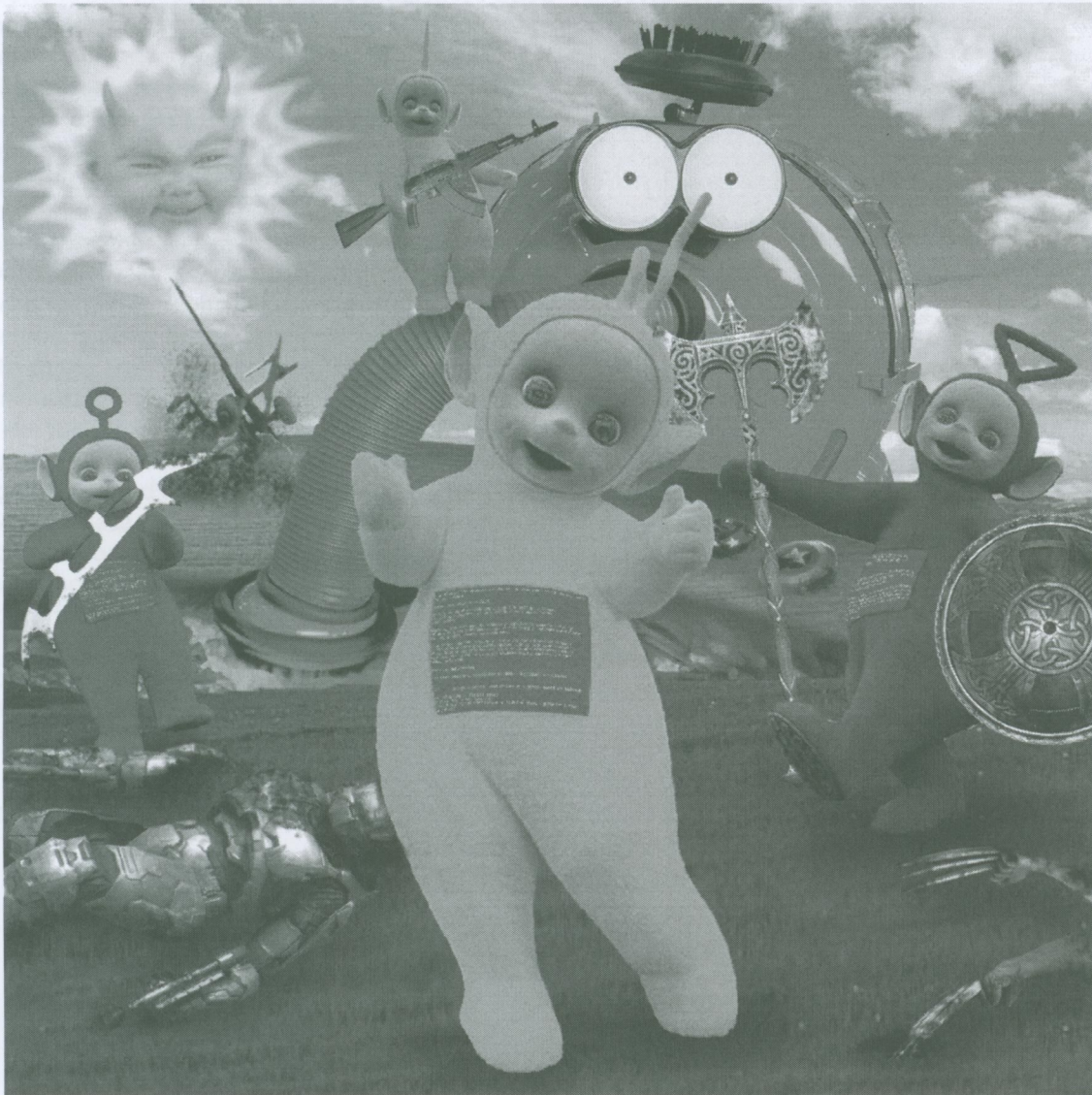


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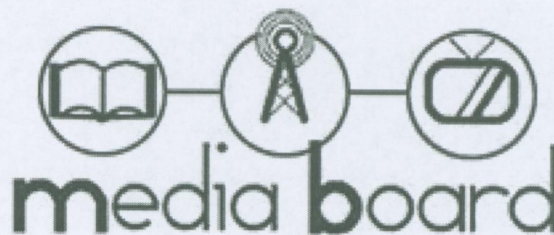
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From The Editor

Hello for the last time, dear readers! After this issue, I will be passing on my Captainship to the capable hands of my First Mate, Patrick Melvin.

Before moving forward with the usual zany antics between these pages, I want to do one last set of shout-outs to some people who really deserve to be mentioned. Thanks once again to my staff, and to all members of Media Board for their support. Thank you, Thwing staff, for putting up with our late-night meetings and for moving our heavy boxes. Special thanks to Casey Medley, Director of Thwing, for your immense care and support. I also really want to thank Dr. Brad Ricca, our advisor. Without him, this magazine would not be possible. And finally, I would like to thank you(plural), readers. At the very least, it's nice to know someone is out there listening, and at best, it's good to know that this organization has the opportunity to thrive.

I attribute the relative and recent success of *The Athenian* to my writers, with emphasis on the staff members who attended content generation meetings and production meetings. I know the year has been difficult under my leadership, and I realize that calling me a "dog musher" is a reasonably accurate depiction. But without loyalty, teamwork, and effort, this magazine cannot prosper. I have done my best to make my expectations clear, to keep my criticisms constructive, and to thank and support those who have given *The Athenian* their time and energy.

Humor is one of the most unifying, communal forms of communication. At its most basic level, comedy seeks to highlight shared experiences and to create new ones. Humor can ease pain, and laughter can improve your health. It is for these reasons I have pushed my staff members so hard, and why I have spent countless hours working on this publication.

I want to end my stint with *The Athenian* with some advice that was given to me by my grandfather, weeks before he passed away. He said:

Athenian Guidelines

- 1) *The Athenian* is a semi-anonymous publication. Contributors' names are printed on page 2, but aren't necessarily connected to any particular article. This is to preserve a lack of integrity for the staff.
- 2) *The Athenian* is 93% perspiration, 6% electricity, 4% evaporation, and 2% butterscotch ripple.
- 3) Any submissions/questions/comments/concerns/lovetmail/hatemail can be sent to athenian@case.edu. Submissions can/might/will be altered as needed.

Congratulations to **Evan Martin** for winning best submission of Issue 61!



Thomas Landusky, Editor-in-Chief

There is great value in living in the moment. It makes life exciting, and delicious. However, it is selfish and dangerous not to invest in the future. Living only for the moment is great, but it doesn't pay the bills. Working hard to become educated and help others is wonderful, but you could die tomorrow. Life isn't about gambling on when you'll die. Life was meant to be lived with balance. Take everything in moderation, including moderation. Make earnest decisions, and act on purpose, not consequence.

I don't know if this advice will prove useful to anyone, but it made a difference in my life so I wanted to share it. Thanks for listening, readers. Good luck, tidings, and vibrations to everyone. It's been a pleasure serving you, Case Western.

