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Letter From the Editor

Case Western is a geographically large school. Need proof of that? Just ask any student who's lived on Carlton Road and had an 8:00 a.m. class at the Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center.

Not fun.

However, a big campus means regular big events. And I don't mean fun party or concert kinds of events; I mean, the day-to-day, routine things that we don't think twice about.

For example—rush-hour clogs up the most crucial intersection of student foot traffic every single weekday; when the Cleveland sun is out, the massive Peter B. Lewis building blinds passerby and drivers alike; overnight, the biggest lecture hall converts into a multi-level movie theater.

CWRU isn't as cozy as some of our prospe advertisements suggest, and that's a good thing.

Still, unlike some other Cleveland schools (*cough* Cleveland State *cough*), we exist on more than just a single road. We have sidewalks that aren't next to puffs of car pollution. We have our assorted areas of grass and flowers. We have trees.

It's easy to forget what lies just outside our campus borders, and it's easy to take for granted everything our campus is able to have. Sure, we're no New York City or Chicago (...though, we are not, in fact, Detroit), but Cleveland is big, too.

With big buildings, big issues and big pride.

You get the picture.

This is The Athenian's opportunity to look at CWRU's big-ness. This is "The Big Issue." (cue dramatic music).

So, keep reading if you want to learn about student problems, campus changes or commentary on the nation itself.

You might just agree with one of our big ideas.

Anne Nickoloff, Editor-in-Chief



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Students Respond to Parking Issues

Sabanrab Bocaj

As Karl Marx said, "Parking passes are the opium of the people." The day of reckoning has come.

After years of abuse, the students of Case Western have risen in revolt in response to the underfunded and largely ignored social issue of on-campus parking. The last straw was the CWRUShield app's iReport feature, developed primarily to encourage students to spy on and anonymously turn in their classmates for "parking violations," in the rhetoric of the police state. Fear and unrest loomed over the residential villages and parking lots.

After charged with failing to fill a parking meter, a disgruntled undergraduate parked his Ford Taurus at a 90 degree angle on the KSL oval. Reportedly, the evening greenie shuttle spent several minutes stopped in its tracks, unable to drive around. Soon automobiles were strewn across the quad. When the administration called tow trucks to the area, students blocked their exit from the grounds. For approximately 10 minutes, a fraternity stopped traffic on Euclid Avenue with a Chevy Tahoe and a Hummer, but soon moved them out

of respect for Officer Mark, saying they "had no quarrel with him, only the institution he represents."

In a sign of solidarity, dozens of students issued forth from their afternoon lectures to engage in public demonstrations outside Access Services, with signs stating: "FREE TO PARK, AFTER DARK" or "NO MORE TICKETS, WE WILL PICKET."

Others stood on benches, ripping up parking passes or burning bras. After the lunch hour was spent shuffling around the quad, someone bothered to ask where Access Services was located, so the mob blockaded Crawford Hall to "starve them out."

Even students without vehicles joined in the revolution, bringing sleeping bags to classrooms or pitching tents in front of Strosacker Auditorium. Theater clubs organized a flash mob of musical numbers from "Les Miserables." Commuter students moved from their lounge in the basement of Thwing to annex the study area in the basement of Bingham, blockading the entrances.

Evidently, the movement has shaken the foundations of the

parking regime. Many, not knowing who in administration to blame, demanded the abdication of university officials. Addressing these concerns, President Snyder vowed to sack those responsible. In a public statement, from the roof of Adelbert Hall, she pledged that Campus Planning & Facilities Management would begin construction on new parking facilities on top of the Tinkham-Veale University Center and underneath Wade Lagoon. Also, at the behest of south side residents, she announced plans to install a ski lift from the top of the hill to the quad.

Idealistic first year students walked back to their dorms grumbling about injustice and executions, but most participants showed no signs of backing down from their anarchist stance just yet. The surveying class lab is expected to go on per usual.

This is a big day in CWRU history. At last, the tyranny of ages past has been thrown off, and a new era of automotive freedom has arisen that shall not easily be stamped out.



Security Presence on Campus Increased Following Recent Incidents

Raff Steporter



CLEVELAND, OH - Acknowledging the increasing concern from students about their safety on campus, Case Western Reserve University announced today that it will be ramping up security with the hiring of a private security agency.

At a press conference, a spokesperson for the university stated that “new and deliberate steps must be taken to guarantee the safety of students on campus.” She added, “We want to make sure that no student feels unsafe walking to class or walking home after a night out studying.”

The proposed security increase comes in the wake of recent daytime armed robberies on and around campus, as well as theft of personal property including cellphones, laptops and backpacks.

The security agency will be contracted to provide an additional 300 officers who will form a human

chain from the dorms to various academic buildings and the library, enabling students to feel safe as they run down the line and give high-fives to their friendly neighborhood security guards on their way to class every morning. Additionally, security cameras will be installed in each dorm room, doubling as a Kinect for compatible Xbox One gaming systems.

The agency will also be focusing on policing smaller offenses that some experts say lead to larger, more serious crimes if let go. Some major changes include a minimum six month jail sentence for smoking in non-designated areas, a minimum three year jail sentence and \$1,000 fine for stolen silverware from the dining halls and up to life in prison for riding your bike on the Binary Walkway.

CWRU Shield, a free application for iOS and Android devices that connects users directly with the

police, will be updated in the coming weeks with enhanced functionality. New features include persistent location tracking, digital arrest warrant notifications and the inability to remove it from your smartphone without performing a factory reset.

