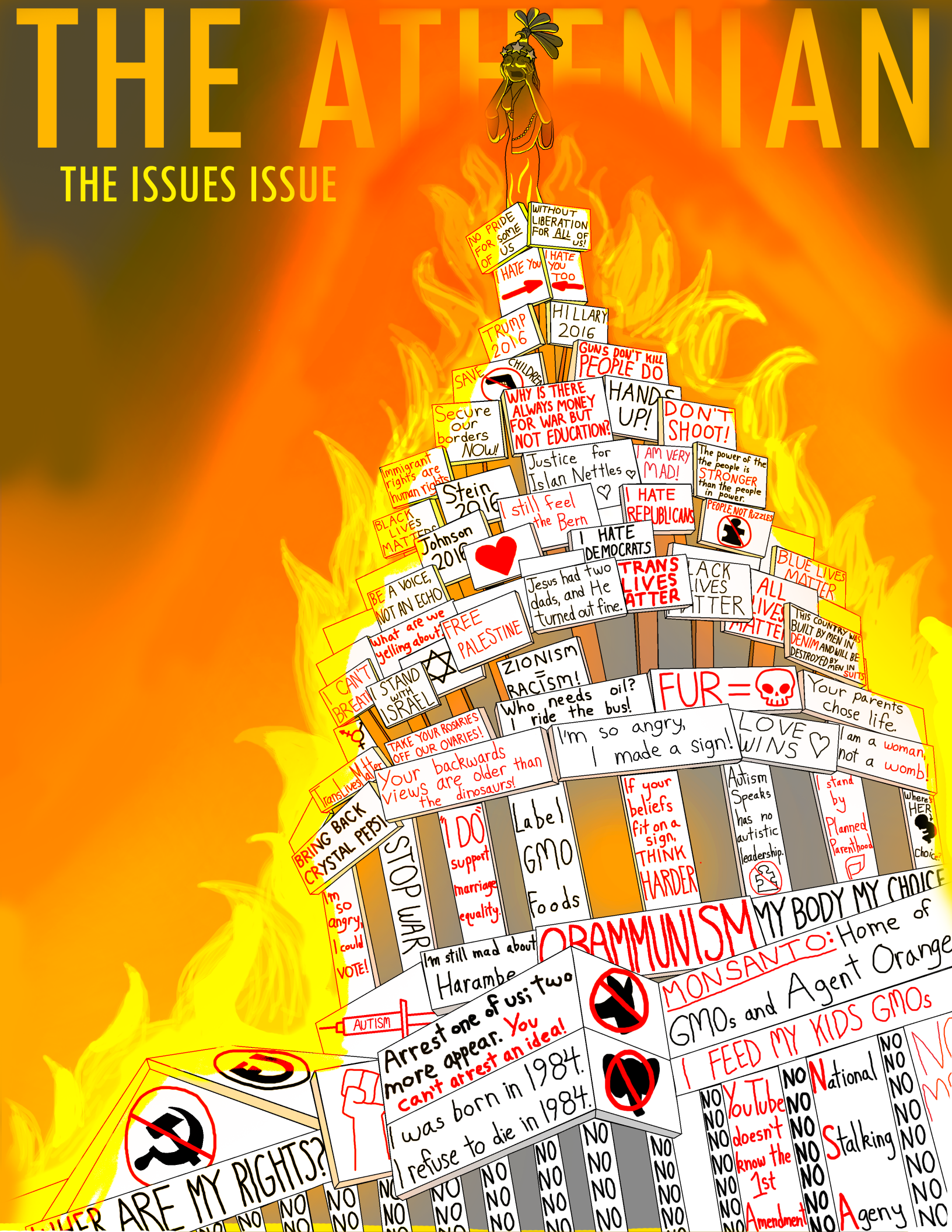


# THE ISSUES ISSUE



# Editor's Note

Tejas Joshi

As I strode into The Athenian office, the nine people inside jolted from their chairs and panickedly swept all the papers lying in front of them to the ground.

"What's going on here?" I queried Anastazia, who appeared to be tugging fruitlessly at some kind of fake mustache. "And why do you have a hammer and sickle poster, William of Orange's account of the Glorious Revolution and a photograph of you six taking the CWRU Board of Trustees hostage while holding up yesterday's copy of The Observer?"

"Ummm ... Greek week....?" she answered hesitantly.

"Well, that probably makes sense," I reckoned. "In any case, I'm sure you all know why I have gathered you here today."

Caroline responded, "Actually, you never called a meeting. Some of us aren't even in The Athen—"

"I want to hear answers, not excuses" I shouted. "And if you're not on our staff, make like a fraternity under review and get out!"

Reluctantly, two mustached students left, and we narrowly stopped Mahima from slipping out after them. As the door closed, I explained further: "Look, we need to plan our next issue. You're all here now, so let's just get planning."

"How far did you get in your task, Rohan?" I asked.

"Well, you sent me to learn the wants and needs of the average Case student. But somewhere along in the journey, I had a realization. You never needed my help to understand the typical Case student! The true Case student was inside you all along!" Rohan exclaimed.

"Seriously? You forgot to ask, didn't you?" David asked.

While Rohan pleaded the sixth (and everyone waited for his legal counsel to arrive), we discussed what we could do to put together an issue that really connected with the common Case student. Letty suggested that we figure out what issues are important to the average student. JP went a step further and suggested that we solve the problems ourselves.

"Brilliant!" I declared. "That will clearly help our magazine for reasons so obvious that they don't need to be stated. Go out and better our community! Come back in two hours and share your findings" I commanded. When the last staff member departed, I promptly fell asleep.

I awoke to Aquene shaking me. "I secured LEED-certification for Tinkham Veale and lead certification for the residence halls with the old pipes," she explained.