— The Editor

EECS Department Begins Taking Orders for Frank Gehry Ray Gun

This week the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science announced that they will begin taking preorders for their latest venture, the Frank Gehry Ray Gun. The device is claimed to implement the world's first method of transforming objects into their "Gehrified" equivalents, a process developed in the department's earlier paper "An Extrinsic Study of the Peter B. Lewis Building."

"It's rather complicated, but we essentially have a way to apply a wave function to physical objects," explained EECS chair Erwin Schrödinger at a press conference on Wednesday. "The function acts like a tsunami, overwhelming the target with science and randomly transforming each atom. The end result is the logical inversion of the starting object."

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + V(x)\psi(x, t)$$

Fig. 1: The Gehry Equation

The ray gun, modeled after the similar device found in the Portal video games but with a bright pink glow, has been confirmed to both Gehrify objects and reverse its own effects. Careful observers noted a brief change in the PBL building on Tuesday as testing commenced, resulting in a restoration of the building to its previous shape and 200 students suddenly being transplanted into Wade Lagoon.



Fig. 2: The PBL Building before its Gehrification

In an interview with Athenian staff, Schrödinger explained the device's military and industrial applications.

"Obviously this is a great thing for our troops, who can use it as an anti-tank and anti-culture weapon. We've also had some success using it to mine quarries, although the resulting ore appears to share some properties with Silly Putty."

When asked if the EECS department had any plans to restore PBL to its once-sane architecture, Schrödinger had no comment, but did express his plans to test the device on the new Museum of Contemporary Art. This drew criticism from the local art community, who publically stated that the MOCA is a testament to modern society's unwillingness to yield to adversity and that everything is more artsy in black.

Meditation Puzzle



How many words can you make using only the letters in the block to the left?

Athenian staff high score: 400

Raptors Escape, Become LARPerS

The blackouts earlier this year caused strife all over campus. Countless term papers, lab reports, and Sages Portfolios were lost in the darkness. Yet the most terrifying result of the blackout was undoubtedly ten times as scary as it was in Jurassic Park. That's right, your most paranoid, ridiculous fear has been confirmed: the raptors have gotten loose.

The raptors were part of one of the super secret experiments that the Biology Department insists that they do not conduct and in no way get government money for. The official statement by the heads of research asserts that the raptors were "accidentally genetically engineered from DNA left in mosquitoes" and possess "unintentionally enhanced intellects that would probably enhance combat effectiveness if you were into that sort of thing." The raptors were able to escape from their secret enclosure that doesn't exist when the electric fence keeping them constrained lost power during the blackout. Onlookers say that they

could hear someone shouting "I TOLD YOU SO! I TOLD YOU SO! JUST LIKE IN THE MOVIE!"

Luckily, it appears we have nothing to fear, as the raptor's increased intelligence has led to a condition that the scientists are describing as "decreased interest in social activity, awkward behavior among females of the species, and a tendency to confuse antiperspirant with a replacement for a shower." Scientists are calling this phenomenon "the nerd effect."

"We should have seen this one coming," says scientist Jeanette Akenja-Nearing, who wished to remain anonymous but drew the short straw. "Several of the raptors started showing a predilection for pocket protectors from day one. We were beginning to question their ferociousness, but they seemed to get very violent when shown the Star Wars prequels, so we figured that they could be a valuable weapon against George Lucas."

So far the activity of the raptors has been limited to joining the local LARPing groups, where they have been accepted right away and without incident. Also, no one seems to have

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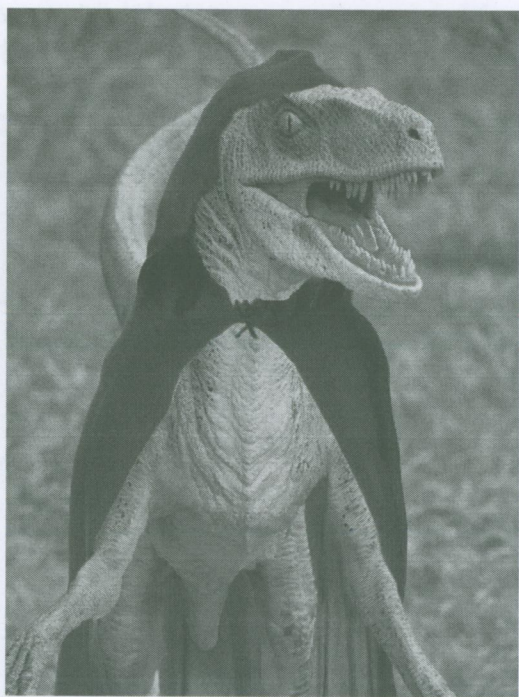


realized that they are velociraptors.

"These new kids can really fight!" said LARPer Chester Awesomelaser. "They're ferocious! But they look like they have some sort of skin disease. If I didn't know any better, I'd say they had protofeathers!" (Yeah, you thought it was just the Tyrannosaurus, didn't you? Trust us; the scientists were just as surprised as you are).

For now the scientists are content to let the velociraptors LARP in peace. As one of the anonymous scientists who got a longer straw pointed out, "Firefly-obsessed geeks are useless in an actual combat situation. They spend most of the time in the field whining and complaining about how they should have gone to grad school."

Meanwhile, University Counseling Services has been inundated with non-LARPer who are depressed that they will never get to fight a dinosaur.



Above: Dino Nychus, a level 12 elf wizard LARPing

Field Study: The Life Cycle of Muggers

As this undoubtedly unseasonable winter draws to a close, we of the Case Ornithological Society have been observing the cycling habits of a very strange bird indeed. On the order of the common pigeon (*Columba livia*) and the house sparrow (*Passer domesticus*), the common campus mugger (*Homo turpis*) typically exits his or her nest between late March and mid-May, after a long, hard winter of hibernation.

Congregating in groups of one to four, muggers build nests at the beginning of winter out of any sorts of materials they can find; their nests are usually made primarily of textbook pages and iMacs, with the latter serving as a sort of base upon which the muggers can rest their buttocks. Power cords of varying widths and lengths link the heaviest material into a mat known to ornithologists as a 'slum'; the rest of the nest is padded with torn underwear, used napkins, and cell phone parts to create a comfortable hibernation spot.

Muggers typically sleep in these nests from mid-December until the end of hibernation season. The process of emergence takes several days, during which time any passing student is in danger of having his or her loose belongings sucked into the void without any provocation. Afterwards, however, the mugger (or muggers, depending on the size of the cluster) emerges stronger than before, and more hazardous to campus health due to several months of showerless sleep.

Upon emergence, the mugger will take several more days to exchange his or her befouled winter clothes for a fresh hoodie of unknown origin, a pair of sweatpants, and a clean gun. This shedding of the winter skin is known as 'evasion' in ornithological circles. Similar items are often found missing from shops within a five-mile radius of the migrating muggers.

Mating season is also approaching; as such, we find it prudent to give a description of the mugger in heat, as the species is closely

related enough to humans (*Homo sapiens*) that mating attempts often take place. The mugger, whether male or female, will begin by flapping the bottom of his or her hoodie, releasing a foul odor that attracts members of their species. Mating then takes place posthaste, typically in a public area. Students are advised not to approach mating muggers, as they can be drawn into the mating ceremony and cannot be easily extricated.

