universe is made up of "hardons." We would like to say that we regret the error, but we don't like lying and in fact are still giggling.

CHICKENS PROTEST DESTRUCTION OF EMBRYOS

CLUCK CLUCK, CA - Thousands of chickens turned out today to protest what they call cruel and unusual practices done to thousands of fowl embryos each year. "The embryos, called 'eggs' to soften the issue, are held in cold storage, and thousands are destroyed each day through barbaric means," said one spokesman.

"Everyone knows that life begins at conception, and the act of cannibalistically eating a defenseless unborn chicken frankly disgusts me," added one protester at the event. "Choose life!" her partner crowed in support.

The protest broke up when a farmer's wife, annoyed by the clucking, announced that all fowl remaining on her premises after counting to ten would find themselves in a pie at the end of that time. The farmer's wife refused to comment.



SCIENTISTS ANNOUNCE DISCOVERY OF DIMMEST KNOWN STAR

PI WIRE- After months of analysis, astronomers at Crew University have announced the discovery of the dimmest known star. “Paris Hilton beat out Britney Spears by just a few spectacular explosions,” explained Russell Hertzprung, “which was a surprise for most of us. I figured Britney would have been the winner for sure.” The data was immediately contested by scientist Bode Titus, who criticized Dr. Hertzprung’s data acquisition. “No star could conceivably be more lacking in illumination within this universe than Lindsay Lohan, yet she is completely ignored in his results. Clearly, I need a lot more money ASAP so I can refute him.” The news was released in recent light of a joint press release between Paris, Britney, and Lindsay where they



revealed that they could all do better and not lead such messed up lives, but just don’t want to. A media representative for Paris Hilton said the starlette had no comment.

SUICIDE NOTE OF DYSLEXIC MAN RELEASED

ADAVEN, NEVADA- The suicide note of a depressed dyslexic man, Johnathan Nahtanhoj, who passed away on Sunday was released to the public by local officials. “I have nothing left to evil for,” his final note read. It is speculated that the man ended up gnitoohs himself just after the note was written. Relatives and neighbors of the man remember him as someone who grappled with questions of a philosophical and metaphysical nature on a daily basis. “Johnathan was an agnostic,” an anonymous source told the media, “and he was often troubled about questions regarding religion. He would stay up all night, staring at the ceiling muttering to himself ‘is there really a Dog?’”

A memorial service will be held in the Adaven funeral parlor next Yadseut.

This is what happens when you don’t send
things to athenian@case.edu

THE ATHENIAN'S "HELPFUL" GUIDE TO:

CONSPIRACY THEORIES

Everyone knows aliens crash-landed at Roswell, New Mexico, but did you know they got jobs as dishwashers at **a local IHOP?**

Everyone knows there was a second shooter on the grassy knoll at the JFK assassination, but did you know there were **17 other shooters** in the orchestra pit of Ford's Theatre at the Lincoln assassination? All named **Abner?**

Everyone knows the CIA sells crack cocaine in ghettos to keep the black man down, but did you know their original weapon of choice was **70's kung-fu movies?**

Everyone knows the Catholic Church is hiding secrets that prove Jesus had a wife and kids, but did you know they're also covering up the fact that Jesus **never picked up a check?**

Everyone knows the governments of the world's most powerful nations are all controlled by a group of Freemasons, but did you know **Dean Pieri** is one of them?

Everyone knows the Pentagon invented AIDS in a plot to wipe out the homosexual community, but did you know they're also going to introduce a new, deadly strain of **penile wart bacteria** in the bathroom stalls in airports? And in Congress?

Everyone knows FDR knew in advance about the Pearl Harbor attacks and did nothing to stop them, but did you know he also **wrote the script for the movie Pearl Harbor?**

AN INTERVIEW WITH A GOD

They lurk behind closed doors. Unless you have an eye for detail, they go unnoticed in the rush of daily life. One minute a mess, the next minute a cleaner mess. They are janitors, the elite corps of individuals that make it their duty to get paid for cleaning doody. This is the story of one of the elite. This individual will remain nameless, mostly because as an abused child it did not have the fortune of being given a name.

