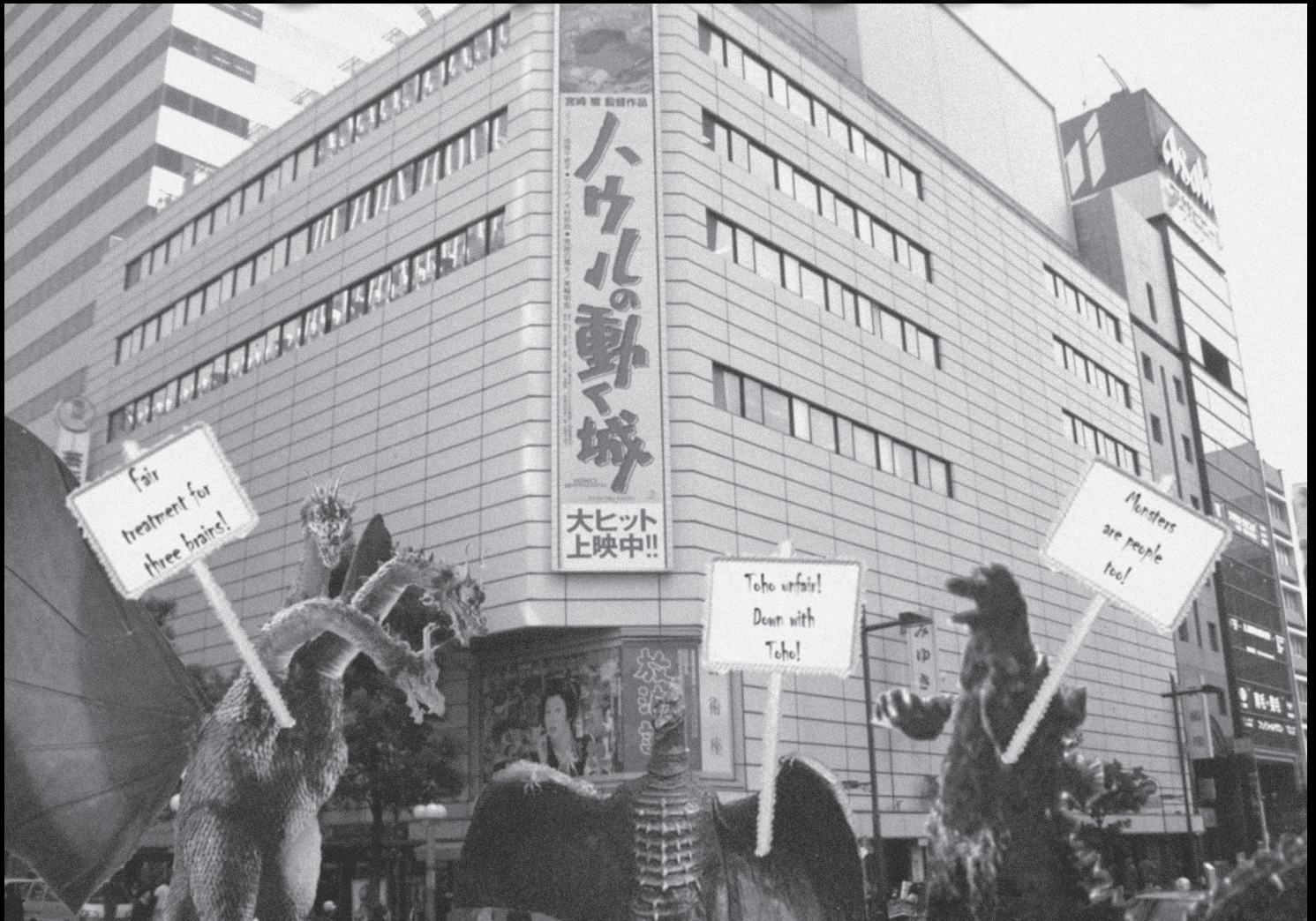


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*Delay is preferable to error, except when writing term papers.*  
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## From The Editor

Jaroshamala! (if you don't know that means hello in some obscure language you've never heard of, then clearly you're too mainstream).

So the previous weekend's eve, I was engaging in debate with one of my esteemed polar colleagues, *Ursus maritimus*, over a fresh espresso when seemingly out of nowhere, I was stricken by the most paralyzing existential crisis in regards to my future. A man of many talents, I set down my worthy opponent's fine China upon his grand mahogany settee (conscious not to spill, of course), and, although perhaps a bit out of turn, could only help but shift our discussion to postulations about future career paths, I was so frightfully stricken. Indeed, my vision could only be occupied by the bleakness of tomorrow.

Certainly, if one could (to be so bold), one would remain an undergraduate (at least I would), but alas, even one as well-rounded and debonair as I can only remain in the realm of such bliss for so long before trekking out into the wilderness that is life post-baccalaureata. However, such transition I could only seem to meet with great resistance, and could only identify it as the universal anxiety of selecting the next path.

Indeed it was the calming words of my artic-hided associate that I was able to snap out of the scare and back to debating the finer points of *The Iceman Cometh*. And for those of you wondering (or yet to wonder) what the future holds in store for you, take solace in my friend's words. Verbatim, he said, "rawwrrr wrraa wrnnnaaww rrrarraarrrow." Roughly translated (for those of you not versed in the beautiful language that is Polar-bearian), he said, "nevermind that which you cannot determine, old bean, the future is as indeterminable as it is oncoming. Stay your course and be true to yourself and you shall prevail." Understandably, this is a complete load of sap, but the bear does have a fine, if not poetic, point. Summed up - kick ass and be awesome now, 'cuz what comes, comes, and you will badass your way through it.



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-- The Editor

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## Study shows: Recent graduates shocked - outside world attractive

A recent study led by Master of Science candidate Peter Barrett, finds that recent Case graduates are overwhelmed by the attractiveness of “the rest of the world” proving once and for all that the “Case Goggles” phenomenon is real.

“This really isn’t about, ‘hey I’ve been studying and I forgot to check out the ladies.’ No, this is proof that people at Case really are uncommonly ugly.”

Rumors and speculation have stirred suspicion before, but the Case study is first of its kind to show a link. In fact, “shocked” and “awe-struck” were used repeatedly by study respondents to describe the after-graduation world.

