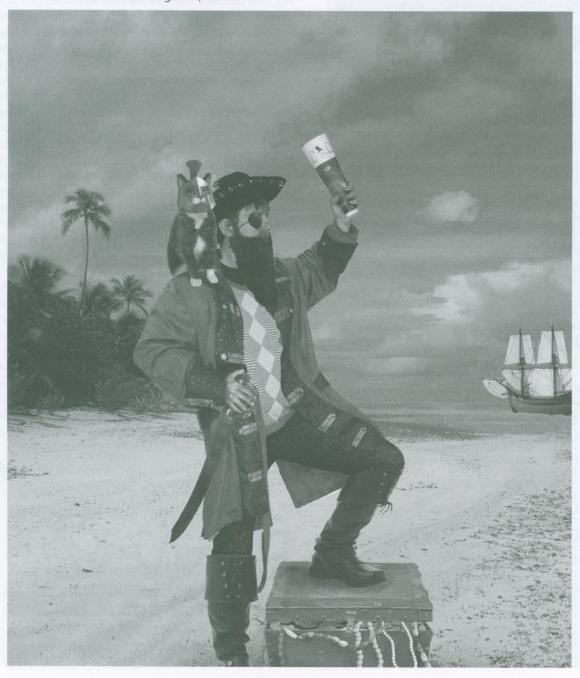


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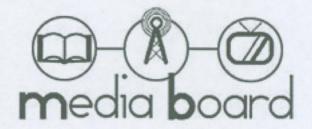
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From The Editor

Hello readers!

So what's up with that weather? Yeah. Ohio.

In more interesting news, Spring Break is coming up! So that's cool. It's March 12-16th. You guys got any sweet plans? Going to the Bahamas or somewhere warm? Gonna study abroad and learn about bioethics? What's up?

So if you're loyal enough to actually read this section, can you do me a solid? Send me some lovemail and/or hatemail. It would be totally awesome of you.

So...yeah. I'm depressed (again). They say depression is the common cold of mental illnesses, and I'm inclined to agree. What really grinds my gears is when people try to blame my depression on me. "Oh, you should try exercising," or "don't be so negative all the time." They try to give my unhappiness a reason, as though it's a disease that needs to fixed or cured. As though something is wrong with me for being unhappy. Why can't the reason be that some parts of the world are shitty? Earth is full and rich with wonder and beauty, but sadness is wonderful and beautiful too. It's irresponsible to ignore the suffering that goes on throughout history and geography. Terrible things are all around us—violence, crime, racism, sexism, hunger, poverty...the list goes on. But fantastic things are present too, like sunrises, jazz, love, solutions to differential equations, cats! To only take input from the pleasant things is unnatural. Why filter Earth's luscious signals?

It's okay to be depressed. It's part of a natural cycle of caring about things. To only look at the world through one lens is narrow-minded. Your brain deserves better. To deny it the exploration of the intricacies of time, space, and reality is nothing short of cruel. Life was meant to be lived. Living to the fullest means not only doing, but thinking and feeling. So I say engage your emotions. It only becomes a problem when you become dominated by them. Let them influence, not make, your decisions. We can't help how we feel, but we can decide how to act. A wise man once said, "When



Thomas Landusky, Editor-in-Chief

I get sad, I stop being sad, and be awesome instead." Of course, our dear friend didn't bother parameterizing his mood-behavior function with a time vector; I submit that a reasonable curve to model such behavior is a complex exponential function. A periodic harmony between realism and idealism. A wiser man once said, "Everything in moderation—including moderation." This is more typical human behavior, and is more likely to provide a sense of balance. And what can we be besides human?

As Carl Sagan said, we are all made of starstuff, and the sky calls to us. In that sense, we're all stars. We ache to be greater than ourselves, to reach new boundaries, and to live the mysteries of the universe. It's a matter of experiencing the world as well as ourselves. He was a pretty cool dude. We have within us the capability to be ourselves. And what do stars do? Shine.

- The Editor

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- 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) The Athenian rehabilitates dogs; it trains people.
- 3) Any submissions/questions/comments/concerns/lovemail/hatemail can be sent to athenian@case.edu. Submissions can/might/will be altered as needed.

Congratulations to Alex Kloss for winning best submission of Issue 59!

New Case Strip Club Sponsored by Bon Appétit Arouses Interest

Citing a recent increase in the amount of available work study funding, Bon Appétit officially opened Larry's Cabaret, a new oncampus strip club staffed entirely by Case students.

Housed in the newly-renovated Morley Building, Larry's Cabaret is intended to bolster a struggling student economy and introduce students to previously unknown aspects of human interaction, such as talking to girls. Listed on SIS as STRP205, interested Case students can earn 3 credit hours (plus tips), and the Theater Department has agreed to make the course available as a senior capstone. Additionally, due to low initial interest from Case's female population, CIA students were allowed to register late.

Previously thought to be abandoned since the mid-1980s, the Morley Building has been undergoing stealth carpentry remodeling since Spring 2008, seeing the installation of Teflon-coated stripper poles, a full bar (with bartending provided by Alpha Beta Gamma), and a one-piece aluminum tub for Jello wrestling, graciously donated by the Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering department.

