

# The Athenian wins Pulitzer



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We're honored, and flattered and not really all that surprised.

The Athenian is kind of awesome and the staff has known this for a long time. It is high time our hard-hitting journalism and investigative skills

were honored by a third party. The Athenian has brought informative, pertinent and totally well-researched stories to the student body of Case Western Reserve University since 2000. Finally, the Athenian is being presented with the Pulitzer Prize for an article in our last issue.

The winning article was a

comprehensive review of the daily squirrel activities on campus that showcased our research prowess and uncovered a squirrel political coup d'état. The Athenian has been following the sordid history of the rival squirrel gangs on campus, "The Mather Nutters" and "The Quad Critters," since they began

fighting over the unclaimed territory in front of the KSL.

Upon hearing the news the student body collectively shared a cry of joy followed with the unanimous sentiment of "finally." It really is surprising how literary gold can go unnoticed for so long.

\* While we're being serious about most things, The Athenian is a humour magazine. The Observer is a very respectable news source. This is The Athenian.

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IMPORTANT THINGS

# Campus letters defecated on; Satan worshipped

Bluffy Dumbers  
Puritan

After last month’s reports that the Case Western Reserve University sign on Adelbert Road was vandalized and urinated on, even more instances of the sign’s horrid fate are being revealed.

First off, investigation into the CWRU Police Logs reveals that on Sept. 23, 2014, three students defecated on the sign and then used it to spell out the words “CWRU Sucks” on the grass in front of the sign. Police say that they were unable to catch the students in the act, but later found them when they began to post on Facebook about

their exploits.

Then, on Oct. 31, two more students spray painted the words “Haunted” in orange on top of the sign, changing the sign’s message from “Case Western Reserve University” to “Haunted Case Western Reserve University,” a fact that greatly upset some of the prospective students who visited the campus that weekend.

“It was super scary to see that,” said Richard Thomas, a high school senior from Massachusetts. “I was like, are there ghosts on this campus? That really made me rethink coming here.”

On Nov. 14, two groups of students who meet up via the social

media application Yik Yak removed all of the letters from the sign and then flipped them upside down before placing them back on the sign, forcing students to crane their necks in order to read what the sign said.

“I had to almost flip upside down to read it,” said Elizabeth Monk. “I nearly fell on my head!”

Then, on Dec. 11, the worst event yet: a student left a Santa hat on top of the letters, an event which left many students reeling with anger. Two days later, someone even had the nerve to do a similar act again, placing a Menorah there as well.

All of these events culminated in many of the letters being stolen

in January. Because of this, the police decided to remove all of the letters completely and replace them instead with the painted on words “Case Western Reserve University.” However, even that wasn’t enough to deter more vandals.

Last weekend, a group of students lit the sign on fire while dancing around in a circle and screaming “Hail Satan” at the top of their lungs. During their ritual, the sky reportedly turned a deep shade of red, and thunder could be heard off in the distance.

This is yet another blow to the campus’ prestigious reputation as a classy, non-Satan worshipping university.

# Cleveland named number one consumer of orange cones

Julia Bianco  
Construction Supporter

It looks like the city of Cleveland just claimed another prestigious honor. Our great city has been named the number one consumer in the country of orange construction cones, a product of our great innovations and continued work to move our city forward into the future.

Cleveland bought 204,567 orange cones last year, completely blowing second place competitor, Detroit, out of the water. Suck it, Detroit.

Chris Curtis, head of the Cleveland Department of Construction, was excited about the honor.

“I’ve been shooting for this for years,” he said. “All those projects that we started and never finished, all those potholes that we just blocked off instead of filling them in... all of those things helped to contribute to us winning this great honor.”

“This is truly the highlight of my career,” he added.

Many of the cones have been used to surround construction on Case Western Reserve University’s



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very own campus, a distinction which the university is proud to be a part of.

“I’m just really glad that we got to help Cleveland reach this huge goal,” said Natalie Kingsley, a junior who says that her favorite building on campus is Clark Hall because of its unfinished-brick-might-fall-off-and-hit-you-on-the-head aesthetic. “This is a really great thing for our campus, something that everyone should be celebrating.”

Other big contributors from the

University Circle area include the Little Italy RTA station, which has been under construction for over a year, and the new Maltz Performing Arts Center, which is taking up more and more cones every day.

However, the number of cones was severely hurt by the completion of the Tinkham Veale University Center this summer, something that the university actually tried to avoid.

“We wanted it to take longer than it did,” said head of the center’s

construction, Scott Baranski. “We tried our best to drag it out, so that the cones could count for this year’s competition. But we just couldn’t get there.”

He added that they do plan on continuing to contribute the competition by ensuring that the university is always full of unfinished construction projects and the orange cones that come with them.



# Lifehacks: How to live on \$5 a week

Jessica Chalas  
Billionaire

**Tip #1: Make friends with freshmen**

It’s best to do this at the beginning of the year when they’re still lonely, scared and eager to befriend anyone for any means. With enough swipes for three people, they won’t mind giving up a few of their Grab-It snacks at the start of the week. Towards the end, they’ll hand out full meal swipes without a second thought.

**Tip #2: “Forget” your ID**

Guest swipes are useless to a lot of people, so just “forget” your ID when you go to the dining hall, and the person in front of you will likely feel bad enough that they just guest swipe you in. Try to look pathetic while doing this. Then you can go enjoy an all-you-can-eat buffet from 5-9 p.m. Don’t forget to bring containers to stock up!

**Tip #3: Make friends with scrawny, thin, sedentary, involved, studious girls**

And these types aren’t hard to find on Case Western’s campus. Whether it’s that they don’t have time to eat with all the events they have to attend; or the fact they forget to eat when they’re studying at the library all day; or that they simply don’t have the appetite to

eat since they somehow manage to stay thin without exercise. (Well, carrying a two-ton backpack to Kelvin Smith does sort of count as exercise.) Whatever the reason, you could pretty much just duplicate their CaseCash cards and use them at will.

**Tip #4: Thwing Tuesdays**

Enough said. Your best bet for both food and entertainment, Thwing Tuesday is the hottest (and more importantly, most consistent) event of the week. Who needs Netflix when you can whip out your Lego Movie keychain and create naughty screenplays featuring Emmet and Wyldstyle? You can even get yourself a significant other by sending a Valentine’s Day candy gram (though that may be bit of an expensive undertaking if you actually plan to have a date).

**Tip #5: Look out for “Free \_\_\_\_\_” Events**

The most common of these is, of course, of the “free food” variety, but don’t limit yourself. It’s not unlikely for a few T-shirts to crop up, sometimes even a beanie or tumbler. When scoping out these events, though, DO be that awkward, way-too-early-for-the-party person. Because of human nature, the words “free” generally attract people from the entire socioeconomic spectrum, not just the penny-pinchers, so the



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added “while supplies last” isn’t a joke.

**BONUS!!**  
**Tip #6: Become a pro-tailgater**

There’s a reason this is a bonus tip. Actually, it can’t even be considered a tip. This is literally your key to the kingdom when it comes to cheap living. Do your laundry, take a nap, go to the bathroom, watch a movie – you can pretty much do everything you need on the first floor of a dorm. The trick is to be subtle about your lack of actual residence within the building. You need to get on this

ASAP, as early as move-in day, in order to establish your constant presence. Don’t get too friendly with the residents in case they ask to see your room, and avoid RAs like the plague. Also, it’s important you spend at least 50 percent of your time away from the dorm to dodge suspicion. For this, take advantage of hangouts like KSL, Thwing, Tink and Wade. Finally, remember that the first floor is the common room, not your room, so no walking around barefoot in boxers. With a bit of tact, you should be set for the year.

# CWRU to remove all grass from campus; build more residence halls

Kushagra Gupta  
Outdoor Enthusiast

Sources are saying that Case Western Reserve University is trying to build a residence hall wherever they can find any green left whatsoever. The Athenian has exclusively obtained documents detailing a new plan known to insiders as, “That tears it, we’re getting rid of the f-ing grass.”

The documents show that CWRU is currently in the process of turning the football field next to the Village at 115 into a large residence hall. The bleachers are in the process of being removed and will be donated as an addition to the Peter B. Lewis Building.

The official in charge of the projects on Euclid Avenue explained, “We use a simple process. Step one, we see a piece of land. Step two, we build a building on it. Its brilliance is in its simplicity.”

Many students, however, are now concerned about the future lack of

a football field. Rumors are about that CWRU may renovate the field in front of The Veale Center to allow the football team to continue practices. However, those have mostly been squashed, given that the location is now occupied by the foundation of four separate nine-story residence halls and a zero-gravity garden, something that doesn’t even make any sense.

A coveted inside source for the Athenian reported, “Not sure what it’s for, but not sure what the giant screen in Tink is for either. So we’re just going with it.”

Further investigation earlier this semester has shown that the area between Nord-Sears-Wickenden-Yost and Strosacker-Rockefeller will feature five, 10-story dormitories and another Starbucks.

A coded e-mail, intercepted by the Athenian, stated, “This is all so poetic; it’s like a giant metaphor for urban decay. Also, you can never have enough specialized coffee shops.”

Reportedly, earlier this school

year, the administration had attempted to build a new residence hall near the library, noting how the proximity will allow students quick access should they ever need a resource or simply need a space to study. Unfortunately, the administration ran into a roadblock after realizing that the Tinkham Veale University Center (TVUC) had just been built there.

One official, anonymously, stated “I totally honestly forgot about that one. When did that even happen? What happens in [TVUC]?”