“I swear I had an erection for like a week straight,” writes one study participant. “It was like at Case I was in a cave of ugly people, and I got used to the ugly. Maybe even in some sick way I preferred it. Now I’m out and the beautiful babes are like a carbon-arc lamp magnified to the power of Pi, right on my eyes. I mean right on it. I swear it is as if I am on a mission to discover planets in the Hainish Solar System and I just discovered the 89th! I mean really come on, these women of non-Case origin are ridiculously good-looking!”

The study also found that the “Case Goggle” phenomenon is not only associated with men. In fact, female graduates report a “strong urge” to “couple.” Female students said the “coupling urge” was “completely absent” at Case and even described the Case men with words and phrases such as “eunuchs” and “hairy where hair shouldn’t be.”

According to Master of Science candidate Peter Barrett, this is the first in a series of studies aimed at uncovering the truth about the asexual atmosphere of Case Western Reserve University. Other related studies include “what is CWRU aversion to fun on weekends,” and “what the hell is the fascination with Humans vs. Zombies?”

## Mr. CWRU’s Secret Identity Exposed, Is Actually a Teddy Bear

The campus was left stunned upon the conclusion of last week’s “Mr. CWRU” event, the outcome like no other in the event’s history.

Clad in a fancy suit and top hat that somehow managed to obscure his face, the newly-crowned Mr. CWRU, representing Case Vegan Society, was set to receive his awards. As he stood in front of the stage, all seemed well. However, this year, a student from the Fencing Club, apparently unaware that the time for showing off how he swung his sword was over, caught Mr. CWRU’s hat and yanked it off. What remained where they used to be was the clear white, fuzzy head of a teddy bear.

Officials decided that, since there was no rule explicitly forbidding teddy bears to participate, the bear could take home the prize. His fellow contestants, however, were not pleased in the slightest.

“This is ridiculous. I swing my sword like a pro, penetrating many a man and woman opponent, and I lose to an inanimate object?” said the suddenly impotent swordsman.

Spectators’ reactions on the matter were mixed. One, a random drunk Greek student who wasn’t quite sure what year he was, said, “Tha’s bullshit. Boys from my house were in that contest, and they were a whole lot more talen-...tal-...talamented than that thing. And their organization doesn’t need to man up!” On the other hand, freshman Anita Bath stated, “He’s so adorable, and he always has a smile on his face. And if you need a hug, he’s always available. I can see why the judges wanted to pick him over the others.”

Officials said that there were no plans to forbid teddy bears in future contests. “If the other contestants lose to an inanimate object, it’s their own damn fault for sucking,” said one organizer. Another stated “After the impressive performance put on by the teddy bear this year, maybe it’s time we let them have a chance.”

## Housing and Residence – a zoological approach to confiscation

Last Wednesday, first-year student Gwen Wallace became the eighth student in two weeks to have a pet removed from campus as a result of violating campus' pet registration requirements. Tiny, Gwen's pygmy elephant, was confiscated and detained in the Housing Office's underground "Place for Animals without Registration," where the sign outside reads, "No documentation? That's PAR for the course."

Tiny joins other animals not considered, according to the CWRU Housing website, "approved small, caged, non-poisonous animals, or fish [that] are permitted in the residence halls." Although Tiny fits inside his custom pygmy elephant cage, the unfortunate pachyderm does not fit within the official rules.

"It's not fair," stated Wallace, "I spent tons of time and money to buy an approved cage and make sure he can stay, and then they go back on their word. Can't they think outside the box for a change?"

Erwin Daniels, owner of a confiscated porcupine, shares a similar sentiment.

"It took me hours to roommate-proof Piggy's quills. Do you have any idea what it's like to cover each tip with special cork, only to have your plans plugged by a vacillating university official?"

"What I don't get," said Laura Emmitt, "is why they discriminate against helpless animals like my Radley? He can't help it his species by nature develops glands secreting the most virulent type of snake-poison in the world. It's total discrimination. Poor Radley."

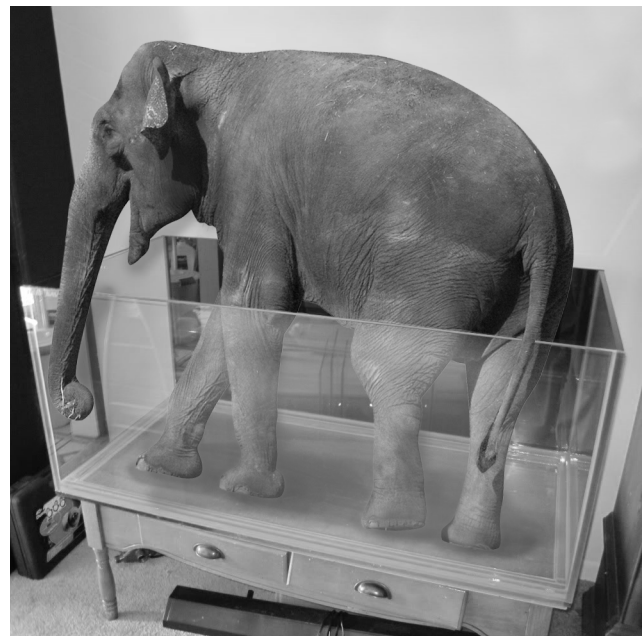
Despite vehement reactions from most pet owners, others demonstrate a noted complacency. Ben Waffling, for example, could not make up his mind whether or not he truly felt any sort of ire. "I mean, they weren't exactly pleased when I asked if, on the off-chance my piranhas ate my roommate, I would get A's for the semester."

Sherman Wester noted, "I mean, you can

only have a radioactive gerbil around for so long before people start noticing your super-speed and highly sensitive twitch-reflex."

Regardless, pet owners are joining together to institute a policy change. "Why is it that ferrets are especially egregious?" asked one student, "equal rights for equal pets!"

Right now, no discussion has occurred in light of the zoological confiscations. Housing reports it will stand by its policy for the health and well-being of students in all CWRU living spaces.



*Above: Tiny the pygmy elephant in his custom-purchased aquarium.*

### Housing's Top 5 Most Wanted Unregistered Pets

5. Sharkie Malloy - Starfish
4. Wolf - Lion
3. Dr. McSquiggles - Cuddlefish
2. Walter - Manticore
1. Big Bird - Oversized Avian

## Getting around at CWRU - Campus Perception of Bikes

With the wide variety of bikes around campus, many have been wary of getting slammed at any point during the day. Appearing on street corners, roaming along sidewalks, and rolling down causeways, bikes have been off-putting for students since the dawn of man, woman, and simple machine. Yet even though many students prefer to “play it safe,” and avoid riding the same seat as many other people, some students continue to recklessly mount and ride.

