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-Oscar Wilde



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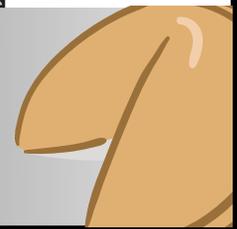
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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

There's a lot to be said about the end of the era. When you start out, it ending doesn't seem like a possibility. Pointedly, the beginning is usually overwhelming, like everything is going to swallow you and all you can do is to continue floating. But the end? You expect fireworks and get, for the most part, glitter that you can't get off the floor.

Thus, as the summer starts and gets into motion, take some advice from this retiring (retreating?) Editor-in-Chief. First, always eat your vegetables. Ramen isn't the only thing you should eat. Secondly, listen to the new Athenian Editor-In-Chief. I've heard that she's cool and knowledgeable, but that's just the hearsay of the trees. Third is to steal at least one sign off of a street. You don't know when it'll be useful - I hear that the Coventry street signs are worth a pretty bargaining penny.

As for finally leaving this place, I somewhat view it as a Peter Pan scenario. The Athenian, in some strange way, was Peter Pan, rescuing (or kidnapping if you're reading the original tale) students from the abysmal terror of their homework. From then, we became the Lost Boys, and we journeyed together through the heart of darkness, brandishing our trustworthy knives and slingshots. But, there, we also found an odd little family amongst ourselves, and it was sad when the time in Neverland ended. It didn't seem like the end until suddenly that time was gone.

But that's the truth. It's never really the end. From the experiences, there's enough humor to fill a thousand fishbowls. In the end, I suppose I could probably ninja away with at least one bowl and continue on the legacy in a different place.

Thanks for the years of wonder, my minions. Do your worst.



Melanie Sayre
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Fashion Trends of Summer 2014

what to wear after the end of school!

Written by Marisa Neel

Hello, and welcome to *Fashion: Advice from a Socially Awkward Recluse*.

Since anything above 45 degrees in Cleveland is an excuse to start stripping clothes off, we're starting to see more exposed knees around campus.

Because of this, we here at Fashion are struggling to find clothes other than sweatpants and hoodies to wear, as we are now entering the season of the underweight and underclothed. Along with a change in weather, we see some changes in fashion, not all of them so great.

Here are a decent number of fashion trends we are ready to see go:

1. Saying that toe shoes aren't cool is the biggest understatement since Charles Darwin said, "I like animals." Or the biggest understatement since Bill Gates said "I'll pay for dinner." Or the biggest understatement since Sting said, "I'll keep an eye on you." Although, we here at Fashion hear toe separation is excellent for your health, at least.

2. See-through tights. Sorry, but let's face it: If you're wearing tights stretched so thin that we can see certain things that what we don't particularly want to see, then they're out.

3. Hello Kitty. This idea was actually found on a page that was called "Fashion trends that people will find stupid in 20 years." Well, yes, and no. People find this stupid now. We should be saying Goodbye, Kitty at this point.

4. People wearing band shirts they don't actually listen to. If the first thing you think of when someone says "Yellow Submarine" is a yellow submarine, you don't deserve to be wearing that shirt. Oh, and I'm sure you think "Across the Universe" is a movie about astronomy, too.

5. Wearing hoodies in the summer. Who does that? Wouldn't that just get uncomfortable? Imagine the sweat that starts dripping... actually, don't imagine

that. Gross.

6. Men's crop tops. We don't want to see any overly-happy trails, or a stomach that hasn't seen the light of day in years (that kind of paleness can be just blinding). Keep it covered up or get some sun, please.

What we truly need is a rebirth of fashion, a creation of some utopia that produces fashionable clothes that is highly disproportionate with the amount of effort put into wearing them.

Speaking of which, Dolce & Gabbana launched the new fashion lines for the summer of 2014 just a few weeks ago. Already, three of their major pieces made it on "Funny or Die," which is probably a sign that this summer is going to be a good one.



Study Tips

...for Exams

Reported by
Sarah Whelan

— For those that are preparing for the fall

As finals approach quickly and silently, it is important to develop some good study skills. Here are some quick tips to help you do your best on the very important grade-saving (or, more commonly, grade-breaking) finals.

1. As finals approach, spend the last few weeks relaxing and getting caught up on TV and socialization, so that when it finally becomes the absolute last possible moment you will be refreshed, relaxed and ready to work really hard.
2. Be sure to tweet about how much you have to study and keep all of your followers updated on how much you still have left.
3. Put off the SAGES essay until the Sunday before it is due. Essays are like diamonds—all shine and no substance, and better written under pressure.
4. With the nice, warm sun this spring has brought us, spend a little time tanning to prepare for a wonderful summer vacation on the beach.
5. Make sure all the people you hate on Facebook are struggling, too, by liking all their current statuses.
6. The night or weekend before the final try to sleep as little as possible. That way information isn't lost while you dream.
7. If you must sleep some reasonable amount of time (2-3 hours tops), sleep with the textbook beneath your pillow—osmosis is a proven science.
8. Five words: Caffeinated Drinks. Only caffeinated drinks.
9. Hey! Did you see this funny cat video? Or this one? ALL of the Smosh episodes?
10. Be sure to go to class—lecture halls are the most comfortable places to sleep before the stress of finals.
11. Before you study get caught up on Tumblr.
12. Instagram your review sheet #nofilter
13. Claim your place at the library by napping on the most comfortable chair you can find. Get there before the crowds and stay until finals—why do you think they have a café and (almost) beds? So you would go home or something?
14. Go out to eat to celebrate the end of the semester.
15. When in doubt guess “C.”
16. Get a group together to complain—study with.
17. Don't start too early. You'll forget all the information. The best time to study for something is the day of, or if you must, the day before.
18. Listen to music with 140 bpm to get worked up while studying.
19. Don't write down everything you have to do—it will be overwhelming. Just wing it. The things you forgot to do weren't important anyway.
20. Watch TV: Check Netflix's new releases. See that show everyone is talking about. Being worldly is just as important as being book-smart.
21. Watch Saturday morning cartoons—recalling a more carefree time of life will be relaxing.
22. Google your subject -> Wikipedia -> Hitler (All of Wikipedia will get you to Hitler – hope you were studying for history.)
23. Binge watch at least one season of your favorite show—popcorn is brain food!
24. Read a humor magazine to get in a better mood before studying.
25. Say that you'll write an article for The Athenian when you should be writing a SAGES essay.

[What can brown do for you?]

Trust Me, I'm A Scientist - Evan Martin

Life on Earth has existed for at least 2.5 billion years. Try as hard as you want, but that number is absolutely impossible for a human brain to comprehend because, of course, we never evolved to. The ability to comprehend small numbers was necessary for basic problem solving skills, and hence, Darwinian fitness. Comprehension of numbers in the billions, however, was not. And thus, evolution never bothered to give our brains that ability.

Over this incomprehensibly long period of time, life (which is, by definition, competitive) has evolved. Evolved not only on the level of individual species, but on the ecosystem level too. For example, pretty much every time a new species evolves, another one quickly follows, specifically designed by Mother Nature to eat the newcomer. Because biology is a dick like that sometimes, and by sometimes, I mean all the time.