Students had mixed reactions to the news. Jessica Alves, a second-year accounting and sociology double major, wondered why they “couldn’t just put CaseID scanners on more buildings and require you to use them at all times of the day.” Derek Gleaves, a seventh-year senior who is undecided, quipped that, “the Pinkertons was the last good Weezer album.”

The press conference ended abruptly when the microphone and sound system were stolen by a group of teenagers. At the same time, a nearby security guard was seen tasing a student suspected of failing to separate his recyclables.

Five Reasons to Change the Spartan to a Cat

Julia Bianco

Petition to change the Case Western mascot from a Spartan to a cat? Zomg yes, please. Here's why:

5. Cats are much more representative of the CWRU population. Let's face it, CWRU kids are much more likely to spend a night sitting in their dorms licking their hands than going to war with a rival Greek city.

4. Cats are fuzzy. When have you ever met a fuzzy Spartan?

3. There are lots of celebrity cats—Lil Bub, Grumpy Cat, Cat Deeley. Can you name any celebrity Spartans? Didn't think so.

2. Cat meows have just the right amount of enthusiasm to get students pumped up for a Case football game.

1. CATS.

Note: This article is in no way influenced by the fact that the Athenian mascot is a cat.



Restaurant Review: A New Local Favorite

Anton Ego

I gaze down at my Omega Speedmaster Mark II to see the supple Swiss movement draw the minute hand to 11:20 a.m. My stomach rumbles, longing for the satisfaction it has forgone since breakfast. I like to take my lunch at the crème de la crème of the Cleveland food scene - standouts like LockKeepers, Pier W and Lola, though in a rush I've been known to grab a quick bite at L'Albatros.

Strolling out of Strosacker, the sun is positively radiant. I notice a line forming outside of Sears and ask a fellow student by the door what for. He mumbles something about "Grab-It finally being open" and "running out of food." Half-past the hour strikes on my timepiece and I decide to try this newly-opened, fast-casual restaurant concept - if they're nearly sold out already then the food must be superb.

I am met with some interesting dining choices that are all packaged into quaint plastic containers. I decide on pasta with meat sauce and pair it with a banana, Oreo cookies and Trix yogurt. I run into a predicament at the register as apparently only 'meal swipes' are accepted at this location. I hand the waiter a \$100 bill and told him to keep the change for his troubles.

The pasta was served cold - unique, but the flavor was immaculately balanced. The creamy yogurt was a welcomed compliment to the richness of the ragù. The banana was pure ambrosia while the cookies rounded out the meal with delicate nuance.

I walked away stunned, gobsmacked that such a fine establishment had slipped under my nose for all these years. I gave Grab-It my highest marks, however, I vomited in the hallway outside of Undergraduate Studies shortly after my meal and thus, as customary, I must deduct a star.



The Freshman Fifteen

Losing 15 pounds has never been easier

Jessica Chalas

If you're looking for an easy way to shed calories while eating to your heart's content, Case Western Reserve's Freshman Experience is for you! Forget diet pills or food restrictions of any kind. The only requirement to guarantee you shed weight fast is that you enroll as a full-time student, preferably with at least 17 credit hours and classes scheduled every day of the week. If you follow this five-day exercise regime for 30 weeks, you will have mastered the art of eating all possible forms of junk food without gaining a pound.

What's the secret then? It comes down to a few simple logistics, all of which are incorporated directly into your tuition with no extra cost to you. It starts first thing Monday with a mad dash to the dining hall after you realize the alarm you set for 8 a.m. has now been ringing for 30 minutes. Leutner has got you covered with a full-fat continental breakfast including sausage, eggs, potatoes, pancakes and whole milk*. The impressive ingestion of a day's worth of protein, carbs, fat and calories in just under ten minutes has you pumped for a swift 15-minute surge to the Quad. Don't forget your backpack; the added weight is essential during all walking periods.

Walking is the key to this daily routine. From the dorms to the Quad and back is a solid 40 minutes already, but the trudges from class to class are essential as well. For best results, be sure to vary your class schedule and explore the diverse courses CWRU has to offer; the

greater the distance between classes, the better the results. (Hint: Enroll as an undecided student to make this step especially simple). Also, head over to the Kelvin Smith Library for a quick study session (or Facebook check) during those awkward, two-hour breaks when loitering in front of your next lecture hall becomes weird.

When dinner finally comes, don't worry about eating a balanced diet. The appropriately long lines at Leutner will annoy you enough so that by week two, the shortest line is always what you're in the mood for. Throughout the course of the week, you'll hit all food groups, even your veggies. The salad bar allows the truly hungry contender to enjoy a hearty plate of wilted spinach and broccoli before people food becomes available. The occasional ant or housefly can give you that additional protein you may lack from your other meals.

For added difficulty, don't

hesitate to get a dorm room on the fourth floor and enroll in a class located at the Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center (that building at the end of Euclid that is barely a part of CWRU). Also, be sure to avoid all public transportation while on campus, and since no one bothers to explain it fully, that should be no problem.

Not only will this program endow you with any desired physique, it will also help you excel in the educational aspect if you so choose. Remember: Going to each and every class is a required component, but since this is persistently repeated by all upperclassmen (seriously, ask about how to do well in your courses) you'll feel morally unjustified to refuse.

So, what have you got to lose? Enroll at CWRU now!

*Skim milk is an appropriate substitute, but not required since this option is rarely available after 8 a.m.