ME: So, John, you don't mind if I call you John, do you?

IT: I don't have a name.

ME: I know, that shit is weird. You're Jon, damnit, and you'll like it!

JON: Okay.

ME: So, did the job choose you or did you choose the job?

JON: I like mops. They remind me of newspaper. I used to sleep in newspaper.

ME: I'm sure you did. What kind of training did you undergo in order to qualify for such a lofty position.

JON: Why isn't you speaking English?

ME: Okay John, I see, what's that a degree in? Philosophy? I can tell by your extraneous thinking. So, I've been talking to some people who aren't janitors, and because they tell the truth and you don't, I believe them when they say that in order to be a janitor you must be a pedophile. Is that true?

JON: I don't like dogs.

ME: So what crimes have you committed? Larceny, arson, murder, indecent exposure, sodomy in Oklahoma?

JON: I killed an ant once. He said bad things to me.

ME: If I was you, I'd keep it on the down low. Shit like that will get you five to ten. Now listen here, and don't tell anyone else about what I'm going to tell you. In my pocket is one kilo of Colombian angel dust. Since you've been in the slammer, I'm sure you know Vinny. When you go back to jail for committing another crime, probably possession of this cocaine, I want you to give this to Vinny in exchange for the money. Then I want you to dig out of your cell with this toothpick, and give me the money. You got that?

JON: Jesus wouldn't do that-

ME: So where were we? Oh, so about your life.

JON: I went to Case.

ME: Right, and I'm a woman.

JON: No, I did. I have a degree in biomedical engineering.



GOD (CON'T)

ME: Wait, where are my genitals, and what's this down here...

JON: See, they said I would have a job here when I done graduated. And I got a job. I like it. The brooms is nice.

ME: Why do you speak with the grammar of a fetus?

JON: See, I worked so hard at Case that I didn't have a brain left. All I got is a chip in my head.

ME: (gulp). Oh, funny, I'm majoring in biomedical engineering. Well, I guess I'm all out of questions. One last request though. Can you stay out of my bed when I'm sleeping in it?

JON: But your skin is so soft. It reminds me of a dead cat...

Life is short, and their lives are shorter. That's why they work so damn hard. So next time, when you see these cleaners of the commode, don't kick them, or spit on them, or write on their faces with a sharpie. Stop, salute, and thank them, because without their services, college would be cleaning up your own vomit from that wicked party last Friday night. Awesome!

The Top 10 Reasons to go to Case:

10) We offer an endless supply of John Wayne toilet paper. (Rough, tough, and don't take shit from nobody)

9) We pledge that our staff will be more focused on their research than you.

8) Four star accommodations, complete with broken heaters, beds that smell like sex, and slick linoleum, perfect for those wild party nights.

7) We have award winning food at Leutner Commons. (Worst Food in the Cleveland Municipal Area since 1997)

6) We promise that the RTA stops will always smell like urine soaked mold.

5) Case offers a wide variety of know-it-all students ready to prove they're better than you at the drop of a hat.

4) We promise at least 3 fire drills due to popcorn per semester.

3) We guarantee a solid 8 hours of sleep....per week....in class.

2) Our teaching staff has earned the "Most Monotonous" award 3 years running!

And the number one reason to go to Case: Where else could someone get paid for writing shit like this?

I'M GETTING SLEEPY SO ARTICLES I'M TOO LAZY TO WRITE-

Scientists Find Correlation Between Being Black and Skin Melanin Content

Ford Unveils New Car That Will Run on Concrete, Asphalt

Study Shows No One Reads Studies

NASA Reveals Plans that look Just Like the Old Ones, But More Expensive

ROWLING'S "OUTING" OF DUMBLEDORE PROMPTS NEW REVELATIONS

Harry Potter author J.K. Rowling made waves recently by announcing that Albus Dumbledore, the headmaster of her fictional Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, was a gay man. In response, several other authors are bringing their characters out of the closet too.

