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## From The Editor

Good tidings everyone!

I must say, I am proud to present our very first issue of this year. Our staff has worked diligently to put forward this piece of artistic magnificence. It is with great sincerity that I wish you the greatest pleasure upon purusing these pages.

But that's not what you want to hear. We're *The Athenian*, dammit! We're CWRU's one and only humor magazine - student run and student awesome, and we're here, not to kick ass (contrary to popular belief), but to provide that much needed cheap laugh. That moment where you are free of the drudgery of exams, papers, lectures - that's what we supply. Sure, we're not the Happy Hour Special at the local bar, but hey, we're definitely cheaper and easier than shelling out half your life's savings for a drink downtown. We're cheaper and easier than most things, really.

But back to the point of humor. Life is really a funny thing. Many of you caught that in my rant last year. I feel the mantra still applies. Everywhere, funny things are happening. A kid trips in a dining hall, a squirrel falls from a tree, a professor lets one go in class. Everyone sees these things every day. But then something hilarious happens. That kid who trips spills his taco salad on that one really popular person. The squirrel falls from the tree onto a random biker and gets a free ride. The professor lets one rip right as Babs walks into the classroom and smells the full aroma.

Life is a comedy. And sure, there are parts that suck (break-ups, failed exams, getting diet soda instead of regular), but everything seems to lighten up in the long-run, and hell, you even get a story about how you survived getting hit in the face by a tennis ball during gym class.

Now, this is usually the part where I say "submit to the Athenian" (and you should, because you see funny things all the time and should write them down and exaggerrate like crazy). Instead, I'm going with something else. Laugh at shit, because life is an enjoyable thing.

All the best.

- the Editor

### *Athenian* Guidelines

1) *The Athenian* is a semi-anonymous publication. Contributors' names are printed on page 2, but aren't necessarily connected to any particular article. This is to preserve a lack of integrity for the staff.

2) Best Article of the Issue Award is \$50 for the funniest article. Submit your funny articles and images to win it!

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Congratulations Stephen Dee for winning \$50 for the best article of issue 50!



**Jon Backmann, Editor-in-Chief**

## Campus Security Implements “Guess Who” Training Regement

CLEVELAND - With the number of security alerts rising on Case Western’s campus, security has stepped up their training to catch potential suspects.

“We are really pushing our team to become experts in identifying perpetrators,” Case head of security told reporters. “We have hired a team to help us with this training.”

The outside agency, Training Can Be Fun, Inc. has put the team through a strict regimen. “This training has been exhausting,” said one participant, a member of campus security for over a decade, “some days I can barely take it.”

The regimen, which consists of mastering the game of Guess Who playing it for eight hours a day, has been reported as both mentally and physically intense. Three members of the force have already quit, giving two-week notices reports stating “I CAN’T TAKE IT ANYMORE,” and “IT IS NEVER A GIRL.”

Training Can Be Fun, Inc. has invested heavily into the project to make the game specific for Case Western’s force. “We have invested a great deal of time and money surveying the team and used data mining techniques to uncover the root elements of who these perps are,” head of the project, and CEO of Training Can be Fun, Inc. stated.

Athenian reporters were allowed in on one of these training sessions. In one sitting, both officers failed to turn down any tiles after asking each other, “is he wearing a hood?” Other unsuccessful questions included, “Is he roughly 24 years of age?” and, “is he about 6 feet tall?”

In another observed session, one office instantly identified the hypothetical perpetrator. “He had skinny fingers! I’m so good at this game.” The other trainee simply flipped out.

Training is still being conducted, and until it is finished, the head of security is making sure that no time is wasted patrolling the campus.



*Just try to stump this guy. Officer Daniels graduated top of his training class, earning the a place in the “Guess Who’s Who” training hall of fame.*

### Campus Safety Tips— For your Protection

- 1) Don’t be a dumbass.
- 2) Take your fucking earbuds out.
- 3) Cars are fucking huge, see them.
- 4) Condoms.
- 5) Watch your fucking food when you fucking cook.
- 6) At night travel in groups, you fucking retards.
- 7) When you hit someone on your bike, stop and help them.
- 8) Seriously, don’t be a dumbass.

## From the YFMC Career Center - Example Rejection Letter

*In an effort to elucidate CWRU Medical Schools applicants about the harsh realities of the cruel world outside the fantasy land of undergraduate life, the “Your Future Might Count” Career Center has put together this example letter of rejection.*

Medical Admissions Committee  
State Medical School  
1651 Governor Street  
State City, State 11001

Dear Applicant,

I regret to inform you that you were not accepted to State School of Medicine. Your application lacked a few things. First of all, you didn't pay your secondary fee within the two weeks of receiving your secondary application. Second of all, I can't believe you paid our exorbitant secondary fee of \$1000, especially since you had already paid a \$2000 primary fee. Thirdly, your well-rounded-ness was disgusting (ARTH 320: Impressionism – seriously?), we want a student who loves science. Fourthly, you took too many science classes (BIOL 384: Wnt/BMP/Ihh – WTF?). We already have too many science nerds at our school. Fifthly, you are too tall. We can't afford to pay your healthcare bill when your back breaks after bending over a cadaver 10 hours/day over the course of three months. Sixthly, we don't accept Democrats. May I introduce you to the new healthcare bill? Seventhly, you checked “non-denomination” on your application. Even though we are funded by the state we discriminate against non-God-fearing applicants. You will not learn how to do an abortion in your OB-Gyn rotation. Eighthly, you're from Alaska. We just don't take students from Alaska.