Now, however, obtained fiscal statements show an even more shocking picture. CWRU is reportedly obliterating the grass around Kelvin Smith Library. CWRU is in the design phase of building dormitories behind KSL, in front of KSL and additionally that little area to the left of KSL if you’re facing from the front entrance. In fact, when combined, these three areas are expected to house all 10,000 undergraduate and graduate students.

Last week, the administration released a statement about this. “It’s important to us that these students are accounted for in this area. We don’t want anyone to be injured by the construction. Don’t go crazy. Thank you.”

They then also announced that the pothole that turns into a puddle on the Ford-Bellflower intersection, that space left from the tree that fell on top of the hill last semester and the little patch of grass left next to the brand new residence hall will now be occupied with new residence halls.

Many students, in outrage, were preparing to protest the new developments, despite the fact that there currently isn’t any non-underconstruction land left on campus to protest on. However a quick follow up statement by the administration dissipated the tension. With all the new residence halls, no student will ever have to walk outside again.



# Area asshole sinks CWRU’s chances at reaccreditation, causes students to lose financial aid

Canderson Ooper  
Almost Submitted Survey

In a press conference this past Tuesday, representatives from the Case Western Reserve University Marketing and Communications Department took time off from telling reporters “no comment” to announce that CWRU did not pass its accreditation process.

The review, which was conducted by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, allows CWRU to offer students federally-based financial aid.

School officials noted that the

reason for the loss of accreditation was the work of area asshole senior Seamus McGinn.

CWRU failed the survey portion of the review. An anonymous form was sent out to the entire student body to complete this section. Unfortunately, McGinn was the only one who felt compelled to fill out the highly important, but only 10-minute long survey.

He rated CWRU the lowest he could for questions like “CWRU provides a quality education” and “CWRU supports its students.” For all of the fill in the blank options McGinn entered the word “penis.”

McGinn was proud of his accomplishment, as we will not

be returning to CWRU next year and this accomplishment fulfills his need to totally piss off all those around him.

“Let’s see those poor suckers now try to get through CWRU,” McGinn proclaimed. “I’m laughing at them now.”

“At least I’m getting out with a 2.5 GPA,” he added. “Look at those nerds trying to graduate now. If you weren’t born wealthy you shouldn’t be here anyway.”

“As long as you work hard, you can be rich. And experiences cost money, so it’s not fair that people get financial aid anyway. They should just work harder.”

He was further an asshole about

the whole experience when he shifted the blame to the rest of the community for not responding to the survey. Making matters worse was that he was kind of right.

“Hey, if you wanted your financial aid, you should have filled out the survey,” he said sarcastically, chiding the reporter without remorse, his tone of voice revealing that he felt nothing but disdain to The Athenian for asking such a question. “Ain’t my problem.”

As of press time, McGinn is under police supervision for his own protection.

## Spotlight on Research: The Wheel

Farah Rahman  
Spotlight Operator

Sponsored by a million dollar grant from the National Science Foundation, Professor John Smith from the Case Western Reserve Dept. of Mechanical Engineering created a device that will “revolution”-ize the world: the wheel.

The device has a simple design: a circular structure with spokes coming out from the center. The best part about it is that it rotates easily and can make difficult tasks much more manageable. This wheel will allow heavy material such as stone and wheat to be carried much more easily, especially up and down mountains. Many tasks will be much easier and more economical to carry out. Farmers, miners and pet dogs around the world are relieved that they will have less back-breaking work in carrying fertilizer, coal and small children respectively.

This invention has brought considerable tension to the horse and camel communities. “We don’t know what this new ‘wheel’ hype is all about,” one spokeshorse said. “We are definitely still capable of doing any job this newfangled contraption can do. But if there’s any way we can help (such as pulling a chariot or something of the sort) let us know. We’re eager to cash in however we can.”

Despite the animals’ concerns, Smith’s discovery has the engineering world abuzz with excitement. “One of my students was even talking about scaling up my design and adding little baskets on the edge for people to sit in, for entertainment purposes. ‘Ferris,’ I



The Public Domain  
Much Like the Wheel Itself

told him, ‘I see that you’re taking advantage of my lax alcohol policy at work, and you’re clearly a bit tipsy.’ People sitting on the edges of spokes of a giant wheel on carts? How stupid!”

Smith’s other students have also been thinking creatively about uses for the wheel. One student suggested

a game in which each section of the wheel has a different dollar amount. Participants would spin the wheel and guess a letter to complete a word or phrase. The contestant who guessed the correct phrase would win the money. There are so many uses for this device: transportation, games and even pottery.

A few dissidents claim that a similar device was already invented thousands of years ago. But that’s nonsense, said Smith. “If someone already invented something similar, they can speak up and take credit for it,” said Smith. “Why would I want to reinvent the wheel?”



# Time capsule unearthed: Contents include drugs and 60s technology

Anastazia Vanisko  
Metal Detector Owner

It’s every small child’s dream to go treasure hunting. When you’re an adult and realize you never fulfilled that lifelong dream, you turn to geocaching. But when Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) student Whitaker Owens began this new hobby of his, he had no idea what he would find.

In search of a geocache, Owens wound his way all over the CWRU campus. Eventually, he found himself standing in the fountain on the main quad, where he was apparently supposed to find his geocache. Not wanting to give up on his new hobby quite yet, Owens decided to call in construction

workers to tear down the fountain. “I had to pay the university for the damage, and I had to pay the construction workers a lot to give them enough incentive to finish the project before mid-June. But what we found was totally worth it,” Owens told The Athenian.

During the digging, workers discovered a time capsule buried in honor of the joining of Case Institute of Technology and Western Reserve College in 1967. And, because it was buried in the sixties, it was mostly filled with marijuana. Everyone working was overjoyed at the find, and immediately claimed a fraction of what was in the capsule as a finder’s fee.

Unfortunately, everyone will have to leave the state to make good

use of this historic find, as Ohio has not yet legalized recreational drug use. However, it does have very progressive drug laws, and recreational marijuana may even make it to the ballot this November. Don’t forget to get out there and vote yes!

Because this is still CWRU, students from 1967 stored some of the cutting-edge technology of their time in the capsule. This included an audio-cassette tape, a rather simple hand held calculator and some very convoluted designs for a rocket to take man to the moon. The Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering immediately claimed this last item as an integral part of their department’s history.

Meanwhile, hipsters have been vying over the audio-cassette tape for weeks now, each claiming vinyl records are becoming too mainstream for their musical tastes. Owens plans to auction the tape off, starting the bidding at \$350.

“I know I could have started the price higher, but I didn’t want to take advantage of the poor folks,” Owens admitted.

The calculator has yet to be claimed, but it serves as a reminder that our grandparents aren’t exaggerating when they talk about how much harder math was “back in the good ol’ days.”

Owens never found his geocache.

## Police Bladder

**March 3:** Underage drinking & indecent exposure; intoxicated student found urinating on private property, Denny’s All-Nighter

**March 7:** Felony theft & indecent exposure; suspect caught urinating into stolen backpack containing laptop computer and iPhone, Kelvin Smith Library

**March 9:** Petty theft & indecent exposure; coat with wallet and car keys taken from table; suspect found urinating on it outside of the restaurant, Denny’s All-Nighter

**March 10:** Grand theft auto & indecent exposure; two suspects found breaking into car; one suspect caught urinating onto car door to reportedly “thaw it out,” Lot 53

**March 17:** Arson & indecent exposure; three suspects caught with incendiary materials in an abandoned building; one suspect accidentally set himself on fire and urine from the other two parties was used to douse the flames, E 120th St.

**March 21:** Mail fraud & indecent exposure; suspect caught peeing on several thousand dollars of fraudulently obtained stereo equipment, The Village at 115

**March 24:** Obstruction of justice & indecent exposure; suspect caught destroying evidence from a separate investigation by urinating on it and flushing it down the toilet, Denny’s All-Nighter

**March 29:** Treason & indecent exposure; communications between suspect and Iranian counterpart containing stolen state secrets were intercepted by the FBI; suspect was caught fleeing across the Main Quad and apprehended by federal agents and local police; suspect was naked at the time, Nord Hall

# Overwhelming number of candidates in USG elections leads to three medical emergencies

Julia Bianco  
Going to Vote

Following the recent announcement that there will be not one, but two candidates in the upcoming Undergraduate Student Government (USG) presidential elections, three students have been rushed to the hospital after having heart attacks while looking at the online ballot.

“I was just like, so shocked to see that,” said Amanda Gilbert, who was rushed to the hospital on

Monday morning when she opened up her computer to vote.

Gilbert, along with the two other students, were all resuscitated and are currently in recovery.

“And then the two names were there, right there next to each other, and I had to pick one,” said Gilbert, beads of sweat rolling down her forehead as she recalled the horrific incident.

The cause of the incident was junior Nicholas Brent, who decided to run against senior Elena Waddell, even though she had already

announced her candidacy.

“I didn’t agree with Elena’s platform, and I thought that the student body should have multiple options,” said Brent when he announced his candidacy via Facebook status, clearly unaware of the chaos that his rash decision would eventually cause. He added two smiley face emojis and a “Despicable Me 2” sticker at the end of the status.

Many in the student body were outraged about Brent’s actions, posting updates on Yik Yak that

said things like “Whattt? Who is this guy, thinking he can make us have to choose a candidate?” and “Dude, I don’t even know what to do. Do I need to like, look at their positions on stuff now? That’s just wrong.”

Complaints have been sent to administration, but no statement has been made as to what they are going to do to fix the problem. Meanwhile, Amanda and the other students wait in the hospital, trying to recover from the terrifying ordeal.



