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Pre-med student shockingly discovered to be in the field for the right reasons

Staff Reporter

CLEVELAND, OH- Adam Johnstol, 20, is an undergraduate student at Case Western Reserve University who is reported to be on the pre-medicine track. It was discovered just last week that he wants to be a physician for the right reasons.

This shocked everyone at The Athenian, as the usual reason to be on the pre-medicine track is: "I wanna help people." In disbelief, we investigated further.

Johnstol likes to do what he actually enjoys doing. He volunteers at a local hospital in Cleveland, and is not obsessed with reaching 450 hours of volunteering per semester. Athenian staff on the scene reported that other people like him.

Astoundingly, Johnstol does not like using other students' insecurities to justify his own B's in certain classes. He

apparently has enough self-confidence to move on with his life. Furthermore, he is currently the President of the Basket Weaving Society because he enjoys basket weaving and he "doesn't want to be around pre-meds all the time."

As if his story wasn't absurd enough, we found out that Adam participates in research because he is interested in its biomedical applications. He does not say his project is "super interesting" and then look off into the distance as he complains about not sleeping.

Johnstol claims he lives a fulfilling life, and doesn't need an acceptance letter from a medical school to give him self-worth.

He almost convinced us. Good thing we knew that there is no way that students can be pre-med without being in it for the money.

After four grueling weeks of 'family time,' CWRU students are eager to get back to the best that Bon Appetit has to offer...



The Den Burger

What better way to ring in a new semester than with a burger that makes McDonald's look good?



Chicken Strips

These strips make KFC look like they came from Michelson and Morley.



Mozzarella Sticks

Really, the rest of the menu isn't greasy enough for you? Don't forget about your New Year's resolution.



Grand Slamwich

If you thought Leutner sh!ts were bad...



Grand Slam

When this is the best thing on the menu, you almost start to miss awkward dinner table conversations.

HOW TO DEAL WITH CLEVELAND WINTERS



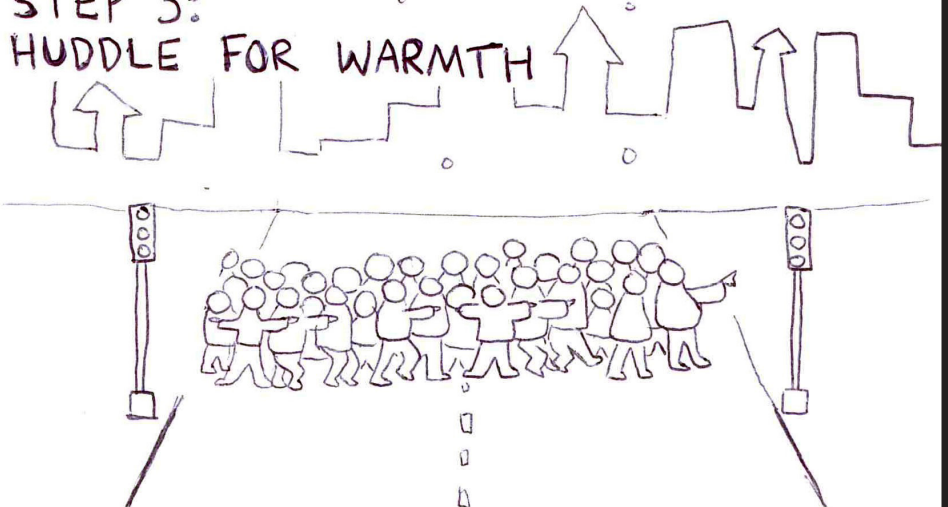
STEP 1: HUNT FOR FUR



STEP 2: LAYERS



STEP 3: HUDDLE FOR WARMTH



Annie Nickoloff

Feminism FTW: Man ignores woman's obvious flaws on first date

Jejas Toshi

Well this is seriously amazing! When Melissa Osten went on her first blind date, she knew that despite her nervousness she was having a good time. In fact, she was having a surprisingly good time and it took her a few minutes to realize what was so surprising about her conversation with her date, Bailey Zhang. She suddenly realized that as the conversation went on, he never mentioned any of her obvious physical or mental faults.