Most importantly, your eagerness to enter the field of medicine demonstrates a type of masochism that I find unhealthy. Unless, of course, perhaps, you just love medicine.

On behalf of the admissions committee, I wish you the best of luck on your future endeavors

Forever in debt,  
Dean of State School of Medicine

### **Also from the YFMC Career Center: Haikus to Calm the Disquieted Graduate-School Applicant Mind**

Haiku #27, by Questing Lotus:

The internet hums loudly  
the Case campus roars  
virgins often speak of sex

Haiku #38, by Questing Lotus:

The are pokemans near here  
I must catch them all  
too tired of masturbating

Haiku #38, by Questing Lotus:

Playing the World of Warcraft  
girlfriend Jill distracts  
I let go of my penis

## Vegans Need to Sack Up and Eat Meat

EVERYWHERE - With the level of whining reaching an all-time high,

Case Western has stated that vegans need to stop bitching and start eating meat.

"Seriously, what the hell is their problem," said one Case student,

chowing down on a double-bacon cheeseburger wrapped inside of a Krispy

Kreme donut. "They are really starting to get on my nerves." He tried

to speak further, but began choking.

Vegans have found all sorts of reasons to complain, from talking about

how they lack vegan protein options in Case Western's cafeterias to even

complaining about other vegans.

"Beegans are no vegans," one annoying Case vegan shouted at a reporter, "beegans are vegans who eat honey! Honey!"

Case carnivores agree that vegetarians are equally annoying. Engaging in green-on-green hatred, the on-campus "veggie-heads" have been adding to the din of inane complaining.

"Pescetarians are just wannabes," one Case vegetarian spouted from his girlish figure, "they eat fish, but no other animal. Fish need love, too."

Local fish were asked for their opinion on the matter, but simply said nothing, evidently disgusted by the apparent double-standard.

Yet unlike the scaled-back fish, many Case students have reacted against the movements, combating the annoyance with blatant barbarism.

"I carry around this turkey leg every day," said one student, "to beat the fuck out of anyone who starts complaining about the fact that I eat animals."

Other students have emblazoned themselves with necklaces made of steaks and sausages. Yet, most simply beat their meat

on a daily basis in a show of solidarity.

"You have to tenderize pork, anyway," noted one Case bar-b-quer.

In spite of all the counter-counter culture, the vegan organizations have responded to lack of cafeteria options by staging sit-ins and hunger fasts, which have lasted for as long as two grueling hours. Other forms of protest have ranged from whining to PETA to converting to hipsterism. The cafeteria staff has responded by simply not caring at all.



*Above: One Case Carnivore demonstrates what it means to be a real meat-eating human.*

### Top Five Obscure Meat Meals:

5. Camel Jerky
4. Giraffe Neck Ribs
3. Salamander Sausages
2. Hawk Dogs
1. Blastoise Burgers

## Hipsters Ironic Themselves Into Submission; Obama Reacts

NATIONAL - Yesterday morning, while the nation slept, campus radio stations across the country went silent. This was not a moment of reflection or the result of a mechanical malfunction, but was rather the work of a single band in Seattle that you've probably never heard of. The band (which is kinda obscure) called The St. Louis Armchair Incident was at the forefront of the movement that caused the major cultural shift. "We just decided that acting normal was the only thing left to be done ironically," claimed front man Thelonious Hemmingway. The decision to shave, shower, and play normal music by this single band has caused a shockwave across the hipster community.

The trend caught on over night, causing hipsters everywhere to throw out their crocheted sweaters and skinny jeans to make room for professional attire. Wall Street was hit hard as Urban Outfitters stock dropped thirty points and Pabst Blue Ribbon declared bankruptcy. Due to the sharp fall in market, vinyl production has finally ceased and clove cigarettes have never seen lower sales. Locally, CWRU's own UPB&J has decided to start hiring bands that students have actually heard of.

Though the return of a large group of twenty-somethings to society from their mothers' basements sounds like a boon to national progress, the already faltering economy has since been thrown into further turmoil. Coming from upper middleclass backgrounds, hipsters tend to have matriculation rates higher than the national average. As a result, hordes of educated youths have entered the closed job market, nearly doubling the unemployment rate.

President Obama responded today in an emergency address by proposing a new bill that would create new jobs in place of unpaid positions previously held by hipsters. The bill includes employment for such positions as "that guy who hangs out at the Apple store and

never buys anything," "that girl who justifies why indie bands can't get signed to a major record label," and "judgmental record store shopper." Obama urged congress to pass the bill stating, "Make no mistake, if the Washington does not take a stand to support our future, we'll be just as apathetic as that kid a Starbucks who never gets my order right." The senate has agreed to sign the bill into law, ironically.



*Sad PBR is sad that his key buyer's market abandoned him.*

## Sweaty Kid Denied Pizza at *Athenian* Staff Meeting

UNDERGROUND - The Athenian meeting came to an abrupt halt Wednesday when a profoundly sweaty kid entered the meeting and reached for a slice of complimentary pizza.