Competition is fierce, with each and every living being ruthlessly pursuing the only goal that matters in this great biosphere: genetic perpetuation. As you can imagine, some incredibly clever technologies have been utilized for this purpose. From the cuttlefish's incredible ability to hypnotize its prey through changing colors, to the adorable friendship/murderousness of the coyote and badger, to downright dickishness of the golden eagle throwing its prey off a cliff, one need not look far to see evidence of evolution's near infinite ingenuity.

But some Homo sapiens, in our near infinite arrogance, believe our kind to be above the reach of evolution's influence. After all, this hypothetical person would argue that people across the planet are killing themselves slowly by following evolution's incessant demands for stuffing sugar and fat into their faces, with no regard whatsoever for the health problems these foods will inevitably cause. In fact, he continues, the World Health Organization recently declared that obesity is now a larger global health crisis than hunger, all because evolution won't adapt to the modern, Twinkie-obsessed world! What say you now, evolution man!?

Well, hypothetical person who clear-

ly isn't me, allow me to introduce you to evolution's answer to the near infinite jiggliness of our asses. Meet brown adipose tissue, otherwise known as brown fat. Unlike white fat, whose primary purpose is to store excess food energy for later, brown fat is used by hibernating animals, as well as human infants, to generate heat, since natural selection tends to frown on parents who let their babies freeze to death.

Up until recently, scientists thought that most of our brown fat disappears after infancy. As it turns out, however, research over the last decade or two has found that brown fat levels in human adults are rising. Of course, people who live in colder climates tend to have more of it, but the explanation for this trend is simple: Millions of years of eating mostly vegetables conditioned us to crave sugar like heroin (literally, many scientists now believe that sugar could be as addictive as some recreational drugs, but that's another story for another day), and now that we're eating enough of it to literally lower our evolutionary fitness, we evolved a way to harmlessly vent that excess energy.

That's right; we as a species have actually gotten so fat, that natural selection had to step in and come up with a way to save us from our own never-ending demand for those sweet, sweet partially-oxidized hydrocarbons we call sugar. And now that evolution has started the job, scientists are hard at work trying to figure out how to convince our bodies to convert even more of that second piece of pie from last night into brown fat, rather than stored chemical energy that could be used to power our bodies, i.e. the whole reason we eat food.

So go ahead, eat that extra scoop of ice cream. Because if brown fat therapy ever actually becomes a thing, and lots of smart people are working hard to make it so, then you can literally say that the more sugar you eat, the hotter you'll be.

Evan is the product of 85 million years of primate evolution. He enjoys sports, Star Wars, living in Cleveland and seeing the world as one giant science experiment with too many variables and not enough explosions.

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Reported by Anastazia Vanisko
Art by Raymond Krajci

Cleveland
condemned

...maybe

A group of grumpy Clevelanders have decided that there is no chance for their home to rebuild into something better. Their project, deemed “Project DestroyCle,” claims that if Cleveland wants a fresh start, it will need to be destroyed and built anew.

After many discussions about the best possible way to do this, two prominent options appeared: burn the city down or tear it down. Both options are equal in cost, so money hasn’t been a factor in determining which path to take. There are significant difficulties regardless, though.

If burning down the city is chosen, there are concerns about how well the city will burn. There have been some weather issues recently, and the city may be too wet to torch. Or maybe it would burn very well, but will be contained to only on top of the water. Like when the Cuyahoga River caught fire in 1969. Considering that the only thing that grows in Cleveland is the pollution level, the city is going to look into water cleanliness levels before pursuing the fiery demise option. On the bright side, if the buildings burned efficiently, Clevelanders would be able to build right over the ashes.

The alternative, tearing the city down, also has potential problems. If people come through with bulldozers and wrecking balls, there’s a decent chance that someone’s home will be destroyed in the process. In fact, it’s nearly inevitable. This is also a danger with the burning option, but somehow that was overlooked in the section of the city officials’ reports discussing potential risk. Taking a wrecking ball to buildings would also leave large amounts of rubble to build over, and as the rubble fell it might damage the roads. Considering how horrible Cleveland roads already are and the lack of work being done on them, it would be best to not to expand any potholes.

At this point, Project DestroyCle doesn’t look very promising. It seems that Clevelanders will have to somehow find the motivation to fix their city without destroying it.

In contrast, Project DestroyDetroit has received almost enough funds for similar endeavors; hopefully this project will be rolling by summer of 2015.



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Predicting the ultimate, and grisly, outcomes of “Game of Thrones”

Reported by Hallie Dolin

Whether you're a Stark fan, a Targaryen loyalist, or a Lannister supporter, you've probably been watching “Game of Thrones” from the beginning if you're reading this. Nevertheless, you should be warned that these predictions contain plenty of spoilers. If you haven't watched the series in its entirety, you should turn back now.

To begin, we've seen a lot of deaths over the past few seasons, but a common saying among those who run in “Game of Thrones” circles is that no one is really dead unless you see it happen onscreen. The show takes it up to 11, what with how many times it's revived characters that we've already seen die (White Walkers, anyone?). Therefore, Joffrey's so-called “death” in the second episode of Season Four is nothing but a red herring. He's

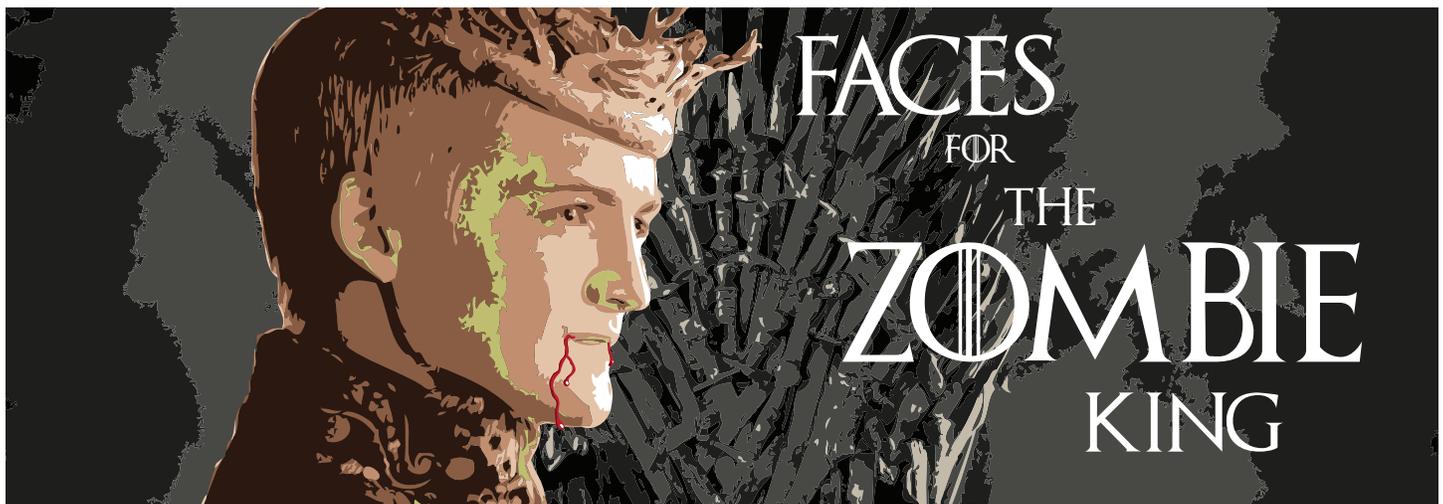
probably lurking around somewhere in the dungeons of the Red Keep, biding his time until battle happens and he can feast on some nice juicy brains.