# McDonalds to open on CWRU campus

Sarah Whelan  
Prefers Burger King

McDonald's grand opening set a record high for cheeseburgers consumed on the Case Western Reserve University campus in one day. According to Guinness Book of World Records 21,243 cheeseburgers is the new record to beat; more than one and a half per person. The lines were only marginally worse than Thwing Tuesdays.

The new restaurant option on campus was announced last spring, and the hype has been astounding since construction began. In a brilliant negotiating move made by the fast food chain, the space allocated for the vendor is in one of the highest traffic areas on campus – the Strosacker lobby.

Teachers using the large lecture hall indicated that while they were glad they could pick up a filling meal conveniently before class, they were concerned with the unexpected higher numbers of late attendees to class. The guy that sits in the back of the lecture hall said that he was finally able to stay awake through a whole lecture because he could

snack on fries. He added he only missed five minutes of lecture instead of all of it to go get seconds.

The foodies of CWRU predicted McDonald's would take the quad by storm, outshining all other dining options. However, in a stunning turn of events, there was some friendly competition. The Grab-It lines were still out the doors of Sears and the students standing in the snow indicated that they were loyal to Grab-It because of the oreos and meal swipes.

McDonald's rivals the nutritional content of Grab-It and is comparable on almost every level. To compete with the standing food champion of the quad the fast food chain will be implementing some new programs. They have gotten the approval to accept meal swipes by offering Bon Appétit some of the profits. In exchange for the \$14 meal swipe, students will receive three Big Macs, two large fries, apple pie and an oreo McFlurry. Additionally they will provide catering to Strosacker to avoid people leaving class – similar to the hot dog and beer vendors at baseball games. McDonald's management says that instead of shouting during



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important theoretical concepts and hints about what the test will cover employees will whisper to offer food to students so as not to disturb class.

Students everywhere have rejoiced over the almost as cheap as ramen food source and everyone has indicated that it does, in fact, only take two days for the smell of McDonald's fries to seep into the fabric covered seats and linger forever.

# Area man obsessed with Dick's

Max Johnson  
Prefers Cabela's

Area man Peter Schlosser recently discovered local store Dick's Sporting Goods, and is now obsessed. Schlosser is frequently sporting his new attire from Dick's and stands proud everytime he wears it.

Offering a variety of products from athletic wear to athletic wear gift cards, Dick's satisfies all of Schlosser's needs.

Peter's obsession with Dick's has reportedly grown over time. He has now begun expanding his mind to new possibilities.

“Unfortunately, the store I go to is

an outlet; it's a little small. Do you know where I can find the biggest Dick's around?”

Schlosser's wife has complained that her husband's obsession with Dick's is affecting their family life. But, she explained that she wouldn't mind a bigger Dick's either.

As Schlosser explained, “There are several other small Dick's in the area, but I always blow them off. I try to find the Dick's with the most selection, but it's often very hard. Any advice would come in. Handy.”

After numerous requests from Peter and other interested buyers for bigger Dick's, the company has decided to erect a larger one in the vicinity.





# The Daily writers drop off the face of the earth

Anastazia Vanisko  
A “The Daily” Reader?

Has your inbox been incredibly empty lately? Have you been missing a daily dose of spam? No? Well that’s incredibly awkward, considering Case Western Reserve University’s The Daily hasn’t sent out an email in two weeks. Luckily, a couple of avid readers took notice.

These brave souls went on a journey to discover what exactly had happened to the, until now, reliable writers of The Daily. First, they had to figure out who actually writes those articles. Because The Daily is so important, they went straight to President Barbara Snyder for that information. However, she was preoccupied with her weather machine and unable to

aid the students in their search. “The weather clearly took priority. So, naturally, I couldn’t help but wonder if the Daily writers were trapped in a blizzard somewhere and Babs was trying to rescue them,” commented Frank Zhu, a junior Biomedical Engineering student and long time Daily fan. Though they didn’t want to admit defeat, the students were easily

discouraged. No one seemed to care as much as them, and it appeared as if the writers didn’t want to be found. The students began to imagine the worst-case scenario.

“We considered that the writers were fired. But the idea that we would never read those concise yet informative articles again was too much to bear. Besides, their work is top-notch, so why would they be fired?” sophomore nursing major and Daily superfan, Maria Jones, informed us.

Zhu and Jones began to ask their fellow students for help with their search, but were met with a wall of apathy. “Someone told us they had never even opened The Daily’s emails. I had to leave to avoid punching them,” Jones said when asked about the pair’s attempt to reach out to other members of the student body.

After discovering the lack of care exhibited by their peers, Zhu and Jones realized the writers must have gone on strike. Their work was clearly underappreciated, and writers rarely make good money, anyway.

Because they were unable to actually find out who the writers were, the two students posted signs all over campus begging the writers to come back. There was even a giant poster hanging in Nord. So for those of you who frequent Nord but still didn’t realize you hadn’t received an email from The Daily in two weeks, pray superfan Jones never finds out who you are.

Eventually, Zhu and Jones each received mysterious notes in their mailbox.

“Normally, I wouldn’t have even been checking my mail, but I was so desperate for word on the missing writers that I did it as a last-ditch effort,” Zhu shared. After receiving his note, he told Jones to check her mailbox. She discovered an identical letter.

The letters’ contents were rather anticlimactic. “Back off. We’re on vacation,” was all they said.

Zhu and Jones weren’t disappointed though. The notes were messages from their idols. The two have yet to fully recover from their hero-worshipping daze.

# GET JOLLY



## the Jolly Scholar

*Hours*

M - W : 11am ~ 12pm

Th - F : 11am ~ 2am

Sat. : 12pm ~ 2am

Sun. : 11am ~ 12pm

Whether it’s  
Bingo on Monday,  
Trivia on Tuesday,  
Ladies Night on Wednesday,  
Karaoke on Thursday,  
or Late Night on Friday,  
there’s always time to  
GET JOLLY.





# Dear editor, Grievances for this issue of “The Observer”

Jenny Lin  
Observer Reader

So my typical morning starts out like this: I wake up after tossing around on my queen sized bed, still chuckling at the memory of my freshman self hopping off the twin-XL bed lofted so high that jumping off the bed was like taking a leap into the big blue Pacific Ocean. I wash up and quickly head downstairs to my favorite place on campus—the Village Starbucks.

But before I head to the barista to order my delicious heaven-in-a-cup, I will always walk past the WEPA machine to pick up one of my absolute daily necessities.

The sight of it lying on the black metal racks is enough to make my heart skip a beat. This particular day, I bend down and reach for my very own copy of the newest issue of the Observer. The familiar blocks of color made me excited for the hours I would soon spend in Starbucks, flipping, reading and re-reading every single article printed. My favorite article ever you ask? Unfortunately, I am not able to give you an answer because so many articles, so many issues, hold special places in my heart. I

did not peek while waiting for my coffee, trying not to spoil to myself what the front-page article is about. After experiencing what felt like the longest 45 second wait for my coffee, I rush to the empty couch without even saying thanks to the barista.

As I skim through this April issue of the Observer to prepare for all the goodies that my eyes and brain will soon be absorbing, I feel something slightly off. The issue didn’t feel as factual, informative or engaging as it usually does. I read one article and was left perplexed. As I read article after article, I realized that every single one was full of sarcasm and satire. Each one sounded rude and inconsiderate. Opinions presented were derived from nonsense and articles were backed up by non-existent factual evidence.

Editor! What were you on while putting together this issue? It is one thing to give opportunities to newcomers who are not experienced in the journalistic field, but having a group of sarcastic and juvenile writers hold up a whole issue of the Observer?! What were you thinking?

As a loyal reader who has never missed a single issue, I

have to express that I am utterly disappointed. The quality of the writing was subpar. The sarcasm was unbearable. The jokes were unnecessary and rude. This is not the image of the Observer that you, as the editor of the most prestigious paper on campus, should present to the public. Condescending, irritating and deceiving. Yes! That is the image that was presented. I feel betrayed and mistreated, like a normal person seeking professional treatment given a faulty color-blind test!

Nonetheless, I know that this singular, unsatisfactory issue will not defeat my devotion to the Observer. I will continue to be supportive. Having expressed my thoughts and opinions regarding April’s issue, I really do hope that as the editor, you will step up your game. Stop slacking and bring back the original writers and journalists who are familiar with what the paper truly stands for. Refer this issue’s writers to the Athenian and wish them luck there.

Sincerely,  
Devotee

## CWRU League of Legends Sports Team on Winning Streak



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# University Media Board: Ideas that could change the world - If anyone read them

Adithi Iyengar  
UMB Member

One of the main goals of any University Media Board organization is to have students read or view their content. For quite a few semesters now, Ignite has been trying to get more views on its website.

Initially, the movie website only had normal films that lacked explicit content. Now, however, there is a whole new set of films that students can view.

“We’ve tried getting more viewers many different ways” said an Ignite member. “We’ve posted in various forums and put posters up all around campus. But what made

a huge difference was the content we put up.”

By content, they meant hundreds of hours of porn videos from every genre one can think of. “Most students watch porn. They just don’t admit to it,” said an avid visitor of the movie channel.

Many of the adult films that are now in the movie channel are quite expensive if people try to get them from somewhere else, and an offensive search history. Ignite will provide easy access to students with needs and give them a trustworthy site so they don’t have to resort to websites that may give them a virus on their computers.

Not everyone is okay with this though. “I’m shocked that a

student group would do something as unprofessional as this,” said a student. The student claimed that when he tried to sit down and watch “Pirates of the Caribbean,” he was misled into thinking that the porn movie “Pirates” was the real deal.