“I’ve seen several doctors as a result of bike-related incidents,” said Manny Hitz, “I always have to be careful of infections that could hinder my performance.” Manny has been seen riding several different bikes over the course of his career at CWRU. “I like to know they’ve been with other people,” he said, “why go for the new and unused when you can have a bike that knows the lay of the land?”

Most students complain that most people are reckless with their bikes. “They have no sense of other people’s space,” noted Dora Newly, “they just take up the whole sidewalk ride away like there’s no tomorrow.” Several students share Dora’s frustration, noting how many do not wear protective gear and leave themselves exposed to danger.

“I always wear protection when I ride my bike,” commented CWRU student Brian Dayes. “It’s like my mother always told me – you have to keep your head covered. It’s the most important part of your body.”

However, aside from concerns over public health and safety, other students note the abuses of many bikes. “A relationship with a bike requires a certain kind of care and maintenance,” noted Dr. Gene Polk, social psychologist. “It is unfortunate to see bikes abandoned and left alone on the streets where anyone can pick them up.”

Indeed, one with a trained eye can notice all the neglected bikes on campus. Some are helplessly locked up and left outside, forgot-

ten. Others are simply ditched in the middle of Freiberger Field with nowhere to go.

“I think that’s downright appalling,” said student Skeeter Winfeld, “I have a very healthy relationship with my bike.” Skeeter, a junior at CWRU, regularly uses a pump before riding his bike. “It’s just good to make sure everything’s warmed up before we go at it.” Skeeter describes his method of working with his bike, taking especial care to maintain constant air-flow while simultaneously applying the right amount of pressure. “You don’t want to blow it, you know?”

In general, it seems the student population, although somewhat deterred, accepts the culture of riders and bikes on campus. Although some brashly go at it without consideration of mutual health and safety, many practice good common sense and have a good ride. Even more recently, many have started riding in groups. Regardless, although there is some resistance, many enjoy getting around with their bikes at CWRU.

### Top 10 Favorite Positions for Biking

10 - The Rocky Mountain

9 - The Tricycle

8 - Ramming Speed

7 - Riding the Brakes

6 - The Squeaky Wheeler

5 - Oiling the Chain

4 - Ass-Over-Handlebars

3 - Pokes in the Spokes

2 - Sounding the Chime

1 - Peggin’ in the Rear

## There's amiability afoot - a Walking Guide to CWRU

Case Western students have very peculiar ways of walking about the campus. But despite their strange appearances, their methods are vastly popular, owing only to the efficiency that the strategies must exhibit. As such, we have followed students on campus in an attempt to discover and record their ways, so that freshman, prospective students, and visiting parents may benefit.

*Tip #1: Walk slowly in groups spanning the entire walkway.*

In order to ensure that no one is in too much of a haste when crossing the campus grounds, people should try to form groups which span the entire walkway. This strategy should be implemented so that people may remain safe on campus, walking only at a speed below 1 mile per hour.

*Tip #2: Ignore bikes and their warnings.*

For the safety of everyone, if a biker yells out "left" or "right," you should immediately freeze up and jump in a random direction. This stratagem will make sure that bikers will brake to a complete stop while traveling across campus, and will warn them of improper passing maneuvers by running straight into you.

*Tip #3: If riding a skateboard, fall off.*

No one enjoys walking through campus without any excitement, therefore, we should all thank the skateboarders who are kind enough to provide entertainment by repeatedly falling off their boards and lay on the ground for a while. Next time you see this occurrence, please clap.

*Tip #4: Your music is most important.*

Cars should be respectful of you when

you are jamming to your groovy beats. When crossing roads, make sure to ignore potential honks by turning up your music.

*Tip #5: When you see someone you know, but are too far away to say anything, look away or at the ground until you are closer, then ask how they are as they are walking away from you, so that if they answer they have to yell "NOT BAD!" behind them, when you are evidently not paying attention anymore and did not really care to begin with.*

Keep up the good work guys.

*Tip #6: Walk down the middle of all paths, and never choose a right or left lane.*

Rules of the road and common sense do not matter when walking on Case Western's campus. Instead of always walking along the right side of the pathway, walk straight down the middle, especially when crossing Euclid during peak hours. This method ensures that you will get more exercise than most gym classes as you dodge and parry your way through the mob.

*Tip #7: Always look at the ground.*

The sky is never interesting, and people in front of you should not be looked at. In order to prevent all kinds of contact or enjoyment of your surroundings, look at the ground for your entire travels when going to class.

*Tip #8: Take smoke breaks often.*

After you and you pals have lit up, be sure to slow down so that everyone trying to get around your prodigious, slow-moving mas of humanity can share in the fresh aroma of your favorite brand of smokes. Everyone knows haste makes waste.

## Live Action Captain Planet Sure to Captivate Audiences Worldwide

Award winning director James Cameron has produced cinematic gold in his new film, a live action adaptation of Captain Planet. By combining the modern day environmental and sustainability issues with the recent rise in popularity of superhero and comic book-style movies, the new film is highly anticipated. In a recent interview, Cameron claims it is his greatest work since Titanic, and was pleased to work with real people again.

The film, titled "Captain Planet: Global Warning," will star former vice president Al Gore as Captain Planet and former CEO of BP Tony Hayward as Captain Pollution. When asked about their decisions to participate in the film, neither man seemed worried about their limited acting experiences. Gore says the casting call from Cameron was the happiest day of his life.

"Portraying Captain Planet is the highest honor an environmentalist can hope to achieve. This is the noblest distinction I have ever been presented with, and it brings me peace to know there are others who care about the environment."

Hayward was similarly pleased. When approached about the film, he jumped at the opportunity to bolster his reputation.

"I know I'm not much of an actor, but I felt that doing the film would help educate people to the dangers of pollution. I guess it's just my way of saying sorry."

The film will star several of the original cartoon's voice actors, including Whoopi Goldberg as Gaia, LeVar Burton as Kwame, and Janice Kawaye as Gi. However, other renowned additions were made including Neil Patrick Harris as Wheeler, Milla Jovovich as Linka, and Jackie Chan as Ma-Ti. Cameron hoped the diversity in the actors' backgrounds would help promote realism in the film.