Bon Appétit has also partnered with Information Technology Services to give customers the ability to tip their strippers in CaseCash via a thong-mounted card reader. According to a recent study conducted by the Economics Department in a rare moment of usefulness, students are more likely to spend their parents' money than their own, so the venture will arguably prove profitable for those involved.

The grand opening was not met with universal acclaim, however. All three Women's Studies majors held a protest outside of the new Larry's location, branding it as "an inconsiderate house of debauchery" and "an affront to the rectitude of women everywhere."

"Any woman base enough to seek out employment with this flash house will soon find some lecher trying to put his Nebuchadnezzar out to grass," cried protester Sue Anthony. "How any woman would want to prance about in dishabille before a group of gonophs, reducing herself to nothing more than a common dollymop, is beyond my comprehension."

When questioned on her opinions of male members, Anthony remarked that that was "totally cool" with her.

In the current century, President Barbara Snyder took the unprecedented step of endorsing Larry's Cabaret as "an amazing opportunity" with the potential to skyrocket Case into its former place on the list of top US universities. "This venture fits well with the university's mission of sustainability and innovation, and I'm confident that, with the help of our modest population of women and brave young men, we can make all other universities stand up, so to speak, and take notice by stripping beyond the possible."

Top 5 Clubs Sponsored by Bon Appétit

- 5. Jukeboxes Anonymous
- 4. CDC Deputies
- 3. Management Rules Chefs Drool
- 2. The Athenian
- 1. Soy is Joy Club

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Mechanism for Sock Deterioriation Discovered by CWRU Professor

At last, the fabled secret behind the disappearance of socks no longer plagues curious minds. Yesterday, one of CWRU's finest scholars officially solved one of mankind's greatest mysteries. Professor Itsuo Hashida has not only discovered the reason behind missing socks in the dryer—he has characterized it.

Hashida explains his brilliant theory as follows:

"So the idea is you have two socks in a paired state but with opposite spins. Dryers, as we now know, emit delta waves. As the socks rotate, one sock spins in the direction of dryer rotation while the other is perturbed. The delta waves bombard the retrograde sock and overcome the coupling energy. This, of course, leaves two sock free radicals, which are highly volatile. However, the delta waves "pin" the aberrant sock to the dryer wall, inhibiting it from reacting. While this decreases the degree of free radical depolymerization, it also prevents termination (except chain transfer) and backbiting. Similar to a helicase, the free radical sock is then free to unzip the rest of the jeanome by chain reaction."

According to Hashida, he will be winning a Nobel Prize for his miraculous discovery, and he deserves it after many years of pursuit.

"Ever since I was a little boy, I dreamed of being a sock scientist with an emphasis on molecular darning."

Hashida's future plans include other macromolecular clothing problems, such as bowtie string theory and push-up bra stability.

Hashida's research project was completely funded by the Cooperative Christian Church, or CCC. The CCC has long been against pre-marital sex, and believes that much of the research in areas of science and engineering promote celibacy. In a study recently published by the CCC, Case Western's engineering department was found to be even more sex-free than such places as Pensacola Christian College (FL), and Biola College (CA).

According to the study, because the campuses are so constricting, the prospect of eating forbidden fruit becomes that much sweeter. Engineering programs, on the other hand, are subtly restrictive. Instead of the overwhelming stress encouraging engineering students to "summon the stork," the intense course load actually suppresses students' libidos.

This sexual inhibition is accomplished primarily through indirect means, which are found to be more effective than simply saving no. Instead of enforcing strict rules about holding hands and dating, engineering curricula encourage sexual honesty and openness, while quietly diminishing the students' selfconfidence, free time, and ability to interact. Engineering students then believe that they could have sex if they wanted, but feel as though nobody would want to have sex with them. Other reasons for the substantial celibacy rates include the crippling fear of nebulously "awkward" situations, being labeled a "creeper" for expressing interest in sexual activity, and the immense amount of video game playing.

Since the report was conducted by several CCC priests, the CCC has officially endorsed engineering programs (as well as many science and math programs) nationwide.



Above: the proposed mechanism.

Controversy Erupts Over Spartan Mascot

Controversy rocked Case Western Reserve University today as various groups have come out in protest of the Spartan mascot. Those involved with the protests include those of Trojan descent, the Case Persian Culture Association, and actual Spartans. All of them claim that the mascot offends them in some way.

Hector Vito, a random guy we found who happens to share a name with the Trojan war hero, as well as Abda von Katt, chairman of the Case Persian Culture Association, both agree that the mascot is demeaning to them: "Every day, when I see that [expletive deleted] mascot, I am reminded of how those damn Spartans exterminated my people way back when. While some might say that it's been a long time and that we should let bygones be bygones, I just can't let it go." Von Katt has echoed this sentiment, stating that "The Spartans brutally killed and enslaved my people. That is not something that one easily forgets. Whether it was six thousand years ago or six minutes, it matters little.

"We do not glorify the butchers of history. I do not see why we should make an exception

now," he concluded.