“There were things that I saw that I never wanted to see in my life. It has literally scarred me for the rest of my life and I don’t think I can continue going to this school,” said the student.

Regardless of the complaints, Ignite Movie Channel views have skyrocketed. “We are so happy to see people use our channel and prove to us that we are, indeed, a worthwhile organization for the student body,” said a member of

Ignite.

Selections include famous porn movies that are full length as well as clips that are found in famous porn sites for the casual viewer. These also include different kinds of porn for people into the different genres. They also include films from other countries to garner views from international students.

“The Ignite website is all about providing quality entertainment films of any sort to the student body. We want people to feel entertained in every way possible and expanding our website is one way to do this,” said another member of Ignite.



# My very lazy Yik Yak opinions column

Julia Bianco  
Avid Netflix Watcher

Since I was way too lazy to write my opinions column for this week, I figured I could just use a bunch of other people’s words to write it for me. Have you heard of this thing called Yik Yak? People just go on there and post their opinions (both valid and stupid) on stuff every day. So, I picked some of the best ones and put them up here for you guys to look at! I even copied down the amount of upvotes they had because I’m an overachiever. Enjoy; I got paid \$12 for this.

Babs cancelling school because of cold, I think:

“Dudeeee. Babs. Cancelling class. So cool. So fresh. So awesome. Squirrels.” (144 upvotes)

“Seriously, like, when Babs like, announced that, like, classes wouldn’t be happening on Thursday, I was like whattt. And then when she said that, like, the whole university would be closed, I was like, damn. And then I was like, will Leutner be open? But then I checked and I was like, okay, yeah. Squirrels.” (77 upvotes)

“I really think that President Snyder cancelling school reflects a much larger problem within our university. It is very concerning that a small shift in the weather would prevent us from being able to learn properly, an experience which we have paid a good deal of money for. Also, squirrels.” (3 downvotes)

Tuition going up, or something like that:

“I like, don’t have the money to pay this much for tuition. I spend all my money on #alcohol and #partying, and that’s the way it #should be. Let’s start a #revolution. #hashtagsonYikYak #socialactivism #hashtagsforever #squirrels” (89 upvotes)

“this school is absolut bullshit. its not fair at all that their doing this when its hardly explained at all and im so upset. no one else costs this much, its just this dumb scool who doesnt want us to have any money.

cheap ass bullshit. squirrels” (104 upvotes)

“The complete and utter disregard that this school has for the needs of its students is sick and depressing. It is absolutely ridiculous that decisions like these tuition raises are made without student input or consideration of student concerns. I plan on taking this all the way to the president, and further, if necessary. Maybe even the squirrels.” (7upvotes)


The campus squirrels:

“I saw a squirrel today climbing up a tree with a nut in his hands and I was like, I feel you squirrel. That’s what I do every weekend.” (118 upvotes)

## Meet the opinionated staff

**Tejas Joshi, Business Manager:**

Tejas’s spirit animal is the red panda Izaka, like all the other members of the great House of Cormine. Though his mortal enemies in the Ursa Clan have great force and the Serpentine Sect have sly cunning, none can withstand the grace and ferocity of the Cormine combatants. All hail Izaka!



**Greg Ritchey, Copy Editor:**

Greg is an human that needs water or he will not grow. He enjoys dogs. His spirit animal is a dog. He is a dog.


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**Paul Palumbo, Writer:**


*Spirit Animal: Manatee*

Paul Palumbo, a regular contributor to The Athenian, enjoys lazing around, idling about and generally doesn’t do much. He likes floating in freshwater habitats and his favorite foods are aquatic macrophytes and bladderwarts. He is almost completely nocturnal, and often avoids contact with others. He still doesn’t understand why “Firefly” is such a big deal.



**Bubbles, head of design:**

Woof woof.

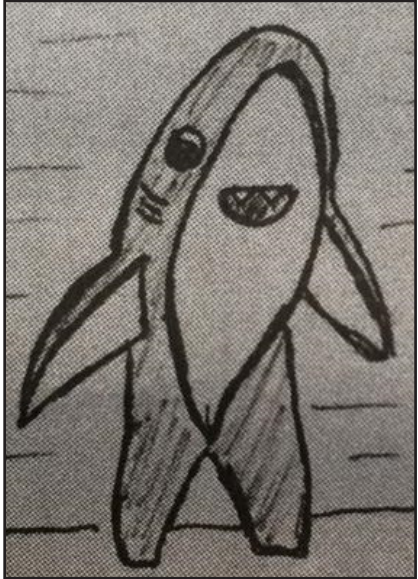



**Annie Nickoloff, Editor-in-Chief:**

“Sometimes that shark, he looks right into you. Right into your eyes. You know the thing about a shark, he’s got... lifeless eyes, black eyes, like a doll’s eye. When he comes at ya, doesn’t seem to be livin’. Until he bites ya and those black eyes roll over white. And then, ah, then you hear that terrible high pitch screamin’ and the ocean turns red and spite of all the poundin’ and the hollerin’ they all come in and rip you to pieces.”— “Jaws” (1975)

Luckily, Anne’s spirit animal is a friendly left shark.

(Only right sharks would be so vicious.)







**Anastazia Vanisko, copy editor:**

Anastazia’s greatest aspiration is to escape the confusion between her name and the name Anastasia. People asking if her name is pronounced like Anastasia Steele from Fifty Shades of Grey is getting really old really fast. They’re different, by the way. Once she’s escaped Anastasia Steele’s shadow, she’ll use her political science major to advocate for giraffe protection. After all, they are the most elegant creatures known to man.

**Julia Bianco, Ad Manager, Social Media Manager:**

My spirit animal is Pearl from “Finding Nemo” because she is an absolutely awesome, totally amazing, swishy, pink badass octopus who don’t need no man, which is pretty much exactly like me.



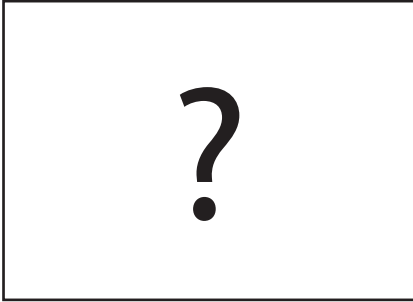


**Sarah Whelan, Layout Editor, Web Editor:**

*Spirit Animal: squirrel with headphones*

**Mahima Devarajan, managing editor:**

Mahima is friendly, caring and kind, or at least her mother says so. Her mother also thinks that Mahima is hilarious, which is why Mahima started writing for the Athenian. Mahima tried to take a “What’s your spirit animal” quiz online, but all her results said was that she was “the wrong kind of Indian.”





# Care about these profound truths

Rachel Payne  
Truthsayer

When I was about five years old I was obsessed with Barbie Dolls. I had a huge tub with more than 50 of them. I would brush their hair, pick out different outfits and have them drive around in the dream car. I spent too much time making sure my Barbie Dream House was always spotless in case a visitor decided to stop by the house. Almost always, that visitor was Ken.

I thought Ken was a very pretty doll but I wasn’t too thrilled about the prospect of him and one of my Barbie’s dating. So I made sure that Ken became a best friend to my dolls. Ken took them shopping (he was an excellent fashion advisor), to the movies, the beach and on special occasions out to dinner. I began to realize that boys and girls could be friends just like girls and girls could be friends. But the ultimate discovery for me was that they are pieces of plastic and actually do not have an assigned gender. Which leads up to the prospect of the possibility that I may be forming a main point to this here anecdote. Well this is true. I have an opinion and therefore I have a point.

And this is why I believe, in my opinion, that the Case Western Reserve Campus Police department is working with Bon Appetit to reduce levels of crime on campus. I mean the idea makes a lot of sense when you think about the fact that no one really feels super peppy and excited after a meal at Leutner or Fribley. In fact almost always I feel as if all of my energy has been drained after a meal. Because this is my opinion of my eating experience here, I am almost certain others experience it the same way.

Now you might be thinking what does CWRU security have to do with any of this? Well you see they enjoy their simple tasks of writing parking tickets and drinking lots of Starbucks. If they had to do actual crime work, that might ruin their peaceful work day, so they pay Bon Appetit a little extra to ensure that we do not have the energy it takes to even commit crimes in the first place. And if we do ever have the energy our actual plans will be so poorly designed that it will be simple to catch the criminals.

Now you are all probably nodding and agreeing with my profound opinion and disregarding my lack of actual evidence to prove it. But fear not because there is more to the tale that further proves the validity of my opinion. It is also important that we acknowledge that the CWRU squirrels are on our side. The CWRU squirrels fight the good fight for us by their attempts to sneak into the dining halls and eat all they can to save us from the draining feeling the food provides.

I am proud to say that CWRU squirrels are my heroes.

# Some white lies to sell the grey and blue

Rachel Payne  
Liar?

Having effective tour guides is an essential asset to colleges, especially to Case Western Reserve. A fantastic tour guide can lure hundreds of prospective students into becoming a future Spartan. This, given the recently increased tuition, results in even more monetary gains in the pockets of the one and only Babs.

This is why I did some hard-hitting, investigative reporting into the interview process of actually becoming a campus tour guide. Some of the things I found were shocking to say the least and I am honored to bring the truth behind this campus position out into the public.

The criteria for becoming a tour guide is broken down into three aspects, 1) Peppiness and Excitement, 2) The ability of the candidate to lie and 3) (Probably the most important qualification) The ability to walk backwards for extensive periods of time.