The Case Ornithological Society has predicted that the campus community at large, due to this year's warm weather, will be overrun with a 10.98% increase in muggers next year.

Athenian Hazing Rituals Exposed

Investigative reporter Rick O'Shea dives deep into the underbelly of *The Athenian*, the supposedly wholesome organization (or at least as close to wholesome as a magazine consisting primarily of dick jokes can be), in order to expose the bizarre hazing rituals that former members say they were forced to go through. This is his report.

On the fifth day of my first week in the organization, the Editor-in-Chief approached me and said that I had already shown more dedication to the organization than basically everyone else he'd ever met. He told me that while he'd love to have me as a member of his crew, there were just a few things that all staff members were required to carry out.

I was given a sled and tasked with sledding down from the top of the Seidmann Cancer Center. It was quite a thrill, I have to say; though I did run straight into an ambulance at the bottom. Oh well. At least we were already at the hospital. Alas, the ritual did not stop there. The Editor-in-Chief stated that there was one more task that was required of me, as soon as I was feeling up to it.

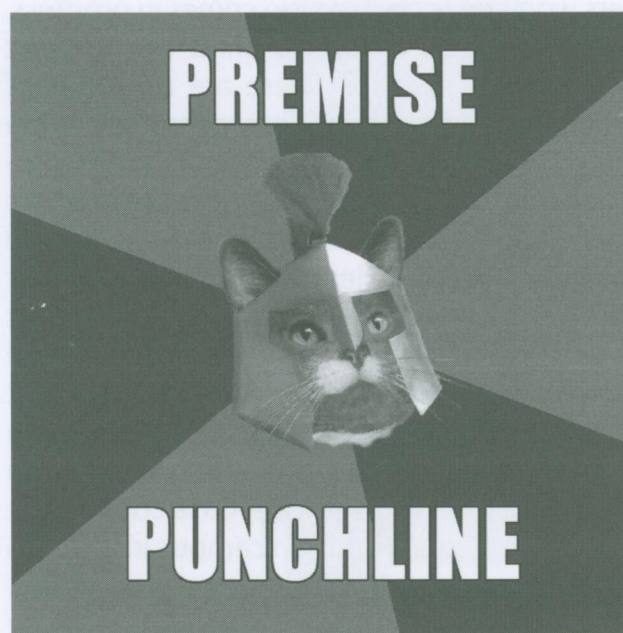
About a month later, when I felt movement in my face again, I inquired as to what the second task was. What I learned chilled me to the bone (or perhaps it was that ice cream I ate shortly beforehand): I was told that, in order to become a member of *The Athenian*, I would need to break into Barbara Snyder's house and

steal a pair of her underwear. I was agape. I told the man that, though I was truly an investigative reporter bent on getting a scoop about Athenian hazing rituals, this was simply too heinous of a task to carry out, especially in light of the fact that Snyder recently came out and stated that the Athenian had already stolen her last pair. The Editor-in-Chief said that was okay, and there was another ritual that we could go through in light of the fact that I was actually a reporter. He introduced his fist to my face, and there the hazing concluded.

There you have it. Another seemingly innocent group proven to be despicable by the awesome investigating power that is Rick O'Shea. See you next time.

Top 5 Innocent Groups Proven Despicable by Rick O'Shea

5. Case Cheese Club
4. Case Model U.N.
3. The Alumni Association of CWRU
2. Case Chess Club
1. Students for Organ Donation Awareness



CWRU to Enter Video Game Industry; Announces Three Titles

Thanks to a sponsorship with gaming company juggernaut Activision, Case will start developing video games targeted at the Case Community. President Barbara Snyder had this to say: "We all know that Case is home to nerds who play video games all day, why not make some bank off that?" The first title in the Case Video Game Series, *Case Cops on Duty*, puts you in the exciting role of a Case police officer. The game is described as being a sandbox open-world experience defined by the limits of Case campus. As a Case police officer, you'll direct traffic, ride on a Segway, hand out parking tickets, engage in thrilling parkour as you chase down criminals, and beat them down with kung-fu.

"When we were creating *Case Cops on Duty*, we realized that letting the player shoot criminals would look bad. Therefore, we came up with an innovative parkour system that lets you maneuver around objects swiftly in order to chase the criminal down and bring them to justice," says game director Bernie Melts. "For each successful task a player completes, they gain experience and rank up. Some people say our game is like Call of Duty meets Shaq Fu. I say, why not imitate success?" However, players won't be forced to stop crimes in progress. "Will you help or turn a blind eye and eat a sandwich instead? These are the kinds of moral dilemmas that Case cops face every day." The game is expected to ship with a robust multiplayer component that lets players play as criminals or cops. Cops are expected to guard wimpy college students who wander around by themselves as criminals try to beat them up and steal their change. The game will also have various side quests available. Expect party crashing mini-games and noise violation chases to keep the game exciting. Bernie also says that, just like in real life, Case cops will be able to talk to squirrels on campus in order to find out where crimes are actively occurring. The game is expected to ship with day one downloadable content that lets you play as

the real Case crossing guard hero, Mark the Crossing Guard.

Crazy Greenie has been described as a thrilling driving simulator. As a Case greenie driver, you'll be timed as you pick up and drop off students with no regard to the actual bus schedule. You get bonus points for ignoring students in-between stops (just like in real life!) all while driving at the insane speed of twenty-five miles an hour. At this point, the greenie controls more like operating an aircraft carrier, but Melts said that was part of the real-life simulation. *Crazy Greenie* is expected to ship with an awesome soundtrack featuring tons of hipster bands straight out of the Grog Shop.

The last title in development, *Arts and Science versus Business and Humanities*, is a hardcore fighting game that lets you pit various faculty members against one another to see who truly reigns supreme in the world of academics. Scrubs need not apply. "Everyone always wonders who would win in a fight between Dr. Kenny and Dr. Butler. Now is the chance to find out. In addition to the standard 3 vs. 3 match up system pioneered by past fighters, there's also a "wrasslin" version of the game featuring tag team matches, cage matches, king of the ring, free-for-all, and hardcore, which is when the tables and chairs come out." Featuring a robust roster of 100 Case professors, past and present, AS vs BH is sure to find an audience at Case. As Dr. Covault, you taunt by eating chalk. "It's like my favorite move in the game, right beside Chris Butler's pile driver of doom," says Melts. Arenas include Grab-It, the quad, the football field, Kelvin Smith Library (a multi-tiered brawl) and the top of the Peter B. Lewis building.

Expect the games to ship for \$60 on PS3 and Xbox 360 and \$50 on PC. The games are expected to be sold through the bookstore in August of this year with extremely expensive DLC to follow and a special version of AS vs. BH called *Super Arts and Science versus Business and Humanities Turbo Boost Force Gemini Ex Alpha Team Go* to release in the fall of next year.