Since said battle is probably going to be in the North, I'd hedge a bet that Zombie Joffrey will find a way to the Wall and take advantage of all the chaos to sink his teeth into the back of someone's neck. Oh, he's absolutely going to get killed off for real, but not before killing off some important (and well-loved) characters first. Jon Snow is a safe bet, since he's rising pretty high in the Night's Watch now that Lord Commander Mormont's men pulled a Benedict Arnold on him. Actually, screw that— all of the Starks are going to die, because that's how the writers roll.

The Ultimate Showdown of Ultimate

Destiny will be preceded by Daenerys Targaryen making her way to Westeros with all the speed of a narcoleptic tortoise. She'll end up at the Wall just in time to get shanked by a White Walker, leaving her dragons without their mother. They'll subsequently fly around aimlessly while blasting everyone in the face with fire, conveniently killing all the lords who have a say in the War of the Five Kings (and Stannis).

Since “what is dead may never die,” according to some pretty important characters, Zombie Joffrey will be immune to dragon fire. He'll also lose a lot of the qualities that made him such a jerk, and will end up basically letting the Seven Kingdoms run themselves while he sits on the Iron Throne and happily chews on people's bones.



Politicians start their children on the campaign trail early

Written by Julia Bianco

Following the recent announcement of her pregnancy, Chelsea Clinton, daughter of pioneer of the women's pantsuit industry Hillary Clinton, announced that she will be doing everything within her power to ensure that her future child wins the 2052 presidential election.

"As soon as my child is of age, I want him or her sitting in the oval office," says Clinton. "There's no excuse for him or her not to get there."

Clinton hopes to start her child on the campaign trail at an extremely young age, which will hopefully ensure that he or she is ready to enter office as soon as the constitution allows.

"I'm already working on campaign slogans," says Clinton. "I'm thinking 'Clinton: a Name You Can Trust.'"

Clinton's plans aren't unusual in today's political landscape, where many politicians are ensuring that their children go into their field by starting their campaigns as soon as they enter elementary school.

"You have to start campaigning early," says political consultant Steve McAdams. "It's been a noticeable trend in politics—the earlier you start and the more family members you have in office, the better off you are."

The future Clinton child should be set on those fronts, with Chelsea's political lineage and her intense desire to promote her child's future career.

"If he or she doesn't win kindergarten class president, that's when I'll know something is really wrong," says Clinton. "I mean, if you can't win that, what hope do you have for your future?"

Other political offspring who have announced their intent to one day run for the country's highest office include Piper Palin, 13, and Sasha Obama, 12.

"I just, like, know this is what I'm supposed to do," says Sasha. "I've already made buttons and stickers and everything. All of my friends are going to wear these shirts that we made with my name on them. I think it's going to work

super well!"

Political dynasties aren't uncommon, with the Kennedy, the Clinton and the Bush families all holding numerous offices across the country.

"Americans are inherently lazy," says McAdams. "If they see a familiar name on the ballot, it's just an easy thing to just pick them. They don't even have to bother doing any research on real issues—it's basically the mom jeans of voting. Easy, comfortable and reliable, but probably not the most flattering thing to put on in the morning."

New names, like the Palin and Obama families, hope to break into this dynasty structure so that they can ensure they will continue to influence American politics for much longer than they probably should.

"I think it's really important that we get some more names on the ballot," says former governor of Alaska Sarah Palin. "But not too new. We still want people to know who they're voting for!"



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New theme park

As summer comes rolling around, it's time to for studious Case students to seek out new adventures away from their dorm rooms and mile-radius campus bubble. There's so much you could do: soak in hot springs, party with friends, backpack in foreign lands, brave the seas on a five-star yacht. If only there was a place you could do all of them...

Well, now there is one! Welcome to Neo-world.

But, isn't Neo-world that fake online community thing you played as a kid looking through a thick, glass screen and now runs ads for *Fitness Singles*?

Not anymore. Here are some real things you can do in Neo-world.



opening in Neo-world!



Get a Neopet

The first thing you'd have to do in the Neo-world is, of course, get your Neopet. Neopets come in all different colors, ages and facial expressions. Pick your companion to share all your adventures with since, really, you most likely do not have a significant other. Be sure to also pick up a manual for understanding your Neopet's language and gestures, so you can tell the difference when it's actually enjoying the makeover you're giving it or threatening to eat you if you apply one more layer of fairy paint.

Sail the seas with your Neopet

Be a pirate captain like you always dreamed about. With your Neopet as your first mate, read treasure maps, find uncharted lands and dig up gold. Citrus candy and cider (the good kind) is always provided aboard for good measure.

Visit the Healing springs

Pay a visit to the healing springs in Fairyland. Heal your wounds from the tribulations of exam week and too much Red Bull. Your pets will love you, and it will be oddly reminiscent of Pokemon. Those firebreathing death bringers were not nearly as fun, though.

Have a pizza party at the Giant Omelet

Bring all your friends together for one last party to celebrate the end of the semester at the Giant Omelet. Eat yourself into a hole in this all-you-can-eat buffet and then fall asleep in this cheesy mass.

Get thrifty at Money Tree

Looking for a come-up? Try the Money Tree. It's effing awesome. If you played Neopets—the fake thing—and were frugal, you might remember the Money Tree as your favorite but most frustrating go-to spot for free stuff. Scramble with your friends for ramen cup noodles and your granddad's clothes falling out of the tree branches.

Gamble your way around Neo-world

Spin wheels, throw dice and scratch cards to win mysterious prizes. If you're feeling particularly adventurous, you can try your luck at guessing the sleep schedule of dragons to steal valuable items out of their lairs. It'll really teach you some life skills.

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Twitter Takes on Politics

Compiled through archives and twitter reports

Many of you have probably heard about the situation in Ukraine. Many more of you might feel passionately about what the United States should do about Ukraine. Many, many more of you probably have no idea where Ukraine is on a map.

For those of you whose only knowledge of the news comes from Jon Stewart, here's the deal with this country. Ukraine has long been a divided country over affiliations with Russia or the European Union. Though technically separate from Russia, there are still parts of Ukraine that affiliate with the Soviet Union, especially Crimea. In 2013, Ukraine's president, Viktor Yanukovich, turned down a deal for benefits with the European Union and instead became a closer ally of Russia, pleasing one half and upsetting another half of the country. And then it went downhill from there.