As many of you may know it is crucial to have a tour guide that is full of enthusiasm and energy. When going through the interview you might think that they are paying attention to what you are saying, but in truth they are listening to how you are saying it. In their official top-secret criteria for tour guides folder that I just happened to stumble upon, I found out that tour guides must answer all questions with over-exaggerated peppiness in order to even be considered for a position. If a candidate answers even one question without pure and utter excitement they can forget about their promising tour guide future.

Another crucial component for the tour guides here at CWRU is the ability to lie to all of the prospective students and families. Tour guides need to remain poised and completely un-phased when asked, “Is the food here any good?” In order to ensure that CWRU is providing optimal and desired responses they have a lie detector section to the interview. In order to get a job as a tour guide, participants must go through an extensive test in which they must lie the entire time, and pass successfully if they appear to have told the truth.

They have to successfully lie about three specific things here on campus. First, they must attest to the quality and variety of the Bon Appetit food. Second, they must tout the fantastic, speedy Safe Ride, which guarantees everyone can get back to the dorms safely. And lastly, they must boast about the quality addition of The Tink to the university and its importance as an asset to the students. If a candidate can successfully lie about all three things without failing then they get to move on to the last part of the interview.

Once students have made it through these two gauntlets, they are expected to pass an obstacle course while being blindfolded and walking backwards. The test involves avoiding random poles, stopping at all traffic signs and lights and successfully backwards parallel parking into a dorm room.

If the applicants fail any portion of these tests, they will not be extended an offer.

# Spartan Spotlight: CWRU Junior, Martin Egbert

Mel Sayre  
Old Head Honcho

Everyone has different aspirations upon entering college. Some want to make it out alive, some want a kindred spirit on the lonely nights, some just want someone to cheat off of. Martin Egbert, however, is different. He has a simple goal: to be the best there ever was.

“The best college experience is made, not found,” Egbert says. “I have a notable list of accomplishments that any student should aspire to have.”

This list includes being on the

Academic Integrity Board, member of an elite underground fraternity and historian of the Egbert History Club. He’s also on the Dean’s List and sports an impeccable GPA. Peers remember him by his 11 point font papers with stretched margins, jamming in three extra pages that went completely unnoticed by the professors. They also remember his laminated resumes for the career fairs, and how he came into college with all the possible AP credits, including Latin and Studio Art: 3-D Design. Many believe that he could have graduated a year ago, but Egbert declined to comment on

the matter, saying that his time at college was not yet up.

Upon managing to find him in Leutner, dressed up in a suit and marking up a resume with red Sharpie, the interviewer stopped to ask what he was doing. Egbert says that every day has the possibility for being the best day he’s had at college, and that he had been waiting patiently for our staff to ask him for this interview. Because the star quarterback had previously ignored our invitation, Egbert seemed like as good of a choice as any.

When we got a second to sit down with him, Egbert was happy

to show us the presentation that he had put together on being the best student “all of campus” had ever seen. The first step, he says, is all about appearances. “You need to go into each class with an open mind, a sharpened pencil and at least two extra batteries for your calculator. Smile at the professor, the person next to you, and the wall, and no one will know how much sleep you did or didn’t get the night before.”

When we asked him what he needed his calculator for with his Classics major, he told us that it never hurt to be prepared.



# Horoscopes

Chrismaly Vidal  
Astrologist

**Aries (March 21-April 20)**  
Happy Birthday since we’re in the month of April and all, but sadly, you probably won’t have a great birthday. It’s nothing personal, it’s just in the stars.

**Taurus (April 21-May 20)**  
You will be overcome by a terrible wave of regret on the 7th of April. You really shouldn’t have eaten that thing at lunch.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)**  
On the 17th, just remember these four words: It’s not actually beef. You’ll thank me later. Or not. Probably not.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)**  
I’m sorry but on the 24th your eyebrows will NOT be on fleek.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
On the 17th you will try to make ‘fetch’ happen. It won’t, so stop trying.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
Watch movies with Joseph Gordon Levitt for good luck. Unless it’s 500 Days of Summer. Never that.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
Case squirrels will be extra sketchy on the 27th; only listening to Nickelback can save you from their wrath. I’m so sorry.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)**  
On the 13th you will be approached by a man in a yellow coat in Thwing. He will hand you a brown paper bag with your instructions. Proceed with caution.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)**  
As a fire sign you should definitely practice your firebending on the 23rd, it’ll totally work. Trust me.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
On the 28th you should abstain from Twitter. It really isn’t healthy to tweet that much about cats.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 19)**  
For the month of April beware of propies, squirrels and snow. They will bring you bad luck and four years of debt. Good luck.

**Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20)**  
Since that kid from “The Fault In Our Stars” is also a Pisces, you’re basically screwed into some type of tragedy worthy of a young adult novel. Sorry. I guess it’s just the fault in your stars.

# The Athenian’s honorable mentions: Ideas that didn’t quite make the cut

Annie Nickoloff  
Decider of Cuts

Every month, all the minions at The Athenian meet to come up with ideas to provide you with the best content possible. During our brainstorming sessions, we have brilliant ideas come up that get turned into articles. We also have ideas that are pretty bad, that when somebody says it, everybody else politely laughs and then pretends like it didn’t happen. But, sometimes there are ideas that are funny headline...but just don’t quite make an article. So, here are some ideas that came up in brainstorming, but didn’t quite make the cut:

- Weight Watchers and Grab It enter competition for worst food
- Healthline is unsanitary, causes vomit spree
- A conversation with:
  - Dead person
  - A stolen, peed on letter
  - Old alumni confused/angry about CWRU changes
  - The Observer hires people to cover excrement-related stories on campus, or gross news that can have catchy headlines
- CWRU’s up and coming cricket league
- Creepy lawyer dean saga
- 6 pictures of cat discreetly hidden throughout the paper (may still happen)
- Campus letters stolen, peed on pranksters step up their game: Steal and pee on a building
- Kid finally uses all meal swipes
- Vague article about how no one wants to talk about what happened during spring break
- The Observer absorbs The Athenian
- The Athenian becomes the small ad on the inside of the newspaper that falls out when you open it
- Kid thinks of great headline and promptly forgets it

So here’s is to the people who try to put a smile on your face, but don’t.

# Advertise in the Athenian: become a respectable business or club

## Why?

- We make good choices - Re: The Cuts Above
- It’s cheap and easy like all the finer things in life
- We’ll design you an ad that you can keep for way less money and hassle than you doing it (and as an added bonus we’ll make it better than this one)

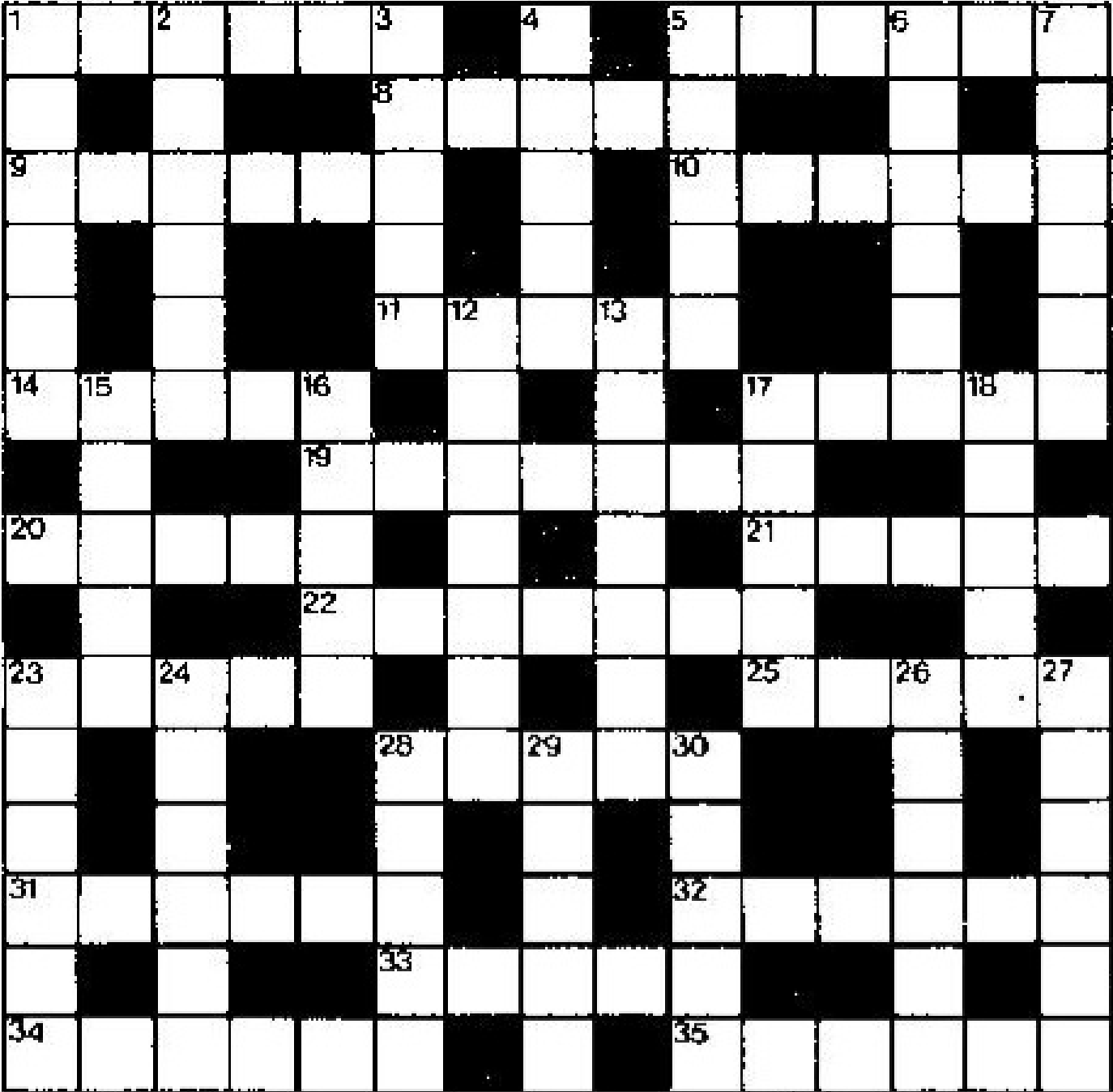
Email [jab318@case.edu](mailto:jab318@case.edu) to get started.