Republican Primary Stops Being Funny, Comedians Impoverished

Things are finally looking up for the Republican Party. The long contested primary race is drawing to a close, with Mitt Romney almost sure to secure the nomination. Finally the GOP can rest easy: the months of ridicule, jeering and mockery have come to an end. Unfortunately for comedians, the months of ridicule, jeering and mockery have come to an end.

Fresh out of material, the comedians of the world have fallen into despair. Many comedy clubs have preemptively called an end to the business and have started closing down. The United States Department of Commerce estimates that six bajillion comedians will be out of work by the end of the year, an odd estimate considering "six bajillion" is not an actual number. Several comedians have voiced their concern.

"How the hell am I going to get by? I have a wife, two kids, a cat and exactly two pit bull terriers!" said the real Jon Stewart who was definitely not a hired impersonator informed by Wikipedia.

We asked popular comedian Robin Williams to comment, but he has been crying in the fetal position for about a day now and we're beginning to worry about dehydration.

Other comedians are making the best of the situation. Dane Cook has found work at an Apple store, where he is forced to endlessly repeat lines from old commercials no one cares about anymore. Stephen Colbert has gotten a job reviewing books for the New York Times. "When you think about it, it's really just cutting out the middleman," says Colbert.

Just about the only comedic institution not affected by this turn of events is the webcomic Penny Arcade, due to its reliance on the futuristic contraption known as "vidjamagames" for material instead of politics. Accusations of witchcraft have been thrown around the world of comedy, but the creators of Penny Arcade insist that their method of creating laughter does not in any way rely on black magic. We would have liked to ask the creators of Penny

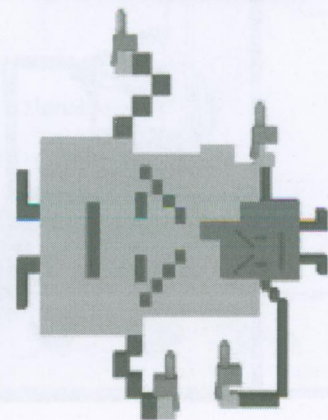
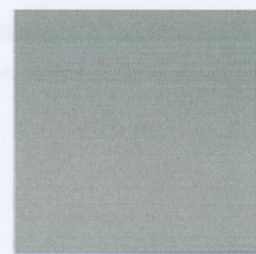
Arcade to comment on the issue, but we have been banned from their offices after attempting to exorcise demons from their computer.

The students of Case Western Reserve University have banned together in order to mourn the passing of this great era in political commentary. Several fraternities and Sororities are participating in a joint candlelight vigil honoring the comedians and their many, many Rush Limbaugh and Michele Bachman parodies. The vigil would be held Wednesday night at 9:00PM at Frieburger Field if the cast of Saturday Night Live stops squatting there.

On a completely unrelated note, if you want to help The Athenian out, any information about job openings would be greatly appreciated.

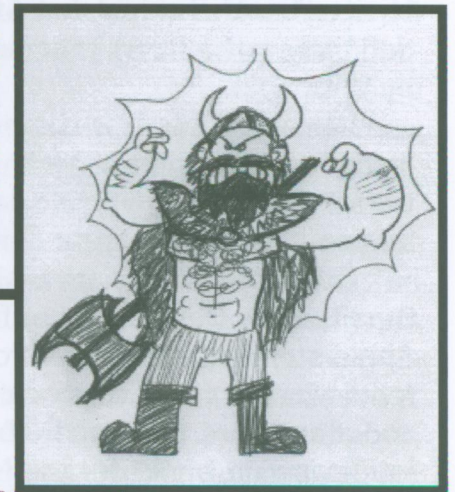
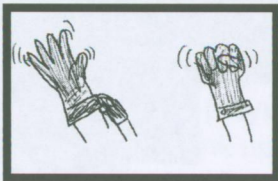


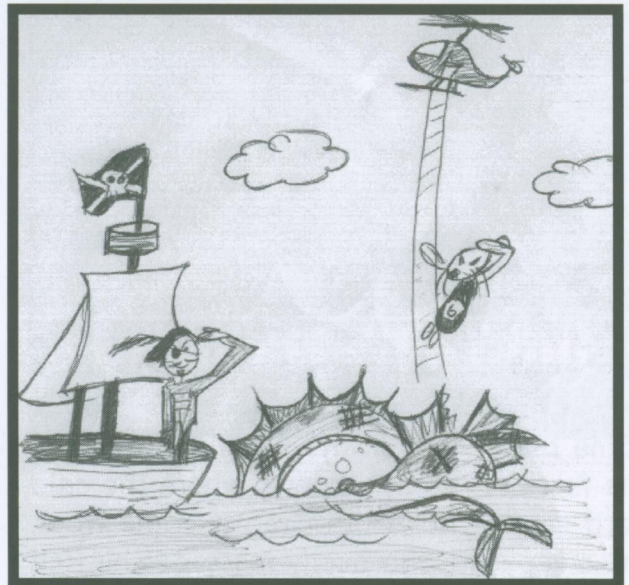
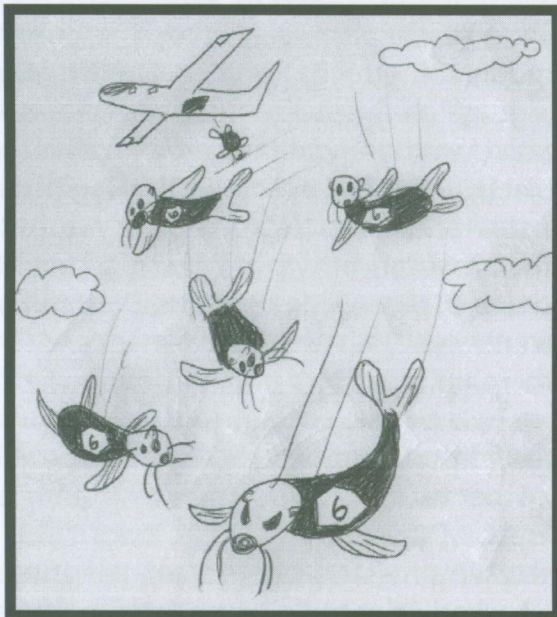
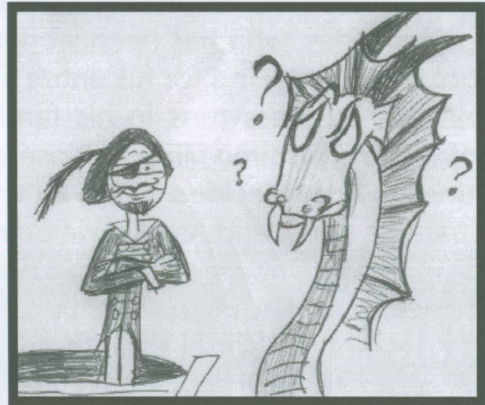
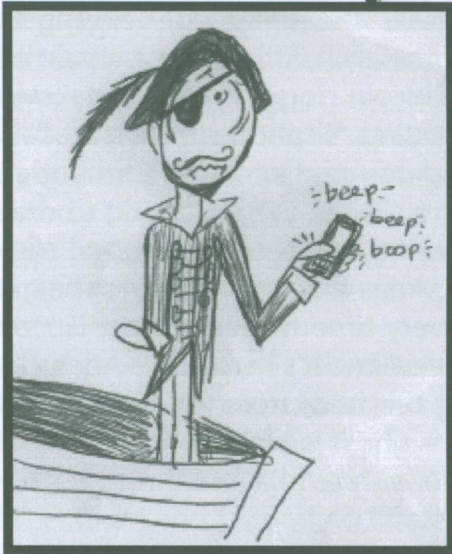
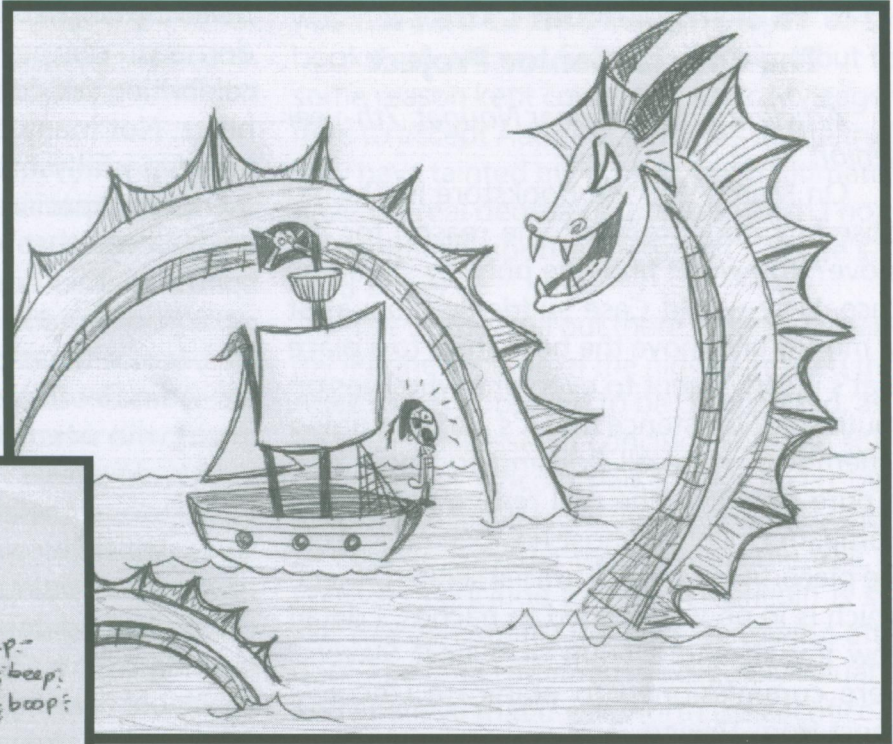
Below: Stephen Hawking being targeted by the inescapable quad laser, because Mooninites do whatever they want to whomever they want.