Caption This!

“CWRU develops new, affordable housing for students.” - Barnabas Brennan

“Han Solo Cup Looking For Wookiee Thermos” - Charles Li

“Newest Art Exhibit Interferes With Lawnmowing Routine” - Charles Li

“Squirrels getting in on party too.” - Kushagra Gupta

“Student’s pop art piece put on display on campus.” - Barnabas Brennan

“Schrodinger’s Cup: Alcohol or Soda?” - Charles Li

“Biggest party at CWRU leaves lawn in front of Village trashed.” - Anne Nickoloff



CWRU Mad Libs Security Alert

CWRU Police graciously have given the Athenian an advance copy of the latest security alert in response to our request, but have omitted some pertinent information. Instead of filling in the blanks ourselves, we have taken the liberty of turning the censored form into a mad lib.

Security Alert

Case Western Reserve University Police & Security Services

Location of incident: _____
(CWRU Building)

Date of incident: 2 October 2014

Time of incident: 2:51pm

Incident description: A(n) _____ victim was confronted by two suspects. One of the suspects
(adj.)
brandished a(n) _____ and then grabbed her cellular phone. As suspects were attempting
(adj.) (noun)
to _____ the victim’s _____, a struggle ensued. The victim pleaded with suspects to allow her
(verb) (noun)
to keep her _____ and offered to pay _____ dollars to keep it. Suspect #1 accepted the
(same noun) (number)
money but both suspects then began to walk eastbound. A chase ensued which ended when the victim tripped over a
_____. The victim went to a nearby _____ restaurant to alert police.
(noun) (adj.)
Suspects were then observed getting on a _____ and riding northbound. The victim sustained a minor
(noun)
injury to her _____ and was treated at University Hospital.
(organ)

Suspect description:

Suspect 1 - Male, 18-20YOA, 5’ 6”, _____ lbs, wearing a blue hooded sweatshirt and dark _____.
(number) (noun)

Suspect 2 - Suspect #2 was apprehended by police shortly after the incident.

Additional information: Cleveland Police responded and will continue the investigation.

Information provided by: CWRU Police Department

Majority of Americans choose career path based on required college courses

Tejas Joshi

WASHINGTON—According to a groundbreaking study released by the US News & World Report, 62 percent of currently active American workers reported that they chose their fields purely because the respective classes would give them a better schedule. The comprehensive report, which collected data from all 243 million working Americans, came as a surprise to many in the educational world.

“When I first saw the report, I was shocked; just totally shocked,” explained U.S. Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan. “But then I remembered how I took Political Science because it only required 50 credits of work, way less than like Biochemistry or English.” His feelings have been shared by many Americans.

In particular, lead investigator, Tom Pendergast, revealed to reporters that the idea for the study arose after he noticed that all 14 researchers in his New York based office chose to be statisticians because by taking Statistics 312: Basic Statistics for Science instead of Math 307: Abstract Algebra I, they totally opened up their Friday schedules.

Among the more surprising results of the study, 78 percent of doctors checked a box indicating that they chose a career in medicine because “organic chemistry sophomore year had the really easy

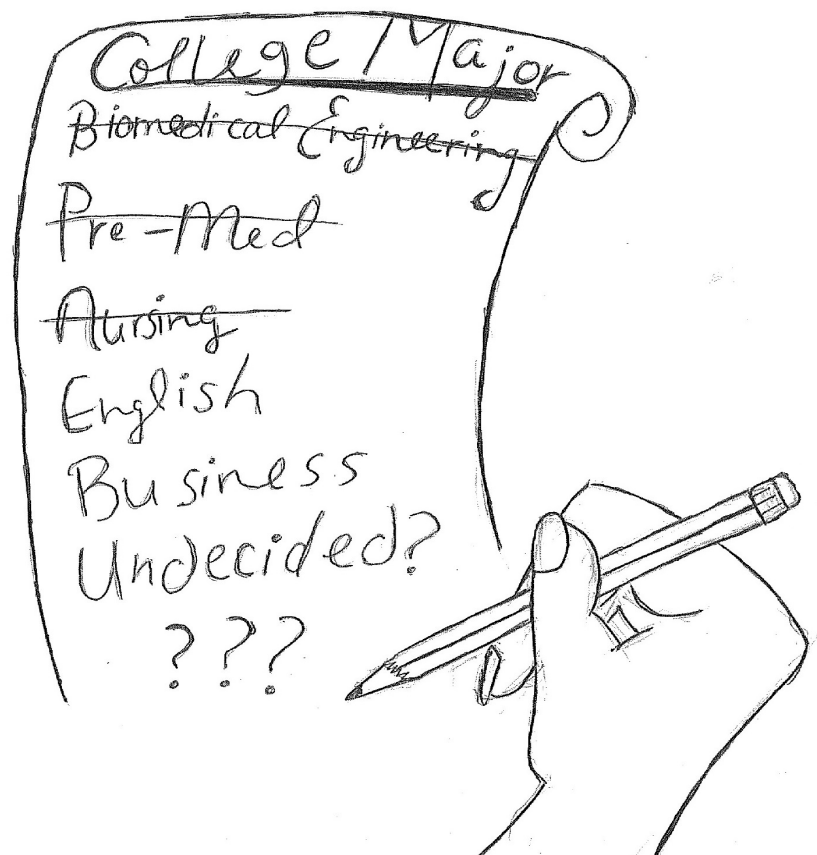
TA and it would have been a waste to miss that opportunity.”

