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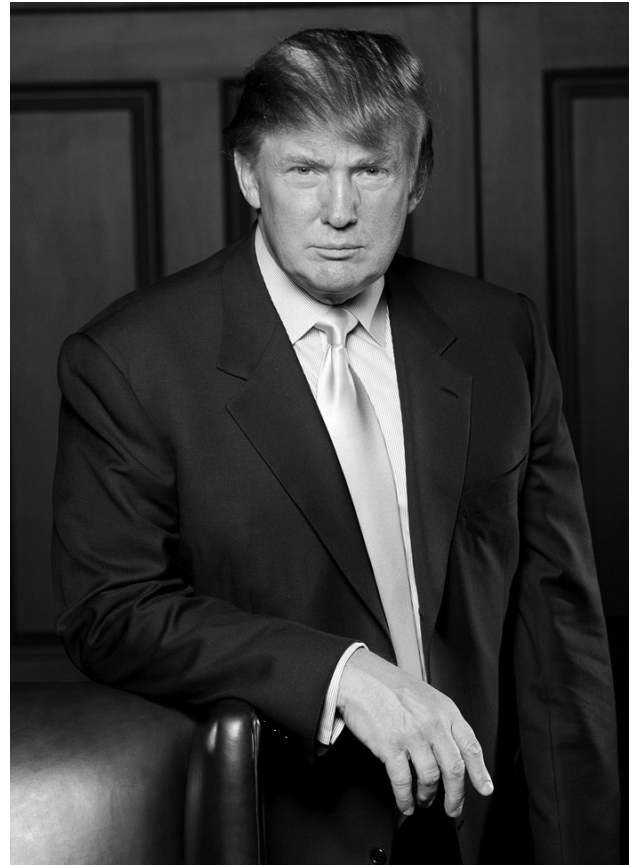
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Letter From The Editor

Hey folks, how are you today? Oh really? Not so good, eh? (I'm not Canadian) Well, you are in Cleveland, I guess I can understand that. Who am I? I'm glad you asked! I'm Andrew, that editor guy of that one campus publication thing, called the Athenian or something like that. Oh, you've heard of it? Really? Reading it right now? You don't say! Well that's great, seems like we are getting along just fine already. Now that formal introductions are over with, I guess I should explain some things. This issue, the one you're reading, is either one of two things. It is either that last issue of the year, or the first. Why don't we know? I guess we should have planned it, but we didn't. You see, we started this issue really late last year, and don't know if it will be put out in time for everyone to collect and use to start fires in order to heat their homes in the subzero (Kelvin) Cleveland winters. If it is spring 2008, then Huzzah! The issue



was released on time! If it is fall 2008, then you will most likely be very confused with the old content that's within these pages. Trust me, it was funny at some point.

You still look confused. Why am I the editor for this issue? Oh, I supposed no one told you. You see, Casey was the editor, but then she was involved in a terrible skiing accident. She was going downhill, and just as she hit 2,000 feet, a snow monster appeared and devoured her. Yeah, freak accident. So that is what brings me here. I apologize in advance. I will do something you don't like at some point. I promise.

Still confused? Oh, the picture. That's a police sketch of me. I've been wanted for years, but they still haven't caught on to me yet. I know I'll be safe with The Athenian though, since it's completely anonymous. My name is on the other page? Damn it.

Not convinced yet? Meh, just read the articles. If you like them, keep reading. If you don't, then just look trendy and hold this in front of you as you take a nap in Nord. Until the next issue, enjoy Issue 38 of The Athenian!

-- The Editor

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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 drivelt.

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

CWRU Spends More Money on Ugly Statues

By Nealan C. Pottermuffin

CLEVELAND, Ohio – On Saturday the Vice President of Campus Beautification at Case Western Reserve University announced plans to unveil a set of new statues on campus. The ceremony for the unveiling will be the official start of a new program to beautify the campus over the next five years.

“The administration here at Case Western Reserve University is really thrilled to announce our plans to spend even more money to make our campus one of the best in the nation. Students and faculty can expect to see many changes to the scenery around CWRU over the next five years. We’ve already spent 10 million dollars on three new art pieces that we feel will really show people what CWRU is all about,” announced Joanna Moss, VP of Campus Beautification, at Saturday’s press conference.