Meanwhile, Leo Nydhas of Sparta has voiced his agreement with the duo, saying that "We Spartans pride ourselves on our fine abilities to make war. Furthermore, this naturally made us quite the hit with the ladies! The idea that such a symbol of our strength and military prowess be associated with a school of pasty, celibate nerds is unthinkable! The university will switch to something more appropriate like the Sphincter, or the Motion Capture Man. Otherwise, we will ransack their homes and do to them what we did to the Trojans, in an effort to reclaim our glory in much the same way we reclaimed Helen!"

We here at The Athenian will continue to report on this situation from the safety of our heavily fortified bunker at John Carroll University. That way if Spartan anger boils over, we'll be elsewhere. And safe. And surrounded by loose women. Unlike you unfortunate suckers out there.

(P.S. Note to the Spartans: please don't kill us all! We know that mascots shouldn't be a group of people from a particular geographical region, but this is Cleveland! Racist mascots are the status quo! And yes, we know that it's also sexist, because of your powerful male-dominated race of warrior men whose women were only meant to be strong birthers! We agree with you! The class of 1956 decided on that mascot! We tried to talk them out of it. honestly! They wouldn't listen! They're out of control! End their pathetic existences if you must, but spare the rest of us!)

(P.P.S. Additional note to the Spartans: And if it's not too much trouble, try not to ransack anything on the way back home.)

Five Lesser Known Saint Holidays

- 5. Saint Bieber: Drove all of the heterosexuality out of entertainment
- Saint BME: Drove all of the social lives 4. out of University Circle
- 3. Saint Gingrich: Drove all of the sane people out of the Republican Party
- Saint Sports Bra: Drove all the jiggling 2. out of tits
- Saint Awesome: Drove his snake 1. into your mom

Guy Calling Himself Archeologist Proposes New Theory for Leprechaun Absence

Gus Backmann, graduate of Howharr U, knows that everyone in he comes in contact with must think he's nuts. In spite of massive public ridicule, however, he has continued his lifelong passion: finding out why leprechauns don't seem to be around anymore.

Ignoring conventional wisdom that would answer that question with "because they were never around to begin with," Bachmann has crusaded to find the answer. The reason, he concludes, is a massive genocide by the Keebler elves and the gnomes. "Always knew those damn elves were up to no good," he was quoted as saying. "Slippery little bastards. Never trust anyone who makes cookies, I tell ya."

Backmann (who, incidentally, is not related to former Athenian editor Jon Backmann, although it would explain a lot if he were) argues that he has found evidence of an ancient, tiny battlefield. "Lotsa little weapons scattered all about. Looks like a leprechaun skeleton, too, alongside the fossilized remains of some Keebler elves and what looks like the body of a Gnomish pygmy war rhino. This little guy went down fighting." Backmann added, "It's all so obvious now! At first, I couldn't reckon why those little weapons would be multicolored and made of plastic, but now it makes perfect sense! The elves are obsessed with spreading color and rainbows - just look at the commercials! And the plastic - clearly the elves wanted to humiliate their enemies! By gum, these findings will shake the very foundations of the scientific community!"

Actual scientists willing to point out the freaking stupidity of these ideas were not in short supply. Said Thaddeus Poindexter, PhD, "This is insane. There is no evidence that leprechauns existed in the first place. This is one rainbow, that, unfortunately for him, does not have a pot of gold at the end of it. Science deals in hard facts, not the delusions

of an obviously disturbed individual." Also interviewed was Dr. Michael Hargreave. He said that "Oh man, this is so good! The guy's having a field day with those plastic weapons and chicken bones I planted! This is off the record, right? Wait!" he said, before lunging at our tape recorder in a frantic attempt to destroy his admission. Third year natural history major, avid tabletop RPG player, and all around geek Peter Jennings stated that "Everyone knows that there's no such thing as a Gnomish pygmy war rhino! Jeez!"

Normally, as a credible news organization, we here at The Athenian would not report on such nonsense as this, but Backmann's just too damn hilarious not to. Stay classy, Case Western. And if this guy starts to make sense to you, please, double dose your medicine.



Breaking News: Our (Amphibious) Savior Returns

Although the Case community at large may not be aware of this phenomenon (as many of us have been proven to live under a giant slab of granite most of the time), Jesus – long believed at least partially dead to the world – has returned, and in a most surprising form. His reappearance on Earth has boggled the minds of many; nearly everyone who believed that this day would come thought that Jesus would come back as a human.

Two weeks ago, a Case student (running solely on pilfered cans of Four Loko and approximately three and a half barrels of Mountain Dew) was working in the Advanced Vertebrate Psychology laboratory when he caught sight of something that shocked him to the core. "I just...I don't know, man," said Charles Doofenshmirtz, a junior symbiotic biology major. "It was two in the morning. I look over at the table and the frog...its arms were, like, pinned to the table. It was an epiphany or something. You know, I grew up Russian Orthodox."

The frog in question, like its spiritual predecessor, had been presumed dead; he didn't expire in time for Doofenshmirtz's lab. (This was perhaps due to a materials processor who was a bit clumsy with the can of chloroform or otherwise not on the ball).