Since then, there has been constant rioting against the Russia-friendly Yanukovich, so much so that he has run away and is hiding in Russia (while claiming he is "still the President of Ukraine"). Ukraine's Parliament is trying to maintain things in his absence, and recently launched an offensive to suppress pro-Russian violence. Russia's Prime Minister Dmitriy Medve-

dev tweeted an ominous message regarding the situation: "There is foreboding of a civil war in #Ukraine."

We're going to go ahead and ignore the fact that Obama's reputation among world leaders is in the toilet (due to empty threats and general indecisiveness). We're also going to ignore that there could potentially be a civil war in Ukraine (since Russia historically is great at ending conflict). And we're also going to ignore that according to a Washington Post survey, 53 percent of Americans actually have the nerve to favor some kind of United States intervention (because here in America, we like to invade places that are "probably in Africa or something").

What we truly have on our hands is a rebirth of politics for the new generation. Now, we can it's not just high school break-

ups that happen over social media. No, now our nation's leaders tweet about impending wars

But remember, if anything gets too over the top, we can always take our posts down. Because that's how the Internet works—once you take something down, all is forgotten. Right?

Some people still feel outraged over the war message being so casually thrown out for billions of people to see at once. However, looking objectively, this is a good thing. People who were once completely ignorant about politics can keep up with the daily political developments, especially since there is no way a statement restricted to 140 characters could possibly be misinterpreted.

And if you can't keep up with new wave politics, too bad. #CrimeaRiver



Phoenix wings: Cheap, tasty and everlasting

Reported by Anastazia Vanisko

Kentucky Fried Chicken, a beloved chain to many fried chicken fans, recently made their biggest addition to the menu. This highly anticipated entrée has been shrouded in mystery for the past several months, to the point where many expected the reveal to be disappointing. Luckily, these Debbie-downers were very, very wrong. Because eating the meat of a mythical phoenix could never be disappointing.

KFC decided to switch to phoenix meat in order to cut costs. According to the company's researchers, if a phoenix is prepared in just the right way, it will continue to regenerate after it dies. One butchered phoenix can now last KFC for years, as opposed to the few days a dead chicken might last. (Or weeks. Who knows how old this food really is?) The cheaper cost for KFC has resulted in a

lower selling price as well, making wings the number one choice for those who are out and about in search of food.

Many may wonder how anyone was even able to catch a phoenix. Well, as it turns out, phoenixes are a bit too trusting. Just tell them you're going on a magical quest and are in dire need of their help and they'll hop right on your shoulder. And, since the phoenix you may very well be eating as you read this isn't alive, what happens next is pretty self-explanatory.

There are some troubles to selling phoenix wings, however. Demand is not keeping up with supply, and KFC is running out of places to put their excess phoenix meat. One suggestion was giving it to homeless people, but since that won't turn a profit, there was little professional support for this suggestion. (Ex-

cellent job, capitalism.) However, lucky for the homeless people (and the people who just eat the bread off their wings), a messy death was narrowly missed.

As it turns out, consumers of the wings are facing unexpected consequences. Since KFC's researchers never performed tests on humans, they didn't really know what would happen when people ate the phoenix wings. The results are nothing short of horrifying. In some people—thankfully very few people—the wings are continuing to multiply after they are eaten. After a while, the person's stomach can't hold any more wings, and will explode from the pressure. Gruesome, and absolutely unavoidable.

But, the clearly the FDA is going to approve it, since it may actually take phoenix longer to kill you than Kentucky Fried Chicken will.

Study finds many birds lack regeneration genes

Reported by Tejas Joshi

CLEVELAND, OH—A study released Thursday by Case Western Reserve University has conclusively shown that many birds lack the regeneration genes found in phoenixes. The groundbreaking work lists dozens of commonly known avian species, including penguins, sparrows and flying squirrels, which do not spontaneously combust and arise from the ashes.

The lead author, Gerald Bermet, explains: “For years we had all assumed that if you just lit a pelican on fire, it would be reborn. However, it took major advancements in fire technology before we’ve managed to test the theory,” and that after doing so “for some reason, none of the tested species were suddenly reborn.”

After conducting hundreds of testing experiments, the CWRU lab came under a storm of complaints from local animal rights groups who did not understand the study’s goal. “Truly, it could have improved these birds’ lives,” said Bermet. “If they had risen from the ashes as had been expected, they would have been able to live as younger, more spritely birds.”

He rolled his eyes. “Instead, I mean, yeah, maybe we made a mistake.”

When the researchers examined the avian DNA for more information, they found that the phoenix genes, which explicitly regulate when the birds suddenly burst into flame and regenerate themselves, are not conserved among most other species.

These findings come at the crest of a new wave of research that has ecologists rethinking everything they once thought was true about some of our most familiar animal acquaintances.

“After the shocking discovery that when you cut the head off of certain snakes, two do not grow back, we were flabbergasted” says local cryptozoologist, Jerry Buckley. “Then there was the finding of what we thought were *Aspidochelone* in the Pacific—giant turtles whose backs often develop foliage and hold wildlife—are actually just islands. Now this? I almost don’t even know what to believe anymore.”

The study did have one bright side, however. As expected, scientists are relieved to report that 90 percent of all ravens are indeed omens of impending doom.



One of the many birds doomed to a life filled with non-regeneration. Picture courtesy of strangezoo.com.

[Belize it or not]

Kayla’s Worldly Inventions - Kayla DeVault

It seems like a lot of people have heard of Belize, but not as many could place it on a map. Say “Mexico” and everyone knows exactly where it is. Ironically, Belize isn’t too far. In fact, it’s bordered by Mexico to the north, by Guatemala to the south and by the Caribbean Sea to the east. Its coat of arms, which is pictured on the Belizean flag, could very well serve in an advertisement for Axe. (It’s a couple of buff dudes with extremely white pants about to go do some serious yard work under a tree. Not bad.)

Although Belize was traditionally occupied by the Mayans, its population is only 10 percent pure Mayan and as much as 50 percent Mestizo. There’s also an impressive Mennonite population—about one Mennonite per two Mayans. The capitol is not Belize City, but Belmopan. The Belize dollar (BZD) is the currency in circulation now that Belize has been independent from the United Kingdom for over thirty years. However, Belize still runs under a constitutional monarch: Queen Elizabeth II.

I’m not sure what it is about little countries, but some of them really pack a lot in. (Liechtenstein, not so much). Belize has a lot to offer, from its biodiversity to its ancient history and beyond. Naturally, any country once dominated by the Mayans or a similar culture is ruin-rich. And think about it: When you look at illustrations of or by the Mayans, what kinds of things have been depicted? Well, you see lots of big buildings.

And those are still there, just kind of broken and, well, ruined. You see lots of people, people in pelts and some of them missing heads and such. (Okay, so no pelted, bleeding men can be expected anymore in Belize, but you can still visit their domain.)

Hmm...How about those jaguar pelts? Remember seeing those?