That's right, he made no mention of her sunspotted knees, spindly fingers, or disproportionately oversized head. At no point over their dinner did he point out the stain on her Louis Vuitton purse, horse-like teeth or childish overuse of the word 'like.' In fact, he never even carefully and confidently told Melissa that her laugh sounded like hogs being crushed to death in an avalanche!

Chalk that up to a serious win for feminists everywhere.

Her friend, Jess Bonneau, who set up the blind date said that she always knew Bailey was a sweet guy. They had met in a scuba-diving class when, after the diving instructor asked Jess to help him calculate figures on a decompression table, he stayed in the

course instead of storming out in a fit of rage at being helped by a women. Still, Jess reports that she was thrilled to hear about how the date went and that she had never expected this to happen!

Say goodbye, patriarchy!

Asked about the experience, Bailey explained that the shortcomings were—of course—obvious to him, but he just didn't subscribe to the notion that he should have paused the conversation to painstakingly enumerate all of the flaws in his date in graphic detail. He admits that he almost blurted out "Your hair looks like someone took a weedwacker to a hairball!" during Melissa's prolonged anecdote about her recent trip to France, but he managed to cover his mouth with the crook of his elbow in time and disguise the comment as a brief coughing fit.

Yes. Just yes.

So whether you're flat-nosed, a limp hand-shaker, greasy-haired, a drivel-ing moron or have any other obvious inadequacies, everyone can agree that this is a BIG win for feminism. While change isn't always easy, hopefully this story will inspire more people to ignore more flaws!

The U.S. in a year

Anastazia Vanisko

As the 2016 election approaches, it's time to consider our country's possible futures. Perhaps we'll have an alien whose wig hasn't done much to disguise him, our first female president or maybe we'll put a socialist in charge. There might even be a dark horse independent runner who takes us all by surprise and wins the election.

If Donald Trump wins the presidency, the world as we know it will change. It's clear that he'll issue his own executive orders to counteract President Barack Obama's recent changes to gun control. More comprehensive background checks might take Second Amendment rights away from violent criminals, so instead, Trump will ensure that guns are made available to all.

In fact, they'll replace our currency. Put away your dollar bills, kids. You'll need to learn how to handle a pistol if you want to buy yourself a piece of candy. However, many Americans have already proclaimed that they will move to Canada if Trump is in charge.

To prevent this mass exodus, Trump will naturally force Canada to build a wall along its border, which Canada will most likely agree to because Americans are actually ruining that prestigious country.

If Hillary Clinton wins, we will have a very different version of America. Clearly women are overly emotional, mostly because of a certain occurrence each month. It doesn't matter that Clinton is 68 years old and not physically capable of that anymore—men need that excuse for when

they disagree with Clinton's policies. If she ever wants to get anything done she'll have to be sure to not act too aggressive or her fellow politicians will write her off as a bitch. If her outfits aren't on point 100 percent of the time the media will criticize her and question her soundness of mind. Can someone who can't put together a decent outfit really run our country?

As a self-proclaimed socialist, Bernie Sanders is clearly a Red spy. If elected he'll have us erecting statues of Stalin within two weeks of his inauguration. If you disagree with his push to reduce income inequality in this country, you'll be sent to the gulags that he will most likely create in the cold and sparsely populated state of Wyoming. Chances are the one percent will be the first ones sent to the gulags.

Finally, we have our dark horse—the Case Western Reserve University squirrel whose policies will make America great again. The CWRU squirrel has mastered the art of launching acorns at passersby below at missile-like speeds. This information is invaluable to the Pentagon, and will massively improve America's military.

Furthermore, the CWRU squirrel has lost its natural fear of humans. This fearlessness will unnerve people at international diplomatic talks so much that they will have no choice but to fall in line with what America wants just so they can get away. The squirrel is clearly the best choice for president.

America has many potential futures; go out and vote for your favorite.

First All-Nighter Plan

9:30 Hit up Constantino's
for some Red Bull

10:15 Start studying

10:30 Netflix break

12am Tapingo Denny's (brain
food)

12:30 Netflix and Yik-Yak

4 am Study

4:05 Calculate efficiency
while tired

4:07 Give up, fall
asleep

NETFLIX X

Freaking hot supermodel realizes that love really is as easy as "123"

Staff Reporter

Always under the impression that "ABC" by the Jackson 5 was just a catchy song, bikini model Vanessa Amber realized this was not the case, as she has met and loved four men in the past 13 days.