"I just want to let all my fans know that Dill was, indeed, a young gay man," said Harper Lee, author of *To Kill a Mockingbird*, on her personal website. "I hope this clears up any ambiguity. I mean, Dill was inspired by Truman Capote, for Pete's sake, so he was definitely gay. He probably had a 'thing' for Jem."

Nathaniel Branden, acting on behalf of the Ayn Rand Institute, also issued a statement claiming that Rand had told him in 1977 that Howard Rourke, protagonist of Rand's breakthrough novel *The Fountainhead*, "was a proud homosexual. His relationship with Dominique, though somewhat erotic, was deep-down a platonic friendship."

The cartooning world was rocked when Jim Davis, creator of Garfield, told a reporter that his feline character "struggled his whole life with secret homosexual urges toward Odie, but in repressing these feelings, could only treat Odie with violence." Davis also said that Garfield's relationship with Arlene was "a sham, just trying to do what his straight-laced conservative owner, Jon, wanted. But his heart was with Odie."

Trying to top Rowling, John Updike declared in a *New Yorker* article that "all of my characters are gay, to some degree. I would have said this before but no one asked." The following day, Stan Lee told *Wizard Magazine* that Spiderman was bi-sexual, and was "smitten" with Harry Osbourne at a young age.



CWRU TO PLAY OHIO STATE IN 2008 FOOTBALL

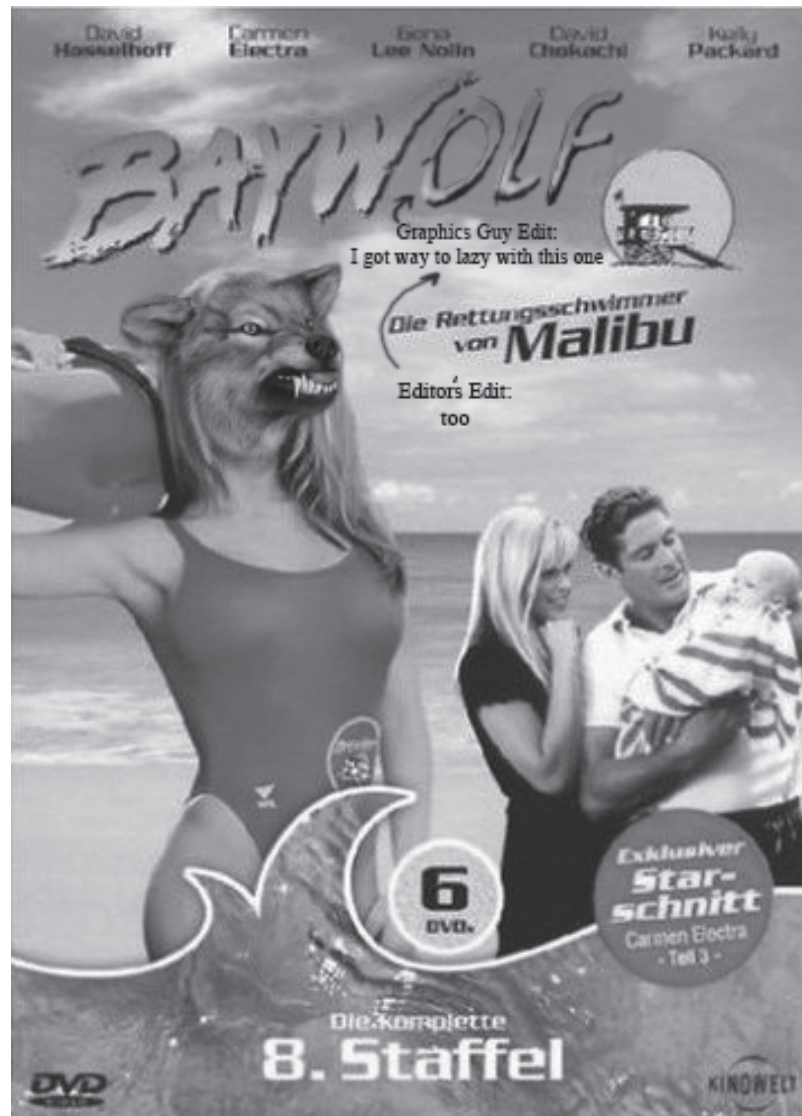
The University Athletic Association (UAA) just released the 2008 football schedules for all teams in the conference, and in a surprise decision, Case Western Reserve University will play Ohio State in its Week 3 home opener.