Cameron said that using this particular cast, he could also evoke feelings of nostalgia in viewers.

"LeVar Burton was the magical ingredient. It isn't every day you get the chance to use a cast member with a background including the cartoon of the film, Star Trek, and Reading Rainbow."

Captain Planet: Global Warning opens in theaters worldwide this Friday. The film has been translated into over 36 languages including Swahili, Matlab, and Pig Latin. The story takes place fifteen years after the end of The New Adventures of Captain Planet. It will feature several of Cameron's recurring themes such as the threat of nuclear holocaust, the dangers of corporate greed, and a romantic subplot between Wheeler and Linka.



*Above: Shot of Al Gore in his exciting role as the defender of planet Earth.*



## Taylor Swift Cites GWAR as Inspiration

Rumors abound that country singer Taylor Swift has taken inspiration from heavy death metal band GWAR have been around almost as long as Taylor Swift has. In a press release earlier this month, Swift confirmed these rumors, stating that she drew heavily on inspiration from the early 90's metal band.

"GWAR has always been a big influence for me," Swift was quoted as saying. "Sure, I don't necessarily think that loud guitars and screaming vocals are always the way to go, but as far as lyrics and content go I really think they were on to something."

Swift specifically cited GWAR's song "Gor-Gor," a song about a giant crack-addled dinosaur who destroys things and eats people, as a direct inspiration for her hit song "Love Story," a song about a girl whose dad doesn't approve of the boy she loves. "You know how, in the beginning of 'Love Story,' where Juliet describes how it was when she and Romeo first met? I got the idea to do that from GWAR. In fact, the first line of 'Gor-Gor' reads 'Gor-Gor comes and sirens wail.' GWAR used such a description to open their song effectively – establishing a brutal tone for the rest of the song – so I decided to do something similar when I wrote 'Love Story.'"

"Similarly, GWAR uses graphic descriptions of what's happening around them – 'Skulls are smashed, and bones are bending / joints are popping, claws are rending' – I used a similar method to establish Juliet's feelings of loneliness when Romeo doesn't call her for awhile, as well as to establish Juliet's love for Romeo earlier in the song. Of course, there are some occasions where being up front and simple is best – like where Juliet explicitly says that she feels lonely, and where GWAR proclaims in as many words that Gor-Gor is big."

Swift says that she drew a lot of the content from GWAR's work as well. "Gor-Gor is literally a big, overwhelming figure in the

lives of GWAR. In Juliet's life, Romeo is a big, overwhelming figure, to the point where she cannot think of anything else."

"Additionally, in 'Love Story,' Juliet's dad clearly hates Romeo, repeatedly telling him to stay away from his daughter. At the end of the song, however, he finally accepts him and allows her to marry him. Gor-Gor is similar – he is described as someone whose coming causes sirens to wail and the military to respond. At song's end, GWAR states 'And now, my son / my bastard son / it is time we embrace / Gor-Gor!'"

"Can't you see the resemblance between the two songs?" Swift reportedly asked her interviewers. This is a question which we here at the Athenian can confidently answer: no. The two songs clearly have nothing in common. The student body seems to disagree, however. Sophomore Adam Nichols said "It's always been obvious to me: she totally copied them."

Neither Gor-Gor nor any members of GWAR could be reached for a statement.

## Other Unlikely Celebrity Influences

Robert Downey Jr. - Edgar Allen Poe  
Scarlett Johansson - Rubik's Cubes  
Lea Michele - Iron Maiden  
Will Smith - *Where's Waldo*  
Tina Fey - T.I.  
Queen Latifah - Charlie Chaplin  
Jack Johnson - Sir Mix-A-Lot  
Ke\$ha - Super Mario Brothers  
Russell Brand - Hatha Yoga  
Justin Beiber - Watching MMA  
Emma Watson - *Star Trek*  
Bruce Willis - Oprah  
Snoop Dogg - Dolly Parton  
Katy Perry - Dungeons and Dragons  
Nicholas Cage - Kabuki Theater

## Giant Lizards Protest Outside Toho Headquarters

TOKYO, JAPAN – On December 1st, 2010, at approximately 11:30 AM local time, a series of small earthquakes rocked the city of Tokyo. The reason why soon became apparent: a number of giant reptile-like creatures came towards the city and headed straight for the headquarters of movie company Toho. Authorities prepared a military response, but none was needed: the monsters did their best to not to destroy anything, preferring only to carry signs and protest outside the building. The reptiles say that they are unhappy over their portrayals in Toho's series of monster movies.

Godzilla, the monster that organized the protest, was quoted as saying "This company insists on portraying us like we're a bunch of monsters! It's despicable! Because of them, people think we insist on solving all of our problems by fighting each other to the death and smashing things! As I believe this protest demonstrates, we are more than capable of airing our grievances in a peaceful and orderly manner!"

Three-headed Ghidorah told us that

when a dispute does break out amongst the monsters, "we hold a meeting on Monster Island (as that idiot company calls it). All of us gather together to hear the dispute. Then we all work out a solution that both parties are happy with. We. Do. Not. Beat. The hell out of each other!"

"And as long as I've got your attention, none of us are evil mind-controlled aliens. Lay your fears to rest."

The group has noted that the only film of Toho's that they are not upset with is the 1998 American version of Godzilla. They say that the lizard in question basically is a mindless animal – and besides, the movie sucked anyway and very few people saw it. So they feel it all cancels out, and that the sheer badness of the film has helped convince people that the protestors are not simply giant violent monsters

Toho has issued a formal apology to the group and says that they will attempt to offer some reparations to the group. The company's stock price dropped with the announcement, closing at quantity: One Metric Shitload.

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## **Hole in the wall where the men see it all' to be filled in, says Case's facilities management."**

Tuesday, university officials announced plans to fill-in hole known simply as the "Boner-hole", by undergraduate men.

The Boner-hole is a mythical hole similar to the famed hole in "a place in France." Apparently, France's hole allows men a chance to watch "naked ladies dance" and "see it all." "But," one CWRU official points out, "Case's hole is special. It's our hole. Thousands of underserved Case men have visited the hole to discover the very things that bind our society together—issues of gender, sex, female grooming techniques... It isn't a simple dance hole like the one in France. This is the real deal."

Students are less than enthusiastic about the news.