"Meanwhile, I convinced several dozen rich, minority students to apply to CWRU, so we can maintain diversity without needing to shift to need-aware

admissions after all!" Kushagra beamed.

"I added some political diversity by getting Jill Stein to appear on campus," Sarah commented. "Turns out we just needed to put up a big sign with the word 'Debate!' on it."

"And I visited the Cleveland circus to help manage my burgeoning depression!" added Michael helpfully.

In such a manner, the rest of the staff one-by-one recounted how they, too, fixed a major campus problem. Then, just as I was starting to really wake up, they turned to me to hear what I had done. Realizing that I alone had contributed nothing, I wasn't happy to see Anastazia fingering the rope and duct tape that were oddly present in large quantities on her desk.

"And I thought of our next theme," I blurted out into the awkward silence. "We can commemorate our work today with the ... the ... Issues Issue!"

So it was that the The Athenian staff put to task their famed fair and balanced reporting skills to put together the gleaming magazine in front of you. If you too would like to join our staff to produce writing/graphics content, format layout or manage our website, email [athenian@case.edu](mailto:athenian@case.edu). And if you have any complaints or if you would like to be removed from this mailing list, email [observer@case.edu](mailto:observer@case.edu).

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# Is it a real name for marijuana or a fake name for margarine?

Mary Johnson

**How well do you know your cannabinoids?  
See if you can tell the difference between  
these fake butter substitutes and street  
names for weed.**

1. Dairy Jane
2. Dank Butter
3. "I Can't Believe it's not Gangal!"
4. Colorado's Cream
5. Margarine-ly Butter
6. Cannabis Sativa
7. Toast Coat
8. Butter than Average
9. ACME Co. Original Butter Substitute
10. Cow Lube



Answers: They are all street names for weed.

## Bayer-Monsanto merger paves road for the future

Sabanrab Bocaj (probably a business journalist)

After months of wooing, Bayer AG has successfully convinced Monsanto Company to go steady. The major American seed and pesticide producer played hard to get, turning down several proposals from the German chemical and pharmaceutical powerhouse before accepting an offer of love and devotion (and \$66 billion). Bayer's spokesperson gave a formal statement on the affair at an international press conference:

"We are honored to receive Monsanto Co. as our lebensabschnittspartner [trans. partner or lover], and as an act of freundschaftsbezeugungen [demonstration of friendship], we have chosen to present the services of our best rechtsschutzversicherungsgesellschaften [insurance companies providing legal protection]."

The spokesperson declined to comment on the reasons why Monsanto or Bayer might need legal protection. Amidst a flurry of reporters citing the introduction of toxic PCBs and heroin into common use, as well as allegations of misrepresenting

the benefits of genetically modified crops, the spokesperson was seen rubbing his temples and taking an aspirin. Distracting the restless crowd, the spokesperson directed attention to a multimedia presentation of the biotechnological progress the new agro-chem conglomerate will bring to market in the coming year:

BANANA RICE  
MAMMOTH BEANS  
ANTI-INFLAMMATORY OATS  
SUPER-SIZED MUSTARD SEED  
(producing extra-small mustard trees)  
KUDZU 4 U  
TRUFFULA TREES (brought back from extinction)  
MONEY THAT GROWS ON TREES

All were very impressed and entranced by Bayer's very large media budget. The advertisements faded into a 10 minute short film about changing the way society thinks about food and drugs, with the inclusion of even more unpronounceable German words. During the presentation, the press appreciated Kool-

Aid and vorspeisen (hors d'oeuvres (appetizers (a small dish of food or a drink taken before a meal))), and afterwards the presentation received rousing applause. It is suspected that Bayer may have interspersed subliminal messages between frames.

In any case, editorials and opinion pieces that have been published since the press conference have waxed favorably on the merger. Because, of course, there is nothing to worry about. Our devoted readers can take comfort in knowing that the major corporation cornering the market holds the needs of the community in highest regard. In fact, it would be most beneficial for us all if the majority of the populace were to move into rural areas and take up agriculture. And other multi-national corporations should sell a controlling share of stocks to Bayer. Imagine it: no more unemployment, food enough for all, a modern utopia. The Athenian wishes you to share the vision with your friends and family.

# We're sorry: a letter from the NSA

Dear America,

We'd like to sincerely apologize for spying on every last one of you without permission. The NSA's surveillance began as a way to make America safer, but it went too far. And it especially went too far once we began reading your terrible, terrible texts out loud during lunchtime. We started a contest to find the worst pickup lines and compare them at lunch. I won \$4,000 off of your inability to flatter, and for that I personally apologize.

I also apologize for the long nights we spent judging the hell out of your weird fetishes. I cannot possibly exaggerate how long we spent making fun of you. There were days we didn't

actually look at your texts, because it turned out some guy only gets turned on by pretending to be a garbage can. It seems mean now, but you didn't see the videos. For real, we even have videos. No, you can't see them. That would be an invasion of privacy, which APPARENTLY isn't a thing you can do.

And yes, we did follow certain people and get regular updates on their lives. We like reality TV too, sue us. We even got Danny to edit together an actual TV show about four of the people who we followed on a regular basis. No, you can't see it. If your name is Alfredo, Chester, Mary-Anne or Bertha "The Animal" Matred, we're

very sorry. And we're especially sorry that your marriage didn't work out, Chester, but Jenny here in human resources REALLY wanted you to hook up with Bertha instead. We pulled some strings.

Rest assured, we have halted all of the above activity and will now only spy on those who have drawn attention to their suspicious activity. We will not be following any of you, promise. Pinky promise. You have nothing to fear. For real, guys. We're done. This is it. Promise.

Sincerely,

Nathan Samuel Alberts  
Director of the NSA

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## Jill Stein has less impact on the election than CWRU students

### Climax Dynamo

As we near the November election, many may be trying to decide between an angry troll doll with tiny hands and a dying robot that leaks dishonesty. If you found yourself in this situation, you're out of luck. In this election, like many, there really are no other options besides the two clowns put forth by either side of the aisle.