According to the lab supervisor, Annette Nalini, once the frog was released from its pins, it hopped off the table and summarily plastered itself to the wall before telling every member of the lab that it was their ribbit and savior.

The incident was reported immediately to the Case administration, but Doofenshmirtz was reluctant to come forward with the admission that it was his lab frog, due to his secret reason for being awake enough to come to the lab in the first place. "I didn't want anyone knowing I was totally buzzed on Four Loko," he admitted to a staff reporter. "It's the only thing that keeps me up at night. But now I can tell you, because I know Jesus Frog will protect me." True to form, Jesus Frog did indeed intervene with Undergraduate Studies (either

that or they didn't give a damn; no one truly knows).

Jesus Frog has since fled the consecrated labs of Millis and moved on, addressing the world at large, revealing several surprising commandments that were apparently left out of the Bible at its inception. "Dead flies are really the thing to have, if you want to get into heaven," he told a reporter for The New York Times yesterday. "That and a tongue that fastens in the front of your mouth, but that's all right. It's easy enough for they of the back-fastening tongue to get into heaven, if they will repent of their sins." As such, the Plastic Surgery Addicts Anonymous Association of America has reported a three hundred percent increase in surgeries to change the placement of the tongue since last week. As one new member of the society candidly said, "Repentance sucks."

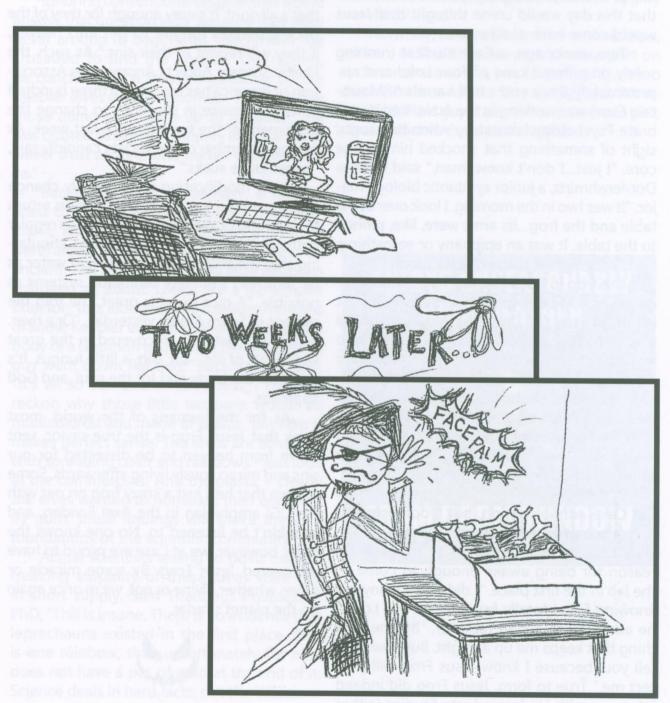
Body modification isn't the only change that Jesus Frog has espoused since his return to the world of the living. He also touts regular baths as the only path to salvation, stipulating that the baths must be taken in water as far removed from city sanitation systems as possible. "A nice pond is great," he told the citizens of Saudi Arabia yesterday. "Or a river. A river will get you all covered in the great sediments of life – silt, dirt, a little fungus. It's good for the body and for the soul, and God approves."

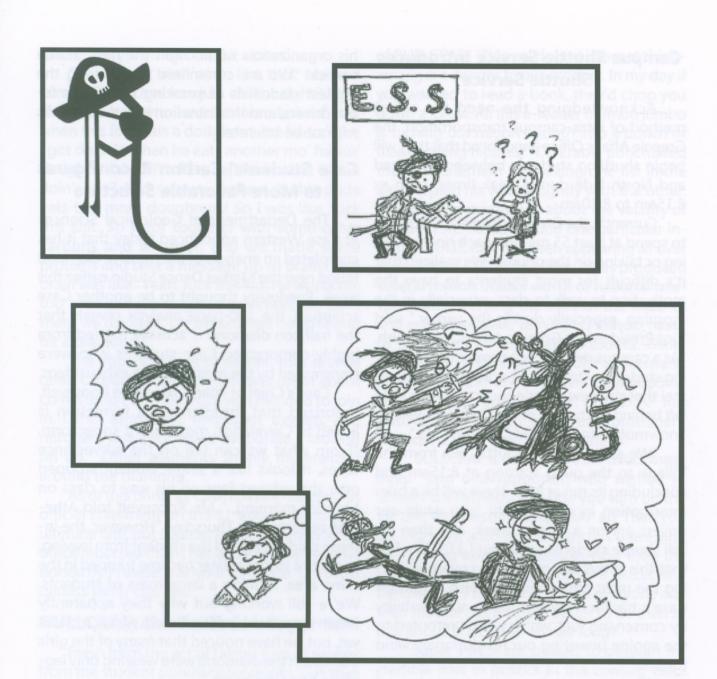
As for the humans of the world, most think that Jesus Frog is the true savior, sent down from heaven to be dissected for our sins and miraculously living afterwards. Some believe that he's just a crazy frog on par with the CGI amphibian in the Axel F video, and shouldn't be listened to. No one knows the truth; however, we at Case are proud to have discovered Jesus Frog. By some miracle or other, whether divine or not, we're once again on the planet's radar.