"This is more than I can take. First, they took away our porn machine, [reference to the now defunct file share hub] now they want our Boner-hole. It's more than I can bear," said a visibly shaken double physics and engineering major who wished to remain anonymous. "It's not like we were looking 'cause we want to. It was about an exploration of our maleness. A way to connect with woman of low morals and an obvious attention to detail in a very selfish and purely self-gratifying way... I just can't believe it. I'm distraught."

"It really is a sad day at Case," said the university official. "We really are doing a disservice to the academic community. How can we talk about the long term effects of unsatisfied desire, gender issues and stupid stuff like that, if we cannot also take a peek at what we are missing? I mean come on, have you seen these guys? They aren't getting any action no matter their party affiliation [sexual orientation], at least not with someone else. What do you think happens when deep rooted lust and longing goes unquenched? Hell if I know, but we are about to find out!"

While speaking, the official was assaulted by fuchsia head-banded geeks wielding suc-

tion cup shooting assault rifles. "See what I'm talking about? Do you think I'm joking? They'll be doing this crap all the time if we take that hole!"

Ironically, the Boner-hole is scheduled to be filled on the same day as Case's first annual Sausage Fest.

University officials declined to comment on the filling of this hole or the filling of any other holes on campus, but did say, "This is the first of many holes that we intend to fill," fueling speculation that Case officials intend to fill all university students' holes when tuition comes due.

## **Student Amazed to find himself not on task after 30 minutes of paper-writing**

Last Thursday, the unthinkable happened at the Kelvin Smith Library. Mid-thesis, undergraduate student Vinn Bredmacher discovered he was no longer staring at the first page of his mid-term SAGES essay, but was instead meandering about the back files of Wikipedia.

"I don't get it. One moment, I'm researching the mysteries of Stonehenge to figure out some way to fill five pages, when suddenly I'm creeping on my second ex-girlfriend from sophomore year of high school."

Investigators are baffled as well. Analyst Jen Insyt noted, "it's hard to determine what could have led this student astray. In times like these, no one can truly understand why a student would become distracted from a paper he really does not want to write."

ITS has put together a campus-wide program to track in what directions internet researchers go to gather data reflecting how it is possible that a student would stray from important duties to satisfying inane curiosities.

## Noble undergrad to liberate pilfered electricity from turbine

4,700,000 kWh of electricity are stolen every year to power the great white parasite standing at the edge of Van Horn Field. Its menacing blades ward off all who dare challenge the ill-placed machine that whirs steadily on night and day. And though CWRU would have you believe it is for the sake of the environment, do not believe such a falsehood! The truth is that campus must now burden itself with powering the windmill, the forever spinning monster that draws the eyes of all other campuses, convinced this university constructed the mechanical titan to “conduct experiments on green energy.” But ho, for those that know the truth, they plan day and night to once again liberate campus from this power-grubbing monster.

Study abroad student Juan Peyote is one such student daring enough to risk his life in the name of justice.

“I cannot stand the fact that the university would choose to supply power to the turbine. There is enough modern art on campus - why do we need a piece requiring the power of our generators?”

In response, CWRU facilities released a statement claiming the 4,700,000 kWh figure is what a typical turbine would normally produce annually. “Also,” said a facilities worker, “it’s just silly for us to power a wind turbine. Who would come up with that idea.” the worker then resumed shovelling tuition dollars into the great furnace that actually powers campus, one pile of Benjamins at a time.

Regardless, students have united around

Juan’s cause, a plan to topple the turbine in a single mounted charge. Toiling diligently by day and night, CWRU’s undergraduate populace has seemingly participated in the only truly voluntary interdisciplinary project that will produce real results. The pre-meds are prepping Juan with a brutal fitness and nutrition regimen to prepare him for battle. The nursing school will actually implement this regimen, since nurses actually do all the work the doctors prescribe. The engineers are crafting armor, a shield, a spear, and a robotic horse for him to mount his assault. From the humanities department, scribes and scholars are banding together to

analyze historical strategies, prepare mental preparations, and are crafting songs and poems and ballads and stories in his honor, so he will be remembered for all eternity. Business students are selling tickets and marketing the biggest event of human stupidity since



Jack-ass 3D.

Ultimately, toppling the turbine should not prove difficult. When it was first built, CWRU found out it was built in essentially a swamp, considering the poor drainage and underground build-up of water. Thus, the first turbine sank. So they built a second one on top of it, but that, too, sank. Third time’s the charm they thought, but that one burned down, tipped over, and then sank into the swamp. The fourth one stood for a month, then was destroyed by polar bears. But this fifth one has stood tall, and continues seeping energy from campus.

## Nobody gives me the respect I deserve anymore

By Zeus, king of the gods.



I think it is safe to say that my glory days are long gone.

I was on the top, once. Had it all. Great temples were built in my name. Poets told stories of my greatness, as well as the

greatness of all the gods in my pantheon and pretty much everything else I touched. I had no problem at all hooking up with mortal women. Things were grand on top of Mount Olympus. Even after the Romans came along.

Then, next thing I know, word is spreading about some guy who...I don't know, sacrificed himself to himself in order to change rules that he himself created, or some such. It makes no freakin' sense! And yet, everybody starts buying it! No one has any interest in old Zeus anymore. Or in "Iupiter," or whatever the Romans called me, but at this point I'll take the ridiculous name.

Nowadays? Everyone is interested in this Jesus fellow, or the teachings of that Mohammed guy. Hell, even that chump Thor gets the occasional metal band to write a song about him. Meanwhile, I'm relegated to simple mythology classes, or a dusty stack in the library that no one ever looks at unless they're writing a paper. (Okay, fine, I appeared in some Wonder Woman comics, but frankly I do NOT consider that an honor!)

Seriously, what gives? What have these guys done that's so great? Flipping through these holy books here...okay, this Jesus guy turned some water into wine. Bah! It's a petty parlor trick! I'll have you know that my son Heracles, blessed with super strength, rerouted a river in order to clean the Augean stables, in addition to defeating the Nemean lion and the Hydra, as well as bringing back freakin' Cerberus. Healing an ear off a guy who lost his? I gave the ability to see the future to Tiresias after the old ball and chain took away

his regular eyesight.

Come on people, give the respect and the glory back where it really belongs: toward those of us on Olympus. Next time you go off to worship whatever Mary Sue deity you worship, think of us instead. What have they got that we ain't got?