The Adventures of CAPTAIN ATHENIAN

Double feature! First, Captain Athenian prepares for a great battle.
Then, he calls for backup.





Hunting Lincoln's Ghost: The Official Senior Project

Article courtesy of Bear Nougat, 7th-year senior.

On March 9th, the bookstore in Thwing closed its doors forever. The reason for the move? You won't find one publicly stated by Case. Why would Case suddenly blow a lot of money and move the bookstore to a place that's inconvenient to everyone who lives on south side? Insistence that it's part of a grand scheme to move all housing to north side is pure bologna. The real reason is because Abraham Lincoln's ghost has been haunting the place. In my second official senior project, which is in no way related to nachos, I detail how myself and a team of "Ghost Slayers" were commissioned to eradicate Lincoln's ghost from Thwing.

To gain insight into this problem, I interviewed Lemon Ades, who has been working at the bookstore in Thwing for his entire life. The bookstore business runs in his family. Instead of wasting his time filling out useless career surveys, Ades decided to do exactly what his parents, Seren and Arc did. He claims that his family has worked in every university bookstore across America, but never one this haunted. Ades noticed some strange things in the bookstore and thinks that the multiple disturbances by Lincoln caused the bookstore to be shutdown. "It was definitely Lincoln," Ades said, "and he wanted to know why stupid Franklin's on the hundred dollar bill while he gets stuck on the five. He complained about this for six hours. He was totally cool with Cleveland being on the g-note though."

Some people might question why Abraham Lincoln would haunt Thwing. My answer – why NOT? Of all the strange things that have happened at Case (taco relays evoking ancient pagan traditions, open house tours that for some reason are always heavily populated, the fact that no one knows where the cold hard sandwiches from Grab-It come from, the creepy kid who overly massages himself in the corner of KSL, etc.) ghost hauntings are

relatively normal. It's estimated that 95% of the dorms on campus contain the ghosts of dead celebrities, presidents, and animals, especially bears. Not many people know this, but bears are especially attuned to the supernatural (hence my special affinity for the supernatural). It's believed that a bear was once used to ask spirits whether or not Leutner was in fact built on top of an ancient burial ground (HINT: it was, hence the cup shortage).

Ades describes Lincoln as a generally mild ghost who needs to "chill out and stop being such a downer." Sometimes after closing the bookstore at the end of the day, he would observe Ghost Lincoln clogging toilets, throwing books, and swiping cell phones from lackadaisical students. Ades contacted TAPS (the ghost hunting crew from the SyFy network) to come check out Thwing, but they have yet to reply. The problem, Ades claims, is that since he gets really high every time he sees Ghost Lincoln, no one believes him. "It's hard," says Ades. "I've been running this bookstore for 20 years, and I know when a ghost is a ghost. The weed has nothing to do with it. I have arthritis. It's like, chronic and stuff."

I decided to do my senior project on this interesting phenomenon. After seven years of being a student at Case, I finally became interested in something. I got my English teacher to sign off on the project (he said it counted as creative writing, and reminded him of his senior project), and then I enlisted a rag-tag posse of ghost wranglers to help me on my quest. My team consisted of two students, a custodian, and one of those kids from that Dagorhir club, you know, the one where kids smack each other with foam weapons and people in Leutner place bets on who will win, that club. To protect myself, I purchased a proton pack from Ebay. My other teammates had no protection, aside from the Dagorhir kid's foam sword and the custodian's masterwork mop of cleansing.

I asked Ades to go home early for the evening. My team and I sat in the Thwing lounge starting at 7:00 PM, waiting for signs that Ghost Lincoln would materialize. A burrito was left out for him in the ballroom. The Thwing lounge

was completely empty for the night, like usual, so there was no bias from outside observers. People apparently had to study for something called exams.

The two students accompanying me were freshmen that I bribed with alcohol. We set up a perimeter of string and tin cans which would no doubt alert us to the presence of GL. Around midnight, I asked them to get me food from Denny's. While they were gone, I discussed my plans with Jaques Chan, the custodian. We ate a box of Twinkies, and the Dagorhir Kid did not get any even though he kept asking. Suspicious activity occurred at 1:00 AM. The two freshmen never returned.