"He really crossed the line," one Athenian staff member, preferring to remain anonymous, told reporters. "How do you even get that disgusting ? Honestly."

Another Athenian staff member had to go to the doctor afterwards, traumatized by the event. "I was just...so scared...he was so sweaty," she shrieked, tearing up at the last statement. "He started reaching for the pizza, and I...and I...oh God, it was just awful."

The Athenian staff holds their weekly meetings underground, and gives complimentary pizza to all participants at the meeting, providing that they are not overly sweaty. Exceptions have been made, especially in cases of personal bias or political gain.

The pizza, which usually is housed in a cardboard box, and measures about 10" in diameter, is a coveted token of the Athenian staff, one to be cherished, and honored. It represents the highest token of honor for staff writers, and is their single form of payment for their hard work.

"The pizza is a gift," editor of the Athenian told reporters, "one to be shared among the members, but never to be touched by the vile, pitiful, disgusting sweaty hands of that one kid."\*

"I didn't know what I was doing was so wrong," the sweaty kid told reporters, "I have been sweaty all my life, it is a problem I am trying to deal with." He incessantly wiped his forehead, pushing waves of sweat away from his body and into the filled kiddie pool below him.

"I have been incapable of eating pizza since...the event."

The sweaty kid has not been allowed into a meeting since.

*Left: The hapless pizza*

*Right: The Sweaty Kid*

*Low-far Right: Kiddie Pool for all of Sweaty Kid's Sweat*

*Not Pictured: Blastoise*



\*Editor's Note: We strategically keep all our writers in the dark about the Best Article of the Issue award that pays \$50 for the funniest article. Seriously, we actually pay the winner \$50.



## Shan Yu's Return Unlikely to Lead Huns to Victory, Analysts Say

MAYO CLINIC - It has been more than ten years since Shan Yu's humiliating and nearly fatal defeat in 1998 by Mulan Fa and Dragon Guardian Mushu.

"His pride, as well as his body, suffered massive third-degree burns," said Dr. Vlad Acula, the surgeon who treated Yu.

The procedure to treat Yu lasted more than 30 hours, he said.

"It is a miracle he survived at all. Fixing his pride was one thing, but saving his body was a real pain the neck," Dr. Acula said.

After over ten years of imprisonment, Yu has made a full recovery. Currently, he has not publically confirmed whether or not he will again attempt to take over China. Critics agree it is unlikely Yu would be successful, given his 0-1 record against his lifelong rival.

Dr. Mon Jadden, a leading expert in east-Asian studies, believes Yu has a difficult season ahead.

"I just don't see how Yu is going to penetrate the Chinese," Jadden said. "They've got a great defense. And when you're a country with a great defense, it isn't easy to take over."

Many of Yu's old countrymen have disbanded in the past ten years. Tibet, however, is currently working on a contract with Yu, according to sources who asked to remain anonymous.

"This would be a great move for Tibet and Shan Yu," Jadden said. "Losing Yu was a huge blow to the Huns, but picking up Yu would bring much needed leadership to Tibet."

Skeptics are uncertain as to whether Yu will retire or sign with Tibet.

"I've been studying Yu for a long time," Jadden said. "He's a little older, but I've never seen anybody in the history of war with such passion for what he does."

The move to Tibet would be a serious threat to the Chinese Empire, but Nigel Mc-Snootypants, Ph.D of World-Conquering and heir to the McSnootypants fortune, weighed in,

stating, "China has nothing to worry about from the likes of Shan Yu," he said. "His technique and strategies in both war and colonization are horrid, and one cannot expect success from such a detestable amateur."

Dr. K Pau, expert on Unretiring Conquerors also noted, "He throws too many interceptions."

While the experts debate whether or not Shan Yu's return will impact the global community, his intentions remain uncertain. Only time will tell if Yu will rise to power and attempt to take over the world.



*Above: Shan-Yu between conquering seasons. Will he be able to charge for as many yards during his previous invasion?*

### **Fun Facts about Shan-Yu:**

- Inspiration for Sham-Wow.
- Most Interceptions thrown by a career conqueror.
- Is acutally a really sensitive guy.

## Solar Trash Compactor Compacts Student

CLEVELAND - Case Western's new Big Belly solar trash compactor program proved fatal Wednesday when a student was compacted along with the trash.

"It was awful," remarked a witness to the scene. "At first we thought the trash can was just talking to us. Only too late did we realize someone was stuck inside."

Case Western's administration immediately responded to the incident, calling the company to ask what went wrong. The company studied the incident and in a follow-up report noted that "the student must have been trash, or else the trash compactor would not have followed through on its operation," and "the kid was no more square than when he went in."

Students walking by the scene were just as shocked to discover what had happened. "I walked by to see what the crowds were for," a Case student remarked, "but I initially thought the compacted kid was simply miming."

Case's purchase of the Big Belly solar trash compactors has been part of the goal to a greener campus. "The program saves us a great deal of time and energy," head of Case's 'Going Green' campaign told reporters, "The trash compactors save three and a half full dumpsters worth of storage space, which the campus has turned into additional student housing. We feel that by the end of the program, we should be able to house an entire fraternity in the saved space."