Not to be outdone, 85 percent of sociologists selected that they choose their careers because “the Sociology 101 professor was super nice and gave out so much extra credit.”

The implications of the study are clear to the Department of Education. In response to the recent Ebola scare, the government has ordained that all biology electives

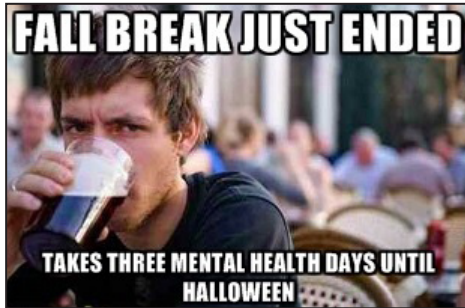
be graded a little easier so that we get some more researchers working on cures. The Department of Education is also spearheading a bold new initiative to ban all education classes before 10 p.m. in an effort to address the growing deficiency of teachers.

The study lastly reported that the remaining 38 percent of Americans chose their careers in order to get closer to someone they found attractive.



5 Ways to know Halloween is Coming

Anne Nickoloff, editor-in-chief



1. You just got back from a super-extended weekend, but the only thing on your mind is what will come next weekend.

2. Everyone's thinking of their costumes, trying to avoid typical decisions like "cat" and "jock."



3. As a last-minute decision, you go with the cat ears anyway. And it's a success!

4. What's that smell near Clarke Tower? Pumpkins. Lots of broken pumpkins.



5. The walk home is a struggle with the brisk autumn air, but you know better than to complain.

How the Stairs Got

Kushagra Gupta

People here are always curious. They wonder about things like, what does jaywalking on Euclid feel like? What's it like to actually read the Daily? It's these questions that make our campus so incredible. One thought that a lot of Case Western Reserve University students have wondered about is how the elephant stairs were named; here are three sensible ideas that have crossed every CWRU student's mind at least once.

(1) To start off, it's important to think about the big picture. Ask yourself, "What is CWRU littered with?" That's right, modern art. In reality, the Elephant Stairs could actually be a large piece of modern art that was donated to us. Seriously, take the fact that they're not shaped like any shape you've seen before; each individual stair is basically its own size. The Ugly Statue and those Elephant Stairs are a match made in heaven.

Similar to many of the other statues, it has parts that are potentially dangerous to anyone nearby. For example, it's easy to trip on the piece of art, and it's even easier to mistake for just another piece of art and trip while searching for the staircase.

As with any modern art piece, it's important to understand the artist's goals. To begin, look at the staircase from the bottom. You should see a hole with two flaps on each side. If look closely, you'll see that this feature is pretty self-explanatory. What else could it be, but a butt?

That's right, every time you walk through the elephant stairs, you could actually be walking through an uninformed person's representation of what an elephant's digestive tract looks like. That would explain the darkness and the slop lying everywhere. It's totally gross, but remember that this is modern art. After all, there's a reason that most sophomores think that it's a lot more fun going down, than up.

(2) As true as that may seem, it's important to keep an open mind. What if the staircase was named due to an actual elephant staring at it? Imagine this, the staircase is being built, but the foliage around it is nonexistent. It is easily seen from Murray Hill Road. And who, you may ask, is on Murray Hill Road?

That's right the elephant, staring, totally hard eye-contact style. And here's the story of the staring elephant. This elephant never moved, and never made a noise.

It stayed there all day and as the workday ended and as construction workers began to leave, they noticed the elephant. "Who is this great beast that looks upon us?" they asked themselves. The elephant didn't answer, for elephants can't speak.

The next day the elephant was still there, staring. The workers began to grow conscious of its presence, despite the fact that it stood still as a pyramid. They asked each other, "Who cast this elephant upon us? How may we work with it constantly watching us?" The workers kept working, however, for it was known that the elephant wouldn't go anywhere, but the sun would leave them at the end of the work day.

Later, when the hour of the lunch break arrived, the workers approached the elephant, attempting to speak to it again, despite the fact that it was said that elephants cannot talk. Some say that the workers should have known that from their previous attempts.

A few offered the elephant their food and others prayed to it. The workers kept working, knowing that the elephant was still there. They tried to name the elephant, but they couldn't agree on a name,

Elephant Their Name

for the elephant's presence was too daunting for a Porta Potty discussion. Then, one worker looked upon the elephant staring and the staircase that was being built. He saw that the elephant needed no name, for an elephant is called an elephant; and so they would name the staircase.

It had probably also dawned on him, as he made his fast, that this made a good pun and would be considered humorous to those around him. And so from that day forth, the Elephant Staircase was dubbed, for it was stared upon by an elephant.

(3) That was a good story, but there are still other explanations out there. There's one fact that anyone that has gone up the elephant stairs would agree with; that staircase is giant. It's a pretty basic observation, really. And, what else is giant? That's right, an elephant.