I told Dagorhir Kid that splitting up was a good idea and watched him go investigate sounds coming from the Thwing ballroom while I artistically rendered penises in various vacation hot spots on Draw Something. Soon after, I heard a scream and a volley of foam sword strikes, but only *wooshes* and no *thuds*. By the time Chan and I reached the ballroom, Dagorhir Kid was gone; his foam sword was all that remained. He was causality number three. Chan and I found no evidence of Ghost Lincoln's presence. At this point, Chan said that he had "a bad feeling about this" and remarked on how his age should exempt him from such unpleasant activities.

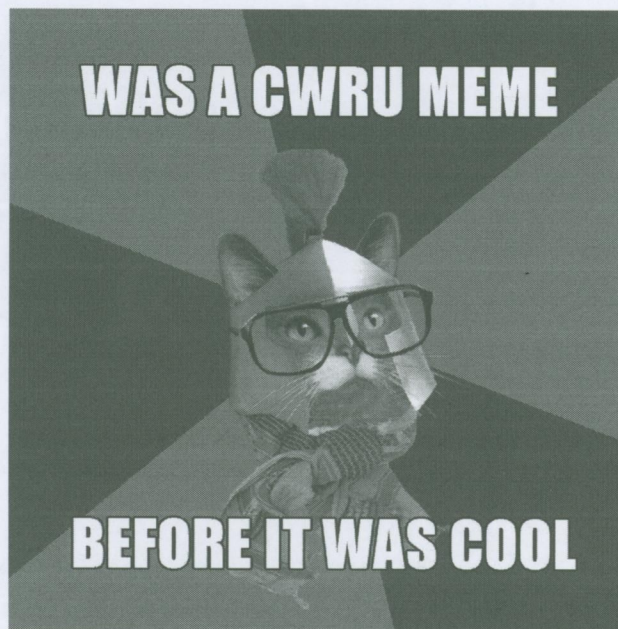
As we walked back to the Thwing lounge, Chan and I were horrified by what we encountered. We found Ades covered in a suspicious white powder, dressed as Abraham Lincoln, attacking a Case security guard. Ades later referred to the powder all over his face as snow. The 60-degree weather outside, however, told a different story. After a brief scuffle, we were finally able to catch Ades. Afterwards, I went home with a heavy heart. I still do not know what happened to those two freshmen, but I still don't have my Denny's so they deserve whatever happened to them. As for Dagorhir Kid...meh. I'll get over it.

I must acknowledge some potential factors that might skew the findings. I eventually found out at Lemon Ades's funeral (he died from one too many prison shanks) that he

was not considered a real employee of the bookstore. He was fired 10 years ago but for some reason kept coming to work. My eagerness to accept Ades's statements as the truth may have tainted my project, but it ultimately gave it a real degree of gravitas which I hope to capitalize upon ala Truman Capote's *In Cold Blood*.

The truth is still out there. Upon reviewing my iPhone footage of the night, I noticed that Ades's eyes appeared to be glowing red, as if he were possessed. I conclude that the spirit of Abraham Lincoln had in fact taken over Ades's body that night. But why would Ghost Lincoln do this? To throw us off the trail, of course. I conclude that Ghost Lincoln is still out there, roaming the halls of Thwing after dark. The data I attained is extremely valuable and I believe that it was worth the sacrifice of three individuals to get it.

Bear Nougat, 7th year senior hopefully graduating this year, signing off.



Springfest Headliner Tyga to Teach Guest Physics Lecture

Continuing Case's long tradition of inviting guest lecturers such as Snoop Dogg, Miley Cyrus, and Jon Huntsman, physics department chair Isaac Newton announced that this year's Springfest headliner, somewhat-acclaimed rapper Tyga, will be leading a Physics 122 lecture.

The lecture, covering electromagnetic waves, draws from Tyga's doctoral thesis, "An Examination of Transverse Wave Motion in Titties." Considered "groundbreaking" and "key to our understanding of femtosecond laser spectroscopy as we know it," by Pitchfork, Tyga's thesis is notable for both winning the IEEE Edison Medal and also debuting at number two on the Billboard Top 100 before holding number one for 16 weeks.

"What I try to do is make physics available to a larger audience," Tyga said in an interview with *The Athenian*. "If they can see that celebrities like me can debate particle

physics in a scholarly manner with a bitch who's bouncin' on my dick, then they're more likely to be interested in that subject. It's really an educational model that can be used outside of higher education, such as primary schools or in inner city areas for at-risk youth. Imagine how many drive-bys could have been avoided if the participants had simply read Russell's *Principia Mathematica* first. Fo real."

The physics department's decision drew fire from the music department, which claimed that Tyga is not a suitable musician for Springfest in the first place. According to the music department, a group such as the Chicago Symphony Orchestra would be more appropriate for an audience made up of Case students.

Critics also include the global physics community, who referenced a 2008 paper highlighting inaccuracies and flaws in Tyga's thesis. The paper, seen by many as the first instance of a physics gang war, accuses Tyga of falsifying research data, especially that taken from the electron microscope installed in a Pittsburgh strip club. It also charges the physicist-rapper

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with having sex with other researchers, a claim that Tyga staunchly confirms.

Despite protests, a record 4000 students have signed up for the lecture, so many that it will be held in downtown Cleveland at the Quicken Loans Arena. To offset the cost to the University, a fee of \$45 plus service fees will be charged to students.

"We're very excited to offer a physics education on this large of a scale," Newton said of the undertaking. "We've already sold out the Q, and almost a quarter of the attendees are visiting professors from overseas."

Snyder's Secret Revenge Plot Discovered

Following the "revenge is a dish best served cold" mentality, university president Barbara Snyder planned to deny Thomas Landusky, Editor-In-Chief of The Athenian, graduation rights as penance for the multitude of jokes in the magazine at her expense.

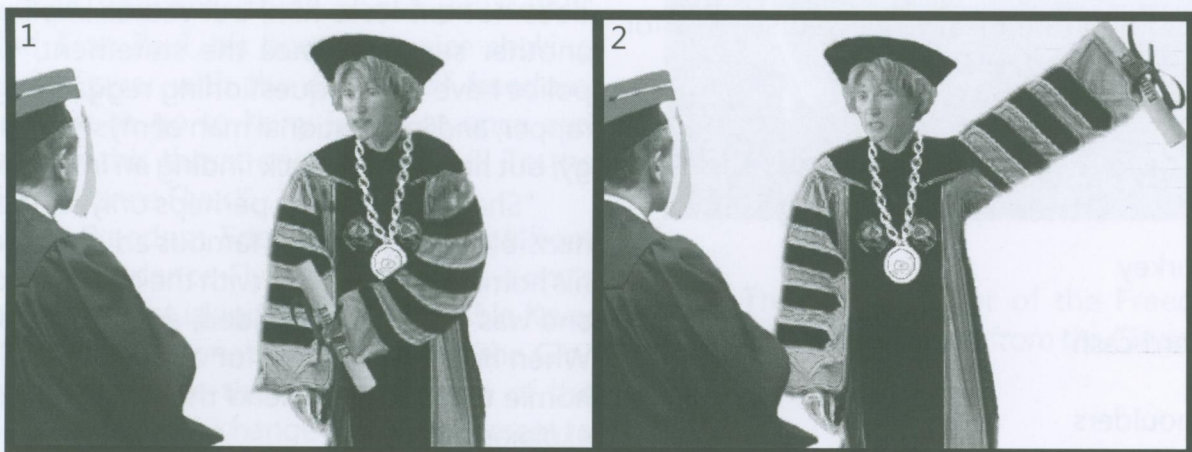
The Athenian's moral compass, Cleverbot, insisted that since the organization was receiving zero contact from CWRU administration, it would be acceptable to push the envelope regarding Barbara Snyder jokes. Some such

- entertainments include representing Babs:
- being responsible for the muggings on campus
- as Lord of the Rings antagonist Sauron (arguably in costume)
- raising funds by spending intimate time with alumni and community members
- as the Apple in the Fruit of the Loom commercials and various other scrapbook moments
- supporting a campus strip club
- convicted of stealing Case students' piggybanks
- in league with delegates from Hell
- having a huge crush on Justin Bieber

One Athenian staff member thought it was odd that we could get away with such awesome jokes, and began to investigate.