Students have begun to protest the compactors by only throwing trash into them at night, when the machines do not have the sun to give them power. "The stink is unbearable, but I don't want any more of us getting miniaturized by those trash compactors," one student told reporters.

Other problems have arisen from the big belly trash compactors. Since their first taste for human compaction, the trash cans will only compact after a properly ritualistic human sacrifice. Since then, the big belly trash compactors' bellies have shrunk.

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## Water Main Break Perpetrator Found

CLEVELAND - After months of work, the mystery of the water main break which occurred in July has been solved. The cause of the incident was due to the mania of Bottlemania author Elizabeth Royte.

After collecting eyewitness accounts, detectives traced the break to her. "I saw her in a dark hooded sweatshirt, approaching the spot of the break that night," one recorded eyewitness account stated.

"At first I thought it was the usual guy, but once I read the security alert did not involve mugging, I became suspicious."

Campus police, alongside other Cleveland detectives, stepped up their search after receiving this information. "After second semester last year, when the first water main broke, we installed a camera underground to see what the cause was," said one campus police member. "Until we got this eyewitness account, we simply forgot that we installed the camera."

After recovering the camera, police and detectives studied the footage. The video showed Royte reading from a copy of Bottlemania while facing the water main. "She waved her arms and even shouted lines from her book at the water main," said one detective who viewed the footage. "It was really strange, and also reminded me I have to go to Church this Sunday."

The footage then showed her hitting the water main with a stick, instantly causing a break in the main and sending water spewing in two distinct directions. She laughed maniacally, then walked in the center of the two paths.

Audio captured from the scene was decoded as well. While issuing the incantation, Royte muttered, "let my droplets go." Later, after the pipe burst, Royte could be heard shouting, "At last, the water has been broken for all."

"We are looking further into this issue," said Barbara Snyder, president of Case West-

ern Reserve University, "but until then, we still want students reading the book."

No charges have been pressed yet.



*Above: Water conjured by the illustrious savior of all things aqua, Elizabeth Royte. Note that she can only blood-bend on full moons.*

**You, too, can  
Save the Environment!  
Here are Ten Easy Ways to  
Conserve Water  
from the experts at  
the Athenian.**

10. Don't pee
9. Don't shower
8. Collect drain run-off
7. Icicle Catching
6. Camel bashing
5. Wash hands with pee
4. Absorb evaporated sweat
3. Drink the tears of a jilted lover
2. Drink beer
1. Turn into a whale

## Lake Erie Monster: “Taking My Mythical to South Beach”

CLEVELAND – This past Thursday, the Lake Erie Monster finally came forth with his decision, having kept fans on edge for nearly a whole millennium.

“I have decided to take my mythical to the South Beach,” declared the legendary beast at a five-hour-long special on ESPN 66, the Creature.

The decision came after a full thousand years of anticipation, during which the hulking titan of the Great Lakes remained mostly silent while other star creatures made their moves, most notably, Jaws moving out to Chicago and Nessie making her home in the South Beach herself.

“I’m glad he made the right decision to join us down here,” said the Mangrove Man, superstar of Miami haunting.

In contrast to the screams of simultaneous joy and terror of the south Floridians, fans of the formerly Cleveland-based monster expressed their disgust.

“That monster was our livelihood. We fed him, raised him, and watched him reign down terror against his foes. He even promised us a championship,” said a local fan. “Lebron could attract tourism like no other.”

“We then had to turn to the Lake Erie Monster,” added his friend.

The monster, having been spawned eons ago, grew up in a tiny eddy off the banks of Lake Erie. Before the rise of industry, Erie enjoyed centuries of peace, growing as a normal creature of destruction would, learning guitar, chasing females, playing “eat the smallest” with his pals. Before the end of his schooling phase, the National League of Extraordinary Creatures sent recruiters.

“I remember the day Cthulhu came to our school just to talk with him. I got him to sign my rookie card,” said one of Erie’s schoolmates, “he then devoured a portion of the earth you pathetic humans call the Mariana Trench.”

Many were uneasy about Erie entering the league at such a young age, but the LEM

excelled, dominating local bodies of water, and winning two hundred “Most Valuable Monster” titles.

However, at the beginning of last millennium, Erie noticed his contract with the Cleveland Drowners would be up. Playing up the fact that he would be the top free agent in the NLEC, many awaited his decision. However, many are quick to point out he has yet to win a championship.

“When you live for more than six trillion millennia, you can’t make a hasty decision,” commented the monster, “I put a lot of thought into this.”

Most analysts contend that Erie should have gone to Chicago, joining veteran Jaws and young hopeful Cloverfield (whom Chicago picked up in the draft). Others claim he should have gone to New York.

“All he cares about is fame. Sure the team hasn’t been the same since Godzilla left after his stint in ’98, but he could have made something of himself,” noted analyst Moe Balls, “Him going to Miami after Nessie joined the National League and settled in Miami with Mangrove Man is clearly a cry for help.”

While the controversy settles around LEM’s decision, many still bemoan the blatant disruption of balance-of-power in the NLEC. Others are still just pissed about Lebron.