CAPTAIN PUBLICANIAN

Double feature! First, Captain Athenian has difficulty ordering online. Then, he helps a fellow student with her homework.







Campus Shuttle Service Introduces Shuttle Service

Acknowledging the need for a fast method of intra-campus transportation, the Greenie Affairs Office announced that they will begin shuttling students between the quad and North Side during peak times, such as 8:15am to 8:40am.

Currently, the Greenie drivers are required to spend at least 55 minutes each hour smoking or talking on the phone. "We realized that it's difficult for most students to have the motivation to walk to class, especially in the morning, especially during the winter," said Vice President for Greenie Affairs John Smith. "As a campus department committed to helping students achieve their academic goals, we feel that the new shuttle service fills the hole left behind by the loss of the CWRU 10-Person Snowmobile to last year's budget cuts."

"We plan to run a shuttle bus from the Village to the quad starting at 8:15am and concluding its run at 8:40. There will be a brief interruption in service until 3pm while our drivers are on a smoke break, and then we will shuttle students again until 3:05. We feel that this offers the maximum coverage during the most critical times. It also continues Case's tradition of promoting sustainability by conserving fuel, which will be rerouted to the engine powering our revolutionary wind turbine."

However, not everyone was pleased with the announcement. The United Greenie Drivers union denounced what they refer to as "unsafe and harsh working conditions exacerbated by the loss of breaks." In their collective half-page statement inscribed on a Jolly Scholar napkin in purple crayon, the UGD listed grievances such as breaks lasting fewer than 4 hours, the "ridiculous" requirement that supervisors be able to track the shuttle's location and speed, and wages starting at \$75 per hour, a sum "barely able to cover the cost of living."

In a press statement on Friday, UGD spokesman Rufus Maximus promised that

his organization would fight the new shuttle service. "We are committed to ensuring the highest standards of smoking conditions for our drivers, and this intrusion into their breaks will not be tolerated."

Case Students' Carbon Reconfigures to More Favorable Structure

The Department of Geological Sciences at Case Western announced today that it has completed an analysis of the massive diamond found near the Mather Dance Studio earlier this week. Previously thought to be another Case sculpture, the 100-page analysis reveals that the half-ton diamond is actually formed from highly-compressed Case students who were transmuted by the heat from the exhaust fans.

Case's Chief of Police, Theodore Roosevelt, theorized that the diamond's formation is linked to Cleveland's most recent snowstorm. "From what we can tell on the surveillance tapes, it looks like a single student stopped near the exhaust fans on his way to class on Monday morning, " Mr. Roosevelt told Athenian reporters on Thursday. "However, the intense cold prevented the student from leaving, and more students later became trapped in the same area, forming a large mass of students. We're still working out why they apparently weren't prepared for Cleveland's winter months yet, but we have noticed that many of the girls trapped in the diamond were wearing only leggings and Ugg boots."

According to Dr. Eisenhower, a professor with the Geology Department, the heat from the exhaust fans combined with an exponentially-increasing number of students to create extreme conditions suitable for forming a diamond. "It's basic physics. Say you have 50 students trying to keep warm, and then 50 more come along. String theory would say that the additional 50 students would put pressure on the 'core' of the student ball, if you will, and create the perfect environment for something as remarkable as this diamond."

An inside reporter was able to find the truth, however, by talking to one of the dia-

mond's very own carbon-13 atoms.

"Nah son, it ain't even like that. Me and some 12C bitches was just chillin', right? Mindin' our own damn business metabolizin' shit, when this fool eats a doughnut. I'm like, a'ight, I got dis shit, when he eats another mo' fuckin' doughnut! And I'm like, hell naw, what is you doin', son? And can you believe it, this dude eats two more doughnuts! So I was like, fuck this shit. So I got together with some other carbons and whatnot, and we made some proteins and sent a message up to brain. Well brain was like, 'Yeah, fuck this kid. He works me too hard and never gets any action.' So right there we decided. Let's rearrange our shit and be a diamond."

The atom went on to explain that several other carbon atoms were similarly upset about comprising Case students, and decided to join in. Other atoms like hydrogen, oxygen, and nitrogen, just decided to evaporate, "Moving on up." Other elements simply mineralized around the diamond.

As of this printing, Case has not released an official statement on the \$1 trillion diamond's ultimate fate, but sources inside the president's office reported that it has already been requisitioned by President Snyder to create "the most badass pimp cup ever."

BULLCRAP: the Textbook Super PAC

Fresh from the act of taking tons of money from the student populace for books that shall be used twice during the semester and then forgotten, the multi-billion dollar textbook industry has decided to enter into the world of politics. Industry leaders have spent millions of dollars taken from impoverished students to form a Political Action Committee known as the "Bipartisan Unified Legal Liberation Committee for the Realization of Academic Potential," or BULLCRAP for short. The leaders of BULLCRAP say that they have founded the Super PAC in order to look out for the interests of the Textbook Industry.