The on-site Athenian reporters confirm that these men loved her back.

When asked about her romantic success, Amber replied, "It's just like the song says! Love really is easy! I can just approach anyone after a long day at work and boom! One, two, three and

you're in a loving relationship!"

Amber graduated first in her class at Thomas J. Sullivan's Modeling School for Underprivileged Overly Operated-On Girls.

Amber left reporters with the sage advice: "If you really believe it is easy, then you can find love!"

After the interview, Vanessa Amber was seen walking away, humming "do re mi, ABC, 123, baby you and me" as a man of remarkable attractiveness opened the door for her on her way out.

Tired of explaining to your parents why you're still single?

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Jared Clark

First Lady to be removed for making nation healthy

Riddhi Patel

First she made everyone feel the need to go to the gym to get arms as toned as hers and now she is even trying to control what people eat.

Michelle Obama is on a power trip and she must be stopped.

Some people are supportive and a good amount of others are not. Those who are not usually hail from south of the Ohio River and have strong opinions about everything. These territories include the lovely states of Kentucky where they enjoy Kentucky fried chicken and Kentucky derby pie, West Virginia where they have something scrumptious called pepperoni rolls, and the general southern United States. You cannot tell someone from Texas to not carry their gun let alone spit out their deep fried bubble gum (and yes, that is a thing there).

The First Lady has a plan set out to reduce the rates of childhood obesity from 20 percent to five percent by the year 2030. She dubbed this plan with the title "Let's Move!" That sounds kind of demanding to me. The plan includes "recommending" or in other words basically demanding 70 things parents should do for early childhood development. She is now telling us how to parent. The program itself gives educational information to parents about what their children should be eating and how much exercise they should get.

The basis for the program initiative is the new modeling of the food pyramid

as a plate called MyPlate. MyPlate tells people to eat mostly vegetables, equal portions of fruits, grains and protein and a small amount of dairy. My issue is where do the fried foods come into this portion and what if I do not want to eat my food on a plate?

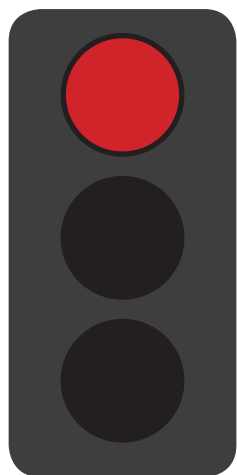
To make matters worse, last Easter the First Lady encouraged all Americans to do five things to move towards a healthy lifestyle. Childhood obesity is scary, so taking steps to help children is okay. However, a line has to be drawn when she is asking ALL Americans to make changes. A good portion of these Americans are adults and it can be understood that they can make their own good damn decisions.

Kentucky native and fried food foodie, Burt Barney, had a lot to say about Michelle Obama's plan for the American diet. "I don't like it and I don't like it one bit. I love all foods but take special preference in fried ones and that is not included in Mrs. Michelle's MyPlate plans. Who does she think she is? The president."

He is not wrong there, is he? Barney is not alone in his opinions and a recent online petition has arisen with the aim to remove Michelle from her position as the first lady. It has already garnered half a million signatures. This just shows how integral our freedom to eat whatever we want is in our lives as Americans. I do not think Martha Washington wanted us to eat kale.

Weird customs

Jessica Chalas



Traffic lights

Back in the day, it was all about farming. From dawn 'til dusk, all the boys and girls would plow, hoe and generally try not to step on budding crops. The children knew that their parents' love measured up to how hard they worked on the fields, so every day at dawn, it was a race to the plains across the fence. Green was gold; the first glimpse meant you could just barely make out where you were going without meeting some horrible fate. (Watch those snakes!) The yellow rising sun was more troublesome – the light was often so blinding that a weakling's mad dash dwindled to a slight jog. But the bravest and strongest prevailed, pushing faster against the sun, eager to show their perseverance (major brownie points in their parents' ranking system).