Some may bring up the fact that there are third party candidates running in the presidential election, but historically they'd be wrong. Third party candidates have never won an American presidential race. The probability of having a third party candidate actually gain enough support to matter is about the same as having a guy with no political experience get

very close to winning the presidential race... For example, Jill Stein, a Green Party candidate, ran for governor of Massachusetts from 2002 to 2010. In her first election, she came in third out of five candidates. She was beaten so hard and so often in the Massachusetts governor election that she decided to go straight to running for president in 2016.

As recently as a few weeks ago, however, she has not been doing so well in the polls. She has only gained about two percent of the vote in popular polls. Her home state, Massachusetts, isn't even a swing state, so it's not like her own vote will make a difference.

In fact, a month ago, Harambe, Praise be Our Lord and Savior, polled

at five percent and he's a gorilla ... and he's dead. Stein has so little impact on the actual election as a third party candidate, that 1/20 of the country is willing to support a dead monkey over her.

The average Case Western Reserve University student has more impact on this election than the few candidates presented by the non-major political parties. The CWRU students that stand outside and help with voter registration have probably increased the number of voters by the same amount of people that still support Jill Stein. Ohio is even a swing state, so all the non-Ohioan undecided voters at CWRU can literally shape the outcome of the election, while Stein cannot.

# Merrick Garland getting a good vibe about new job opening

David Pendergast

WASHINGTON, DC—Hardly able to contain his excitement as he imagines serving on the United States' highest court, federal judge and Supreme Court nominee Merrick Garland reports having a “good feeling” about landing a job at the prestigious institution.

“I have great credentials, having served on the D.C. Circuit for almost a decade, and my recommendation letter was written by President Obama—a guy who’s practically a celebrity in the judicial world,” explained Garland.

Garland reports that he became aware of the position after receiving an inside tip that the previous employee had moved on to better

places, leaving the seat vacant.

“My heart grew heavy when I heard the tragic news of Justice Scalia’s passing, but I knew right away that my rear end belonged on that Supreme Court seat,” said the judge, carefully scanning the line items of his résumé, wondering aloud whether gavel banging is a technical skill.

Garland also remarked that the office culture was amazing, aside from Clarence Thomas who never talks to anyone. “They go elephant riding, write dissenting opinions, and every so often they’ll all get together and push the country in the wrong direction. It’s a place where hard-workers can really thrive.”

Not leaving any details unexamined, Garland was also drawn to the job security offered by the position. “You get to serve for life, as long as you agree not to die during the term of a president from the opposite party as the one who nominated you, which is honestly quite fair.”

Speaking of postponing death, Garland predicted that the court will have some other fresh new faces pretty soon.

At press time, Garland was seen browsing the Glassdoor.com page for the position, where four reviewers had given very positive responses, four had given very negative and one seemed to go back and forth.

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# Condiment of a continent

Caroline Broady

America’s blood runs red. Red as the artificial coloring in strawberry milkshakes. Red as the stitching on baseballs and Cincinnati’s team. Red as the stop signs at every intersection. Red as the juices seeping out of McBurgers. Most importantly, red as our nation’s favorite vegetable: ketchup.

Binding together burger patty with bun and bringing fried spuds to life, ketchup is truly the lifeblood of the American consumer. Ever since Heinz debuted 57 varieties of tomatoes in its ketchup, Americans have been striving to bring the obesity rate up to that number, as well. The billions of nine-gram packets scattered around food courts serve as the ultimate symbol of American consumerism. After all, the only thing freer than an American citizen is the complementary handful of ketchup packets that comes with

every fast-food delicacy.

What it lacks in subtlety ketchup makes up for in its descriptive list of ingredients. The tomatoes are even more concentrated than Buddhist meditation. The onions aren’t chopped or pureed; they’re powdered. The inclusion of distilled vinegar is a nod to our British roots and our immortal bitter sentiment. The recipe also includes high fructose corn syrup, the national beverage. Deliciously ambiguous “natural flavor” provides an aura of intrigue to the list. However it is safe to assume that the secret ingredient is King George III’s tears.

The H. J. Heinz Company introduced tomato ketchup to the American consumer in 1876. This debut on the 100th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence highlights ketchup’s significance in American history. Just as the first

native Americans migrated from Asia, ketchup actually evolved from a Chinese ancestor: specifically, a fermented sauce of fish entrails.

Evolving to have roughly the same consistency as toothpaste, ketchup was destined to be the product foaming at the mouths of American citizens. However its coming of age into a fundamental aspect to the American experience has brought with it controversy. Many lives have been lost in the dispute over whether the lid should be on the top or the bottom. Who knows how many friendships have ended due to the conspiracy of ketchup terminology; is it ketchup, catsup or ambrosia? Nevertheless, the only reason ketchup has caused such disturbances is that Americans care; it is a cause worth fighting for. America is always ripe to relish in the glory of ketchup.

# Canadians investigate former congressmen's Snapchat habits

Oksinav Aizatsana

Baffled by American politics' slide into the realm of reality television, a Canadian think tank recently investigated possible links between American congressmen that would reveal the cause of America's political deterioration.

The think tank discovered that amongst congressmen who retired early, Snapchat was the most commonly downloaded app. Remembering that the app had gained infamy in its early days for providing an easy way to send nude photos without fear of repercussion, the Canadians decided to interview former congressmen about their Snapchat habits.

Most congressmen declined to comment. Liam Cote, an employee collecting information for this study, said congressmen responded to his request for information in a variety of ways. One told him, "Absolute-

ly not, you voyeuristic, idle-headed lout," while another said, "I don't think anyone needs to know about the funny faces I sent to my chief of staff during Senate hearings."