The three statues with the \$10 million price tag were purchased from artists in the Cleveland area. Details on the statues are being kept secret until the unveiling later next week, though a few minor hints about the statues have slipped out. “All the statues can be classified as modern art. We wanted them to complement the other statues around campus, as well as the fantastic architecture of the Peter B. Lewis building,” stated Moss.

When asked to comment on their sculptures, two of the artists declined to comment. The third was willing to speak very candidly about his piece, though he spoke under the condition of anonymity. “See, these guys came up to my studio one day and said they wanted to commission a statue for their university. So I was like, whoa dude, awesome. And they where all, hey, we’re willing to pay you 5 mil. You can’t pass up that kind of opportunity, man. I was pretty messed up at the time, so I



don't really remember what I made. What I do remember is a blur of incense, pixy stix, wood shavings, and chicken blood. Also, my pants were missing when I woke up. It was wild."

The university projects that it will spend over \$100 million on the beautification project over the next half-decade. This decision comes after heavy financial losses due to mismanagement by the university's former president and a costly name and branding change last year. Some are criticizing the university's decision to spend more money on statues, such as one student who wished to remain anonymous. "It's just ridiculous. They're spending 10 million dollars on more ugly statues? We've already got about twenty of them. This kind of fiscal policy is frivolous and stupid. How do they even plan to pay for this? They're already running out of room and money to seduce more high school students into coming here. God, I don't even have time for this. I'm going to go study for twelve hours and cry myself to sleep. I hate my life whine whine whine complain whine."

When asked to comment on the possibility of losing yet more territory to an expanding CWRU, one squirrel crawled up the reporter's pant leg and proceeded to hungrily gnaw on his flesh with the remark, "OM NOM NOM NOM."

Recognizing the possible dissent against the cost of the project, Moss stated, "We here at CWRU understand the concerns around the price tag accompanying this undertaking. However, we feel that in order to become financially stable, we must spend even more money to make this campus someplace where students and faculty can enjoy themselves. We want people walking around campus to be able to say, 'Hey, that is one nice ugly statue. It says to me that CWRU really cares about its image as a respected research institution, but also wants to show its sensitive artsy side. I'm so down with that that I'm going to give them lots and lots of my money.' Until that day comes, ugly statues are the order of the day."



I Hope You Get Skin Cancer by Your Grandmother

I hate the concept of tanning. I think it's disgusting. I'm not talking about your everyday "go outside, play some croquet and get a little brown on your arms," I'm referring to the people who go to the beach or their backyard with the sole intention of tanning. Do you people know what tanning is? It's your body's natural reaction to the sun's harmful rays so you don't get CANCER. Tanning is not healthy for the skin, in fact, it's quite harmful.

Then there are actually these places called tanning salons. People actually pay money to sit in a coffin for 20 minutes while they burn themselves, all in the name of "bettering" one's image. Even better, some people avoid the whole tanning process and just get a "spray tan," so that they can pretend that they were dumb enough to go tanning.

I personally think tanning is disgusting; I like to see girls with their natural skin color. I asked a girl why girls go tanning, and she explained to me that it made them more attractive. I voiced my opinion, saying that people striving for a skin color that wasn't natural were unattractive. I was informed that most guys prefer tanned women. So I said, "So, you would rather appeal to guys who want you to change your image and don't accept you

for what you really look like?" This comment was met with an awkward silence.

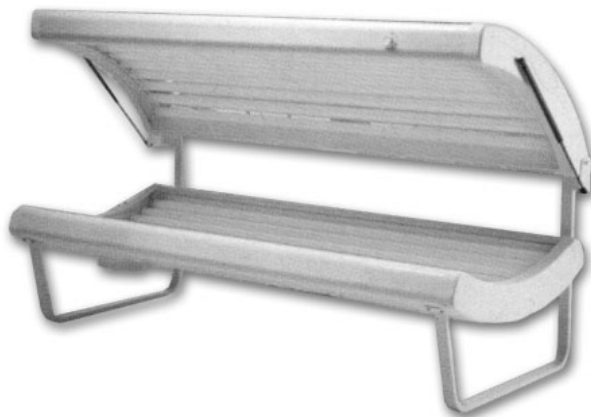
There is way too much emphasis placed on image in America. Via the media, females are conditioned to try and look like freakishly skinny supermodels, while guys are conditioned to only be attracted to huge-breasted, unnaturally proportioned women. It's retarded. I also hate it when girls wear a whole lot of make-up.