*Above: The Lake Erie, moments before his career-high haunt vs. the Utah Woodsmen*

## Leutner Removes Jukebox, Mediocre 80's and 90's Artists Protest

CLEVELAND - Hundreds gathered outside of Leutner Commons today as bands Journey, Meatloaf, Shaggy, and those guys who wrote the Macarena gave a benefit concert for the reinstatement of the dining hall jukebox. "Nobody realizes that this and Karaoke are the only ways that we get any airplay, attention must be paid" exclaimed Steve Perry from the Leutner rooftop. Perry, who left Journey in 1987 and again in 1995, found the removal of the jukebox so outrageous that he organized the event, calling several artists out of retirement and Freddy Mercury out of the grave.

The group gathered atop the dining hall unannounced early this morning and began jamming after Meatloaf was hoisted by crane. The concert rose and fell with renditions of "Don't Stop Believing," "It Wasn't Me," "Bat Out of Hell," and culminated with the group's collaborative effort "We are the Jukebox, We are the Leutner." The display was so impressive that many were moved to demand the reinstatement of the machine. A referendum has subsequently been written to ensure that students have control over their music not only in Leutner, but also in every building on campus. If passed, the referendum would install jukeboxes in every dining hall, academic building, and restroom on campus. Response on the issue has been mixed.

Though many have qualms about the issue, few can deny the sheer power of the artists' message. These once great bands have fallen so far and no longer get the appreciation that they deserve. Where will these virtuosos of infectious pop be after the fame has run out, after the jukebox airplay, and after the inevitable Glee special? When asked for her thoughts on the issue during the show, President Barbra Snyder responded, "Hiding, somewhere in the NIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIGHT!"



*Above: Journey prepares to take the stage in an all-out Highlander-style battle-royal - for the jukebox, that is.*



*Above Right: Meatloaf unsuccessfully hiding somewhere in the night.*

### Respects to Songs now Gone:

10. "Money" - Pink Floyd
9. "Baba O'Riley" - The Who
8. "Don't Stop Me Now" - Queen

7. "Let's Get it On" - Marvin Gay
6. "You Outta Know" - Alanis Morissette
5. "Like a Hurricane" - Neil Young
4. "Cocaine" - Eric Clapton
3. "It Wasn't Me" - Shaggy
2. "The Macarena" - Los del Rio
1. "Don't Stop Believing" - Journey

## Pope Condemns Shellfish Lovers

VATICAN CITY – Pope Benedict XVI recently released a press statement, condemning consumers of shrimp, crab, lobster, and all other shellfish.

“The Bible clearly states in Leviticus 11:9-12, ‘These you may eat of all that live in water, whether in the seas or the streams, that has fins and scales--these you may eat. But anything in the seas or in the streams that has no fins and scales among all the swarming things of the water and among all the other living things of the water, they are an abomination for you and an abomination for you they shall remain: you shall not eat of their flesh and you shall abominate their carcasses. Everything in water that has no fins and scales shall be an abomination for you.’ All good Catholics, servants of God, you must come down with same intensity upon these who further the devil’s work, as you have upon those who defile marriage.

Opposition groups were quick to come out against, in their words the Church’s “intolerance towards those who lead a different life style.”

“We cannot change who we are”, said Tom, 37, an active member of the Shellfish Appreciate Club of Los Angeles. “The church can’t force their lifestyle on those who don’t want it. Besides, if God didn’t want us to eat lobster, why would He have made them so tasty?”

The Vatican was quick to rebut such arguments. “Eating shellfish is a lifestyle choice, and one that can be cured through righteous guidance. These people are unhappy, and we can help them.”

Upon hearing this statement from the church, many groups were offended. “Who is the Pope to tell us that our lifestyle is wrong, and that we are unhappy? We never condemned him for wearing that stupid hat. Who’s to call us out for wearing lobster bibs?”

The recent condemnation, according to

the Church’s PR department, was the first of many in a push to return the world to a Godly way of life.

“There are so many laws of God that we have lost over the years. For instance, Leviticus 19:27 forbids men from cutting their hair or shaving. For Christ’s sake, can people not see how we blaspheme the lord, with our Super Cuts and Gillette Fusions?”

However, not all members of the Catholic faith are in agreement with the Pope on this issue. “Umm...not that Pope isn’t infallible or anything like that, but why can’t we just stick to the gays? I mean, just thought of two men sleeping together makes me get a weird tingly feeling down my spine that only a good Hail Mary can cure, but what’s wrong with a nice shrimp cocktail? I mean, come on, who really follows those ancient laws anymore?”

But the Pope was steadfast in his convictions. “If we allow Catholics to eat shellfish, even though it is forbidden by God, then what’s next? I suppose you’re going to try to tell me that it’s possible for two people of the same gender to have a loving, consensual relationship with each other too.”



*Above: Pope Condemns evils of lobster.*

## **Classifieds: Vatican City**

- Used 2005 Pope Mobile, Sport. Fresh paint and new brakes. Interior refurbished to remove the "old pope" smell. Call Francini at Auto Redemption.
- Wanted: Excommunicator. Mutes are welcome, mimes encouraged. Write Leo at the Excommunity. No calls, please.
- Needed: Second Coming. Applicant must be expert with both major and minor miracles. Must be comfortable working around sharp objects.