Hmm...okay, there's this holiday wherein everyone decorates a tree and exchanges presents. Brings everyone together and whatnot. We can still celebrate this holiday if you worship me! Hell, it's not like you guys had issues taking things from other religions! (Yes, Jesus' supposed birthday coincides right around the Roman holiday of Saturnalia. I'm on to you, guys).

This is the king of the gods telling you to worship him. Personally, if I were but a mortal, and the king of the gods told me to do something, I'd go right out there and do it.

Oh, and you guys at Tappa Kegga? Next time you throw a toga party, could you kindly send an invitation to those of us on Olympus who invented the concept? I promise, you won't regret it.

### Classifieds for the Olympic in Spirit

- Above-ground pool for sale. Holds water up to titanic proportions. Great for leviathans, hydras, and other mythical sea-beasts or for wooing that nyad down the street.

- Work-out set, slightly used. Get yourself into Herculean strength. \*Note - does not grant immortality, just huge pecs.

- Wanted: Electrical Engineer at Jupiter Electric. Must have experience with routing celestial bolts and solid grounding in mythological lightning.

- Feel like you're carrying the burden of the world? Come to Shrugger's Bar and Lounge - it'll feel like a world of difference.

## **New Technology Makes Test Administration Easier**

Students at Case Western Reserve University can look forward to a simpler testing scenario next semester. Following a recent investigation and twelve phase study, a committee of professors recently recommended that Sporcle® be used to administer midterms and final examinations.

“Students complain a lot about ‘getting up to go to class’ and this should help since they will now be able to take important examinations from their dorm room,” said a professor wishing to remain anonymous.

Many are worried that cheating would increase, but the investigation determined the level of cheating did not increase significantly from the current level. “I think students will find that the same level of academic integrity will be maintained during the testing. Special programming prohibits other internet windows to be opened during the testing period so that the internet cannot be consulted during the examination,” advised the unidentified professor.

Right now, only midterm and final examinations are scheduled to be administered by Sporcle; however, if the pilot process is successful, Case students may find that all of their examinations may be administered by the same means. ESS will be offering special sessions regarding Sporcle examinations to assist students.

ITS says that Sporcle will be incorporated into the SIS system starting Fall 2011 semester.

## **Finals Studying Tips**

- Burn the midnight oil. Sleep is for the weak. All-nighters should be a regular occurrence during finals week. In fact, you should be staying up multiple days in a row.

- Make appointments with tutors. You can avoid actually showing up if you want; the important thing is that you make the appoint-

ment.

- If you have any sins on your record, this might be a good time to go to confession. That way your deity of choice will be more likely to aid you on the test.

- Come up with a legitimate reason to miss the final so that you have more time to study. Stepping in front of a bus works wonders. (And if you die, you never have to take the final at all. What’s not to love?)

- Everyone knows that if your roommate dies, you get an automatic 4.0 for the semester. Just remember to make it look like an accident.

- Red Bull is your friend.

- Try hitting yourself in the head repeatedly with your textbook. Maybe the force of the impacts will dislodge some of the information held in it and send it into your brain.

- Similarly, eating your notes may cause the information held within them to be absorbed into your body (and by extension, your brain). Or it might just give you blood poisoning. Either way, it’s worth a try.

- Cut off all contact with your friends and family. You’ve got more important things to be doing right now than talking to some idiot about inconsequential minutiae.

## **The Truth About Sex and Dating**

The most important thing to remember about sex and dating is that people don’t want awesome, they want available. It doesn’t matter how good of a person you are, whether or not you smoke, or what your religion is. As long as you put yourself out there and know how to manipulate others, you can get what you want.

Contrary to popular belief, manipulating people is easy. Merely knowing a few psychological trends can give you a major advantage. For example, by simply keeping a straight face and looking directly into someone’s eyes, you can tell a blatant lie with little suspicion. Remember, the key to happiness is pursuing your

own self-interests, regardless of the feelings of others.

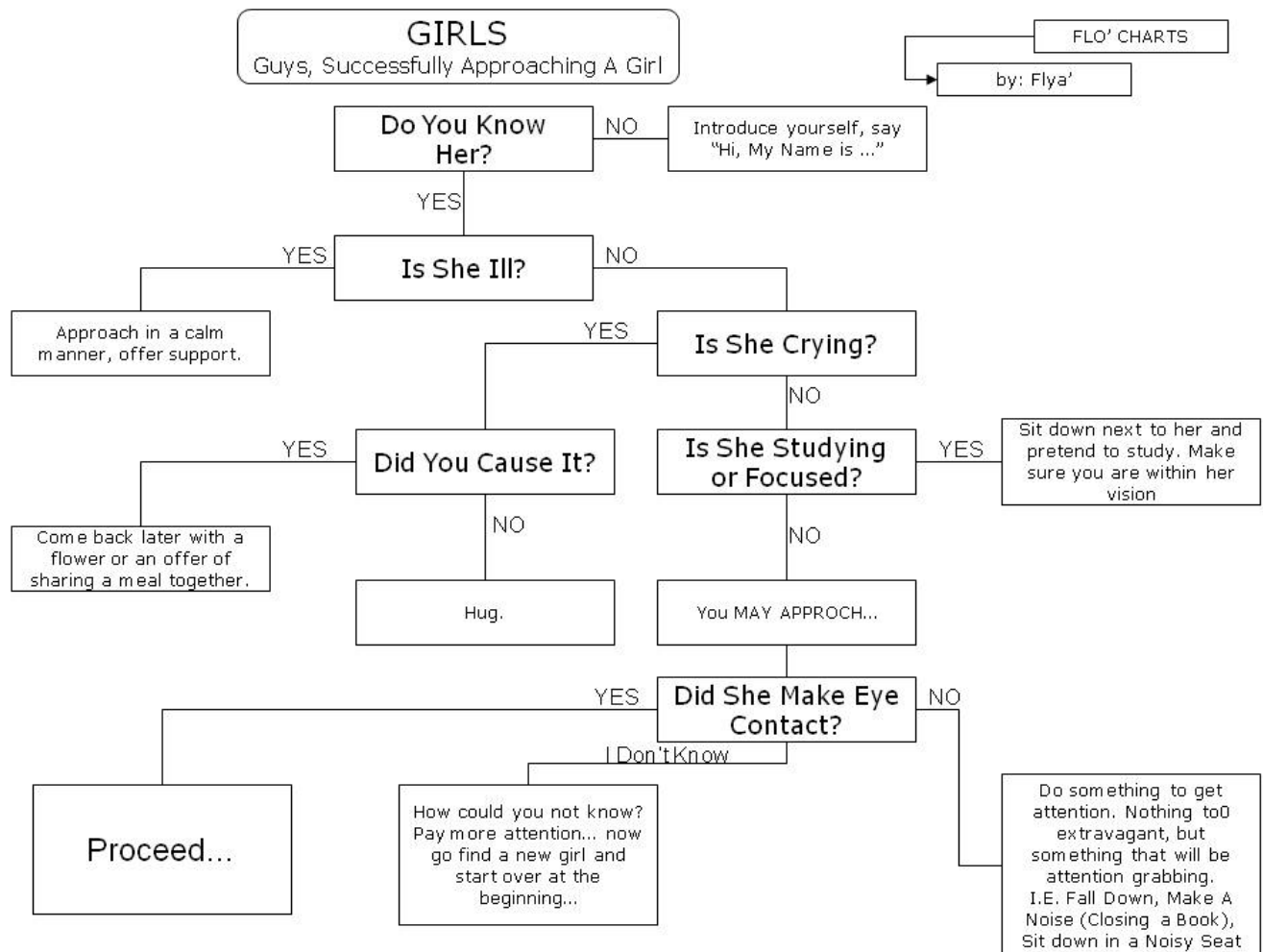
While manipulating others, it is important to keep certain things in mind. Don't be nice, or a very good listener. This will only ensure that you get locked in the friend zone. Find vulnerabilities and insecurities and exploit them. Pretend to be whatever the other person wants, and maintain an arrogant and unfounded sense of confidence. The truth is that the love and romance on television and in the movies isn't the same as in real life. Poetry rarely works, and people like to be challenged by attractive,