The point here is that there is a fortune to be made by exploiting the self-consciousness of America's teenage girls. Maybe someday it will be fashionable to cut off one's left hand, at which point I will be the owner of a company that produces knives, laughing hysterically while millions of stupid "trendy" teenagers flock to my store trying to be "accepted."

Also, more ugly people need to be movie stars. That would be cool. I think a burn victim should be the star of an action movie. Maybe he could be a superhero or something. Third-Degree-Burn Man and the Evil Cult of Salami People or something like that. Okay, give me a break; I'm not a movie-writer.

To thine own self be true, dumbass.

Also, by the way, I'm not saying that people with dark skin are ugly. That would be racist. People with skin colors not natural to themselves are just stupid. Morons.



Señor Itis Discovered To Be Illegal Immigrant

By Clifton H. Pendergast IV

In a shocking turn of events, Señor Itis, the author of a recent article denouncing southeastern European countries, was revealed to actually be an illegal immigrant by the name of Juan Carlos Rodriguez Fernandez Cabeza de Mer y Playa Campesino. Furthermore, it was revealed, thanks in part to copious grammatical and statistical errors throughout his most recent report, that Juan is, in fact, completely unfamiliar with the English language. In a recent interview conducted through an interpreter, he admitted, “Yo no he recibido dinero por mis servicios contruyendo el camino de zeros y unos,” meaning, “I know I’ve never spoken a word of English in my life, but that shouldn’t matter, half of America can’t speak it anyway.” When questioned as to his motivation regarding why he feels it necessary to constantly complain about anything that he can think of, his response was, “Mientras estaba un trabajador por los cárceles colombianos traficando las armas y las drogas, yo mataba muchos de los habitantes de la país, simplemente porque ellos me miraban en una manera que no quería,” that is to say, “I just feel that it is necessary to use the freedom of speech that this country promises to non-citizens like myself, along with the rest of the civil rights that I’m not entitled to but enjoy anyway such as right to trial by jury and social security, to express everything that I don’t like about this country.” The interview was unfortunately cut short by the arrival of INS agents, causing Juan to disappear with astounding speed.



(Last known photograph of Juan Carlos Rodriguez Fernandez Cabeza de Mer y Playa Campesino. Taken in the men’s room inside a Chi-Chi’s Restaurant.)

This just in!
Obscenely large text takes up
lots of white space!

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Case's Campus Revitalization Initiative (Cah-Creee)

By Gustav Von Taintelhoompen

In an effort to make CWRU more attractive, school officials have formulated the following ideas. A campus wide vote will be started soon to pick the top 2 choices.

1. Turning the campus into the world's largest petting zoo.

While we acknowledge that the daily business of the university might be hampered by such a proliferation of wildlife, we just can't get over this being a damn humorous idea. What can be better than reaching down to stroke a baboon during a tough exam? Or grabbing on to a swift ostrich to scamper across campus (so much cooler than a bike)? In many cases, we can even match animals to places already on campus:

Cattle galore in Veale.

A platypus on every table at Wackadoo's/The Jolly Scholar/Fukadoodle's.

Rampaging pygmy elephants on the elephant stairs.

Domesticated oil tycoons in Rockefeller Hall.

We'd have enough interactivity to choke a horse! And you could probably do that,

too! Try your hand at our new animal defense facility, where we train packs of wild dingoes to sniff out members of PETA and latch onto their ankles long enough for the Rabies to take effect. Wing night at The Spot would still exist, in so much as being able to mingle with the live chickens. And, the Zebes would finally get that stable of zebras they've always wanted. Overall, very little downside to this idea, unless we actually want to go to the trouble of cleaning up after or taking care of the animals.