## **Richard Dawkins Caught With Lucky Rabbit's Foot**

LONDON - In what he later described as "the most embarrassing moment of my career," eminent evolutionary biologist and skeptic Richard Dawkins was caught clutching a "lucky rabbit's foot" as he waited for the bus Monday morning.

Paparazzi pounced on the scene as Dawkins, an ardent opponent of religion and matters unprovable by science, struggled to hide the rabbit's foot in his pocket. As a crowd formed, hurling jeers at the man, members of England's Rationalism Police Squad were summoned and conducted a routine search of Dawkins' effects.

In addition to the rabbit's foot, Dawkins was found to be in possession of both a Ouija board and a paperback book suggesting that the Loch Ness Monster was real. Dawkins was cited for ownership of non-falsifiable paraphernalia and sentenced to 30 days in a government reprogramming facility.

"I've never felt so ashamed," said Dawkins. "I just want to let my college-age fans know that this was merely a moment of weakness, and in no way indicative of my regular behavior."

This episode is the latest in a recent spate of non-empirical behavior by noted skeptics. Several months ago, journalist Christopher Hitchens was caught praying in a public park, and earlier this summer comedian Bill Maher was discovered by bloggers to be picking four-

leaf clovers. It remains to be seen whether the trend will have any lasting harm on the careers of the three men.

## **Theory of Multiple Worlds Shaken: Schrodinger's Fries**

AUSTRIA - "You have no idea the number of cats I've gone through. Hell, even dogs to prove this thing," said Schrodinger disciple Jahn Svedwik. "Rigor is the essence of science, and yet all I've ended up with is a bunch of really pissed-off animals."

Jahn Svedwik, Ph. D of balls-crazy mad-science, has spent the past twenty years in his laboratory deciphering the nature of the cosmos through the concept of multiple worlds as posited in the Schrodinger's Cat scenario.

"To think, I've gone through at least one small nation's worth of orangutans, and yet in the twenty years I've spent putting simians in boxes, some apron-wearing dope sets science back by eons by a simple act of neglect."

The so-called "dope" was interviewed this past week in a press-conference. Elijah Cochfri, doctoral candidate in Apron-Based Sciences, stumbled upon his revelation during a routine examination of culinary behaviorism.

"I was going over my basic food groups, examining samples of round foods, finger foods, and cock-shaped foods, when I noticed something peculiar. While everything else was rotting, the McDonald's fries I slipped into a container (for funsies, of course), have not changed one bit since the day I left them."

Cochfri continued to describe his process, noting how living things in boxes can either be alive, or not alive, giving grounds to the idea of multiple worlds. For food, it is either edible or decomposed. Since the fries never decayed, it either means that only one possible world exists for fries, or that McDonald's fries are a constant through all worlds.

Currently, the scientific world is buzzing from this discovery. Only time will tell if the new fry-constant will replace x-in-the-box from quantum scientific method.

## Acme Corp. Issues Recall of Anvils Pending Safety Concerns

Because apparently common sense is a thing of the past

Walla Walla, WA – Today in a press release, a spokesman from the Acme Corporation announced that the company's popular anvils will be pulled from store shelves and the company's web site due to several incidents where the anvils reportedly caused injuries. Several of the cases seem to involve the anvils falling from the sky and conking someone on the head, and in more extreme cases, the victim has been found in an extremely deformed state: paper flat.

"We value the safety of the public," the Acme spokesman was quoted as saying. "I find it funny, as I'm sure you do, when someone gets hit on the head with an anvil. But we must put the safety of the public ahead of some petty concerns of humor. For us to just stand by and do nothing would be like us saying that we exist to cause pain to people for a cheap laugh. We don't want that kind of reputation associated with our company."

Effective immediately, Acme anvils will be coated with foam padding to lessen any injuries they may cause from being dropped from a great height. Furthermore, a large notice will be placed, covering the entire top of the anvil, warning the user about the dangers of dropping the anvil. Anchors will be attached to each anvil as well to ensure that they do not just magically appear in the air. Finally, each anvil will be packaged with a 15,000 page booklet detailing several strategies for avoiding an anvil should one find an anvil falling towards one's head. All anvils on store shelves will be immediately returned to the manufacturer for upgrading, and owners of Acme anvils are instructed to send their anvils back to Acme "or else."

Not everyone was pleased with the news, however. According to one anthropomorphic gray rabbit, the recall is unnecessary, stating, "What's up with this, Doc? The falling anvil gag has been part of my act for over sixty years and has never hurt anyone! Sure, some



*Babs demonstrates the dangers of anvils.*

people get squashed flat like a pancake, but they recover within a couple of minutes, no harm done!" He continued on, but we weren't paying attention. It was at that point that a large anvil-shaped shadow began appearing around us, and despite our attempts to flee, we were hit on the head and driven into the ground like a nail. By the time we worked ourselves free, the rabbit was gone. Thus the interview quickly concluded.

It is unclear how long installing the new safety features on the anvils will take, or when a return to the market can be expected. There are no plans at this time to recall any of Acme's other products. All of them, including the company's popular lines of dynamite and exploding pants, will remain on store shelves.