To be clear, the author is saying that an elephant is large, not a mouse, a rabbit or a squirrel. Don't even think of a cow, that's not even the right animal kingdom. (Admittedly, it's easy to mix up a rhinoceros and an elephant, but here's a quick way to figure it out. Look at the animal; does it look like an elephant? No? Then you can be

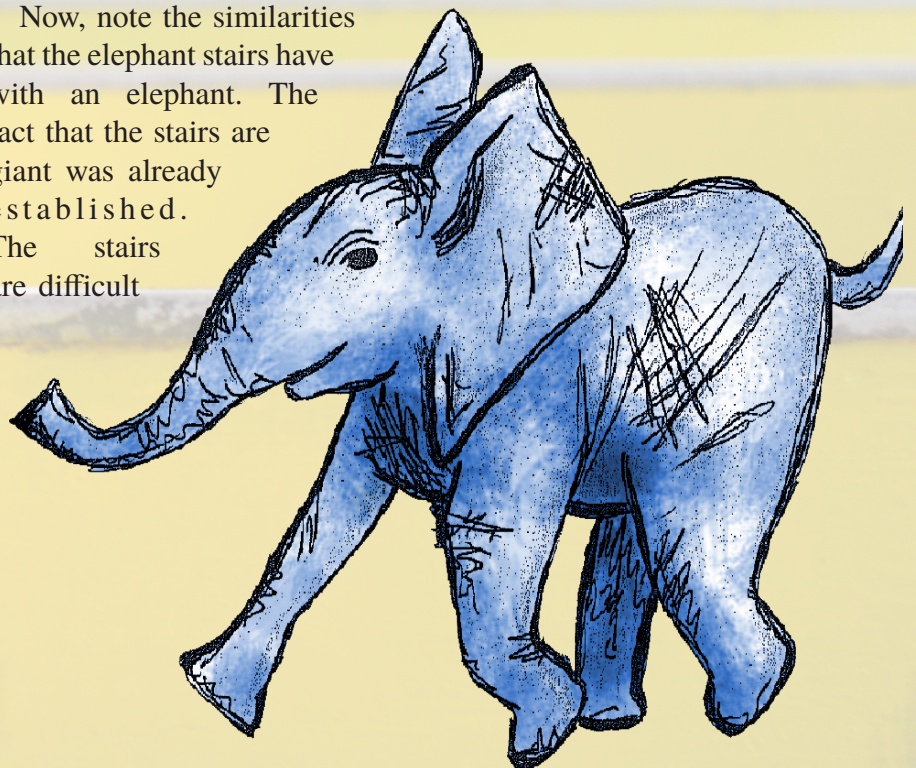
pretty certain it's not an elephant.)

It's pretty straightforward, actually. An elephant is large. It's difficult to climb. It's painful if you're doing it right, but especially if you accidentally do it wrong.

There's no good reason to climb onto an elephant, unless your house is up there. No one builds his or her house on top of an elephant. Okay, well, there's almost no one who would build his or her house on an elephant. It's probably been done before, with a hammock or sleeping bag maybe.

Now, note the similarities that the elephant stairs have with an elephant. The fact that the stairs are giant was already established. The stairs are difficult

to climb, especially because the steps are weird and there is barely any lighting at night. At some point you'll wonder why you decided to commit to climb the staircase in the first place. Then you'll remember that you chose to live up there, on top of an elephant, and there is nothing cooler than that.



Bon Appétit Renames Dining Halls to Remain Hip, Happening

In an effort to continue its recent trend of giving its dining options “fresh, hip” names, Bon Appétit announced today that it will be renaming Leutner Dining Hall “Cool Foodz Hall” and Fribley Dining Hall “Fribbles, My Nizzle, iz the Hizzle Hall.”

Representatives from Bon Appétit, Case Western’s food management company noted that these changes were to take place in the coming weeks to align with the company’s new goal of “keeping up with the times.”

“We figured a change was needed after we brought “Cool Beanz,” “Pinzas” and “8twenty6” to the new university center,” Bon Appétit’s marketing department noted in a statement to the press.

“We want the campus community to feel like the dining halls are also a funky fresh place to hang out. These names performed well in our extensive campus polling and focus groups of ‘expert’ 65-year old white men. Please think that we’re cool.”

Additional changes are in the works for “Cool Foodz” and “Fribbles, My Nizzle iz the Hizzle Hall” noted the press release. Bon Appétit hopes to switch all the music in both locations to a playlist made entirely of 2 Chainz and Pitbull songs.

“We’re just hoping to give the students what they want,” said a representative from Bon Appétit’s Marketing Department. “Or at least, what we think they want. That’s what kids listen to these days right?”

If budget constraints permit, Bon Appétit hopes to install skate ramps along the stairs in Leutner and Fribley and pinball in the lobbies of both buildings. They’re trying to keep up with the “latest trends.”

“We’ve looked at a lot of ‘90s videos to see what college kids want,” a representative from Bon Appétit noted. “We pride ourself in doing full research on all projects.”

Workers will see a uniform change. Their black uniforms will be replaced with low-rise pants, loose shirts, gold chains and baseball caps.

A cheesy music video is in the works.

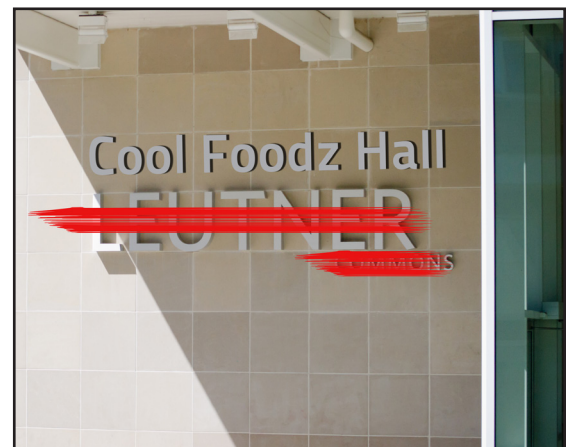
Additionally, in an effort to better connect with the campus community, CWRU’s food management company gave students the chance to cast their vote to rename Grab-It and Bag-It, the crown jewels of the CWRU dining system.