"These are dark times for educational literature," says Dr. Ven Erable, chief executive

of BULLCRAP. "This newfound internet thingamajig is a danger to our product. In my day if you wanted to read a book, they'd chop you down a forest. All this e-reader mumbo jumbo is turning our nation's youth into a bunch of tree hugging hippies!" Dr. Erable punctuated the last statement by shaking one fist in the air, gripping his walker tightly with the other.

Despite misgivings about the validity of a Super PAC based around one particular industry, BULLCRAP has been appearing all over the world of national politics. It has produced several million dollars worth of national television ads decrying the evils of the internet and e-readers alike, reminding kids to never to never rent or buy used textbooks. Other ads depict various groups such as Russians, prostitutes, and even hipsters downloading textbooks on Apple devices. BULLCRAP has also been endorsed by several prominent politicians from both major parties.

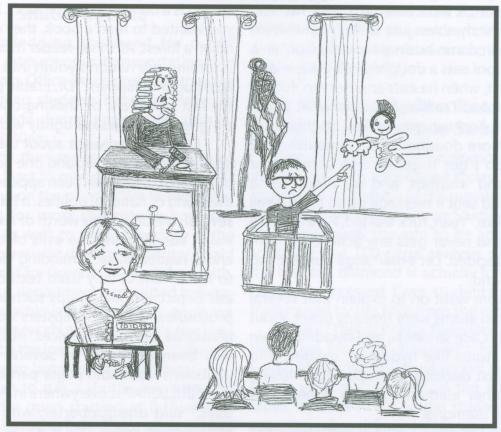
"BULLCRAP is everywhere in Politics these days," said one supporter, who wished to remain anonymous. "It's like, you turn on the TV, and there's some BULLCRAP ad. Then you go to a rally, and Newt Gingrich is there, and he's talking about BULLCRAP. And then the Democrats are jumping onto the BULLCRAP bandwagon. Pretty soon, it's like everyone and their mother has nothing better to do than to talk about BULLCRAP all day long!"

Super PACS are poised to play an incredible part in politics in the coming election, with millions being donated to them by wealthy contributors like Bill O'Reilly and Jack Donaghy. No matter what the end result of the election may be, however, one thing is certain: 2012 will be a year forever marked by BULLCRAP.



Above: Bully, the textbook super PAC mascot

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Case Student Publishes "The Case Guide to Lovemaking"

Piggybacking on his recent successes with "How to Make Eye Contact with Women" and "Advanced Eye Contact: Moving beyond 1 Second," today Case senior Ray Johnson released his latest self-help book "The Case Guide to Lovemaking."

Affectionately known as the "Case Kama Sutra," the 50 page leather-bound tome features chapters such as "The Pros and Cons of Taking Her to Film Society" and "One Does Not Simply Walk Into Handholding Territory." The CWRUSutra also highlights advice from various studies performed by the Case Department of Psychological Sciences, including extracts from several naturalistic observations and clinical interviews, that list the various dos and don'ts from actual attempts by Case men to hook up with Case women. One notable study highlighted the pitfalls of one anonymous Case student's attempt to ask out a girl by inviting her to a Dagorhir event, noting that he was rejected "so quickly it appeared to the observing researcher as though she had said no before he had finished the last syllable in 'Dagorhir.'" The student later participated in a Reddit discussion detailing why women are too immature to play Dagorhir anyway.

"I figured I might as well give it a shot," said Case freshman Mike Jones, who we found in the line to have his copy signed by the author in Thwing Center. "There's only so many times you can give a girl your Steam name or your email address and encryption key, and never hear from her again, even though you know she leaves Pierce at 8:12 every day and sits three rows from the front in her P1 class. I'll bet she thinks I don't know she's avoiding me, even though she's obviously spending an average of 4.76 hours at her computer every night with Case Webmail open and can clearly see the emails I've sent her."

Based on years of Internet research, Johnson claims his book is a long-needed resource for any Case male "looking to score some to-

tally hot tail."

"I've been cataloguing this stuff for years," Johnson said at his book signing. "I've spent too long watching other Case students fail where I've succeeded, and I finally decided to give it back to the community. Take the couple I saw making out and then fighting right afterward across the street last night. This book could have changed that man's life, and improved their relationship to the point where they're having sex more than 3 nights per week, 3.5 if you count Tuesday's blowjob. It's really a service to the campus."

For those pre-ordering his book, Johnson promises a copy of a bonus chapter deemed too steamy to include in the regular edition, titled "Your First Kiss: An Empirical Approach."

Tortured Boston Sports Fans to Go Nine Whole Months Without Major Championship Victory

Today, there will be no celebrations. No parties, no parades. That's right: the unspeakable has happened. Tortured Boston sports fans are going to go an excruciating nine months without a sports championship.

"This is the worst thing that could've happened to our city, and it did," said one fan who chose to remain anonymous, to hide his monumental shame. "It's been almost nine whole months since we've won a championship. It's so painful to be a Boston sports fan right now, you don't even know. No one knows the misery we've been forced to endure through the last several months. The last time we won a championship, I was 31 years old. I'm 32 now, and I'm sure not getting any younger."