"After the popularity OSU noted for its 2007 season opener against Division I-AA Youngstown State, and after the exciting victory of I-AA Appalachian State over Michigan, OSU felt that it could attract greater attention by playing a Division III school," CWRU Athletic Director Dave Diles said. "We jumped at the chance to face Ohio State in our home debut."

Diles noted that since the Buckeyes regularly draw over 100,000 fans to its football games, seating at Case Field may be limited to include only disgruntled Western Reserve University alumni still seeking reparations. Temporary bleachers will also be installed on the roofs of the Village houses.

"I think this will be a great opportunity for our third- and fourth-string players to see some action on the gridiron," Ohio State head coach Jim Tressel said. "Normally, we want to get our best players on the field, but since we're only playing Case, we can afford to give our talented people the day off."

CWRU will also hold home games against Oberlin, Brigham Young, Denison, and the Cuyahoga Community College intramural football team. The Spartans will wrap up their season at Virginia Tech in the School Shooting Bowl.



A DECLARATION...OF DISGUST

When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for people to remember the political bands which once connected them with each other and assume, among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which they are entitled, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to act.

We hold these truths to be self-evident: that ALL men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inherent rights; that among these rights are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among the people, deriving their power from the consent of the governed; that whenever any form of government becomes indifferent to these rights, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and institute new government, laying a new foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to secure their rights.

Prudence dictates that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient reasons. All experience shows that mankind is more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object demonstrates a design not to govern, but to profit from the ability to govern, it is the right, it is the duty of the people to throw off such government and provide new guards for their future security. Such has been the patient sufferance of these people, and such is the necessity which constrains them to alter their government. The history of the present administration is a history of repeated abuses and usurpations. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

[The following Facts have been left in their original form where possible, but many have been altered to fit the current situation. I have tried to maintain the original spirit, but I had to cut out that last one about Indians. That was just embarrassing.]

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good. [Stem cell funding, tax law, education reform, healthcare reform, etc, etc.]

He has forbidden Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them. [Possibly]

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only. [Not really, unless you count enemy combatants]

He has allowed fellow party members to be called together in places luxurious, comfortable, and distant from the people they represent, for the sole purpose of coercing them into compliance with his measures. [Congressional corruption]

He has maligned representatives of the opposition repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people. [Incessantly]

He has used and abused the fear of a confused and frightened populace to ends eco-

conomic, turning popular fears to profitable opportunity for himself and others close to him.
[Ever since Sept. 11]

He has endeavoured to prevent immigration to these states, obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners, refusing to allow their migrations hither, under the guise of security, economic and national. [Immigration laws]

He has obstructed the administration of justice by assenting to laws drastically altering the establishment of Judiciary Powers. [Patriot Act]

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries. [Alberto Gonzales, anyone?]

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people and obstruct their livelihoods. [Dept. of Homeland Security, TSA, etc.]

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies with the coerced Consent of our legislatures. [The Iraq War]

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil Power.
[Probably]

[This next section may as well be called the Iraq War or Terrorism section. It was originally a statement on the British military presence in the colonies, but it serves quite well to switch the perspective up a bit.]

He has combined with others to subject a foreign jurisdiction to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws, his Assent gives sole power to their Acts of Legislation: [All right, not sole, but still...]

For quartering large bodies of armed troops among them:

For protecting soldiers by mock trial from punishment for any murders which they should commit on the people of that State:

For cutting off their trade with all parts of the world:

For depriving them in many cases of the benefit of trial by jury:

For transporting them beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences:

For abolishing the system of government in a distant State, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same style of rule into that Area

For throwing away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable laws and altering fundamentally the form of our government:

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring himself invested with the power to speak for us in all cases whatsoever. [He thinks so, anyway...]