Cote said some of the representatives he attempted to speak to were unavailable because the prisons where they were staying had very strict visitation policies. However a quick Google search revealed that half of those in prison faced drug charges. Arguing that Snapchat is linked to these, Cote said, might be a bit of a stretch: "You probably don't want to risk forgetting the details of a drug deal just because Snapchat erased them."

Some congressmen, on the other hand, were very open about their Snapchat use. They said boredom at work was their number one reason for downloading the app. One congressman, who wished to remain

unnamed, said, "Sometimes you just need to spice up your day. If drawing devil horns on Paul Ryan or filtering a flower crown onto my head does that, I see no reason to not go ahead and snap my wife every five minutes."

This unnamed congressman said he retired in order to reconnect with his family, rather than spend his time perennially bored in Washington D.C. He said he believes Snapchat will help him understand his children—and millennials in general—as well.

"Did you know that 30 percent of millennials use Snapchat?" the congressman asked. "I considered using it to get the millennial vote, but occasionally I just take photos of the inside of my pocket on accident. My wife might find that endearing, but voters might see it as incompetency."

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## Clinton unveils new tactic to win millennial votes

Riddhi Patel

Running for president is hard. That is a statement we can all agree with. It is time-consuming, emotionally draining and stressful. Running for president also means you have to inspire people to vote. That can be extra hard when appealing to the 18-29 age demographic.

In the 2012 election, voter turnout for the 18-29 age demographic was 40 percent, the lowest of all age ranges. The small amount of college undergraduates who are registered to vote (one in 14 at California PolyTech Institute) could make or break this election, and both candidates know this. As a result, Hillary Clinton has taken it upon herself to inspire the youth and increase voter turnout.

Clinton has been in the political game for some time now and knows a thing or two about persuasion. This is the woman who becomes southern in a manner of

minutes when trying to impress a crowd in the states below the Mason-Dixon line. To appeal to younger voters, Clinton made references to Pokemon Go!, talked about emojis and used snapchat.

America's potential grandmother-in-chief is not alone, of course. Other candidates have also tried their hardest to impress young voters. Ben Carson made a rap ad, Ted Cruz impersonated Homer Simpson, Jeb Bush tweeted about Star Wars and Bernie Sanders danced for Ellen. Now that the election is down to the former Secretary of State and the billionaire real estate tycoon, the pressure for Democrats to increase voter turnout amongst millennials is at its height.

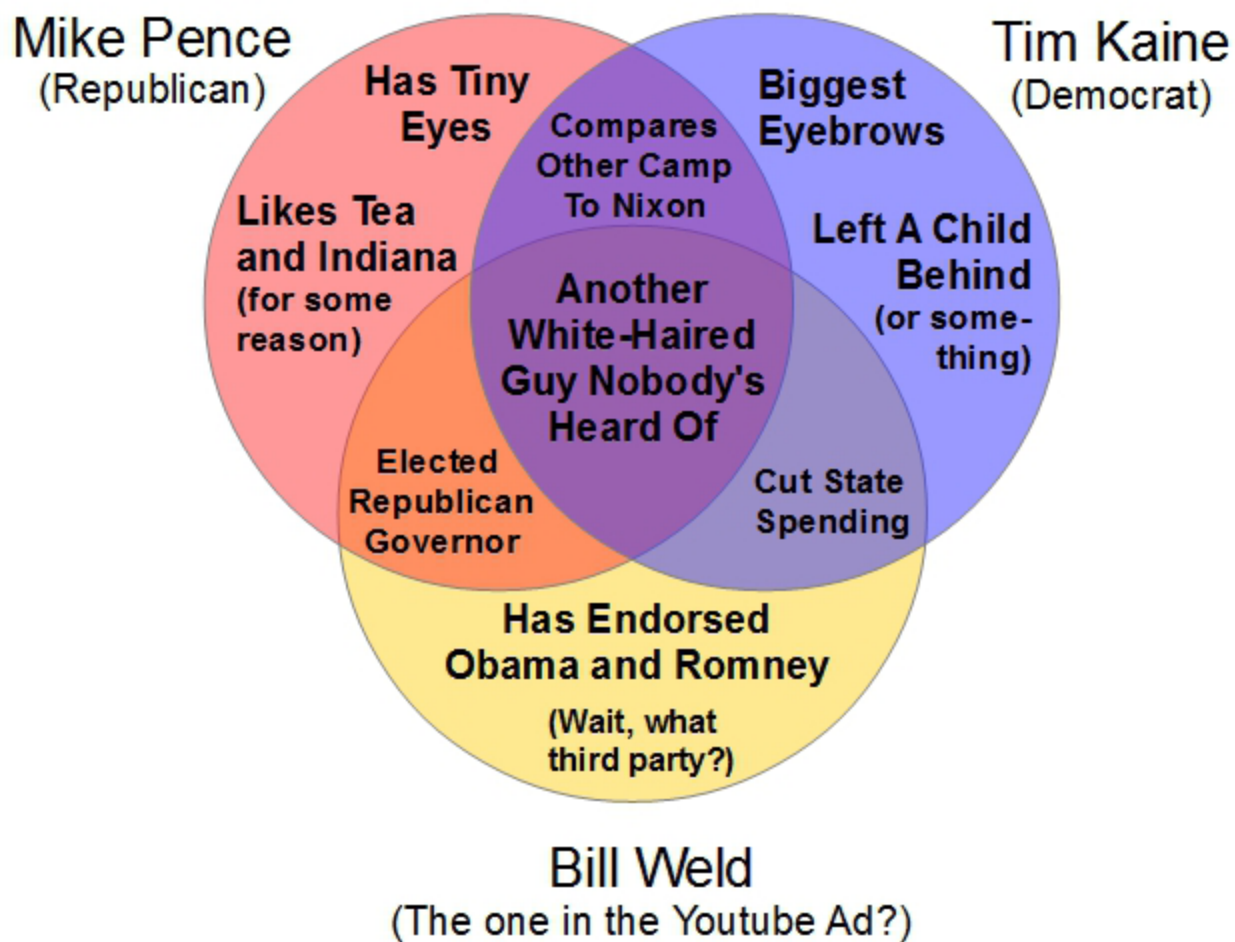
In order to help millennials understand she is on our side, Clinton has also picked up a new youth-friendly habit: vaping. You heard me—she vapes now. For those of you who live un-