Yup, you can bet there are jaguars in the jungles of Belize! That’s just one example of biodiversity—awesomeness still available in this little Gaza strip of the Western World. You can also expect a number of monkeys and even toucans.

But if getting lost in a jungle where you could be massacred by the ghost of a Mayan or a jaguar doesn’t appeal to you, feel free to meet another fate in the life-teeming sea. Belize’s coast is lined by a barrier reef that is as diverse as anyone would expect a barrier reef to be. In other words, you can probably convince a plethora of sea critters to poison, bite or eat you. But if you linger around the cities too long unguarded, you can probably also convince drug or human traffickers to either steal, gravely injure you or both.

Now that you’re just rearing up to go to Belize... Jokes aside, it’s a pretty cool place. Jokes back from aside, it’s also a poor country where you can expect more for your money because who doesn’t like cheap labor? And while you might get killed, stung, hurt or whatever else by a number of things in the wild, just remember that Belize isn’t as bad as Honduras or Guatemala; those “on the way” countries are for drug smugglers.

Regardless, pack a bag, grab a plane ticket and check out some outdoorsy things in Belize. Just bring a lot of First Aid stuff, some knives and water that you can drink without dying. If you rent transportation, rent four-wheel drive so you don’t get washed out in the rainy season. And avoid bringing drugs home. Probably a poor life choice, but if you decide against that advice, I won’t judge.

Kayla loves to travel the world alone and experience new things in places that most people avoid like the Plague, all the while dreaming of the day her cats will decide to tag along and go somewhere more interesting than their litter box.



It's got sass, class and a lot of glass - welcome to the new TV Center

Reported by Greg Ritchey

It's what we've all been waiting for since we came here: a gigantic, multimillion-dollar glass building that looks like it was taken out of a bad episode of *Cribs*. Yes, the brand new two-story, 82,000-square-foot Tinkham Veale University Center is set to open its glass doors beginning the fall semester of 2014.

So pack your bags and walk, like, 50 feet from Kelvin Smith Library or Thwing because this miracle of modern architecture is sure to blow your socks, Northface jacket, sweatpants, sweatshirt, Beats headphones, Ugg boots, winter hat and gloves off. What a time to be alive here at Case Western. It's only been 47 years since the union of the two schools happened that gave birth to CWRU, so the timing is finally right for a student center.

Due to an overwhelming demand from students, Bon Appetit will be in charge of the food at the center. Tired of Leutner, Grab It, Bag It, L3, Fribley or anything else that isn't Chipotle? Too bad! Come on down and enjoy everything that you've already eaten a million times before. It is known that an unannounced sandwich shop will be featured as one of the

dining options. Rumors have it that Melt will fill this role, but nothing has been finalized. But why change the system? Who wants a gourmet grilled cheese sandwich made with love, when you can have roast beef on rye, a bag of chips, Teddy Grahams, a Snack Pack and milk instead? We can only hope that with whatever food options are available, they should be sure to close by 9 p.m. and cost at least \$12 for a meal that took \$3 to make. But there's more to this University Center than just the delicious food options.

In light of CWRU's profound knack and love for technology, an exciting new feature will be available in the University Center. Get ready for the most pointless invention since the Zune! Near the south entrance of the center there will be a two-story, high-tech media wall. This wall will supposedly be used to display upcoming events and have games available for everyone to play. Bet you wish you didn't buy that PS4 now. But really, nothing screams "we have more money than we know what to do with" like a two-story iPad. Through the power of this magical wall alone, there is a predicted 99 percent increase

in prospective students choosing to come here for the 2015-2016 school year. But what other features does this building have that will reel in that pesky one percent?

Along with copious amounts of space to study and socialize, there are some special places in the center that will surely be popular amongst students. For instance, there will be 40 crying rooms. Each room will be equipped with a mirror so that every student can see an image of failure and disappointment. (The University claims that 40 Fatheads of LeBron would be too expensive.) Along with the crying rooms, there will be a petting zoo, a chocolate river and, of course, a third floor swimming pool.

The entire campus anxiously awaits the opening of this brand new center and all of the treasures it holds. It will be a great place to stop and warm up on the way to the library. The possibilities that this center holds are endless. With its asinine shape and glass exterior combined with its comforting interior, the Tinkham Veale University Center will be the new place for all the cool kids to exchange their swag. Don't miss out!

Thwing Center will become new zombie apocalypse shelter

Written by Adithi Iyengar

With *Humans versus Zombies* at an end for the school year, some students have voiced their concerns over a lack of safety on campus. The importance of prepping for a zombie apocalypse has become all the more real, once being chased around campus for over a week. “It becomes real after a while,” said a student who preferred to remain anonymous. “It’s not just ‘The Walking Dead’ or ‘Shaun of the Dead’ anymore. It’s the real deal.”

So, now that the student center is prepared to open, the new and improved Thwing Center will be converted to a bunker, just in case of the apocalypse. Complete with stocks of freeze-dried food to last for a whole year and a set of arsenal guns, knives and grenades to fend off zombie hordes, the changes will change how we currently understand Thwing.

Places like Bag it and the Jolly Scholar will hold stocks of food and water, particularly saving

up signature peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. The Thwing atrium will store extra ammunition, weapons and other defensive tools. The second and third floors, including the Thwing ballroom, will become places for beds, flashlights and lamps, while the basement will consist of a library with a list of zombie survival guide books. These have been almost proven to be useful in hypothetical situations of zombie attacks.

“The goal is to give students a safe and secure place in the event of a zombie apocalypse,” says Case Western President Barbara Snyder. “With so many zombie movies and shows coming out, some catastrophic zombie invasion is sure to occur.”

The center will soon be able to protect students against slow zombies, fast zombies, intelligent zombies, zombie hordes and even a few vampires and werewolves. Wooden stakes and silver daggers are also stored in case of attacks

from other supernatural creatures trying to destroy mankind.

In the event of an apocalypse, students must head to Thwing, scan their IDs and stay indoors until the disaster is finished. Thwing Tuesdays will still occur on a weekly basis, to help students remain calm and studious the entire time.

Snyder says that, although a zombie apocalypse could be rather debilitating to the infrastructure of society, it is no excuse to skip classes. Students still must attend their lectures, labs, recitations and seminars. Nothing is more important than learning.

Just because the whole world could possibly suffer from a zombie infiltration doesn’t mean it should impede the ability to get to class and complete assignments. MediaVision can only do so much. The Thwing center would put an end to such concerns and help students focus on their academics.

Student with last name ‘Z’ submits SAGES writing portfolio as commencement begins, when it reaches him, it’s done

Reported by Kayla Devault

Graduation ceremonies are meant to recognize each student for his or her achievements as fairly as possible. Each student gets the same walk at his or her given time and the ceremonies are as painfully long for one student and his or her family as they are for the next. Every student has worked hard and tucked away the requirements for graduation and now waits for the moment to walk out.

Well, except for one student.