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us. [No, but I'm waiting]

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people. [Environmental and Economic crises]

He is at this time transporting armies to complete the works of death, desolation, and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & Perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained fellow citizens taken captive on the high seas, to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands. [I hope not.]

In every stage of these actions, we have petitioned for redress in the most humble terms. Our repeated petitions and demonstrations have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince, whose character is marked by so many acts which define a tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have we been unsympathetic to the plight our Republican brethren. We warned them from time to time of attempts by their leadership to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us all. We reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement in this country. We appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to excise the fool from his office, which, we grant, would inevitably damage their party's causes and reputation. Alas, they have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce to necessity and openly declare our differences. We hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, as friends in all things but ideas.

We, therefore, representatives of the people of United States of America, in general disarray, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these States, solemnly publish and declare, that 20 January 2009 will be remembered as one of the happiest days in American history, the day that the regulated cycle of democracy proves it's worth in expelling one of the worst leaders in history from a place of power. We, the subjects of George II, remember the trials of the subjects of George III, and eagerly anticipate the days to come, when it may again become a rational act to place trust in our government to solve the problems of government, when we may again see our houses of representation as more than circuses erected for cameras, and when, just maybe, it becomes impossible to predict our nation's course based upon which party holds control of the White House. — And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

John Hancock

[Oh, come on. You knew it was coming.]



The Charter of the Athenian

Article I. Name, Purpose, and Legitimacy/
Authority.

Section 1. Name.

The full name of this organization shall be The Athenian, Case Western Reserve University's Lampoon. The short form of this name shall be The Athenian, which shall be used in the remainder of this document. Other abbreviations used in this document are as follows:

- a. "CWRU" shall denote "Case Western Reserve University"
- b. "SEC" shall denote "The Student Executive Council of CWRU"
- c. "Media Board" shall denote "The Student Media Board of CWRU"

Section 2. Purpose.

The Athenian is on a mission to provide humor, including but not limited to, satire and parody to the CWRU community by publishing a magazine of the same name.

Section 3. Authority.

The Athenian is a duly chartered Media Board

organization. Media Board is a duly recognized board organization of SEC. The Athenian thus enjoys the privileges and responsibilities of SEC and Media Board member organizations. As such, the charter of The Athenian shall be inferior only to the SEC constitution and the Media Board constitution, and superior to any and all bylaws of The Athenian.

Article II. Membership

There are three types of membership in The Athenian, which are defined as:

A. Contributing Members

Hereafter referred to as "Assholes," contributing members are defined as those who have contributed to a published issue of The Athenian within the current or previous semester.

B. Advisory Members

Hereafter referred to as "Scroobs," advisory members are defined as those who do not meet the criteria for being considered Assholes or new mem-

bers, yet still wish to be a part of The Athenian.

C. New Members

Hereafter referred to as "Ping Pongs," new members are defined as those who have joined the body of The Athenian for the first time during the semester in question. Previous members who have been inactive in the previous semester and who rejoin The Athenian shall be considered Scroobs.

Section 3. Removal of Members.

Section 4. Non-Discrimination.

Candidacy for membership shall be open to all undergraduate students of CWRU who are in good academic standing with CWRU and who pay the Student Activities Fee. The Athenian does not discriminate on the basis of age, color, course of study, creed, culture, disability, ethnic origin, fraternal membership, gender, handicap, marital status, national origin, political affiliation, race, religious beliefs, or sexual orientation in determining eligibility for membership.

Article III. Leadership

Section 1. Positions.

The leadership positions within The Athenian are as follows:

A. Editor/Dictator-for-CWRU-Life/EI Presidente or La Presidenta

B. Business Manager/Treasurer/Secretary of Smackdown

C. Layout Editor/Resident OCD Sufferer

D. Head Graphics Editor/TRON Coordinator

Section 2. Editor

The Editor of The Athenian is responsible for calling and chairing all meetings of The Athenian, serving as a member of Media Board, selecting and editing articles and material for the magazine, and overseeing the general operations of The Athenian.

Section 3. Business Manager.