"I really like where these jokes have gone," says staff member Meth BcNany. "But I was skeptical that Case administration would permit hilarity of such magnitude, so I decided to do a little digging."

According to Landusky, BcNany has been with the magazine for several years, and is one of the most loyal and powerful members of his crew.



Above: An artist's rendition of Snyder's revenge plot.

"I really like Meth. Meth is super cool, and helps make great graphics. Meth's abilities are deep magic. She has mad hax."

BcNany responded by stating that such comments were high praise.

Snyder's *pièce de résistance* was to take place during the graduation ceremony. As Landusky was to reach for his diploma, Snyder planned to quickly pull back her hand holding the diploma, yelling "Psych!"

Unfortunately for The Athenian's beloved Editor, Snyder's plans are already in motion and too far advanced to stop. Despite Landusky's attempts to foil her revenge scheme by not attending commencement, machinations to thwart him are unavoidable, says BcNany.

"Although the Sword of Omens was useful in divining Snyder's initial plot, her deviousness runs deep and I was unable to discover her true plans; however, there is no doubt in my mind that the Ancient Spirits of Evil will be involved."

Landusky comments.

"In my 22 years of life, I have learned to live without fear. I've been knighted, I've defeated a chess master, I have been with two girls at once; and when I face whatever diabolic gambit she has in store for me, I will have all the knowledge of a B.M.E. degree from one of the most respected schools for that discipline. I will be ready."

Top 5 Things Best Served Cold, Other Than Revenge

5. Turkey
4. Hard cash
3. Shoulders
2. Feet
1. Vanilla Ice

Campus Police Discover New Lead Regarding CWRU Security Alert

On March 22nd, 2012, a student was walking on Wade Park between Mistletoe and E. 115th Street when he was approached by a male on a bike who asked for a dollar. The male on the bike followed the student briefly and then brandished a black revolver and demanded the student's valuables. After taking the items the suspect left the area on his bicycle. The student was not injured.

Until now, this mythical robbery has ascended to unsolved mystery status. Campus police have begun questioning singer, rapper, and musician Aloe Blacc.

"I don't know why we didn't think of it earlier," states Case Chief of Police Carl Winslow. "His hit single, 'I Need a Dollar' should have been a dead giveaway. I mean, who only asks for a dollar?"

Chief Winslow went on to say that the fact that "dolla" (slang for dollar) and "black revolve"(revolver) rhyme is no coincidence, and only adds credence to his case.

In a recent press release, Aloe Blacc has put forth an alibi.

"I still need a dollar, dollar, a dollar is all I need...still, it wasn't me!"

According to Winslow, Blacc's testimony does not extricate him, but rather implicates another suspect. Since the statement, Case police have begun questioning reggae singer, rapper, and international man of mystery Shaggy, but have had no luck finding an interpreter.

"Shaggy's most, or perhaps only, comprehensible speech was his famous advice. One of his homies was sleeping with the girl next door, and was caught red-handed, even on camera. When he asked Shaggy for advice, he told his homie to tell his girlfriend that it wasn't him," explains Winslow.

Expert lawyers have since coined this technique "the Shaggy defense." This strategy has been utilized by such celebrities as O.J. Simpson, R. Kelly, Lindsay Lohan, and now Aloe Blacc.

The investigation is still ongoing.

Hijackers: Episode 4

In this episode, Hijackers presents a sample of an unofficial comic pitched to Marvel.

Tron Paul and the Freedom Friends

Tron Paul bravely strode into the meeting room of Liberty Tower where the Freedom Friends were discussing today's threats to freedom, liberty, and the right to private property.

"Friends, we have a new threat to liberty!" exclaimed Tron Paul. "The Oppression Guild has a new plot to take over the world, and we have to stop them!"

"What plot is that?" asked Ludwig von Missiles, who as usual was bravely exercising his right to bear arms.

"Zombie Kony and his associates are secretly adding chemicals to 'Santorum's Frothy Bubble Bath for Kidz' that will turn them into invisible, freedom-hating, child soldiers." said Tron Paul.

"Great Ayn Rand's ghost!" proclaimed Robo-Reagan. "We can't allow that to continue."

"I don't know if I care enough today," said the Atlas 500 with a shrug.

The Monitizer asked, "Is there any profit in this? Perhaps we could just invent a cure and sell it at a reasonable price."

"Can you only think about yourself?!" yelled Tron Paul, his booming voice shaking Liberty Tower with the sounds of freedom. "We have to go to Kony Island at once and deal with this threat once and for all! To the Independence Flyer!"

The Freedom Friends paratrooped from the Independence Flyer onto Zombie Kony's allegedly secret island. Little did Zombie Kony know that the Monitizer had gotten the Gingrinch to divulge the secret location of the island fortress in exchange for an agreement to pay for his secret moon base. Tron Paul burst through the Oppression Guild's headquarters on his light cycle, with all the fury of a thousand patriots.

Zombie Kony stood where he was and was not afraid.

"No man can kill me, and besides, you wouldn't regulate what I put into children's soap that's bought on the free market, would you?" proudly stated Zombie Kony.

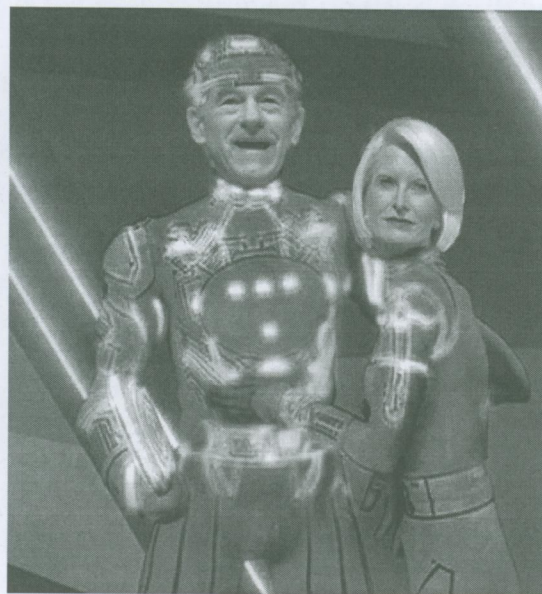
"Oh yeah?" said Tron Paul with a smirk. "Well, what if I like you on Facebook?"