As the to-be graduates were filing down the sidewalk of the quad in the ceremonious march to graduation, a new name—but old face—slipped in the side to join them. A little late and flustered, Zachariah Z came sprinting out of the Nord computer lab to take up the very last spot in the long procession of students. He followed them nervously past the windows of Veale and waited amongst them, sweating, as the ceremony began.

The first student was called by the last name of Aaron. Zachariah Z’s heart started to beat a little faster. One thing was for certain: If they hadn’t gotten that memo, he was not about to graduate. He then pulled out his phone and anxiously began updating his e-mail. Every two minutes, he checked his e-mail. This happened again and again. Several hours later, while the Mc’s were being called, Zachariah

was still checking his e-mail—and getting a little nervous. That’s when he spotted his SAGES professor in the crowd, reading through his e-mail with a scrutinizing look. The professor looked a little taken aback. By the time a long list of Xu’s was being called, he put his phone away. He didn’t look back up, so Zachariah began holding his breath.

“You see, I had completely forgotten that we had this SAGES portfolio thing. Yeah, apparently you need it to graduate. Like who remembers that?!” Zachariah explained after the ceremony. “Well, fortunately I realized—but not until the second rehearsal when my name was still not being called. I sat there waiting, then it donned on me that my name was first in the alphabet. Once they started and the first name wasn’t mine, well it just wasn’t coming. So I went to figure out why.”

That’s because Zachariah Z’s real name is Albert Aa. “I’m Hawaiian and I’m named after lava. I figured, that’s gotta go. That was obviously the first step.”

The weekday before graduation, Zachariah—formerly Albert—spoke with his SAGES professor and discovered that his portfolio was never finished. That’s why his name wasn’t being called. He wasn’t supposed to graduate.

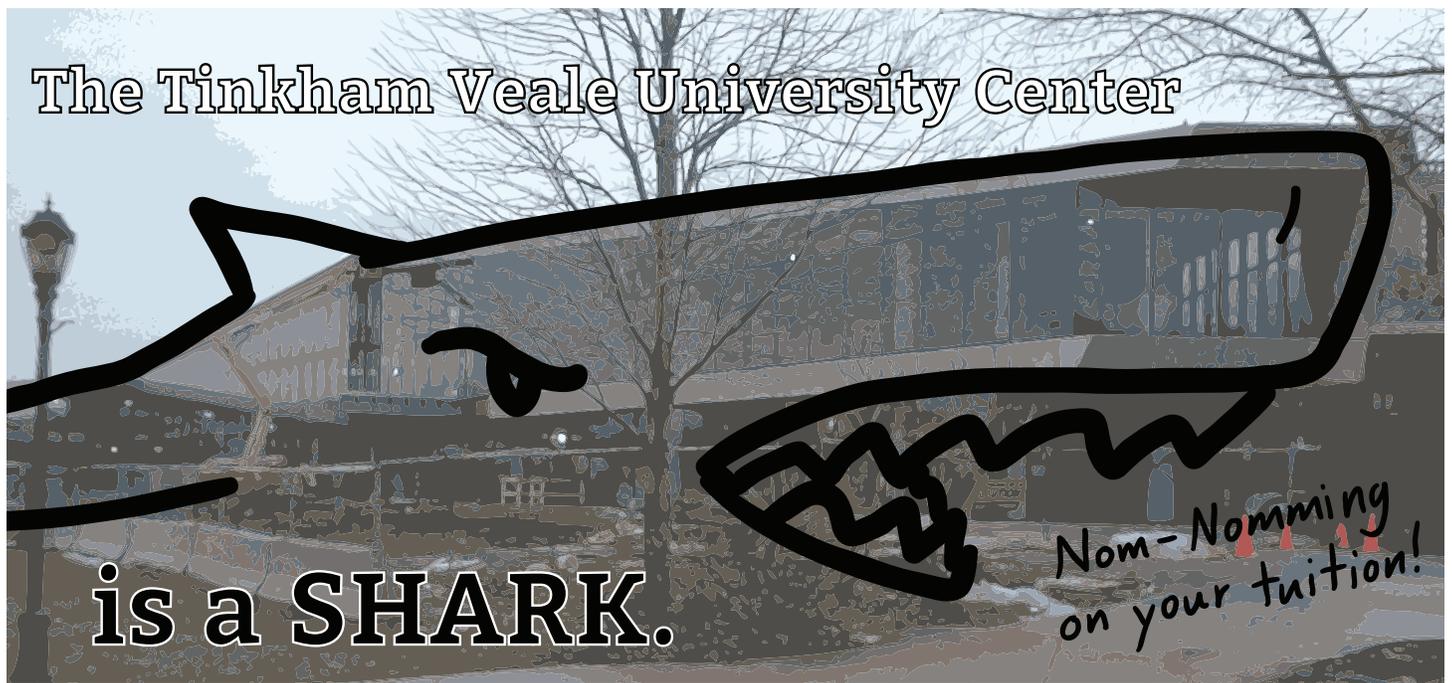
“There was no way I wasn’t graduating

because I didn’t put together some collection of stupid freshman-year papers I never cared about writing in the first place. And on top of that, I had to make up some kind of self-evaluation essay? Ain’t nobody got time for that! Why do they promote lying through your teeth anyway? That’s when I realized I needed to change my name. It would give me like... five extra days to finish with all the time we spend waiting on that stage.”

And so Albert went downtown, paid a fee, signed some papers, updated his license and filed all of the proper paperwork with the government and Case so that he could become Zachariah Z. “Double Z. I wasn’t taking any chances.” His portfolio was submitted electronically during the march in to the ceremony, it was reviewed via iPhone during the ceremony and the announcer was alerted via text to add his name to the end of the lists.

“So, it was like that. She thought she had read the last name and her phone went off. She pulled it out, read it twice, wrote something on the piece of paper she was holding and called ‘Zachariah Z’ to walk across the stage.”

Then he added, “Of course, she pronounced it wrong.”



An overview of CWRU's greatest scandals...in the 2013-2014 academic year

Reported by Hallie Dolin

Every university has its dark secrets. Harvard has grade inflation, Illinois has nepotism and Duke has every single one of its sports teams. Case Western Reserve University, however, is an exception to the rule. We don't have one scandal; we have, due to the special kind of nerd that is our average student, about a million.

CWRU scandals usually have the potential to be amusing, if not examples of the kind of downright genius that requires a tin helmet. Here, for your perusal, are 10 of this year's most memorable incidents, in order from least to most scandalous.

10. Someone who found themselves unimpressed by the beauty of our campus released the kraken. They promptly got bored, turned around and swam around the Great Lakes until they reached the University of Chicago. The culprit for the event is both looked at as a hero and a wanted figure.

9. Faculty joined the fall semester's game of Humans vs. Zombies—and won. Their victory, however, was by technical knockout and is still highly contested, as they stockpiled themselves with chemical weapons and barricaded themselves in Morley until victory was

declared in their favor. Polls show that students are still angry, but classes from those professors who spent a memorable two weeks in Morley's halls have never been more interesting—or less comprehensible.