The Business Manager of The Athenian is responsible for maintaining all financial records of The Athenian and serving as a member of Media Board.

Section 4. Layout Editor

The Layout Editor of The Athenian is responsible for the layout design of each issue of the magazine.

Section 5. Head Graphics Editor

The Head Graphics Editor is responsible for the contribution and compilation of all graphics, images, symbolic imagery, Photoshops, and visual

attempts at parody in The Athenian.

Section 6. Order of Succession.

A. In the absence, temporary or permanent, of the Editor, the Business Manager shall assume the duties of the Editor in addition to the regular duties of the Business Manager.

B. In the absence, temporary or permanent, of the Editor and the Business Manager, the Layout Editor shall assume the duties of the Editor and the Business Manager in addition to the regular duties of the Layout Editor.

C. In the absence, temporary or permanent, of the Editor and the Business Manager and the Layout Editor, the Head Graphics Editor shall assume the duties of the Editor and the Business Manager and the Layout Editor in addition to the regular duties of the Head Graphics Editor. The Head Graphics Editor will subsequently be overwhelmed.

D. In cases of any permanent absence of any officer, the position shall be filled within as short a time frame as possible.

Section 7. Selection of Officers.

A. Officers for a given school year shall be selected by April 1 of the school year previous.

B. Officers shall be selected based on procedures outlined in the bylaws of The Athenian. If such procedures are not specified in the bylaws in a manner determined by the current officers and accepted by a majority of the members.

Article IV. Advisor.

Section 1. Eligibility.

The advisor of The Athenian shall be a member of the faculty and staff of CWRU.

Section 2. Duties.

The advisor of The Athenian shall be responsible for the following.

Article V. Removal from Office.

Section 1. Member Petition.

A. Submission.

At any time, twenty percent (20%) of the members of The Athenian may petition for the removal of any of the officers of The Athenian or the advisor of The Athenian by submitting copies of their petition to all officers of The Athenian, the executive committee of Media Board, and the advisor of The Athenian. A separate petition shall be required to petition for the removal of each officer

or advisor whom the petitioners are attempting to remove from office.

B. Calling the Meeting.

A special meeting of all members of The Athenian shall be called within seven (7) days of the receipt of the petition in Article 5 Section 1 Paragraph A. More than one petition may be considered at a given special meeting, but no other business may take place. A member of the executive council of Media Board shall call and preside over this special meeting.

C. Procedure.

i. After the meeting is called to order, roll shall be called. Quorum for the special meeting shall be half the number of members of The Athenian plus one (1). A proxy may be sent to the meeting in place of a given staff member and counted towards quorum, but no person may hold more than one vote.

ii. The petitioners shall present the reasons they are seeking the removal from office of the officer or advisor.

iii. The officer or advisor whose removal is under consideration shall then present his or her response to the presentation of the petitioners.

iv. The members of The Athenian present at the meeting shall then vote by secret ballot on the removal of the officer or advisor in question. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of those members of The Athenian present shall be required to remove from office the officer or advisor in question.

v. If more than one petition for removal from office is under consideration, the procedure outlined in Article V, Section 1, Paragraph C, Sub-paragraphs ii-iv shall be repeated separately for each petition under consideration.

Section 2. Media Board Decision.

Pursuant to Media Board Constitution Article IX, Section 3, Media Board shall have the power to remove the Editor, Business Manager, or advisor of The Athenian by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

Article VI. Publication

Section 1. Schedule.

Depending upon contributions from Assholes, The Athenian will strive to publish three (3) issues per semester.

Section 2. The Observer.

Each issue shall include no less than one (1) joke of which The Observer is the butt.

Article VII. Meetings.

The Editor shall call meetings no less than once per issue.

Article VIII. Bylaws

Section 1.

Bylaws of The Athenian shall be inferior to and consistent with this charter.

Section 2.

Amendments to the bylaws of The Athenian may be proposed at any time, without prior notice.

Section 3.

Amendments to the bylaws of The Athenian shall require approval by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of Assholes.

Section 4.

All members of The Athenian shall be notified of an amendment to the bylaws of The Athenian within three (3) days of the ratification of the amendment.