der a rock, vaping is the new hip way to smoke either cannabis or tobacco. You can get high without the fear of blackening your lungs and developing cancer. All the kids are doing it now; there are plenty of memes. What better way to understand the young voters than by learning from the internet and understanding their favorite mode of communication—memes?

So this election, Hillary has shown millennials not only that she can adapt to hip new trends, but that she is also one of them. What better reason to vote for someone to become president of the United States than the fact that she understands youth culture? She vapes, now I vape, we all vape. For that reason, I will be casting my vote for the person I most want to vape up with, Hillary Diane Rodham Clinton. You should, too.


# Vice Presidential Nominee Venn Diagram

Before you head for the polls  
this November, get informed on the  
most-important details of the candidates  
running for the nation's least-important  
political office





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Low Energy Jeb Jeb is a MESS		


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Income Tax  
Do nothing




Corrupt Tim Kain  
This is the best you could do?

Goofy Elizabeth Warren  
I'm 1/32 interested

Slob Rosie O'Donnell  
I'll probably sue her...

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Jared Clark - Staff Artist


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-Donald Trump*



# **The danger of generalizations: separating racism and affirmative action**

**Pensive Mike, Blogger**

If you've been following my blog pieces, you know that here at CWRU the new need-aware admissions policy has roused debate on one familiar and often hotly contested policy: affirmative action. With the disputes come assumptions. Proponents of affirmative action too often brand their opponents as ignorant or racist. Let me be clear: I may be racist, and I may disapprove of affirmative action, but these two are completely separate ideologies.

There is nothing more frustrating than taking someone's rational, well-intentioned concerns about the reinforcement of stereotypes through affirmative admissions and confusing it with the same person's longstanding animosity towards racial minorities. For example, when I first explain that I oppose affirmative action, I am often asked whether I believe in equality for those suffering from institutional bias. Implying that my views are motivated from the monstrous and destructive basis of racism, which I also just happen to endorse, is unthinkable offensive.

For example, I recognize that those given a position largely based on affirmative action may be less qualified than their peers, perpetuating the belief that people of that race must be "stupid." That's why, if anything, the racist part of me wants to endorse affirmative action. But the rational part of me is aware that those put into positions through affirmative action may not be ready for the task, lowering productivity, which is a large part of why I cannot support the policy.

Grouping together people who oppose affirmative action and those who promulgate racist views, even if they form the same group, is horribly misguided. This grouping is irrational and insulting, much like the offensive classifications that racists like me make everyday. If a person frequently blogs about protecting the U.S. meritocracy, does that somehow imply that they will protest the construction of a mosque or bow when an Asian American enters the room? Of course not; for me, those ingrained habits are entirely unrelated.

The conclusion is clear: millions of people like me agree that affirmative action should be abolished while also holding simmering resentment towards those from ethnic-minority backgrounds. Those who associate the two impulses, simply because they happen to come from exactly the same people at the same time, should be ashamed of themselves. I only wish there were more people out there as open-minded as I am.

# CWRU bookstore sells out of blue-collar shirts

**Jessica Chalas**

Hoping to buy your own exclusive Case Western Reserve University blue button-down? The Athenian is here to report that you just missed your chance. The last blue-collar shirt was purchased today for three times its original price by Arnold Nigel Sinclair III, president of CWRU's golf club and the winner of The Athenian's Most Extravagant Vacationer survey.

But Sinclair is only the latest to snatch a silver dollar from his trust fund in order to purchase an entirely ordinary addition to his primarily Italian wardrobe. These days, many of the wealthiest students, who habitually wear designer clothing to even the messiest of sports practices, are trading Prada and Gucci for the simple cuts and rustic fabrics of Walmart-grade apparel. But, of course, this isn't to say they're giving up selfishness and entitlement for the good of mankind. Instead, it appears to be an attempt on the part of the next generation of high class one-percenters to connect with the masses.

Fourth-generation Alpha Theta Eta sorority sister Annabella Marseille

explains, "I think many of us are tired of hearing that the upper class is out of touch with the real world. We want to understand the plight of the disappearing middle class and the overwhelming challenges of poverty, so we're willingly subjecting ourselves to the common man's off-brand blue-collar experience. The itchy, low-thread-count vestments are our vessels of empathy."

It may seem a naïve notion that clothing could be instrumental in bridging the gap between the rich and the poor, yet countless descendants of the upper echelons studying at CWRU are literally buying into this theory. Dolores Finklebottom, bookstore manager, reveals that even the next expected shipment is not going to be enough to meet growing demands, as backorders alone account for more than three-fourths of incoming stock.

But where did this theory come from? Who exactly is responsible for skyrocketing both the sales and prices of blue collar shirts?

Confidential sources insinuate that the driver of the blue-collar bandwagon is none other than the illustrious

President Barbara R. Snyder. It may explain why, in every photograph taken of her last month, President Snyder can be seen wearing various styles and manners of shirts, all with blue collars sewn onto them.

In response to our inquiries, Snyder freely admitted, "The blue collar is a symbol of the common man's pitiable diligence, work ethic and dedication to house and home. In an effort to be more attuned to the needs of the Case Western's student populus, I am proud to don the modest uniform of the 99 percent. And it is doubly exciting to learn that so many students are stepping up and making a similar effort."