8. Babs's house got egged on Beggars' Night, and, in revenge, she promptly took her house off Google Maps. Now anyone who cares to search for her listing will find only a suspicious-looking pixelated blob, which will induce epileptic seizures if you look at it for too long.

7. A group of overzealous students started an Occupy CWRU movement, apparently not knowing that the popularity of the Occupy movement at large had waned a year ago. While nothing was achieved, the University Circle stretch of Euclid Avenue shut down for a few weeks, except for the occasional bikers zipping by. No one is sure if that had to do with the protest or not.

6. The Observer started a turf war with The New York Times over use of CWRU's image. As a result, the Times can no longer run stories about CWRU without getting campus-wide permission, just in case they're going to mock us.

5. The Spartan was found in flagrante delicto with The Tartan, Carnegie Mellon University's mascot. In retaliation, both mascots were stoned. Debris from said marijuana bombs can still be found all over campus.

4. In a shocking turn of events, human flesh was found in Denny's delicious burgers. Students have called for the restaurant to be shut down, but as there's absolutely nowhere else to go on campus for food at late-night hours, the administration is dawdling.

3. The Tinkham Veale University Center.

2. Panera has decided to move "to greener pastures" in an attempt to rehabilitate its image after two years at CWRU, giving notice only a week ago. The official administrative statement on this matter, released yesterday, is a succinct, "Screw that, I'm going to Mitchell's."

1. The flower vendor on Euclid has been replaced by one Morty the Mugger. Nobody knows how he got the job, but prices are the lowest they've ever been. The free gun that he hands out with every purchase, however, has been deemed "unnecessary."



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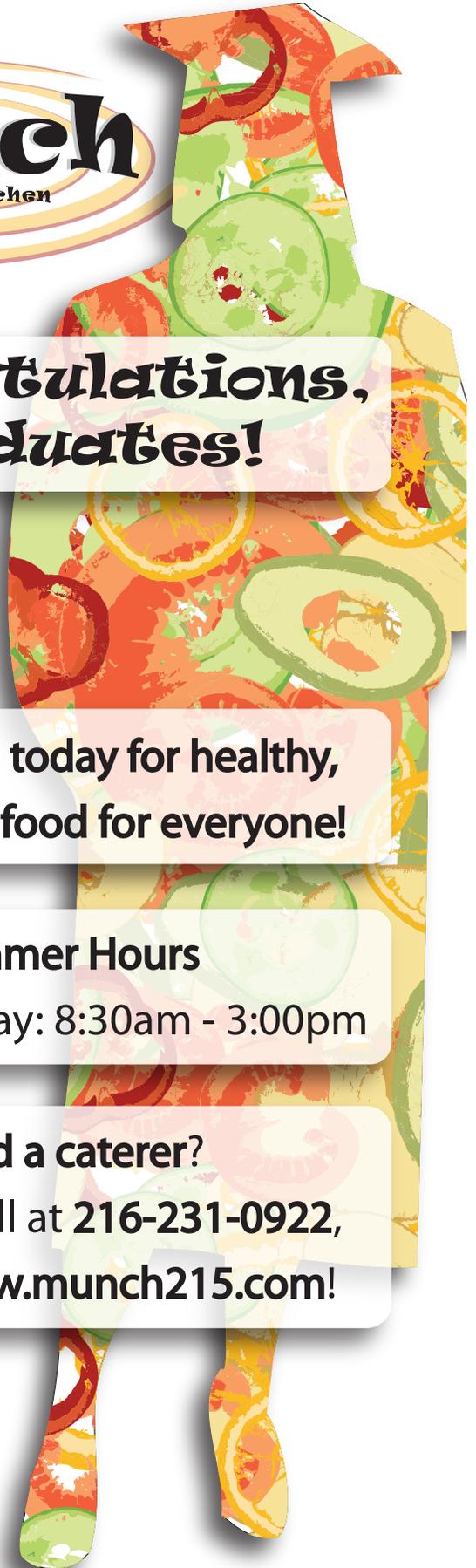
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Barbara Snyder gives familiar commencement speech; inquiries made

Written by John Rambo

In the middle of May, Barbara Snyder gave her annual commencement address to a large crowd of graduating students and their loved ones. Although the speech moved many in the crowd to tears, others reported that they found it suspiciously reminiscent of last year's address, and many of the ones previous.

"I went to commencement last year because I have older friends, and I swear she gave the exact same speech this time," said recent graduate Samantha Williams. "I liked it last year, but this has me wondering how many times she has reused the speech."

"I think I caught a statistic about student research from 2009," Williams added.

Other sources have verified that this year's speech had strong similarities to the one Snyder gave last May.

"Both speeches highlighted the achievements of students during their time at CWRU and focused on their high potential for future success,"

said English professor Jerry Fiedler, who has handed out diplomas at commencement for ten years. "Each had a persistently optimistic tone, and many buzzwords from 2013 reappeared this year."

These words included "goals," "achievement" and "optimism." Common phrases included "investment in future success," "whole world ahead of you" and "always remember the lessons taught at CWRU." References to crippling student debt and requests for alumni donations were noticeably absent.

Some attendees noticed parallels between the commencement address and the welcome speech the class of 2014 received during their freshman year.

"When Babs started talking about all the things we accomplished here, I kind of got déjà vu," said Charlie Zimon. "I think she might have even slipped up for a second and said that we would enjoy our next four years at CWRU.

Then again, I kind of zoned out, so I could be wrong."

One of the Bon Appétit caterers at the event, who chose to comment anonymously, had a simple explanation for the similarities.

"She only has one speech," said the caterer. "It's pretty smart, really. Most people don't pay much attention at these events, anyway. All she has to do is change the nouns, and she's ready to use the speech again."

"From the audience, you can't see her cue cards. If you're standing behind the stage, though, the fat man with a surfboard logo is clear as day."

The president's office did not respond to requests for comment on this issue.