2. Golf Carts.

Durable enough to function as bumper cars yet speedy enough to mangle pedestrians, these golf carts would be ideal for students at Case. Cross campus travel would be a breeze, and just think of all the money you'll save by replacing your Hummers with these. Golf carts would be fully customizable (available in silver, turquoise, or vinyl siding, only), optional (for fifth year students, that is), and stylish ("Hey ladies, need a ride home? This is genuine pleather!"). Cost would be expensive but we can sneak it into the tuition increases easi...

*Editor's note: At this point, there is a rip in the page, and the document continues no more. We can only guess as to what else was contained within the list of campus improvements.



David Torah Comes Out Religiously

By Clifton H. Pendergast IV

The Case Western Reserve University community was shocked today to hear David Torah, in an interview just now released to the public, explain his reasoning behind the article labeling this campus as “anti-Semitic.” The article was the immediate target of a swarm of angry letters and emails, and cost David his position at Case’s other news publication. But was this action too hasty? Was this simply a huge misunderstanding? In the interview, David admitted that his words were inflammatory and for the sole purpose of getting a reaction out of as many people possible.

“Yes, I know it was wrong, but I couldn’t help myself, it’s the product of how I’ve been brought up coping with who I am.” When asked to elaborate further, he replied, “Not many people know this about me, but all that militant pro-Israeli stuff I keep going on about? Yeah, that’s all just a shell. It’s my way of dealing with the fact that deep down, I’m really a radical Muslim and have a burning passion to see Israel wiped off the face of the planet. But you see, when you grow up the way I did, being a radical Muslim is simply not an option.” David pauses as he remembers his dark and traumatic childhood, a single, lonely tear slowly trickling down



(David Torah, seen here in full anti-Semitic regalia.)

his cheek. Gathering himself, he continues. “I know that it is hypocritical for me to call others anti-Semitic when I’m one of the worst of the lot, but that’s just how I had to deal with being who I was. Who I am.” When asked what prompted his decision to make his true feelings known publicly, he confidently replied, “I have realized that I need to be comfortable with the real me. I can’t let myself be bullied by a society that says it’s wrong to have anti-Israeli thoughts anymore. Everyone else can just deal with the real me, and if they don’t like it, then screw them, I’ll go jihad on their asses so fast the Department of Homeland Security will have to make up new colors.”

While the full circumstances under which David made his sudden ideological change may never be fully understood, it is this reporter’s opinion that misleading attacks of character from one, David Torah, to the rest of our community may finally be at an end, though this is, of course, only speculation for which time shall be the true test.

CaseWARN System to Give Students, Faculty Guide to Live Safely in Cleveland

CLEVELAND, Ohio – Last week, Case Western Reserve University finished the installation and testing of their new “CaseWARN” system. CaseWARN comes in the wake of the Virginia Tech tragedy as a way to provide “rapid, accurate communication to the university community during a major emergency,” as stated by the system’s webpage. Allen Toole, head of the special security taskforce spearheading the effort behind CaseWARN, promises great things of the system, though it still has a few bugs to work out.

“So far the only alarm sound we can get it to make is an air raid siren. Tornado on the way? Air raid siren. Shooter on campus? Air raid siren. Terrorist threat? Air raid siren. Robot rebellion? Air raid siren. Air raid? At least that one works. We’re working on highly advanced fog horn and ‘whoop whoop’ alarm sound replication technology to use in the event of ice bergs and asteroids. Also, we’re having a small problem with getting text messages and emails out on time after emergency events. But hey, if a nuclear bomb is on the way, what difference is 45 minutes going to make? I mean, seriously.”