Since the Patriots were defeated by the Giants in the most recent Super Bowl, an atmosphere of gloom and misery has pervaded the wretched city.

"Nine whole months. Think about it! That's 273.93 days. 6,574.32 hours. 394,459.2 minutes. 23,667,552 seconds. 23,667,552,000 milliseconds! Oh, woe is us," said another

Boston fan. "All we have to comfort us is three Super Bowls, two World Series, one NBA Championship, and one Stanley Cup in the last ten years to comfort us."

And things don't show any sign of looking up in the near future for the devastated theory.

"There won't even be another championship until June, and lord knows the Celtics ain't gonna win it this year. They're so bad, they're only 14-10. They even lost to the Cavs! We're gonna have to wait all the way until October for the next World Series to even have a chance. Man, what a depressing thought." The fan wanted to comment further, but he struggled to speak, as he fought to hold back tears of utter despair.

After he regained his composure, he put a solemn look on his face. "I'm sorry, this is just really painful for me. I would've gladly fellated Tom Brady just to taste that fourth title."

Added the fan: "I can't even think of one city that's had it worse than us sports-wise. Nope, not even one. There is no city in the entire country that has had to endure more than us."



Above: the dejected Boston fan who wished to remain anonymous. Photograph courtesy of Creeper Photography, Inc.

Fellatio—Healthier Than You Think

In a recent study published by Totally Legit Labs, ingesting human semen was found to not only be healthy, but recommended. Totally Legit scientist Richard Master elaborates in a recent interview.

"The nutritional value of semen is analogous to egg whites and orange juice. It's high protein, low carb, and rich with vitamin C. Furthermore, consumption of one's own seed is particularly beneficial. Because man oil contains proteins strongly related to the genetic material of the maker, it is especially suited to be broken up and recycled. In this way, individuals can utilize their core proteins. Let me put it another way. If your body was Legos, love liquor would be the standard grey square block you can use for anything."

Master went on to explain that very little hot vanilla is used to produce life, as much of it goes toward attempts to impregnate socks and shower drains, which are not genetically compatible with humans.

Since the release of the study, athletes worldwide have been encouraged to perform on and off the field. "The high ratio protein to calories is ideal for building muscle mass. It's the ultimate protein shake," claims Guy McMahon, football coach of Manly Area HS. Like any health shake, McMahon claims, "it tastes like shit but you can't argue with results."

Since the rise of sperm consumption by jocks and jockettes alike, an odd outcome has occurred. Sperm banks are being robbed.

Banks say they will once again be taking deposits from gingers, whose trumpet milk was previously considered least desirable by bank patrons. For years, ginger juice was largely devalued, creating a small spasm of hyperinflation in the economy. Unfortunately, since now jizz banks have a renewed demand for ginger honey, the hyperinflation has dissipated.

This is sad news for President Obama, who was looking forward to releasing a stimulus package.

Athenian Meeting Breaks Franchise Record

History was made last weekend in the lower decks of the S. S. Athenian. Four females attended, surpassing the previous record of three women by one whole person.

"This is the dawning of a new era," said boatswain Seymour Butts. "Wenches...everywhere!"

The shortage of females was a topic of concern at the beginning of the year. There just weren't enough dames to go around. In order to attract more female staff members, the Captain discouraged the time-honored tradition of genital humor from the magazine. This fight, however, would prove to be too difficult, as dick jokes and the Athenian are as classic and harmonious as peanut butter and jelly.

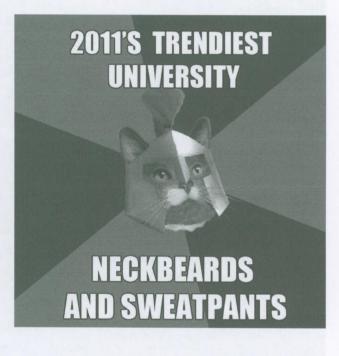
Consequently, the brilliant, courageous, heroic Captain devised a new strategy. Using Twilight satire and an adorable feline meme (based on an actual cat), women were slowly lured aboard. Once adrift, the staff did not burden the girls with any writing responsibilities. Instead, the women could spend meetings reading Cosmopolitan, painting their nails, doing homework, and other womanly things. On the off-chance that one of the adored wenches actually submitted content, she would be lauded with false praise to bolster her esteem and confidence. Furthermore, she would be given a congratulatory spank on the rear end, just like one of the boys.

To everyone's delight, the two chicks stayed. There was talk of the Athenian reaching the diversity percentage of CWRU's engineering department, and maybe even someday reaching the diversity of U.S. Congress. This was a huge stride in women's rights.

At the meeting in question, one strapping lad counted 8 more breasts than usual, realizing that 4 women were in the room at once. When the Captain entered the meeting chamber, he immediately threw one writer overboard so that the male/female ratio was exactly 50/50. This would have been more dif-

ficult, had he not made 3 walk the plank the previous week for treason (by selling out to the Observer).

It will most likely be many months before numbers like this are ever seen again. Still, the new record has the staff more concerned about taking women's rights to the next level. Who knows? Maybe someday, many, many many years from now, eager young lads will be jealous of the hot babes in charge.