## Orientation Leader OD's on Happy

CLEVELAND – A hazmat team was dispatched to Case Western Reserve University campus this past weekend when an Orientation Leader went into a, what experts call, “Happy Shock.”

“We see this all the time,” said hazardous materials specialist Hanz Kleiner. “Happy is pretty potent, and once these types get their hands on it, all they can do is smile. Painfully.”

No information was released on the orientation leader, but University Hospitals released a statement saying the student has stabilized after undergoing immediate Fox and the Hound therapy.

“I always get choked up,” said cinematic therapy technician Roy Watchers, “that movie will take the happy out of anyone. Under more critical circumstances, I may have resorted to *The Land Before Time*, but that’s only for extreme detoxification. And don’t get me started on *Requiem for a Dream*.”

Happy is a powerful substance that can affect a large amount of people in very little time. It seems no one can resist its intoxicating effects, no matter age, race, or ice-pop preference. The substance is invisible, cannot be smelled or tasted, and spreads quickly when released. Symptoms include irrepressible smiling, cheerful greetings, and in the most severe cases, laughter.

“The worst thing is that these poor people are pushed into it,” commented Hanz, “and after that, they have no idea what is going on.”

Reports say that while under the influence, the orientation leader experienced an extreme reaction beyond being sociable and talking to awkward acquaintances. Other reports witnessed him patching up differences with old enemies.

Security cameras around campus tell a different story. On the main quadrangle, the OL appeared to mount an invisible pony, ride it in a violent circle, dismount said pony, and then inappropriately rub his body against

passers-by.

In other footage, the student was caught sneaking around, visibly displaying great paranoia. When confronted by a security guard, he immediately denied all connections to the mafia and was hoping the doctor would chose to save him that evening.

On the Mather quadrangle, the leader was taped leading squirrels on tours, introducing them to the Peter B. Lewis building, when clearly they were looking for MSASS across the street.

One other account claimed the student actually endorsed SAGES. Doctors believe this must have been stated at the height of the Happy-episode when the user is most delusional. After proclaiming his love for the seminar-based system, the student collapsed.

“The thing is, there are so many better options. Yeah, OK, things are pretty grim around here, people pray for a 40% that will get them a B. But still, turning to Happy is not the solution,” said Dr. Watchers.

Investigations are on-going. CWRU Security released a statement for students to keep a watch for people sneaking the potent substance onto campus grounds. They also recommend staying in safe places at night, like in front of your computer. Any form of social interaction could spread the menace of Happy, or even worse, encouraging a social atmosphere about campus.



*Confused Family of Squirrels at PBL*

## Case Western Cornhole Team Wins Division, Realizes No One Else Competed

CLEVELAND - After an exhaustive trip, Case Western's division one cornhole team returned victorious, winning the championship game.

"We really did not expect this," said the captain of the team, "I feel like we did not even need to try." The Case Western team got in a bus on Wednesday, complete with cotton duck bags and raised platforms, and then sat on the bus, realizing that there was nowhere to go. "After a few hours of sitting on the bus, we got off thinking we were at the competition, only to realize that the bus driver had left, saying that there was no such thing as Cornhole Competition Alley," the captain continued, a single tear running down his face, "and then, we realized we had won!"

Being the only competitors in the sport, the Case Western cornhole team declared themselves winners, and jumped into the air with an incredible excitement. The following day, they called the NCAA, just in case they wanted any interviews. "We had no idea what the fuck they were talking about," said the head of the NCAA, "what the fuck is cornhole anyway?"

Although the team holds no trophy or official title, they have been practicing hard since Wednesday. "We want to hold onto this title," the captain told reporters, "it means everything to us." A few of the star players on the team are looking to continue the sport full-time, in the professional leagues after college. "I have begun dropping classes to make more room for cornhole practice," one junior stated, "and my swinging arm has seen remarkable improvements."

Case Western has also seen other advancements in their athletics programs. After a traumatizing incident on their icicle catching team, Case Western nearly backed out of the upcoming tournament. The team pulled through though, winning the competition after a fatal incident involving many of the other teams' players, allowing Case Western to win

by default. They are competing this year in division two icicle catching, a division known to be quite slippery.

### October Horoscopes

#### Aries:

You will be asked your major and year fifty times at the Halloween party, and never have a meaningful conversation.

#### Taurus:

You will drink one too many beers, then realize that you called the RA twenty times in one night.

#### Gemini:

Remember that on Halloween, girls sometimes dress as guys and guys as girls.

#### Cancer:

Your insurance does not cover accidents with deer if the deer was actually a person wearing a deer costume.

#### Leo:

As much as you want to pull it off, wearing glitter does not qualify you as a sparkly vampire.

#### Virgo:

You will remain a virgo for Halloween.

#### Libra:

Going as a person in a dark hoodie is good if you want to spend the night in jail.

#### Scorpio:

Don't trust all people in cop outfits.

#### Sagittarius:

Leutner food is always like that, it is not special for Halloween.

#### Capricorn:

Go as blastoise and you will get tons of ass...and make many people wet.

#### Aquarius:

Learn from Mario Kart, cars do slip on bananas when the banana is really a person wearing a costume.

#### Pisces:

That skeleton man has another bone when he looks at you.