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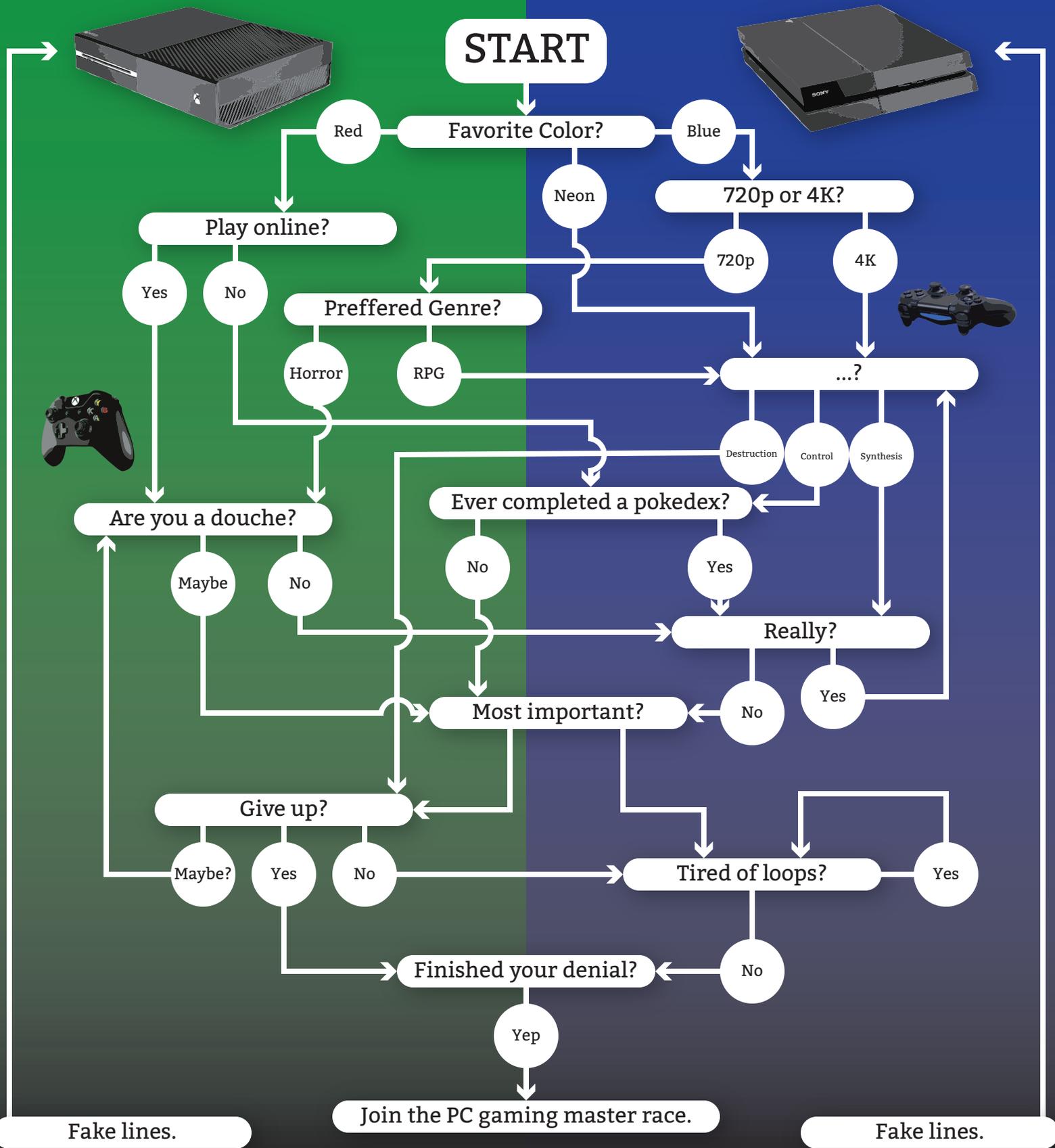
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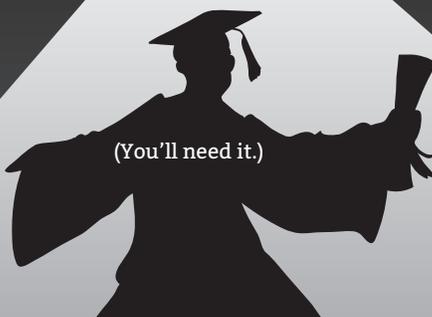
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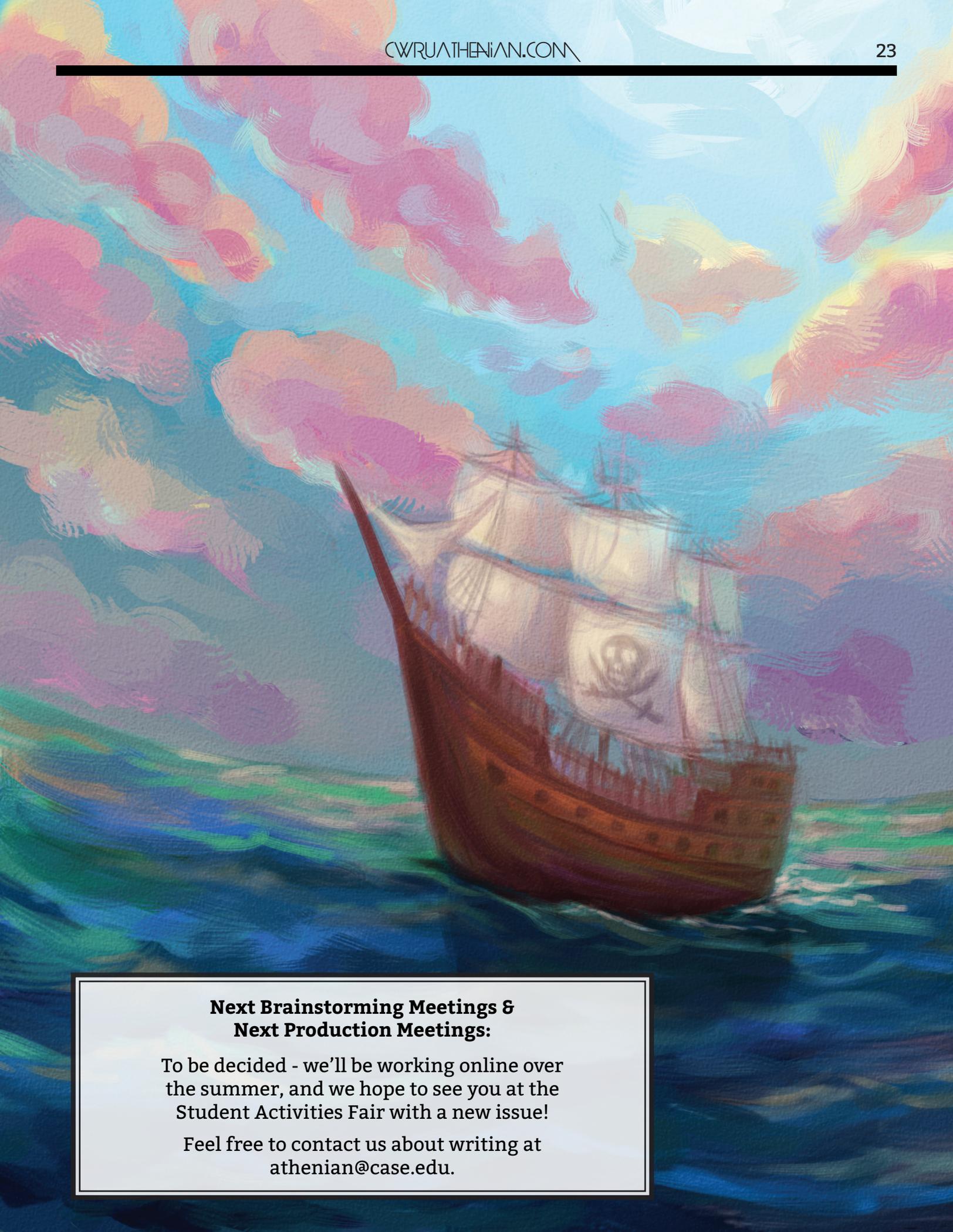
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