The contest took place in an online system where students could submit suggestions for names and rate ones suggested by their colleagues.

The competition did not go as planned however, considering the top vote getter for Grab-It last stood at “Grab-It Suxs.” Bag-It on the other hand fared much worse; the leading name as of press time was “The Holocaust Never Happened.”

As a result, Bon Appétit chose the following down-to-earth names: “Sandwichez 1 and Sandwiches 2,” thinking that changing the “s” to a “z” would jazz things up a little.

Winchester Mac Cionaoith



10 Big Decisions for Freshmen

Paul Palumbo

Leutner or Fribley?

Fribley is really far away, but you heard the food there is better. Also you still don't know how to pronounce "Leutner."

High Five or Fist-Bump Officer Mark?

High fives are classic, but a fist bump is more personal and generally feels cooler.

Which Residential College Should I choose?

Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw, Slytherin or Gryffindor? What color free shirt you get is going to dramatically change your college experience.

Which clubs do you join?

You've joined like 20 clubs in the first week, now which ones do you stay with? Fencing? Scuba Diving? You don't know what Medieval Combat Club is, but it sounds fun.

Ramen or Easy-Mac?

Easy-Mac is delicious and easy to make, but what self-respecting college student doesn't have ramen?

Sleep or Party?

It sounds like there's a crazy party going on, but you've heard that maybe two hours of sleep is a tad unhealthy. But, no one remembers the nights that they get a good night's sleep.

Eat my roommate's snacks?

Technically they're not your Oreos, but it's not like he'll notice if you take one or two or seven, right?

Where do I go for dinner?

There are like 50 restaurants on Euclid, and you want to try all of them at least once before the semester ends. Meal swipes are essentially worthless, anyway.

Does ice cream count as a meal?

Is that a question?

Dress nice or casual?

It's important to look your best, but are you willing to wake up earlier to do this? Casual it is.

Lebron: I'm glad you're back, but it'll take time for our relationship to heal

Winchester Mac Cionaoith

Lebron, you're making my head spin around and my heart flutter.

Last time I wrote you a letter, I asked you to stop playing with my heart.

It looks like you've listened. You haven't left let. And now, our time has almost come. It's almost season time.

I knew you'd stay. I knew I was worth it.

It's going to take some time to rebuild our relationship. I can't immediately forgive your time in Miami; it's going to be difficult every time they come into town. This time around will be great though, I am sure of that.

But expectations will have to be tempered. We may be awkward at first.

Sure we have shared a lot of memories, but you crushed a lot of my dreams too.

You let me down when you left Lebron, there is no way around that.

You were the center of my life, and you bailed on that. You bailed on me, the one who had stuck by you through thick and thin, the one who had stuck by you.

Your first, and only true fan. (Don't let anyone tell you otherwise.)

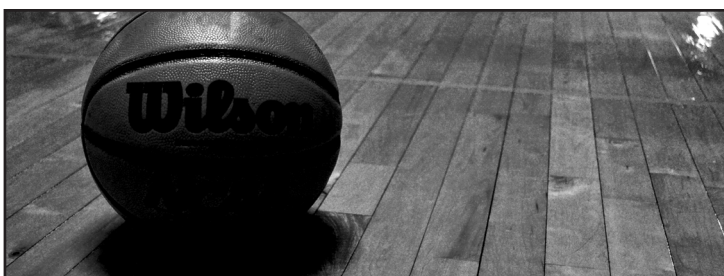
You brought your friends though, and I'm sure that will help. I hope you're more comfortable with him around.

Kevin Love will be a nice addition to our friendship.

I should have given you more opportunity to hang out with your bros. I know that's part of the reason why you had to go to Miami. You had to find yourself. I hope you did.

But I hope you're ready to get this season started. Let's make some new memories.

With you, Love, Irving and obviously, most importantly, myself rooting for you, we'll be unstoppable.



Nerdy Party Gone

Wrong: *CWRU Nerds Finally Go Crazy*

Anastazia Vanisko

Red solo cups lay everywhere. There were broken windows and strange colored stains covering the carpet of the fraternity house. The night before had been wild.

It had started innocently enough, with a few juniors deciding to have some friends over on a Friday night. Word spread like wildfire. For once in their lives, Case Western students were hungry for a party.

Since this wasn't your average group of partiers, people began to arrive by 7:00 p.m. with an interesting array of supplies. Textbooks, laptops, test tubes, lab coats and safety goggles were among the items carried in by many of the partygoers, who were the types of people who usually only left the safe confines of their dorm rooms to go to class. At first, it didn't look like it would be turning into an exciting night.

That changed quickly enough. The CWRU nerds turned out to have something in mind when they brought lab coats and test tubes—homemade alcohol that fermented in an hour (patent pending). From there, things escalated quickly. The fraternity house was soon packed, with lights flashing from every window and booming music that reached all the surrounding

residence halls. Hearing the music and feeling an uncontrollable need to dance, even more people came. But at a normal time, like 11:00 p.m.

By that time, there was plenty of alcohol to go around, and anyone who had actually arrived sober was quickly changing their state. Those that had pre-gamed were struggling to remain standing. In the spirit of safe drinking, people drank out of beakers to measure how much they had, but were soon too drunk to actually remember if they were on their second or sixth beaker.