Many students are likewise titillated by the efforts being made on campus to join together under the banner of the ordinary. However, as blue-collar shirt prices continue to rise far beyond the price ranges of wage earners, ordinary students are, ironically, turning to the racks of the eschewed, price-cut surpluses of white-collar shirts. It may just be in our near future that the age-old symbol of the blue-collar will stand for nothing more than rampant consumerism.

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# New study finds that most Miranda rights can't be heard over gunshots

**Nancy R. Adams**

ATLANTA, GA—According to a new study from Emory University, Miranda warnings, traditionally read by police upon suspect arrest, likely cannot be heard over the ringing sound of gunshots. Lead researcher James DiSantes claimed that suspects are usually too busy watching their life's summary pass before their eyes to listen to a helpful summary of their constitutional rights.

This unparalleled finding is something that many have long suspected, but it originally appeared suspicious and was immediately shot down.

However the study successfully achieved funding, primarily due to its easily testable nature.

DiSantes and his colleagues found that Miranda rights read post-gunshot are nearly indiscernible, boasting a sample size of at least eight (mostly from Chicago). The study drew national attention due to the recent nationwide popularity of ignoring constitutionality.

The interrogation (dubbed "interview") tactics of Officer Mark Bailey, consulting police officer at the Atlanta Police Department, were cited in the

study as "simple but effective; also illegal, but legal without video evidence." Multiple study trials showed that shots are significantly louder than any form of oration. DiSantes helpfully elucidated, "Actions speak louder than words."

Other things Miranda warnings cannot be heard over include "hoodlum" music, skin color or any other arrests going on in the nearby area.

Final results from the study conclude that at least after suspects have been shot, they will be able to exercise their right to remain silent.

# Scientists reveal the shocking underlying cause of global warming

Erin Hartmann

HANOVER, NH—After decades of research on the causes of global warming and the resulting crisis that humans and polar bears across the globe may face, a groundbreaking discovery points all fingers to God Almighty.

The lead researcher's work was inspired by naysayers, like presidential candidate Donald Trump, who claimed that climate change was "all one big hoax." That scientist, Maurice Smith, described the thought process that led to his discovery: "Global warming is caused by ... God? I guess? Would that be enough for deniers to get on board?"

One night, the Canadian researcher fell asleep in his lab while analyzing atmospheric pollution data on his computer when God came to him in a dream and revealed that it is He who is causing all the turmoil about the future of the environment. Smith claims the Lord told him, "I feel like my people and I don't have the same relationship we used to. I wanted to let all my followers know that I'm still up and running. People nowadays have more faith in science than they do in me, and I won't stand for it any longer."

God, having felt separated from his followers on Earth for far too long, implemented a subtle and long lasting plan to bring us closer to him. The discovering scientists say the increase in global temperatures point to him giving us not a side hug nor a bro hug but a level 7.67 bear hug.

So far, scientists have proven these facts: God's embrace is warming our world up at a rate of approximately 0.18 degrees Celsius per decade, He is drawing us closer to His Sacred Heart at a speed of 786,098 kilometers per second and he is pulling

apart the ozone layer in order to see us more clearly. The Divine Creator is also calling upon chlorofluorocarbons and atmospheric carbon dioxide to help complete this process, allowing His radiant energy in the form of ultraviolet rays to reach the earth at an increased level.

Why does God feel the need to hug us closer? Scientists have proposed these theories:

1. He foresaw the election of 2016 .
2. He is annoyed with His followers for obsessing over Kim Kardashian and Taylor Swift instead of spending time practicing and following His word, and He is approaching with an angry, passive-aggressive squeeze.
3. He woke up one day and did not like penguins and glaciers.
4. The Lord saw the food being provided by Leutner.
5. The ozone blocked His bird's-eye view of Sunday football.
6. He thought coastal cities would look better underwater.

God's plan to bring us closer has been accelerating at a speedy rate since the 1970s due to growth in the world's population, technological advancement, widespread industry and the large increase of vehicles on the road. Ways that we can swerve out of The Father's hug include recycling, reducing carbon emissions and not spraying Lysol cans into the air (He prefers to admire a clean Earth from afar). There were many previous disbelievers in the science behind global warming, but with the indisputable data pointing to God Almighty, all Christian believers of the world are more than happy to hop on board and recognize global warming as a real phenomenon.

## Five industries that millennials haven't killed

Alaina Lisanti

You've heard it all. The cereal industry. Soap. Even fashion itself. What haven't millennials slaughtered in cold blood? Well, here are some industries clinging to life in this generation:

1. The Pokémon franchise: It's hard for millennials to kill an industry they grew up on, and you may not be surprised that the Pokémon franchise is still kicking, especially after its renaissance due to the mobile game Pokémon Go. Hey, someone's gotta catch those Squirtasaurs and Pikamanders!

2. Coffee: Truly the nectar of the gods, it's the fuel keeping us all alive. Where would we be without it? Whether it's a pumpkin spice latte or the stuff you get at Fribley, it provides the energy to brave many a sleepless night. There are two types of people: people who love coffee and people who don't but drink it anyway because they need to stay awake.

3. Humor magazines: Hey, you're probably a millennial, and you're reading one (or at least what's supposed to be considered one) right now. The creativity of today's youth is what drives this industry, or maybe we're just desperate enough for laughs to keep on reading.

4. Backpacks: They've been around for a while, and they probably won't be leaving any time soon. I mean, no one wants to carry an entire stack of \$200 textbooks in their arms, though it would make a good workout. And even if you don't carry your books around, backpacks are handy for storing snacks.