Vying for the title of best child (and an extra helping at supper), nothing could stop those kids. Well, nothing except stained red grass. Young Timmy, on his way to the plains, had once slipped on a pool of red goo and upon investigation, found the stable boy Jacob passed out from a bashed head (apparently the horse was not having it). Timmy administered basic life support, cauterized the wound, saved the stable boy's life, made the papers, and went on to modernize the world of medicine. Generally, things worked out pretty well for Timmy, so whenever the slightest bit of red tinted the grass, kids would stop and investigate, praying the source was a dying neighbor and not just the cat's breakfast. It was thus only reasonable that traffic lights should adhere to the well-known indications of red, yellow, and green.

explained

Milking a cow

That same stable boy, Jacob, came from a long line of subservient workers. Little did he know, his great-great-grandmother Susanne, born in the midst of 15th century feudalism, was not the clean soul she put herself out to be. In charge of raising her master's livestock, she ailed from a bad case of zoophilia, with a particular attraction to black and white. It wasn't long before she graduated to bestiality.

Old Betsy was her favorite, the poor cow. Susanne grew more curious each day, progressing from the head down. She eventually reached the udders, and the urge to tug was just too overwhelming. We all know what came out. By drinking what she thought was sweet, white urine – seems Susanne had a boatload of problems, adding urophagia to the list – Susanne eventually fattened up, which her master knew was impossible in her line of work. Curious, Lord Milk began to investigate and soon made millions off the discovery he of course named after himself. Susanne, after giving birth to a baby boy in an effort to keep her beastly secret, was eventually found out by Lord Milk. She was banished from his territory, and was soon after stomped to death by a wild boar while trying to hump its leg.

Fighting as public entertainment

Physical combat as a form of public entertainment actually began as the ancient custom of sumo wrestling. It started when two fat Japanese men ran into each other at the fish market, rolling onto their backs like a pair of bowling pins. Taken aback and ridden with anger, both men began flailing their arms at each other, each more focused on getting back at the other than getting back on his feet. The crowd that had gathered found it so amusing that they threw coins into one of the men's fallen hats, mistaking the event as a staged spectacle. The two made next morning's paper, in which the columnist (bless him) so casually mentioned that the only way the show would have been funnier is if the men had been dressed in diapers. So began the lucrative business of what is essentially public humiliation, as sumo wrestling was modified and enhanced to include jousting, fencing, bull fighting, martial arts, wrestling, and the likes.

Area man claims every speeding ticket that he gets is his first

Charles Li

Letter to the Editor on Police Unfairness,

The Police are so unfair! I was late to an exam and went slightly over the speed limit [Editor's note: He went 67 mph at a 45 mph road]. Guess what happened? The first time, ever, that I went over the speed limit, for a legitimate reason, I saw the flashing lights. This dumb-faced bloke pulled me over and slapped me with my first speeding ticket [Editor's note: Fifth, actually].

I bet he had to exercise his authority some time, because based on his dumb face, his wife definitely cheats on the guy, and he knows it [Editor's note: That is not true]. But instead of confronting his issues, he just pushes it on someone like me. It was my first offense! He probably arrests jay walkers too [Editor's note: He has not]. But probably not litterers, because I bet he approves. I can see it in the way he leaves the left side of his uniform untucked. Probably has a pocket full of junk he drops off every once in awhile and hopes no one notices. Meanwhile, he gets to tighten the screws on a first time speeder.

I wouldn't have to speed either, if the exam was scheduled for a reasonable time [Editor's note: It was scheduled for 12:30]. The Prof just has it out for us, because he doesn't want us to graduate and take his job.

Well buddy, I can see through your scheme. It's definitely the first time I woke later than planned. If only the alarm I set went off like it's supposed to. I bet one of my dorm mates turned it off to screw with me. I definitely would have woken up on time if they didn't. It's like everyone's out to get me!

My life is ruined because of these people! I'm just a poor college student, I can't pay this million dollar ticket! [Editor's note: It was actually \$25.] The police are corrupt, and I can't pay them off either. I'll get thrown into prison to rot! I can see it now, the other prisoners all tough and hardcore. Like "Orange is the New Black." Then they ask me how I got in and I say "I couldn't pay a ticket for the first time I went over the speed limit" and no one will take me seriously. I'll be at the bottom of the totem pole cleaning up everyone else's junk. And all this because I went over the speed limit, for my first and only time!