Until these bugs in the system are worked out, the security taskforce has published this handy guide for students, employees, and faculty:

Threat	Threat Level	Recommended Response
Blizzard	1 – Everyday occurrence	Hide under desk, cover head with hands
Flood	2 – Meh	Hide under desk, cover head with hands
Tornado	3 – Almost enough to cancel classes	Hide under desk, cover head with hands
Campus Shooter	4 – Bad juju	Hide under desk, cover head with hands
Terrorist Attack	5 – Cleveland is such an appealing target	Hide under desk, cover head with hands
Air Raid	6 – Because these happen all the time since WWII	Hide under desk, cover head with hands
Robots Rebel	7 – Like in the Matrix! ZOMG	Hide under desk, cover head with hands
Asteroid	8 – It was coming one of these days	Hide under desk, cover head with hands
Nuclear Attack on Cleveland	9 – Kiss your ass goodbye	Hide under desk, cover head with hands
Death Star	10 – Oh shi-	Hide under desk, cover head with hands



The New CaseWARN Emergency
Contact Pole

We make big pictures-
like this one when we need
to take up lots of space on
pages. We don't like white
space. We're sure you don't
like white space. So write
for us! Anything! Send it to
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Case Begins New Work Study Program, Creates More Jobs?

By Aloysius Syzmanski

Cleveland, Ohayoo!!! – In a recent announcement, Case Western Reserve University has pledged to increase the current number of Work Study jobs available to students from its current level of 7 to over 9,000. Upon hearing this announcement, many Case students' scouters broke in response to the sheer overflow of job offerings flooding their inboxes. "Yeah, we recently partnered with some of the local contractors here to provide students with more work study jobs." said Ben Nickels, new Overlord of Work Study. When asked to comment further, he continued on saying "Here at Case [Western Reserve University], we pride ourselves on providing a balanced education to our students. Therefore, since they [the students] already study enough, we're going to emphasize the 'work' aspect of these jobs". To do this, students will be put to work finishing the Euclid Corridor project, driving the Greenies, filling in the potholes on Adelbert, repairing the Cornell bridge, rebuilding Baker on stilts over the Binary Walkway ("We realize that was a mistake [to destroy Baker]" Ben Nickels said. "Therefore, in order to enjoy both the Binary Walkway and Baker, we'll build a new one on stilts over the walkway.") and several other illustrious projects such as replacing the beg-

gars with actual students.

"The best part is that we get to subtract whatever they make at these jobs from their need-based aid so that they have to continue working!" cackled the entire Financial Aid department simultaneously. "Besides, if students are going to bitch about the Greenies then they can drive them themselves! Now they can see how hard it is to drive in circles." they added. Rumor has it that school uniforms will also be enforced in order to promote unity among the workers on campus, consisting of an eye-catching orange jumpsuit (complete with 2-D barcode on the back! Scan your favorite student to check how many hours he's worked!), in addition to a high-tech RFID 10 kg weight attached to the students' legs by a chain. As for why the students need these, Tek-noll-o-gee Direktor Paul Luddite said "We wanted to test out some new equipment, but didn't want to run the risk of students breaking them during work." After saying this, Mr. Luddite proceeded to annihilate the tracking computer with a sledgehammer. When asked for how long students would be kept in this state of virtual slavery, Mr. Nickels said "Until Cleveland and the University get out of this budget deficit". When asked how long that would take, Mr. Nickels merely replied "Indefinitely."



A Zoological Guide to Campus Wildlife

By Quentin Gruber

Unexpected though it may seem, the confines of Case Western Reserve University's campus are home to some of the most exotic creatures in the continental United States. The Athenian recently compiled an exhaustive list of the stunning animals that can be found here at CWRU with only a little patience, diligence, and psychoactive narcotics. Here are a few excerpts:

1. The Dilapidated Ground Squirrel (*Rodentia gullibilus*): This beautiful creature makes its home in the many trees, gutters, and garbage cans all over campus. Easily spotted by its frizzy tail, which looks as though it were shaved by some rowdy undergrads, the dilapidated ground squirrel often walks with a limp due to frequent punts in front of classroom buildings. Its distinct mating call sounds like this: "Ugh, not in the face!" Squirrel fishermen should take note that they must obtain a permit from the Undergraduate Studies Office in early September, and that CWRU observes a strict "catch-and-release" policy.