"You Monster!" yelled Zombie Kony, with a look of horror painted across his face.

"That's what I'll do if you don't leave those children alone! It would be completely voluntary on the part of those liking you. It's the free market at work."

"NOOOOO!" yelled Zombie Kony.

Read the next issue of Tron Paul and the Freedom Friends to see what happens next!



Above: Tron Paul, leader of the Freedom Friends, protecting Callista from the Gingrinch

Republicans Combine Corporate and Fetal Personhood Bills

In political news today, Republican legislators at the federal and state levels have been pushing combined "personhood bills" to define both corporations and unborn children as legal "persons" and giving both equal rights.

"We Republicans have always known that the rights of all people are worth protecting, whether they are a zygote, freshly conceived from a regrettable act of drunkenness, or a legally recognized business selling airplane bearings," said Paul Ryan, a Republican congressman from Wisconsin. "Who are we to deny these living, not yet breathing people their rights?"

Currently, corporations are defined as legal persons, and Republican legislatures have been pushing for fetuses to receive the same rights.

"Think about how inefficient it is for a fetus to develop in American mothers, when they could be saving money by outsourcing their embryonic development to countries with lower tax rates," says Ryan. "These costs would be passed directly to the customer. Giving tax breaks to American fetuses to undergo mitosis overseas is good for all of the country."

Included amongst the proposed bills are provisions that label failed start-up companies as "corporate abortions," punishable by up to twenty years in prison. Also within these bills are tax credits for small fetuses who gross less than \$1,000,000 per year. Additionally, Republicans are calling for tax breaks on fetuses at any stage of development, which they claim will stimulate the economy.

"This is something that virtually all Republicans are in agreement on," said John Boehner, the Republican speaker of the house. "Too often, corporations in development don't get off the ground. We believe that this practice of corporate abortions goes against the will of God, and all that is moral. We are seeking to charge anyone who liquidates an old corporation with murder, because all legally defined

life is sacred."

Traditionalists believe that the term "person" should only be used to define a living, breathing human. The GOP argues, however, that that view is both antiquated and discriminatory.

"It sickens me that discrimination of this kind is still tolerated in our society," said Ryan. "Should corporations be slaves to "traditional" people? Should a fetus count as three-fifths of a person? Well, technically, at some point, a fetus probably is three-fifths of a person. But the point is, discrimination against these Unborn and For-Profit Americans is just plain wrong."

Critics of the bills argue that Republicans are just pandering to their only loyal base, unborn children and for-profit companies.

"If corporations or fetuses would like to vote Republican, that is their right, and the benefit to the GOP is irrelevant. Besides," the representative said, "Traditional "human" voters aren't too thrilled with our party right now."

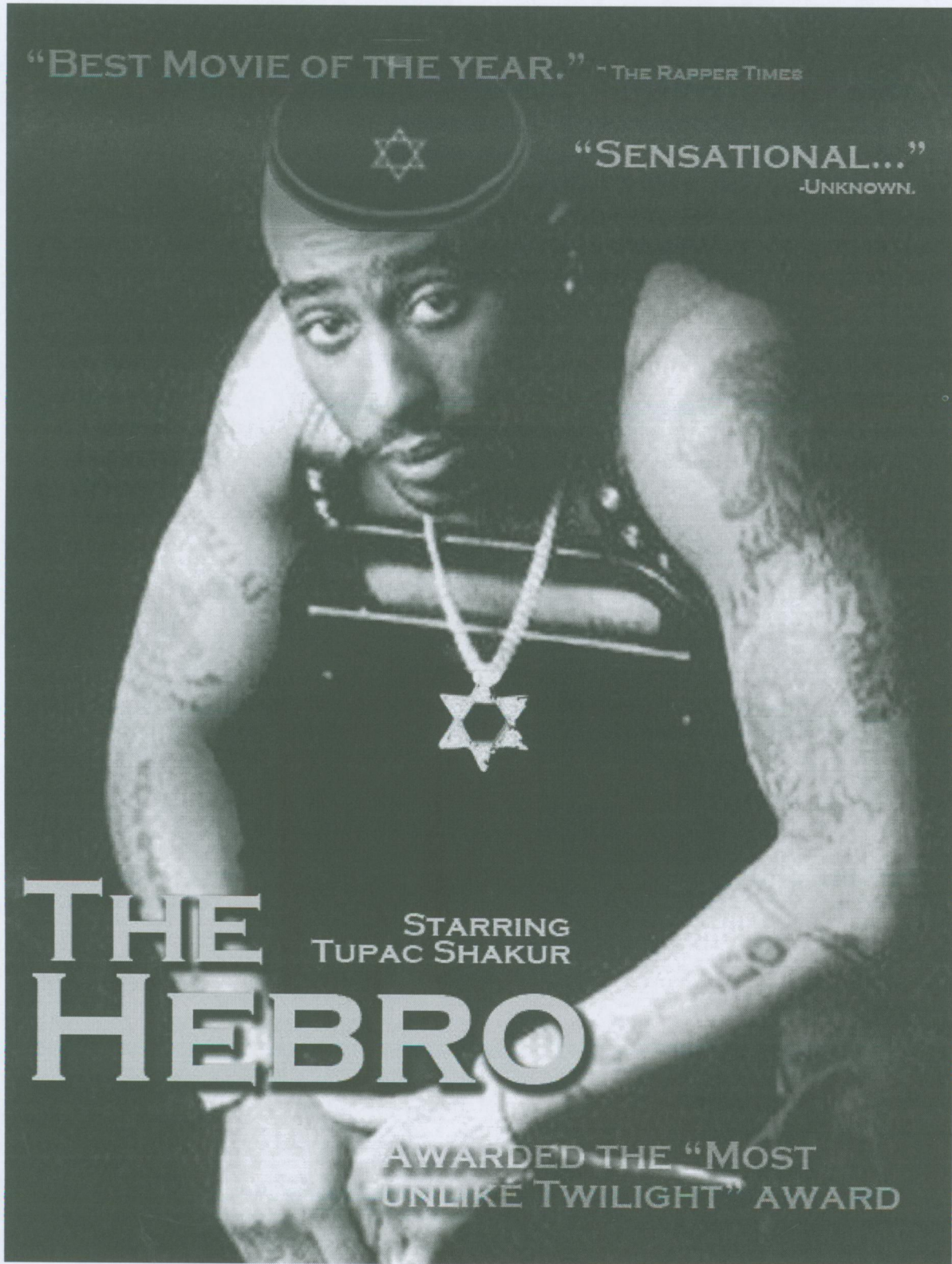
On a positive note, defining corporations as "persons" would make them eligible for the death penalty.

Top 5 Groups Unlikely to Receive Sympathy for Being Discriminated Against

5. Rebecca Black
4. The rich
3. The current cast of SNL
2. Left-handed people
1. Twilight fans



Movie Posters



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That's all, folks! And remember, the key to making up Oscar Wilde quotes is to add "~ Oscar Wilde" at the end.