annoying people more than they like to be supported by pining friends.

If you find someone who you are not interested in is interested in you, play along. Take advantage of them until they are no longer useful to you. If you're careful, you can get them to buy you things, give you attention, and do you favors. It's not up to you to look out for anyone but yourself.

If you don't want to be vulnerable or dependent on someone, or being attached to meaningful things, keep your guard up and use people.

*Below: a quick and easy-to-use flowchart for you lack of gentlemen out there. Yes, the world of dating is a scary place, but with this handy map, all you enigneers can logically deduce the mysteries of the world of romance.*



## Case Students Helped Rid the Neighborhood of Old and Outdated Medications

As a part of a nationwide effort to reduce the potential harm to home and community that old and outdated medications can pose, Case students volunteered by the thousands to assist area agencies at collection centers.

“The response by Case was astounding,” said Cuyahoga Health Department Official Sherman Updike. “We couldn’t be more pleased with the response. In some areas Case students even took the initiative and opened their own collection center without prior encouragement. It really is amazing.”

Students banded together as soon as it became known on campus that unwanted medications were available in the communities surrounding their campus.

“I was like, free drugs? Are you kidding me?” said one student. “We gotta get this stuff off the streets. People are going to get hurt. Not to mention the potential to damage the ecosystem or something. Whatever, I mean I’m doing it for the children--The ADD children that aren’t taking their medications. I mean we’ve got finals and stuff coming up.”

Thousands of students hit the streets setting up small kiosks and even canvassing the neighborhood. Several students even took part in an “exchange” system.

“Yeah, I take their meds they don’t want and I find something that might be useful among the stuff other people didn’t want,” said one enterprising student. “Can you believe these people are giving this stuff away? I just got five bucks from that guy over there for these blue pills. And that’s five bucks for each pill—ready money, beotch!”

Barabara Snyder President of Case Western Reserve University called the students’ efforts “mind boggling” and “unique”. “The enterprising and creatively intelligent way our students exploit even the most benign situation for their own personal gain is

something I can’t say much more about. Really, I have to poop. Seriously, I have to go its touching cloth.”

“This is definitely not the first of many attempts to get the medications out of the hands of the community and into more responsible organizations,” added Updike. “I really look forward to future collection programs.”

“Do you know how to remove Oxycodone stains?” added a nearby Case student. “I seemed to have spilled the crushed powder all over my clothes.”

## Ten Insights from the Freshman Experience.

1) When asked for a number in class, somebody will always shout 42. They will invariably be the funniest person in the room.

2) Hell hath no fury like Crossing-Guard Mark ignored.

3) CIA students are often immediately identifiable by their distinctive plumage.

4) When traveling on a greenie, your two options are being awkwardly on top of somebody, or having that person awkwardly on top of you. Either way it beats walking.

5) With enough bacon, almost anything at Leutner is palatable.

6) SI sessions are better attended than football games.

7) SAGES can in most cases be described best as an English class taught by a science teacher regulated by a bureaucrat hit over the head by a large rock.

8) The best cold weather attire is that which can be removed when it suddenly becomes 80 degrees, and immediately replaced when it then begins to snow.

9) Yelling at offenders is the best means of enforcing quiet hours.

10) Not only are the squirrels not afraid of people, they are well aware that they could take the average Case student in a fight.



## **Fancy Feast Launches Line of Canned Food for People**

Fancy Feast: a controversial canned food for cats. Some cats eagerly gobble it down. Others turn up their noses at it. Still others lick off the gravy and leave the meat alone. Starting soon, however, human beings will have the option to do the same.

At a press conference earlier this week, a Fancy Feast representative stated that the company will launch a line of canned food designed for humans. The food in the can will be exactly the same as the food in the cans of cat food – executives say that both are fit for human consumption, as both contain simply fish or meat and gravy. The company says that the meals will be perfect for people on the go who have fine palettes.

When asked what the inspiration for the new product was, the spokesman said that “We here at Fancy Feast would often look at the cans of cat food and see the labels: turkey and gravy, salmon and gravy, ocean fish. We would often ask ourselves, ‘Geez, is this stuff for our cats or for us?’ Also, we would usually end up eating the food after our cats refused to eat it, and it was actually decent – no worse than the food in the cafeteria. So, we felt it was obvious that the next logical step was to sell this food to humans in the first place.”

Reactions to the news were mixed. Freshman Mike Willard said “You know, that actually sounds like a good idea. I’m tired of my cat getting all the good stuff while I’m forced to eat at Leutner!” But on the other hand, Junior Ashley Williams said “Giving humans cat food - that’s just wrong.” However, as Harry, the cat of the Athenian’s layout editor, points out, “Meooooow!”