Rodentia gullibilus, consuming a discarded beer nut outside the Jolly Scholar

2. The North American Mud Skunk (*Odorificus majorus*): Unlike its African cousin, this animal is not shy at all to humans, and will often walk up to them and ask how school's been going. The mud skunk comes out of its abode around noon, watches a little TV, has a few cups of coffee, and then goes out in search of dinner. Many such skunks have been found between Guilford and Haydn, where close proximity to a fountain gives them room to perform their orgiastic rituals. If attacked by a mud skunk, throw a hammer at it (or the nearest window) to scare it away. If bitten, quickly amputate the wounded limb.

3. The Blue-Balled Pigeon (*Flapto retarda*): This bird can be identified by its curved beak, its speckled tail-feathers, and its killer's stare. The blue-balled pigeon's defecation is poisonous and should never be ingested, even for initiation ceremonies. This bird is also a son-of-a-bitch, because one time I was walking back to my dorm with a big piece of peach pie, and one of 'em swooped down and stole it right out of my hand! Can you believe the nerve of that thing?!

National Currency to Undergo Significant Alteration

AP – After a recent Supreme Court decision ruled in favor of removing "In God We Trust" from all government-issued materials, including currency, the House Committee on Weights, Measures, and Currency met to find a replacement motto. "We've come up with a shortlist of 7 possible slogans," said Rep. Ben Bennett (R-OH), "and we're letting the Internet community vote on the one selected for use on all U.S. currency." Below are the possible mottoes that voters have to choose from:

Our Plains Are Fruited
May The Force Be With You
We Rule The World
Never Gonna Give You Up
Bet This On Red
Git R Done
Not To Be Consumed Orally

THE ATHENIAN'S "Helpful" Guide To: **AMERICAN PRESIDENTS**

Everyone knows John Adams and John Quincy Adams were father and son, but did you know Grover Cleveland and Benjamin Harrison were **lovers**?

Everyone knows Dwight Eisenhower was the Supreme Commander of the Allied forces in World War Two, but did you know he **sucked at Risk**?

Everyone knows Teddy Roosevelt said "Speak softly and carry a big stick," but did you know he meant that comment as a **command for his prostitutes**?

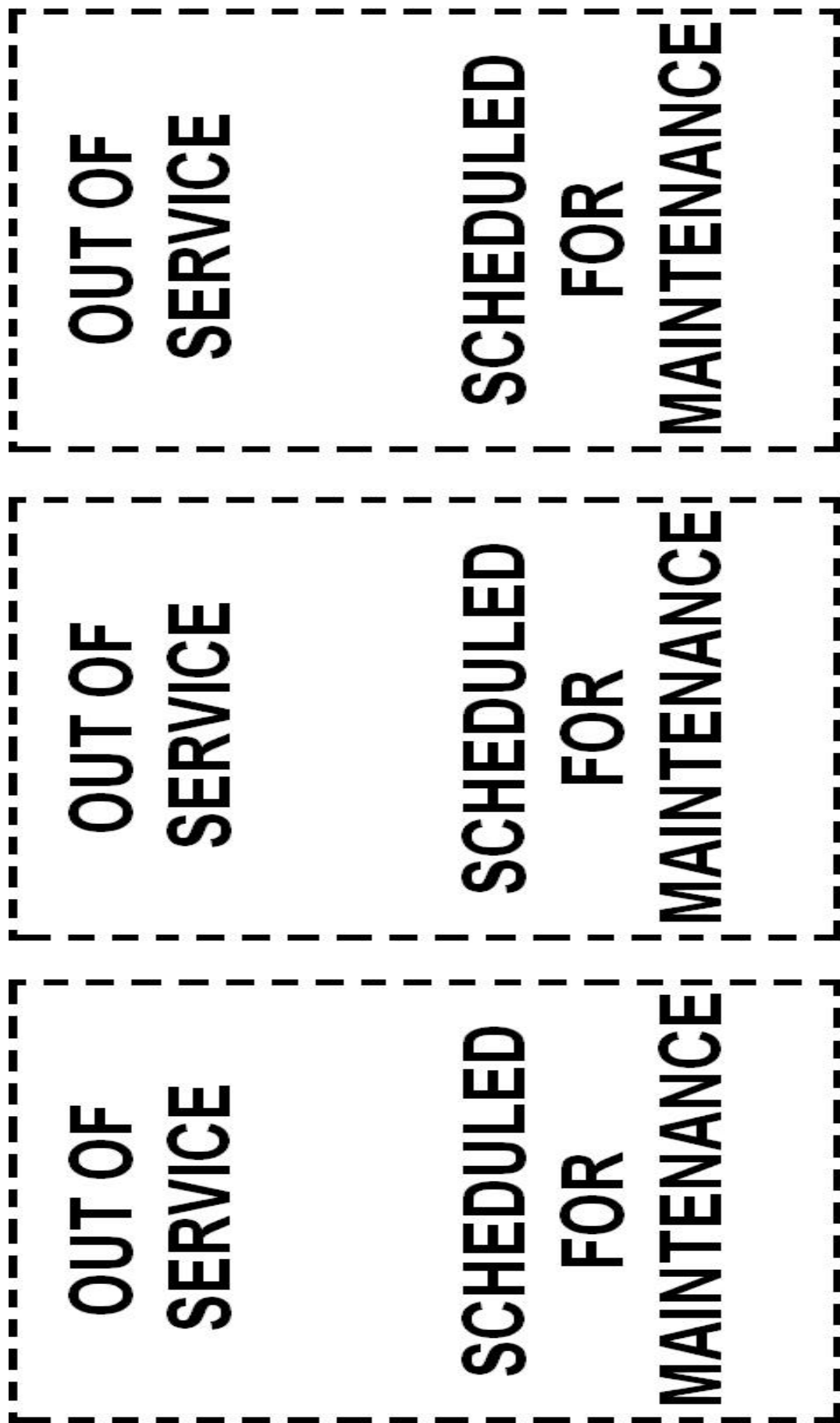
Everyone knows FDR lost the use of his legs due to a childhood bout with polio, but did you know Woodrow Wilson **lost an ear in a barfight with a leprechaun**? Who later became **mayor of Boston**?