# Punny Crossword Puzzle



Julia Bianco  
Pun Master

- Across**  
1. The person who invented the door knock won a \_\_\_\_\_ prize.  
5. Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a \_\_\_\_\_.  
8. A historian’s favorite sex position  
9. For \$10 an hour I’ll fart on your algebra book. Y? Not because mx+b, but because I’m a math \_\_\_\_\_.  
10. When you tell someone to get out of your face Jack Black style, but then you take it back  
11. The \_\_\_\_\_ berry is a fruit that’s older than you!  
14. It was an emotional wedding. Even the cake was in \_\_\_\_\_.  
17. What do you call a seagull who flies over the bay?  
19. A backwards poet writes \_\_\_\_\_.  
21. It’s better to love a short girl than not \_\_\_\_\_.  
22. What would you call Justin Bieber if he got so drunk that he lost the “e” in his last name?  
23. What do you call it when the author of “The Raven” directs your photoshoot?  
25. There have been a lot of a \_\_\_\_\_ recently—someone keeps going around throwing sodium chloride at people!  
28. A messiah who lost a couple of letters in his room  
31. E(right here)E  
32. Last night at the party, Maroon 5 was such an \_\_\_\_\_.  
33. When a bee is allergic to something, he gets \_\_\_\_\_.  
34. What one might say to Lizzie McGuire during a clothes-trying-on montage  
35. Makin’ my skin leathery in the sun
- Down**  
1. The smartest person in your scarf-making club  
2. What do you call a bee that produces milk?  
3. The short fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at \_\_\_\_\_.  
4. Bakers trade bread recipes on a \_\_\_\_\_ to know basis.  
5. How did the smurf finally win over Smurfette? He \_\_\_\_\_.  
6. What do you call it when a college student still talks about their standardized test score?  
7. Old lawyers never die, they just lose their \_\_\_\_\_.  
12. If the Livestrong Foundation were a little less enthusiastic  
13. Dressing up the fourteenth letter of the alphabet  
15. \_\_\_\_\_? No, you da hoe.  
16. The Mesopotamian goddess of every frat bro’s favorite beverage  
17. Molar \_\_\_\_\_ fight against enamel cruelty.  
18. What would you call it if an eclair started lifting weights?  
23. There was once a cross-eyed teacher who couldn’t control his \_\_\_\_\_.  
24. Bath and Body Works probably has a sixth one of these  
26. What a surfer dude might say to a friend who needs to start writing in his diary more  
27. When you’re Russian for a drink, there’s no time for \_\_\_\_\_.  
28. What do you call an Iditarod competitor who really loves his dogs?  
29. If Steve got a little more self-centered  
30. A good baker will rise to the occasion. It’s the \_\_\_\_\_ he can do.

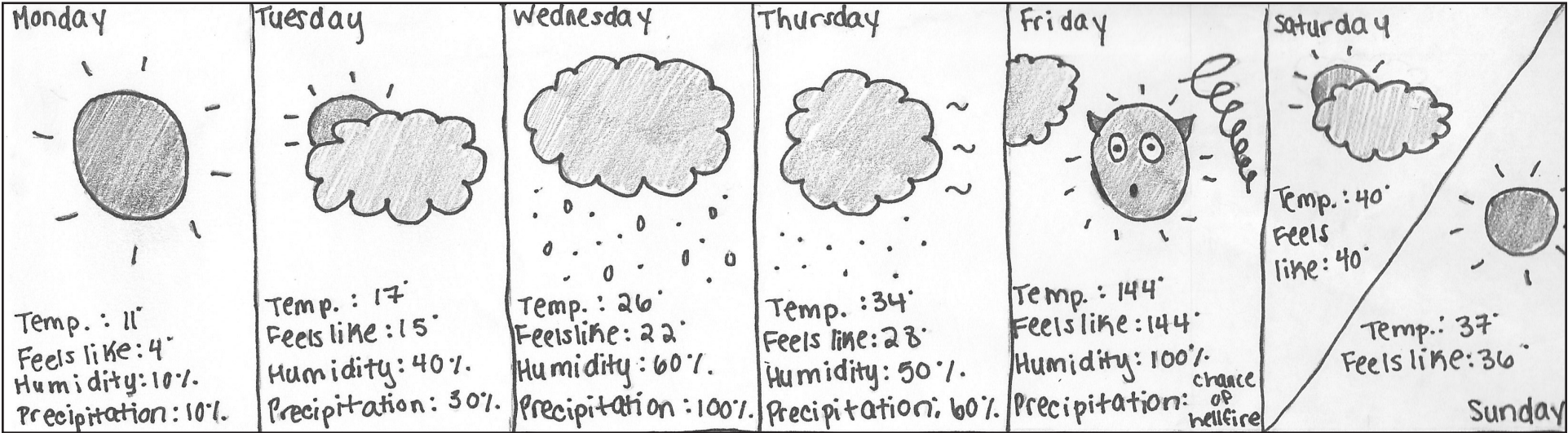


# The dumbest word search around

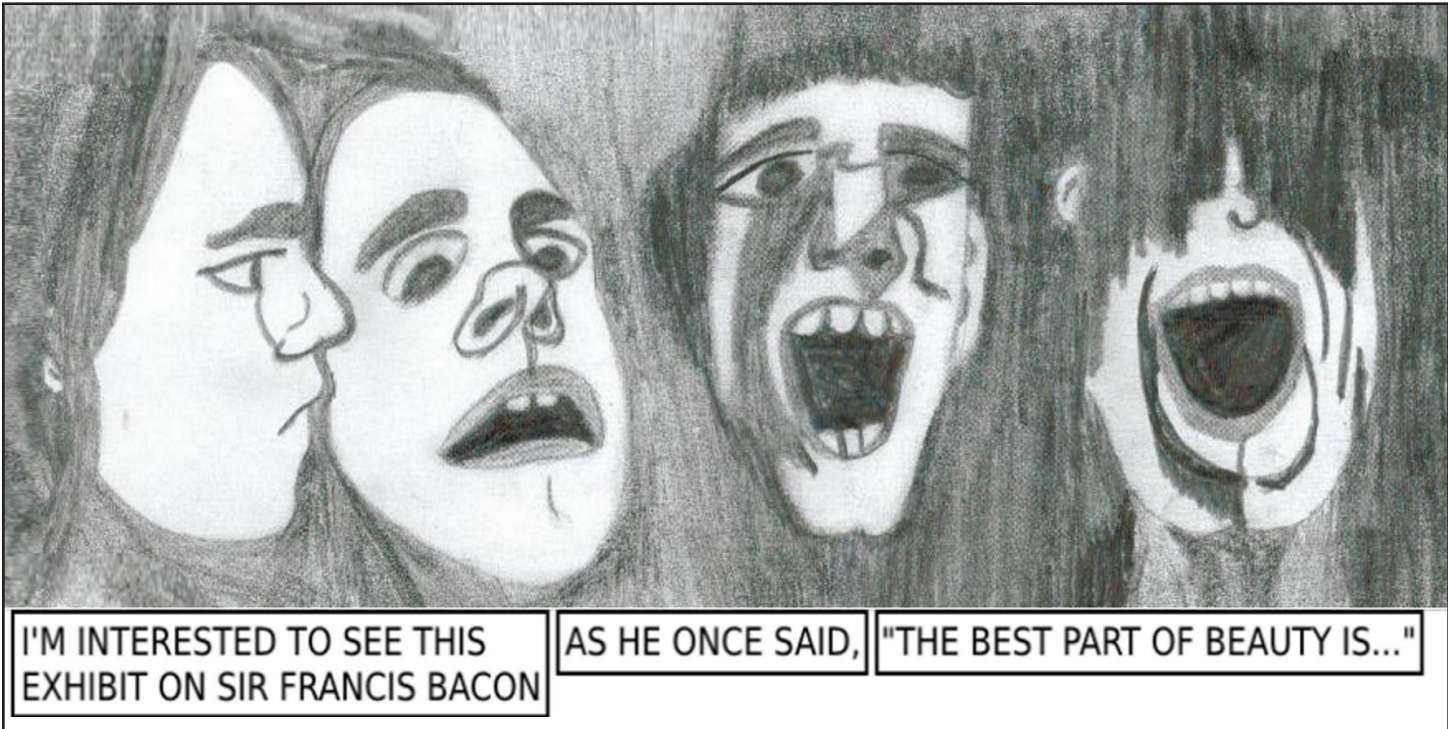
Too dumb to do regular word searches? Try this one, you idiot.