Those that drank at least six beakers and were somehow immune to alcohol poisoning were on the tables dancing or drunkenly cheering on their friends in beer pong and flip cup. At one point the drunken antics included someone in a banana costume. Where the banana costume came from no one knows or remembers.

Then everything went horribly wrong.

Someone accidentally mixed the wrong chemical into one of the test tubes, and smoke began billowing onto the floor. Afraid of potential toxins, people began shoving towards the exits. In desperation, someone threw their laptop through the window to create their own exit.

Seeing this, people began throwing laptops out of windows like there was no way that would break them. One student, who prefers to remain anonymous, had this to say about the sight, "I don't remember much, but what I do remember was terrifying. I mean, think about all the homework that might have been on those laptops! I die a little inside when I think about what might've happened if I brought mine along."

He continued: "I did end up escaping through one of the windows though. But when I got out there was weird colored smoke everywhere. I was so scared the police would see it and come. I left pretty quickly," the same student added. Oddly enough, police didn't show up, adding yet another item to the ever-growing list of things security might want to look into.

The next day, the scene was a mess. Broken test tubes, windows and laptops littered the house and the front lawn. Red solo cups and party streamers were everywhere. The smoke had discolored the walls and the floor of the house, and no one was sure how to fix that without buying a new carpet and repainting the walls.

At least CWRU can finally claim to have thrown a wild party.

TVUC and Veale Center fight over name Veale: *New Student Groups Battle for Name Rights*

Paul Palumbo

A new student group, naming themselves the “New Veale Society,” have started a petition to rename the new “Tinkham Veale University Center” into simply the “Veale University Center,” and name the current Veale Center “The Place with Treadmills and Stuff.” When asked why they feel so strongly about the issue, a representative stated that hanging out in a place dubbed “Tink” has made her feel really silly. She proclaims, “We’re gonna take the name from those sweaty athletes! Why are there here, anyway? Don’t they know that this is a science school?”

A second group, naming

themselves “Quit Your Whining,” have formed to oppose this new change. The group is mostly formed of students who regularly attend Veale Center to exercise. Excluding the individuals who leave the building gasping and dry-heaving, most of them are in peak physical condition. Their purpose is to prevent the renaming of the athletic center, for they feel that, because their center was there first, they get to keep it.

A third group, calling themselves “Simplicity First,” have opted to simply name every building on campus “Veale Center.” They state that there are too many different

buildings to remember, so it would be so much simpler if they didn’t have to remember so much all the time. In response to whether or not this would cause a great deal of confusion for professors and students trying to find the right classroom, they stated that some sacrifices simply must be made to work towards a brighter future.

All three groups are scheduled to have a gladiator-style arena battle, with the winners dubbing the buildings on campus as they see fit. This is seen as preferable to any kind of democratic vote, as it will likely sell more tickets.

United States National Debt Solved by Selling Textbooks

Meg Griffin

As of yesterday, the United States was 17 trillion dollars in debt.

That is equivalent to 650 million new cars, LeBron James for the next 850,000 years and 34 trillion condoms. If you spent 1 million dollars every day since Jesus was born, you would have not even spent 1 trillion dollars by now.

But after all these years of economic disaster, we finally have a solution. The United States government has found a way to pay off the debt: sell college textbooks.

It’s quite brilliant, actually. The least utilized, most expensive assets in the United States of America are 1) gym memberships and 2) textbooks used at the university level. As Alyssa Rogers, a university student,

explains, it is not uncommon to buy \$500 textbooks.

“Sometimes our teachers will demand we get a certain edition of the book, which makes sense because we are learning more and more about American history every year. But then, we’ll use a total of 10 pages in the book.”

The government has taken advantage, and is now selling textbooks to other countries. Other countries are buying into this scheme, hoping to discover our secret to beautiful combination of high graduation rates and low job security. By selling useless assets for the absurd prices that students usually pay, the profits are outstanding. The debt is declining

rapidly, and the United States is just under 1 trillion dollars in debt. A miracle.

All you had to do in 1980 to pay for college was to save up a little, take out minimal loans and pay your tuition. In 2014, after selling your most valuable organ, you may be able to scrape up one year of tuition and maybe a textbook here and there.

Well, it appears the nation’s debt may be solved, but student debt remains. Worst of all, it may not even be worth it. In 1980, when you got your degree, you got to work in your field. What to do with your degree in 2014? Cry.



XXX Family Presents: 13 Days of Halloween

Julia Bianco

XXX Family is proud to announce the schedule for our most popular event of the year, 13 Days of Halloween. Get ready to get wild, get sexual and get spooky!

Sunday, Oct. 19

“Hocus Poke-us”

Three witch sisters, resurrected after three centuries, go on a hunt to get laid.

Monday, Oct. 20

“Men with Black (Penises)”

A streetwise NYPD dick-tective joins a secret organization that polices extratesticle affairs on Earth.

Tuesday, Oct. 21

“Alice in Underpants”

A naked girl finds herself in a magical world, where she must face off against the Red Peen.

Wednesday, Oct. 22

“Monsters, Pink”

Pulley lives in fear of big penises, but when one enters her hometown of Monstropolis, will she find a way

to accept it?

Thursday, Oct. 23

“I Know Who You Did Last Summer”

Four teens are in great danger of an STD after they bang in the sea.

Friday, Oct. 24

“Scooby Boo(b)”

The Mystery, Dick gang work together to investigate strange fappenings on a mysterious island.