Everyone knows William Taft was so fat that he got stuck in his White House bathtub, but did you know Millard Fillmore was so ugly that his wife made him **wear a paper bag over his head in bed**?

Everyone knows Ronald Reagan was a Hollywood movie star before entering politics, but did you know Bill Clinton **made "Girls Gone Wild" videos in college**?

Everyone knows Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence, but did you know Jimmy Carter **authored over 50 erotic novels**? Under the pen name **"Victor Bone"**?





Frustrated by frequent elevator breakdowns in your dorm? The Athenian is here to help! Just cut out these notices and tape them to the elevator door in the lobby whenever a breakdown occurs! (Feel free to collect a stack of these; you will probably need them.)

New Vice President for Planning and Budget Named


By Spalding Cservik

Former New York Governor Eliot Spitzer was named as the new Vice President for Planning and Budget at Case Western Reserve University effective Wednesday April 9th, 2008. Spitzer has already outlined an in-depth plan on bringing Case out of the red. "One idea we are particularly proud of is our Provost's Club VIP, which we hope will begin to funnel roughly \$1000 dollars an hour" says Ashley Rae Maika DiPietro—Spitzer's aide-de-camp.

In a related story, Spitzer has begun negotiations with the Office of Student Employment on new work study programs for undergraduate and graduate students at case. Due to some constraint issues, the plan will currently only be available to 45% of campus, however this may change if there is enough of a need. Spitzer has personally pledged thousands of dollars to help train the potential work study students for their duties. "Spitzer is

really concerned about the economic plight of today's students" says DiPietro. "It was even his idea to create union managers for the new work study groups to protect them...after all it is a dangerous world we live in."

The new work study program has the potential to revolutionize the way universities do business and presents students with a unique opportunity to help fund their education. "I have personally worked with Eliot on similar programs while we were in New York, but I never thought it could molded into the grand scheme that is planned for Case," DiPietro remarks, "Spitzer really knows no limits when it comes to things like this...its really....inspiring." I must admit, I had some personal reservations about this program when Spitzer first explained all the details, but I came upon a realization later that day after falling down the elephant stairs...this plan will truly be a great step into the future for Case Western Reserve University.



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was really good Monday
night!