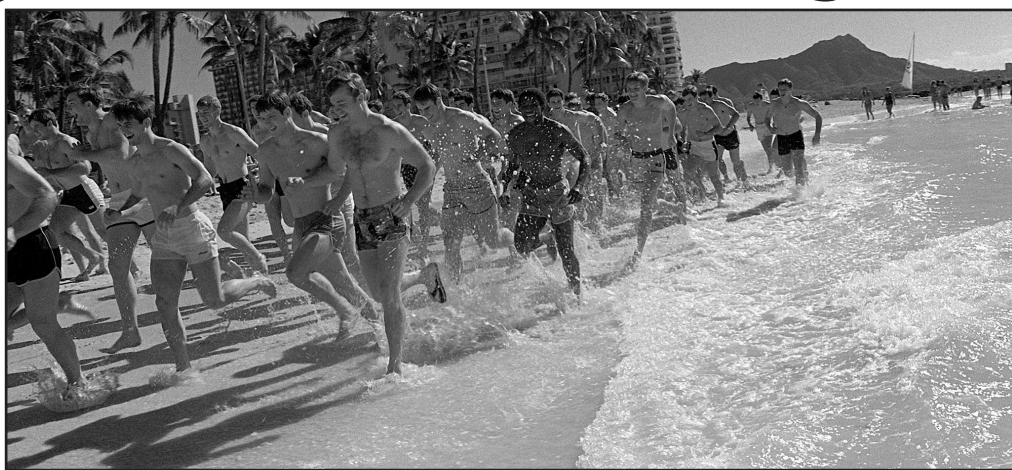
5. Listicles: Let's face it. Lists are a straightforward way of presenting information, and they're easy to read or just skim. After all, who has the time to actually read an entire article for info when you can just look at a list? They're not that complicated to write, either, and remain a staple of all the finest news sources.

# Exercising my first amendment rights

Caroline Broady

Lately I have been feeling that something has been missing in my life. With the new year just around the corner, now is as good a time as to commit myself to a spiritual awakening. So when a missionary from 121 Fitness asked me if I was ready to dedicate myself to a lifestyle devoted to self-betterment, I was quite intrigued. I had grown up going to the gym, but since coming to college I have not found the time. After the evangelist told me the good word from JC (John Cena) I was a convert.

I woke up early for the 9 a.m. yoga service, which was in one of the most modernized temples I have seen to date. Complete with steam altars, a holy water room, and a receptionist, I felt the need to put on my special workout garb since cotton-poly blend just wouldn't do. For about an hour, I bowed down in a studio full of incense. After a dozen rounds of downward-facing dogma, I excused myself to the main floor to explore the other rituals. A squad of Apple Watch owners were congregated next to the selfie mirror. A "New year, New You" poster on the wall reminded me that many other resolutionists would embark on only a single annual pilgrimage to the gym. But I knew that I would need to visit my fitness cen-



ter multiple times per week for personal growth. The bodybuilders set an example, since they observe their mass daily.

Of course, no creed is complete without sacrifices. After taking a tour of the facility, I met with my personal trainer. I confessed that I had consumed a bacon cheeseburger the previous today. As penance for this sin, I was instructed to either give up alcohol for 40 days or give 10 percent of my income to Charity, the expensive SoulCycle trainer. I was also prescribed a juice fast as a way to stop feeling so empty inside. On my way out of the gym, I was obliged to make a blood sacrifice to the Red Cross. Interpreting my lightheadedness as fulfillment, I went home to baptize myself in a cold shower.

The more I went to the gym, the more I became a believer in the supernatural—that even I could look like one of the models in fitness magazines. Realistically, though, years of gluttony and sloth had eroded that possibility to the point of no return. As I learned more about my new ideology, I realized that there is constant war between different branches. Pilate nailed Jesus to a cross 2,000 years ago, and today CrossFitters are still sparring with pilates moms over which regimen is best.

Ultimately, I decided to disaffiliate from my gym. I had just traded one kind of indulgences for another, and I felt no more fulfilled.

## Millions to leave country if Trump is elected

Paul Palumbo

56.4 percent of all Americans would consider leaving the country if Donald J. Trump was elected president, a new study from the Center of Mass Human Migration finds. Even more shocking, 30.1 percent of citizens have already planned their route and destination and are now merely waiting for that fateful day in November before they ship off.

"Personally, I'm scared of a Trump Presidency," says one Rebecca Runn, a local business owner. "Do we really want a president whose Wikipedia page has 'politician' written after 'Television Personality'? I hear Canada is really nice this time of year. And every time of year."

Others, such as Cleveland resident Francisco Franklin, have different ideas. "I hate the idea of a Trump presidency, but I really like my house. I've got a pretty good plot of land, so here's what

I'm going to do: I'm going to declare my house as a separate country, ruled by nobody but me. And then I'll build a wall to keep Donald Trump out." When asked whether that would be a wall or just a "fence," Francisco declined to comment.

What about the other 43.6 percent of Americans? As Hanna Guiery put it, "This is exactly what we wanted when we elected Trump. If people leave, there will be more jobs for the rest of us. And I won't have to wait next time I want Mitchell's; there will be nobody in lines anymore. If this country really needed anything, it's that half of the population just get up and leave."

While The Athenian failed to get a statement from The Don himself, one of his campaign managers had this to say:

"A common misconception is that the wall's primary purpose will be to keep

Mexicans in Mexico. Its true purpose is to ensure the complete halt of immigration of any kind. The Mexicans will stay in Mexico. The Americans will stay in the United States. The Canadians will just do their own thing because really there's no controlling those people. People say they have plans to get out of the country once Trump gets elected? I'd like to see them try." The campaign manager, who seemed serious about his threat to sue us if we printed his name, then proceeded to cackle for several whole minutes before choking on his enchilada.

Will a sudden decrease in the U.S. population have significant impact on our industries? Will Trump wall off the entire country? These questions are at the forefront of political conversation as the election draws closer to its unsettling conclusion.