I guess I'll just have to speed more often now, since it won't make a difference either way. Besides, if I go fast enough I might avoid getting another ticket, or having to turn in my final paper, which I definitely would have finished by now.

Signed
First Time Victim, Not My Fault!

A Semester of historic firsts, by President Barbara R. Snyder

Steve Kerby

Another semester is past, and once again the august institution that I have had the privilege of leading since 2007, Case Western Reserve University, has achieved several remarkable historic firsts in just the few months of classes since we welcomed the class of 2019 into our community. I'd like to take a moment of your time to reflect on the achievements that we all can take credit for this semester.

- Our College of Engineering successfully achieved a national 1st place ranking for proportion of undergraduate students changing majors because of excruciatingly difficult coursework, according to a survey of the 375 engineering undergrads who changed majors this semester.

- The Mandel School of Applied Sciences received its first undergraduate student this semester, making Fall 2015 the first term where every single college at CWRU has at least one student enrolled.

- The Dental School achieved the remarkable this term when, according to a The Observer survey, more than half of all Spartans are aware of its existence. Great job!

- CWRU achieved a 50 percent "Soul-sucking" rating in undergrad academics this term, allowing admittance into an elite set of universities that heretofore have only included Ivy league schools.

But enough about academics! As you all know, that is only one small part of life at Case! Here are some other notable achievements that all deserve a round of applause.

- According to a new survey, 76 percent of undergrad students agree that "My entire worth as a person is based on my GPA". This is the first time any university has scored above a 75 percent; let's go for 100 percent, my friends!

- Ten percent of students are now aware of the existence of our pep band, which is more than double the amount compared to Spring 2016. I think this really shows our school spirit. Furthermore, the majority of students have, for the first time ever, correctly identified our mascot, the Spartan. Go team!

I've been throwing too many statistics at you, so let's make things more personal; we wouldn't want to confuse the poetry majors, excuse me, the poetry major.

- The class of 2019 is the first class that includes more than 20 winners of the Shkreli award, which is given to young people who are devoted wholeheartedly to making as much money as possible. What a class of entrepreneurs!

- In December, just before finals, Think[box] was used for the first time since its opening in September by a freshman who needed to make a sloppy Christmas gift using a laser cutter; now that's incubation.

- Finally, CWRU infinitely increased its "Security Overreaction" score from zero to one attack this semester; there's no such thing as bad publicity, of course!

Thank you for your time and devotion this semester; I am looking forwards to continued progress in years to come.

New Study finds that Americans follow New Year's resolutions as religiously as 1st amendment

Unpaid Intern

Claiming that this will be the year that he sticks to his new year's resolution, Paul Lothrop, 39, went for a run this morning. According to a new study from Emory University, Lothrop will stop exercising in approximately nine days, as Americans have consistently been found to follow their New Year's resolutions as strictly as they follow the First amendment to the Constitution. The study showed that the amendment only applied in certain cases, similar to Lothrop's resolution, which is applicable to only the first week of January.

The study stated that the First Amendment ensures freedom of speech, assembly and religion, but only every so often. As in the case with Paul Lothrop's daily exercise routine, freedom of religion is a conditional statement.

Lothrop, when questioned, claimed he "thought the First Amendment was more of a light suggestion, like the Third Amendment or speed limit signs."

Lothrop manages to spend his time nobly working a government day job, and polishing his Jeep in the evenings, which is embellished with "SUPPORT THE TROOPS" stickers and a spare rifle in the backseat.

Similarly, Lothrop explained that the "equal protection under the law" ensured by the 14th Amendment should be equally disregarded.

"Sure, it applies sometimes, but it's really a grey area."

When asked about the Second Amendment, Lothrop vehemently stated that "Every United States citizen deserves to carry a weapon, and I have to protect my kids from the crazy people who think we have to follow the First Amendment. And look at this deer I shot last week."

Lothrop is well aware that he will stop exercising shortly, but is not concerned, considering the logic of the recent study. He left his interview proudly maintaining that the 200 lb deer he shot is his greatest accomplishment to date.

HAPPY

NEW YEAR!

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