Saturday, Oct. 25

“Beetle-penis-juice”

A couple of recently deceased ghosts hire a weird green haired man to have a threesome with them in their old house.

Sunday, Oct. 26

“Grasper”

A paranormal sexpert and his girlfriend bunk up in an abandoned house with three mischievous ghosts, and one who may be a bit over friendly.

Monday, Oct. 27

“The Addams Apple Family”

A con artist tries to fleece a well-endowed family by pretending to be their Uncle Breast-er.

Tuesday, Oct. 28

“The Sorcerer’s Apprenti-penis”

A master sorcerer tries to find and train Merlin’s penis to defeat dark sorceress Morgana le Pussy.

Wednesday, Oct. 29

“Your Mummy”

Archaeologists accidentally awaken a horny mummy while digging in the ancient city of Humpunaptra.

Thursday, Oct. 30

“Ed-Hard Scissorpants”

A man with a scissor penis falls in love with a booty-full young girl.

Friday, Oct. 31

“Tim Butt-on’s The Nightmare Before Fistmas”

Jack-Off Swellingbone, king of Halloween Town, discovers Boob Town, and he has to learn to adapt to this new land.

How BIG is Your Obsession With Food?

- You have had a dream about food, especially the cheese-covered kind.
- That last comment made you crave cheese-covered food.
- You take study breaks in between eating.
- The only reason you get off the couch from watching Netflix is to refill your plate.
- Tropical Smoothie should take meal swipes. Yes.
- If you had to choose between a 15 pack of Twizzlers and a 50 pack of Redvines, you'd choose the Redvines because more food.
- When people give you a hypothetical "What would you take on a deserted island?" situation, you wonder why people would choose their favorite book over food.
- You won't hold the door open for people when going into a restaurant because that's just one more person served before you.
- 15-second rule exists. If it's chocolate, it becomes the 20-second rule. Boundaries are made to be tested.
- You've considered a profession as a food critic, even if it was briefly.
- Midnight snack? Try 10 p.m., 12 a.m. and 2 a.m. meals.
- You have gone out of your way to pick up ice cream just because you wanted some.
- There are days when you just have to choose between sleeping, showering and eating. Eating wins.
- WHY DOESN'T CHIPOTLE DELIVER?
- You know it's bad, you know it can't be good for you, but you eat at Grab-It anyway.

Score:

13-15: You are more obsessed with food than a 13 year old is with J-Biebs. Seek medical attention.

9-12: You're bordering obsession. If this keeps itself up, your friends will give you an intervention

4-8: You have a healthy relationship with food. The occasional ice cream sundae isn't the worst thing, and you know when to say "no."

0-3: Food is for survival, and survival only.

DISCLAIMER This is not an actual medical diagnostic test. I am *pre-medicine*.

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Big Expectations – From a Freshman’s Perspective

Greg
Ritchey

Whoop! I have chosen the highest ranked academic university in the state of Ohio to be home for at least the next four years. College is an exciting time for us all. Case Western is the right choice!

I chose to come to CWRU and I have a pretty exciting idea of what college is like. My whole high school went to that state “party” school but I decided to take the educational high road. No worries though, every school is pretty much the same, right?

But, CWRU is even greater. Just like other colleges, there’s a cornucopia of food options available here, especially late at night. Pffh, you don’t pay \$60,000 per year to eat past 10 p.m. Grow up. I should be studying, not eating anyway.

But it’s okay; at least I can go to all of the cool college parties! It seems like the statements “That party was fun last night!” and “My BAC was 0.315 last night!” are synonymous. But, simulating a CWRU party by drinking an entire bottle of Jack in a sauna while listening to “Shots” at full volume is just as fun. Whoop!

I really don’t mind the weather. It’s actually pretty nice most of the year.

And you know, I’ll learn to love this quirky school of ours and it will help me climb to the top. I can see it now: It’s me 10 years from now with two beautiful, screaming children, a lovely spouse (Tinder worked!) and a 65-hour per week job.

I did it all thanks to CWRU!



Big Let Downs – From a Sophomore’s Perspective

Disappointed Student

- Case is cold for eight months of the year.
- The parties are sub-par at best.
- Your choices in the dining halls are stir fry or burgers.
- Your choices outside the dining hall are bagels and places that don't take Case Cash.
- It's cold.
- College is pretty much stressing about papers and exams and projects unless you are a finance major.
- We stole our mascot from an actual school.
- Nobody knows what school you go to.
- You tell them "Case Western Reserve University," and they say "God bless you."
- It's still cold. In April.
- Then as soon as it starts to get warm, you have to study for finals.
- If you are pre-med, you will have considered changing to nursing several times.
- If you are BME, you will have considered changing to business several times.
- \$60,000 of tuition, and if you break a pipette in lab, you have to pay the \$2.95. YOU CAN CHIP IN, CWRU.
- It's always, always cold.
- Bon Appétit.
- People need to learn how to make popcorn WITHOUT SETTING OFF ALARMS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT.
- And if someone isn't burning something in the microwave, an ambulance is blaring by at 3 a.m.
- Your degree is almost not worth the tuition.
- Your degree is definitely not worth the tuition.
- Your degree is only the slightest indication of what you spent the past four years doing, just on the off chance school doesn't kill you.



I'm not funny. But I was hired by The Athenian anyway. Are you funny? The answer to that question doesn't matter. Did you think anything in here was funny?

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