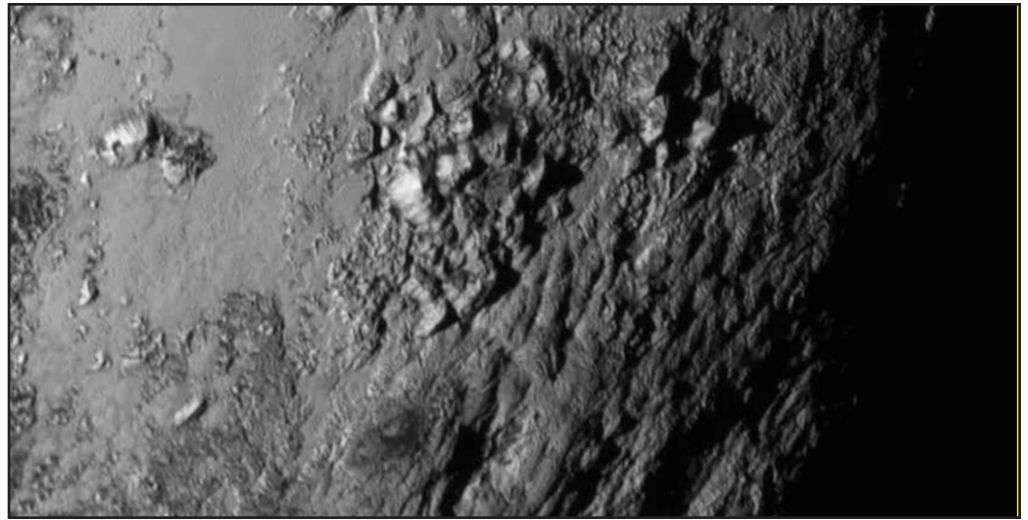
# Pluto is a non-binary planet, they say

Ruth Johnson

After the recent “planet or dwarf planet” controversy surrounding Pluto, the small celestial body announced today in a press conference that they identify as a non-binary planet. In addition, they pronounced themselves “planetqueer” and further asserted the equality of all planets, regardless of planetary distinctions.

When making the announcement, Pluto supported its identity shift with the three qualifications to be considered a planet, in the effort to prove that it can fit in both or neither planetary categories. They pointed out that, like many of the considered-to-be planets in the solar system, they have an orbit around the sun. They also added that, though it is an orbit, theirs is not one which has cleared the other celestial objects around them; that’s the reason they were deemed to be a dwarf planet by experts. This, they said, further proved their point that they could be seen to fit in both or neither planetary categories.

They then proceeded to discuss the remaining qualification to be a planet: that it needs to be round or nearly round. Despite having a round body themselves, they called this a “silly” and “shape-ist” distinction, pointing out that many of



their close asteroid friends could never be considered seriously by astronomers and astrophysicists because of their so-called irregular shapes despite holding orbits on their own. They called for this qualification to be dismissed on the grounds that it was discriminatory. To conclude the press conference, Pluto once again asserted their identity as a non-binary planet and encouraged the other celestial bodies in the solar system to challenge the identities astronomers and astrophysicists assigned them.

In response to this announcement, Uranus and Neptune have come out in support

of their planetary sibling, while Jupiter and Saturn are huffing about this latest announcement, saying that Pluto just “needs to deal with being a dwarf planet once and for all.” The red planet, Mars, said that what is good for the one is good for the collective. Mercury and Venus were too busy dealing with internal planetary problems to comment. Earth, on the other hand, gave a conflicted response, which Pluto said further proves that Earth, much like Jupiter and Saturn, does not fully understand the issue at hand.

Neil deGrasse Tyson could not be reached for comment.

## Grapple with these CWRU ethical dilemmas

Steve Kerby

“The unexamined life is not worth living,” quipped Socrates right before he was sentenced to die for corrupting the youth. Here at CWRU, we’ve got it all in spades; unexamined lives, plenty of things that aren’t worth living for, being sentenced to debt and corrupted youth. Try these CWRU ethical questions out, and see what it’s like to actually reflect on your choices.

1. You are about to take a very difficult Organic Chemistry exam, and if you don’t pass you will be forced to drop your BME-PreMed plans and be a failure in the eyes of your parents. Some of your friends have captured the SI for the course and want you to torture the solutions out of him. Do you torture the SI to pass the test or risk it all on your own feeble intelligence?

2. You are an administrator in charge

of university finance. An evil villain has tied five students down to tracks, all of whom are receiving full-ride scholarships. You can pull a lever and switch the trolley off those tracks, but then it will run over a single student who is paying full price. Do you pull the lever, keeping in mind that Babs is counting on you to keep CWRU profitable?

3. A student is wedged in the tiny passageway through Strosacker, and hundreds of people are going to be late for the Modern Physics final if they don’t get through immediately. Fortunately, you have a stick of dynamite and can blow the student up to get everyone else through in a timely fashion. Clearly this will kill the stuck student. Do you blow them up?

4. Your Biology professor has discovered that some of his students are cheating on his tests. He is threatening to

dock 10 percent off the entire class’s final grades unless the leader of the cheating ring turns himself in immediately. You are the leader of the ring; do you turn yourself in?

5. You and some friends are trying to sneak a tub of ice cream out of Leutner in a giant wooden horse. While you are hiding in the horse, one of your friends starts to cough very loudly, possibly giving away your location. Do you strangle him to stop his obnoxious noise-making?

Need some help? Here are some tips for each situation.

1. Do you take a finger or an ear?

2. How much is five full rides, again?

3. Wouldn’t the dynamite kill a bunch of other people, too?

4. Can your GPA take the 10 percent hit? It can? Cool.

5. Blood doesn’t stain wood, right?

# Hillary Clinton Operation

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