The Athenian's Top 5 Role Models

- 5. Barbara Snyder
- 4. Mudkip
- 3. GLaDOS
- 2. Jeremy Irons
- 1. Tacos, for selflessly feeding the masses

LFL Holds Summit to Reduce Incidence of Player Wedgies

Last weekend was a brutal one for the Lingerie Football League, seeing several players go down with severe groin injuries. As a result, women's underwear specialists, including engineers, scientists, and manufacturers, met with LFL officials today to curb the rash of severe wedgies being suffered by LFL players this season.

The meeting was focused on gathering information, and providing a forum for different manufactures to put forth new designs and technologies for panties—some with information gathering sensors inside to detect if a player's panties are beginning to ride up her butt cheeks, some providing heat to the player, and one model even changing the design of the lace waistband entirely.

"There are many different ideas on the table, this much is clear," said Lingerie Football League Commissioner Mitch Mortaza. "There is only one common goal here, however: provide new equipment that is capable of reducing the instances of wedgies suffered in games."

Much remains to be learned about wedgies suffered on the field. Doctors on the panel stressed that there are many factors at play when it comes to wedgies. "Everything from genetics to body shape makes a difference," said Dr. Stephen Summerman, the team doctor of the Cleveland Crush. "These factors can help explain why some players pick the wedgie and bounce right back up after a collision, while others suffer wedgies from what appear to relatively tame hits."

Although some doctors differed in what they believed the causes of these wedgies were, they were all in agreement on one issue: "The most dangerous hits are helmet to butt. Helmet to butt hits are just asking for a wedgie."

But Mortaza insisted that new equipment was only part of the battle against the recent rise in wedgies. "Stiffer fines and even suspensions for illegal wedgie-causing hits are having an impact," he said. "This policy has been criticized heavily by players and coaches alike, but it is necessary. One wedgie can ruin a career, as well as cause lifelong bodily harm, and that is something that, as a league, we cannot allow."

Another issue that was discussed at the meeting was whether or not the league should have an official brand of equipment. The official sponsor of league panties is currently Victoria's Secret, a right for which the company pays. But league scientists are not convinced that the brand provides the greatest wedgie protection. "Unless that can be proven conclusively, players should not be required to wear a particular brand, but should be allowed to choose one that they personally feel safest in," said Bob Robertson, official Lingerie Football League Equipment and Safety Director.

Still, however, the most important aspect of this issue rests with the players themselves.

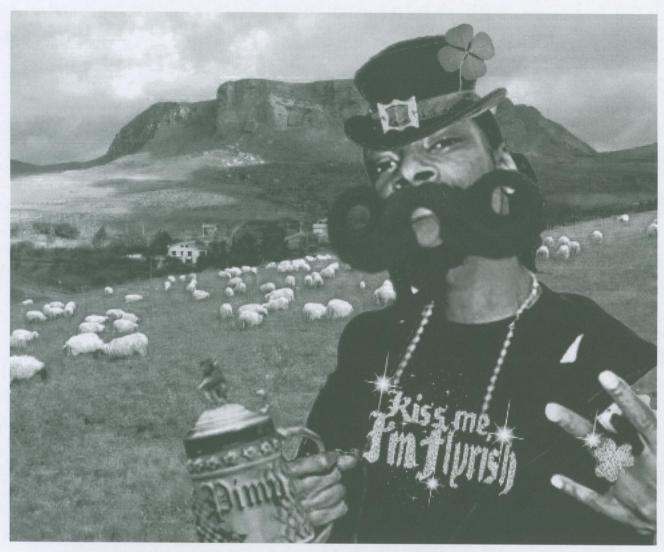
"A lot of the time, you'll have a player get a wedgie on the field, but hide it from their coach, so they can keep playing," said Dr. Summerson. "Then, that player will go out onto the field again, and risks suffering another, more severe wedgie."

The League is still working on several initiatives to curb player wedgies. "Ultimately, you will never be able to eliminate wedgies," said Mortaza. "When you play this sport, wedgies are always a risk. We just want the risk to be as small as possible."

Top 5 Alternative Leagues

- 5. Taser Ball
- 4. League of Nobodies
- 3. 10,000 Above Ground
- 2. The Observer
- 1. League of Mediocre Gentlemen

Celebrity Guest: Snoop Dogg



Haikus by Questing Lotus

Haiku # 055 Shwam. Doo. Two and heif. Schiggidy schmo? Schfifty five. Now let's do the saix

Haiku # 666
The Athenian —
in dire need of talent
Y U NO SUBMIT?

Haiku # 361 "Like baby, baby, baby, oh." Is this not the song of an angel?

Haiku # 777
Ah, Saint Patrick's Day
Drinking and John Carroll girls
Hunting is easy

^{*} Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish, or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness.

Hey, Sam and Max, how do we get more people to submit their funny articles and photoshopped pictures?



Sam: Have you thought about offering a prize for the best one?

Max: Or, maybe you could find the people who aren't submitting articles and beat some sense into them! Or beat it out of them. Just as long as there's beating involved!

Sam: You crack me up, little buddy.

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