Fancy Feast’s stock rose \$4.19 with the announcement, closing at like a bazillion dollars. In related news, Purina is also launching a line of food for humans, though that appears to mostly be a bunch of small crunchy pieces.

## **Bring Leutner Home Wth You! Recipes from the Famed Cafeteria!**

### **Tomato Soup**

Ingredients:

- 1 Tomato
- 1 Teaspoon of Water
- 20 Cups of Salt

Pour water into 25 quart pot and bring to boil. Once the water has evaporated, thinly dice the tomato and put that in the bowl. Add the salt and you are ready to serve!

### **Chicken Soup**

Ingredients:

- 1 Chicken Wing from Last Week
- 20 Quarts of Water

Pour water into 25 quart pot and bring to boil. Once the water has reached a boil, add the chicken wing. Let cook for 5 minutes and you are ready to serve!

### **Tuna and Avocado Sushi**

Ingredients:

- Tuna Fish (preferably off-brand bumblebee)
- Yesterday's Stir-Fry Rice
- Seaweed (or whatever can be pulled from outside)

Take seaweed and place on the bamboo mat. Add a layer of rice and a sliver of tuna fish. Roll with hands until the rice is falling out and most of the tuna fish is gone. Take dull knife and, with the flat of the blade, mash the remaining roll until you are left with a dilapidated glob of sushi-looking stuff. Bon appetite! (Don't feel bad about not adding avocado, in the globular form of the sushi no one will notice.)

## To my missing handyman:

Well, I'm a little pissed. It seems that your cell phone is turned off or out of the service area. If you wouldn't mind giving me a call or just stop by—I feel I need to explain our last evening together. It is the least you could do for me after leaving me handcuffed alone in my home!

You were such a gem, with your tight shirts and tool belt, it just seemed like inviting you over to work out in my basement, would be a nice way to pay back your kindness. I did not mean to bore you with my rambling about hit cowboy shows of the 1970's while you tried to pump out a few sets on the ole' bench press. In retrospect I can see how my conversation seemed a little out of place. But in truth, that episode of Bonanza where Little John is kidnapped and tied up by the hot Spaniards really is my favorite, and I think being kidnapped, or at the least forcibly detained, could be interesting—I mean in a “you're gonna try and escape and test your getting away skills” kind of way. But I'm flexible and if you don't want to be tied up, and I think your body language suggested that much, you could tie me up. I do happen to have a lariat or we could just use duct tape and an extension cord—your choice. And dude, this totally isn't sexual. I mean, I realize in retrospect that I should have eased you into the cowboy genre a little more gently. Maybe over a beer, some chips and a roofie (j/k!), but hey, we live and learn.

Do you remember when I asked you to handcuff me? I can totally see how that could be taken the wrong way. I really am just interested in your former occupation, but I realize asking you to “rough me up” while you gently applied the manacles may have been a little over-the-top. But hey, I'm not completely scatter brained; I did change out of my sweaty gym clothes and into that way sexy pair of black jeans, pec-hugging rodeo shirt and dinner-plate belt buckle. Oh, and I almost forgot, those sweet ostrich skinned cowboy boots! But imagine if two men were handcuffing each other in their tight sweat soaked t-shirts? Yucky! You see, I had no choice but to change! But if you would have rather had me wet, I would have obliged, but leaving me shackled and alone was not the appropriate response to my, albeit, sudden change of wardrobe.

And those boots! Don't get me started! I know, I know, 800 bucks is a lot of money to pay for a pair of boots, but hey, it was the only ostrich skins that were available in your size too. By the way, you never tried them on. In fact, you left rather quickly after you opened the box. If you want to wear the boots around the house, come on over. My door is always open—it's getting out that's difficult. J/K. Lol!

When are you coming back??? How about Saturday? I was thinking we could do a little unconventional working out. You know, change it up a bit. Maybe I could hide in the woods, like a fugitive of the Wild West, and you could try to capture me? It would be a great opportunity for me to test my skills. You could be the Sheriff! You know, like your old job!

If you come over this weekend, I can arrange for you to have a horse. I promise to lay off the sudden wardrobe changes.

Please find me. You know where I live.

P.S. I was able to slip out of the handcuffs. Next time, make sure the rails are super-tight against my skin :)

## Chuck Norris suffers badass mid-life crisis

For some, picking out the right clothes is the day's first real challenge. For one former Walker - Texas Ranger, mornings have been spent picking out the right identity before walking out the door.

"I don't know - I just don't feel myself these days," said the master of the round-house kick this side of Bruce Lee. "I wake up in the morning and I wonder who I'll be that day."

Over the past couple years, fans have built up a collection of Norris' identities during his quest to re-define himself in the relatively new decade.

"I have to say," said one fan, "capoeira-Norris seemed like a reasonable step. Perhaps a little too Brazilian for my taste, but still, I thought it natural for him to add to his already impressive catalogue of martial arts."

But the dancing style of the fighting art leaked into Norris's mind over time. Not for long did Norris commit to his capoeira studies when we took on the skin of salsa-Norris. Soon he was tearing up the dance floor with the grace and precision of a true ballroom dancer.

Over time, this passion gave way to swing-dancing and then 1920's mobsterism. Mobster-Norris only lasted for a short period, flagging in favor of Rambo-Norris.

"Now that was an American I could get behind," said one patriot. Rambo-Norris journeyed over seas and kicked ass up and down the world's country sides. But after single-handedly slaying a bengal tiger, Norris fell into a rare bout of deep introspection.

"That was not an American I could get behind," said the same patriot about pacifist-Norris. "Fuckin' tree-huggin' animal-lover."

After enough war protests, boredom set in, and Norris wandered off into the land of Shakespeare. Needless to say, theatre-Norris dominated the world's stages.

However, the bright lights did not hold Mr. Norris's desires, and so he left the main stream, learning about obscure bands far before anyone else. The juggernaut that is hipster-Norris

continues to be Norris' current favorites skin - that is, until it becomes too popular.



*Above: "Hipster Norris" - Chuck Norris in one of his many stages of self-identification*

## Haikus for the puzzled of mind

*Haiku #9, by Questing Lotus*

The Great Chuck Norris  
He lives in what kind of house?  
It is a round house

*Haiku #24, by Questing Lotus*

Surrounded by memes  
No meaning, only dumbness  
Don't you mean carrots?

Thought you could get away from old Sharkie Malloy, eh? Well, we'll be back, see?



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