## DJ promises to play music so good “your earholes will bleed”

“At least it’s those holes,” noted one WCRU representative.

Consistently looking for new ways to mop together the eclectic mess that is the campus radio station, WCRU has hired on several new disc jockeys fresh out of the apprentice program. Open to all, the system prepares potential DJ candidates to handle the various day-to-day tasks performed by radio programmers every. Such duties include on-air identifications, running PSA’s, and removing Bengal tigers from the back storage spaces.

“We pride ourselves on having very capable staff,” noted the director of Apprentice Training, “they can handle any emergency.”

Such was the case last year when three callers requested U2 in the same hour block.

“Any other person would freeze up in a situation like that,” said the WCRU’er, “it’s times like those we are thankful our training program is so rigorous, that it produces such quality DJ’s, ones like Terry.”

Terrence Haulfield, super sophomore, was on air when the calls happened.

“I have to admit, I was afraid at first,” said Haulfield. “The training program is pretty intense, but nothing like that was included. We did everything from handling defunct files to properly applying holy water to the minions of the FCC.”

“Nothing could prepare me for that,” said the DJ.

“We try to make our training program as comprehensive as possible. But still, the world is a horrifying and unpredictable place,” commented the WCRU representative.

Police have determined the attack came from a similar gang of douche bags employing the type of fear tactics. Attacks included requests for Phil Collins solo sessions or tracks by The Smiths induced by binging on 500 Days of Summer.

Yet, in the wake of such radio chaos, Terrence has not allowed the incident to ruin his career. In the midst of continuing investiga-

tions, the show must go on.

“I do it for the love of music, man. Turn the dial to 11 and let the good times roll.”

“That damn metalcore show is too good,” replied one listener, “it keeps melting my face off. Seriously, I have reconstructive surgery scheduled on a weekly basis.”

Another listener commented, saying, “My anus bleeds for the orchestra.”

Fans of Sabbath and Slayer look forward to the Sunday-evening mass shows, Terrence donning his finest Paganfest regalia before taking over the basement booth. Each show typically starts with a prayer to the gods of metal, a sermon inspired by Odin, and a quick shoutout to Yo-Yo Ma for being “the most badass cellist to walk this plane of existence.”

After a few signs of the six-string, Terrence dives into the hellish glory of his two-hour show.

“Really, it’s kind of a pain, summoning the wretched familiars of Cain, but hey, it really sets the mood.”

Occult rituals aside, most of the fellow DJ’s support Terrence in his time of trial. Banding together, they diligently report the abuses of terrorist requesters.

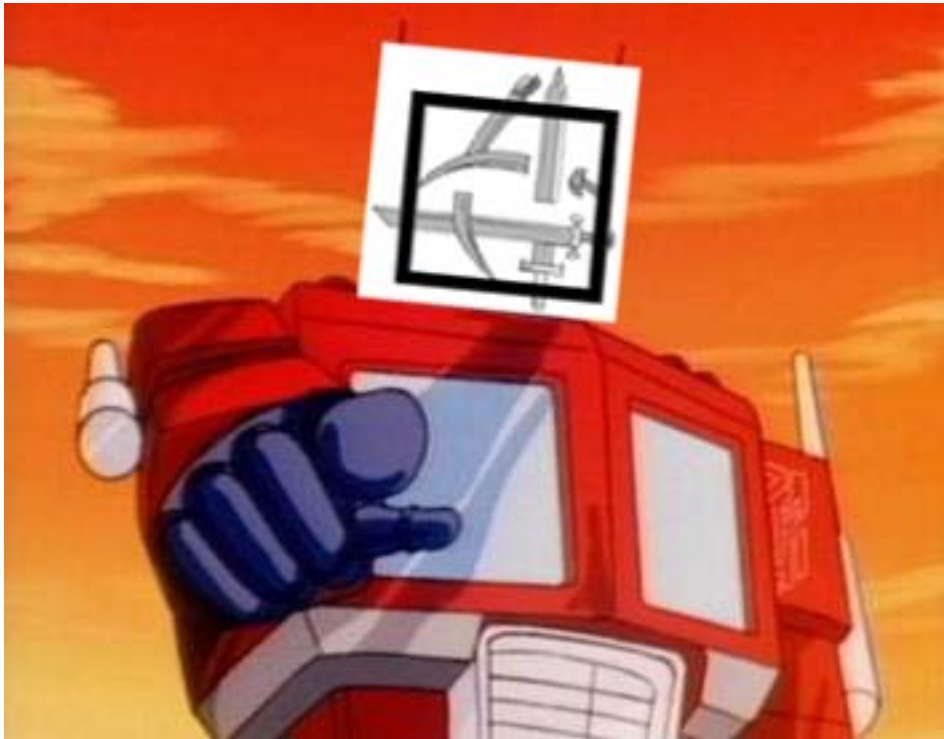
“We have to stick together. We cannot be intimidated by the first or thirtieth request for Blondie. No one can intimidate us with call-ins for Courtney Love,”

“If not the best, we will be eclectic, Avant-garde, or just downright random,” stated another.

Said Terrence, on his way into the depths of Mather Memorial, “our music is so good, your earholes will bleed.”



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