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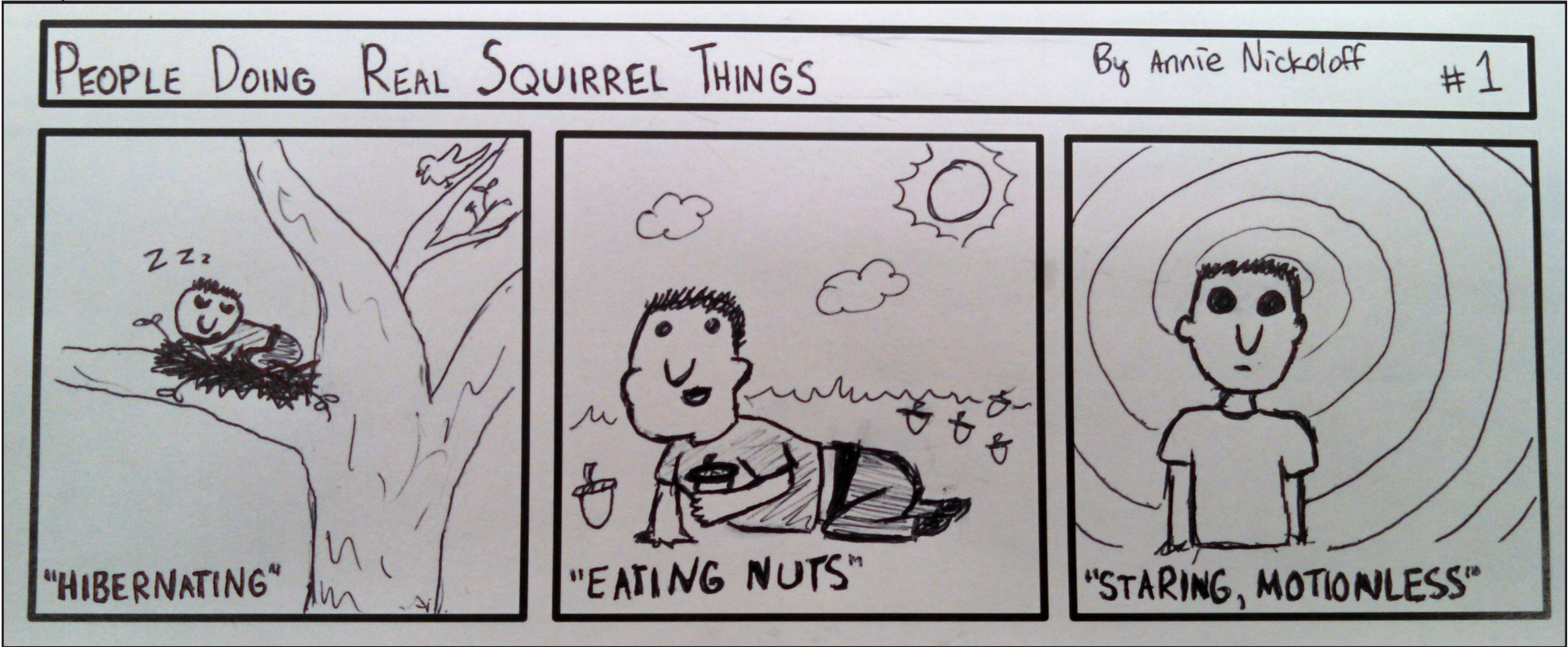


Julia Bianco/Athenian



Anon Emus  
Surrealist





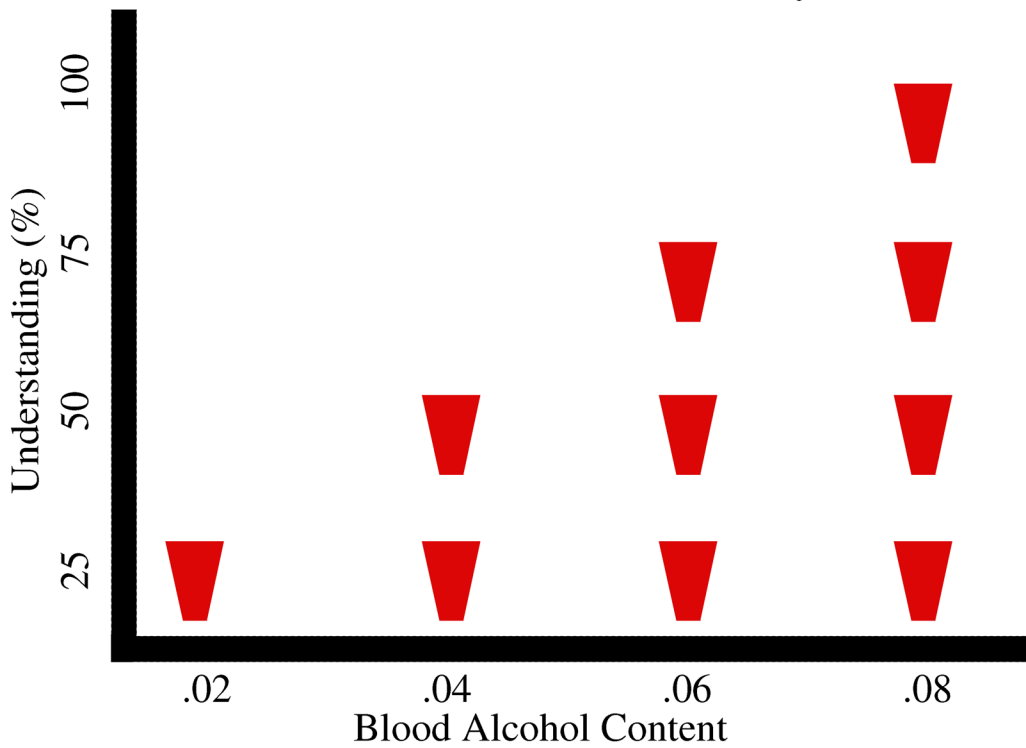
Annie Nickoloff  
Comedian




Katie Starr  
Likes Pancakes



How to Make the Athenian Funny




Sarah Whelan  
Sober





"The cat -mrrreeeoowww- is out of the bag!"

"Ugh, I hate people."  
"Yeah, they're the worst."



"I'm speechless.  
I have no speech."  
-George Costanza



Answers Online at CWRUAthenian.com

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INTERESTING THINGS

# Playlist of the Week: American Edition

Anne Nickoloff  
Head Honcho

**“Stars and Stripes Forever”—John Phillip Sousa**

Sousa must have known he had created a hit when he included the word “forever” in this instant classic. It’s still being played all across the country, after all these years. It might not be in the top 40, but who listens to artists like Maroon 4 or Little Wayne, anyway? Modern artists are just going to fade away in our memories as Sousa lives on. This deserves to be played on all the hottest radio stations.

**“The Star Spangled Banner”—Francis Scott Key**

There have been countless remixes and mashups with this tune, but nothing beats the original. Sure, pop stars from all over the country will try their hands singing this before the Super Bowl every year, but none of them seem to remember Key’s version. Real sheet music gives you an extra bonus, as you can follow along with the exciting musical movements present in the complex and intriguing song. With less fermatas than its live performances, “The Star Spangled Banner” (original version, only) makes for a great driving song.

**“My Country Tis of Thee”—Samuel Francis Smith**

Turn down the volume and slow dance to this easy, smooth song which celebrates our beautiful country. Remember the days of 1831, when young women taped up posters of Samuel Francis Smith in their bedrooms? Smith was a dreamer back then, with his perfectly-combed white hairs and sculpted beard. Now, girls have posters of whackos like Edward Sheeran and Florida. Young women should be growing up to remember the real musical stars of our country, and bask in their patriotic glory.

**“Yankee Doodle”—Unknown**

The club is going to turn up when the bass drum drops on “Yankee Doodle!” This exciting, fun-loving song set the groundwork for popular electronic dance music today. Make sure to turn up the volume and break out your American flag tank top when you’re at your next party, as this hit will almost certainly appear in the playlist.

**“God Bless America”—Irving Berlin**

When people think of America, they don’t usually think of composers, but that will change when they hear the name Irving Berlin. Irving created this piece of musical gold for the country he loved, and anyone who loves this country should celebrate with a truly heartfelt ode to the most beautiful land in the world.

**Retro Pick of the week:**

**“God Save the Queen”—Unknown**

Stay true to your roots. America as we know it would never have existed had it not been for Great Britain. Sure, this song might break away from celebrating the United States, but it’s indirectly patriotic. Back when America was just a dream, Great Britain celebrated patriotism for its own country with this little ditty.

# Eldred Theater presents “Seinfeld the Play: A Show about Nothing”

Al Sononas  
Self-Proclaimed Theatre Guru

From the minds that created “The Three Stooges Radio Drama” comes the best Off-Off-Broadway production of the year in its first premier outside of New York. Clarence Beck, the writer and co-producer, agreed to let Eldred Theater undergraduates put on the show while it’s still hot, especially after the copyright controversy last month. If the first preview tells us anything, this production will be the most distinguished feat that Case Western Reserve students have ever had the honor of accomplishing.

Based on the script of an unaired episode of the eponymous television landmark, “Seinfeld the Play” explores the vast detail of the human condition and finds a way to laugh at it. The play provides a profound sense of existence, leaving the raw, untouched reality of everyday life to breathe and gasp before the audience. It is certainly groundbreaking not only in comedy, but in reflecting on late 20th-century American culture.

It’s safe to say the writing reeks of genius humor. It’s chock-full of universal themes of awkwardness and irradiating sarcasm. From Elaine’s banter with her new boss only to realize she hates her guts, to George’s escapades with the delivery man and a wrongly addressed package, the dialogue is filled with characteristic cynicism and wit. Kramer, as always, layers on the absurdity. At one point, the audience sits through 10 minutes of Kramer sitting in a sauna with a notepad, chuckling to himself as he writes down a list of potential names for an egg-whipping machine.