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all those dead rats in the kitchen.
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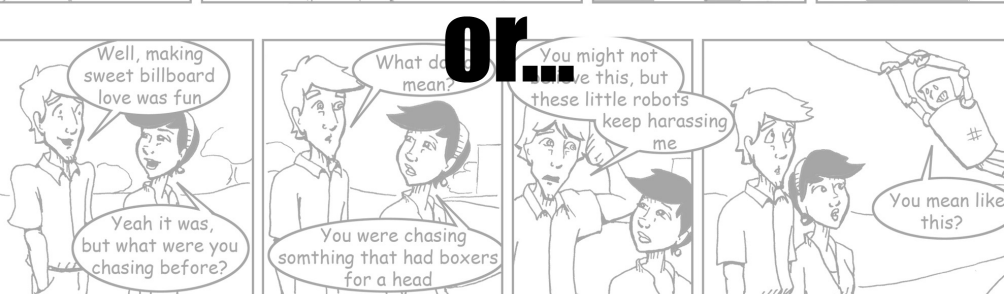
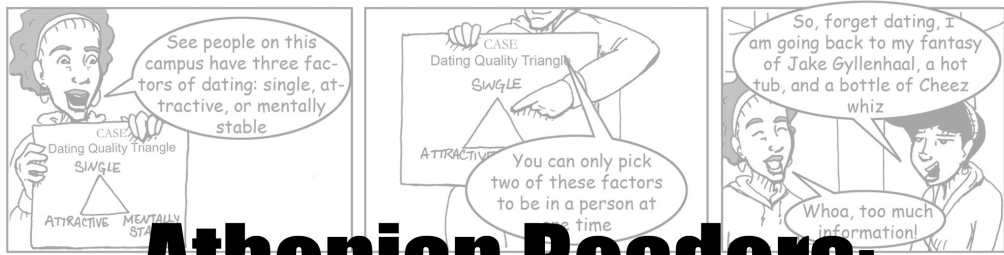
Long Lost Athenian Content, Found Again



Find the following animals in the picture above: walrus, chimpanzee, orange, granite, and muffin.

The following comic strip was deemed “too hot” for the Observer...we here at the Athenian have given it a new, loving home.

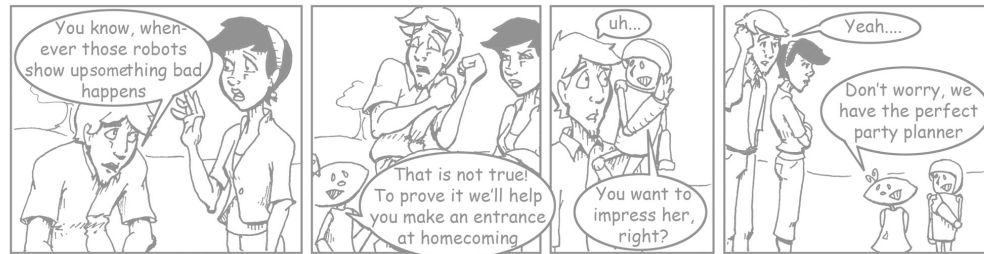




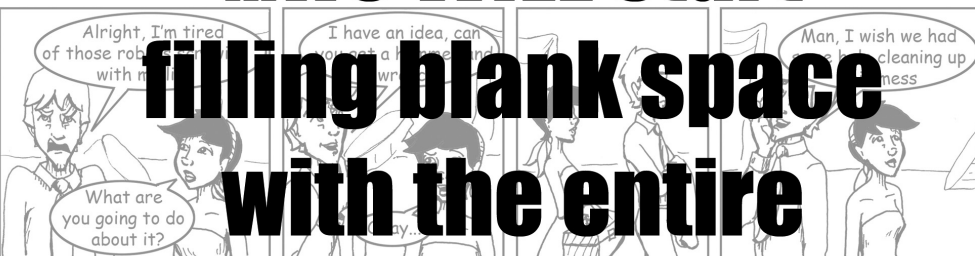
*DISCLAIMER: This comic never recommends violence as the answer. It is, however, always an answer.

Robots
InCASE

By Wiggles & Miriam



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...we WILL start filling blank space with the entire series of "Robots." We wish we were kidding.



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