Article IX. Ratification and Amendments.

Section 1. Ratification.

In order to ratify this charter, the following must occur:

A. The charter must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of Assholes; and,

B. The charter must be approved by the advisor of The Athenian.

Section 2. Amendments.

A. Proposing Amendments.

i. An amendment to this charter must be proposed by at least two (2) members.

ii. Members must be informed of a proposed amendment no less than seven (7) days prior to voting on the amendment.

B. Ratifying Amendments.

Amendments to this charter must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of Assholes.

Section 3. Filing.

A copy of this charter once ratified and of amended versions of this charter once ratified shall be placed on file with the advisor of Media Board.



1. HOW DOES THIS COURSE FIT INTO YOUR ACADEMIC PROGRAM

This is the only class I have ever taken.

2. WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT STANDING IN THE UNIVERSITY

I've been coming to the agora for 5 years.

3. RATE THE PACE OF THE COURSE

Very fast. Socrates expects me to know everything before I even learn it (anamnesis, he calls it).

4. RATE THE WORK LOAD OF THE COURSE

Moderate. No papers, no homework, but attendance at frequent symposia leaves me hung over a lot.

USE THE FOLLOWING SCALE TO INDICATE LEVEL OF AGREEMENT:

(SA) STRONGLY AGREE, (A) AGREE, (M) MIXED FEELINGS,

(D) DISAGREE, (SD) STRONGLY DISAGREE

5. INSTRUCTOR HAS AN EFFECTIVE COMMAND

Disagree; his wisdom is limited to an awareness of his own ignorance.

6. INSTRUCTOR SPEAKS AND WRITES CLEARLY

Strongly agree; he's way easier to understand than that schmuck Aristotle.

7. EXPECTATIONS OF INSTRUCTOR ARE CLEAR

Mixed feelings; something about going out of a cave?

8. COURSE PROCEDURES CLEARLY EXPLAINED

Strongly agree; all we have to do is show up and say "Yes" to every one of his questions.

9. ABLE TO MOTIVATE STUDENTS

Strongly disagree; he can't seem to convince us to drink the hemlock when we'd rather escape from prison.

10. ENCOURAGING QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

Agree; hell, all he ever does is ask us questions.

11. COURSE STIMULATES CRITICAL THINKING

Agree; he taught us this great new Method for solving philosophical problems.

12. PROPER LEARNING ATMOSPHERE PROVIDED

Agree; great atmosphere except when that putz Xenophon keeps asking him to repeat himself so the guy can write all his lectures down.

13. STUDENTS ARE INFORMED OF THEIR PROGRESS

Disagree; he keeps the gradebook in the World of Ideas.

14. GRADING IS DONE FAIRLY

Strongly agree; the midterm was basically a drinking-party.

15. ADEQUATE ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE

Disagree; whenever I want to talk after class, his wife comes and henpecks him to death.

16. TEXTBOOK/CLASS MATERIAL ARE USEFUL

NA; Plato hasn't written them yet.

SECURITY ALERT

Parker Brothers Police and Security Services

Type of Incident: Murder

Location of Incident: Some Mansion Near Campus

Date of Incident: Wednesday, October 31, 2007

Time of Incident: 10:30pm

Incident Description: The remains of a Case [Western Reserve University] alumnus, the illustrious neuroscientist Dr. Boddy, were found at the bottom of the mansion stairs. Trauma to the body was so extensive that the cause of death was unclear. Police have narrowed the options down to blunt force trauma, strangulation, stabbing, or a gunshot.

Description of Suspect(s): No witnesses were at the scene, though Dr. Boddy was apparently hosting a dinner party. All those inside the mansion at the time can be considered suspects. They were not black men between the ages of 20 and 30, approximately 6 feet tall, wearing a hoodie and last seen walking down Euclid Avenue.

Always be aware of your surroundings! Additionally, carry some sort of weapon with you just in case, but make it creative. Textbooks, headphone cords, and sharp key cards ought to suffice. Don't brave the Elephant Stairs in the dark unless you want to end up like Dr. Boddy.

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