The character acting is superb. Each actor draws out the bare emotion and hilarity of the TV icons they portray. The execution is dead on; Jerry Seinfeld himself would be set rolling on the floor, or maybe he’d just smile and nod. It’s easy to see how in an interview with CWRU junior James Watanabe, who plays Jerry in the show.

He expressed his appreciation for the role, saying, “I love being able to try on a personality that is normally so different from my own. I’m not even a great stand up comedian.”

When asked about what it’s like to place himself in the crazy life of Kramer, sophomore Jeff Williams said, “I’m literally selling tickets for feeding geese catnip. It’s very popular with the under-20 crowd.”

Freshman Sue McDunn was eager to say, “I hope people don’t think it’s sexist. Elaine is kind of a jerk, but it’s not because she’s a woman.”

Junior John Hornbuckle was the only cast member to express disappointment with his role, saying, “Newman is really annoying. I was hoping to get Jerry.

The fun and nostalgia of the show makes up for the fact that the audience does not actually get to see any of this on stage. Most of it is told via James Watanabe sitting down stage at a computer typing the script and making comments about some of the jokes.



# Classic reviews: “Star Wars IV: A New Hope”

Paul Palumbo  
Moviephile

The story begins with this young guy complaining about something, as tends to happen in movies. I actually missed this part since I was still in line getting popcorn, but the guy sitting next to me whispered that the kid was saying things like, “Be quiet,” and, “Dude, shut up. I’m trying to watch the movie.”

Eventually this kid, Duke, accidentally gets lost in the Sahara desert looking for his dog, Artoo. He went searching along with his insanely shiny-skinned friend, but got attacked by the desert mafia. That’s when desert Santa Claus showed up and saved everybody with the power of Desert Christmas.

Santa talks about some wars and hands Duke a magical light sword. Personally, this reviewer found it a little rude to just steal that weapon straight from the movie starring the cool blue guy with the jetpack, but this movie doesn’t seem to be very high production anyways so I doubt they’d care. Santa, Duke, Shiny and a rolling garbage can (lovingly named

Artoo after the dog they couldn’t find) drive to San Diego to find somebody to take them “off world.” I assumed this had something to do with drugs. They keep seeing all these guys in white armor, who look like bad guys because I can’t see their faces. They meet Hans Olo and his morbidly hairy friend Chooy at a local bar, and persuade them to take them “off world.” Hans and Chooy then take them into their spaceship and fly off of the planet. To me, this twist seemed like a huge shift in genre, and I found it very confusing.

Meanwhile, Robot Death is threatening a princess inside a prison, which I later learn is in space. This seemed really boring, so I took this opportunity to go to the bathroom. When I came back, the princess was crying at some space dust. I think it was really beautiful space dust or something. I don’t know.

Anyway. Hans, Chooy, Duke, Santa and Artoo fly their way to the moon, which is made of metal instead of cheese for some reason.

There are more of those white armor guys inside, and so is Robot Death. Santa senses the presence of some naughty children once they land inside the moon and disappears for a while, while the Duke and Hans kill some guys and take their armor, a movie cliché way past being overdone. Seriously, this isn’t the 1970’s guys, do something original. Hans and Duke save the princess, and are at the ship ready to leave when they see Santa and Robot Death fighting with light swords. At this point Santa lets himself be light sworded to death, which makes no sense at all. Everybody else flies out of the moon.

Duke mopes about for a bit while Hans drives them to another planet. Faster-than-light travel hasn’t even been invented yet, so this movie is clearly just making things up. There’s a whole bright orange army at this new planet, which wants to destroy the “Death Star,” something that hasn’t even been mentioned in this movie until now. Basically they’re just adding random goals to pad out the length of this movie.

Then half of them fly ships around the moon and then blow it up, which I’m sure will cause hellish tides back on Earth. Robot Death flies into space, which, judging by what I saw in “Gravity,” is not a good thing. After the moon explodes, Duke and Hans gets some medals and that’s the end.

Overall, I found this movie to be all over the place in terms of story and tone. It starts in the deserts on Earth, then to San Diego, then SPACE, and then another planet. Things get added and removed so often nothing is really important. The characters are boring and one-dimensional, the science is made up, and the effects look like they were made in the early 80’s. Hans Olo is cool though, and he’s practically the only reason to watch this movie.

Final Score: 1.5 out of 5



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## CWRU Thoughts



Sabanrab Bocaj/Bird Watcher

I’ve always wondered why people treat me differently. I see folks sharing food, and I sometimes wonder ‘What do I do to get some recognition.’ Even though I’m different, I choose to see it as a way to stand out from the crowd.





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RUNNING A LOT

# Spartans take the win in alternative sports

Sabanrab Bocaj  
Sports Fan? We have those?

This season has been lucrative for Case Western Reserve’s alt sports competitors. While many students joke about Case not being well known for its athleticism, they have been pleasantly surprised by the raging success of some of the lesser-known sports teams on campus.

Spartans have been in the news recently for everything from table top tennis to tobogganing, and it is certainly raising morale. Always be sure to keep up-to-date on some of your favorite student athletes and their accomplishments.

Speaking of table tennis, CWRU’s team beat longtime rival Carnegie Mellon at the district championship in men’s singles, men’s doubles, women’s singles, women’s doubles and coed quadruples. Spartans also placed second in the Wii Tennis open. Freshman Jeffery Allans received the Gump award for sportsmanship, and Laura Hall broke the competition record for returns. Yuri Dvorak won the Golden Paddle, formerly held by CMU’s ping pong captain Jason

Card.

The success has not stopped there. The mixed-sled regional collegiate invitational was delayed because of low temperatures, but CWRU was still able to take the gold in several categories. Coach James Faye reflected on his struggle to garner interest for it. “People don’t really care about the luge, still, but I feel like my childhood aspirations have been validated vicariously through my mentees,” he said afterwards.

The curling club made semifinals after a disqualification on one of Oberlin’s alternates. Star player Michael Combs began with a biter but followed up with a double takeout. He and Janet Daniels aced their delivery for the rest of the competition, but Mike Connolly sustained an injury on the hog line and had to be escorted off the ice by stretcher. Jiang Yu took his place and helped the team gain a winning edge over the opponents. Word is Connolly is in full recovery, but still wonders how he could get hurt in curling.

The Case Cricket Club dominated at nationals this month, owing its success to the fact that few schools in its division had enough players to compete. John Fangboner pitched

several no-hitters while Kasey Mann scored 10 runs alone. Lin Zhang tagged the opposing team’s last out, winning the game. CWRU President Barbara Snyder honored the Cricket Club on Monday at a special session of USG to vote on increased funding for sports clubs that do better than the football team.

The women’s indoor three-legged race team qualified for states. The men’s team has improved its times, but did not place. Manu Bandi, captain of the men’s team, says his teammates are really coming together this season and that it is “Okay that we didn’t win this time around,” since, “there’s always next weekend.” Clara Wilson, however, said she was ready to beat the competition and bring home all the glory. She plans to hold a feast in honor of her victory over the “thralls of her enemies,” as she worded it.

Cameron Gonzalez earned Most Valuable Player for the Hotdog Eating team this year. He says his teammates were the most important part of his success. The team competed in the Wooster Invitational last month. Because the organizers expected spring to be in full motion, the event was held

outside, and the supply of hot dogs froze. Billy Hanson, senior, was still able to get down about 20, despite the circumstances.

All eyes were on the Spartans at the Staring Contest Team’s fourth championship win. Grant Andres and Baris Ilkin tied with 34 minutes and 26 seconds on the clock. Jemma Kristi was disqualified when she fell asleep with her eyes open. Captain Ilken, commenting on the victory, said, “It wasn’t easy; we had to watch out for Wittenberg the whole time.”

In the recent League of Legends regional conference, several Spartans were spotlighted for top jungle creep scores. Kim Flanders and William Khan were recognized for most dragon kills, and Jordan Gaines earned Best of Show: AP bruiser. Spartans also received awards for most effective ganks and lane setups overall. Many CWRU undergraduates have not left their rooms for days, and some professors cancelled classes or had guest lecturers.

After all this great press coverage, this next athletic season promises to be just as eventful. It’s always encouraging to know that CWRU is good at some kind of sport.

# Dog draws dozens to CWRU football field

Paul Palumbo  
Cat Person

Eyewitness reports claim that early this morning there was a puppy frolicking about on the Case Western Reserve University Football field. While there are conflicting statements as to what breed it was, all bystanders agree it was both fluffy and adorable, a dangerously endearing combination.

A few students were walking alongside the field when they saw the golden delight gnawing on its own foot, and soon a crowd began to form. It wasn’t long before an entrepreneuring young business student named Darren began selling tickets and advertising the puppy’s performance to the whole school. Soon the entire stadium was packed as hundreds of students took their seats and gazed longingly at the little guy wagging, chasing, and chewing on his tail.

At one point the puppy suddenly

made a beeline for the end zone, going as fast as his petite little legs could carry him. The crowd’s cheers rose as the lovable pooch got closer and closer, the anticipation palpable as the distance closed. The cheers that erupted when the goal line was crossed were loud enough to shake the very foundations of the sky.

As the students went to congratulate the pup on his achievement, they couldn’t find him. The dog had vanished, with no trace remaining aside from the stinky little gift he dropped on the 40 yard line.



Katie Starr/Athenian

Police advise to be on the lookout for any magical, disappearing and insanely cute dogs in the area.

This just in: Head coach of CWRU football is now looking for the dog as well, hoping he can use it as a mascot and attract more people to football games.



