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# Letter from the Editor

Dear Readers,

Thank you for taking the time to read our centennial issue of The Athenian: The Undergraduate Humor Journal of Case Western Reserve University. The Athenian is a completely peer-reviewed journal and was founded to promote undergraduate involvement in research and the publication process. As a result, by taking the time to read this journal, you are promoting The Athenian and, in turn, the long, unnecessary, unrequested and entirely unwarranted hours of research conducted by undergraduates, often without herald or pay.


Although based at CWRU, The Athenian has grown in recent years to receive attention from students across the campus and around the campus. For this specific issue, the Editorial Board was given the privilege of reading articles submitted in our most competitive pool to date. The articles featured here were selected randomly from over 12 submissions sent from three undergraduates from institutions as diverse as the College of Arts and Sciences.

This issue is of special importance to our organization, as it marks our hundredth-year anniversary. In just one century's worth of time, we have increased the number of submissions we receive by nearly four. I wholeheartedly believe that the impressive growth of our journal is a testament to how far we have come and what is in store for us in the future.

If you are interested in contributing to The Athenian, I ask that you visit our website at [cwruathenian.com](http://cwruathenian.com) or email us at [athenian@case.edu](mailto:athenian@case.edu). As The Athenian continues to grow, our need for reviewers, ad managers, sanitation engineers, designers and foreign correspondents does as well. Postdocs of all backgrounds and experience levels are always encouraged to join our organization.

As always, I would like to thank our Editorial Board and contributors for all of their hard work, and especially David, who literally died for this publication. In addition, I would also like to personally thank Arlet Wright, Barbara Snyder and the SOURCE office for their terrifyingly unrelenting support of our publication.

Sincerely,



Tejas Joshi,  
Editor-in-chief

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# A Heuristic Analysis of the Binary Walkway

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## ABSTRACT

The meaning of the Binary Walkway is a topic of much debate. It became necessary to take an heuristic approach to solving the mystery of the binary code left in the pavement leading to the Case Quad on the campus of Case Western Reserve University. The transcribed digits were run through an algorithm designed to decode the hidden message through approximations.

## INTRODUCTION

The infamous Binary Walkway was first described by Lewis and Clark during their initial expedition of 1804, but the stone structure was not a serious topic of research until it was unearthed by Korean tourists looking to expand their bubble-tea franchise. In response, the Case Institute of Technology was constructed in 1882 around the mysterious erection to study the walkway.

Although it was rapidly postulated that the walkway encoded some message, cryptographers struggled to unveil its secrets. It was recently proven that an exact decryption of the code inscribed in the Binary Walkway is impossible to derive (Jones 2015).

Here, a heuristic approach is implemented to analyze the string of binary digits. A modified implementation of Dijkstra's algorithm using approximations is shown to be sufficient to translate the string of 0s and 1s into discernible script.

## METHODS

To save grant money, an intern transcribed the initial string of binary digits onto IBM punched cards that could be read by the oldest computer available. The algorithm used to analyze the initial string is based on heuristic

principles. The computer did not have enough RAM on its memory cassette for the entire sequence, so only the second half was used.

The program begins with a list of known and commonly used distinct binary strings and randomly permutes substrings of these inputs. It terminates when a permutation approximately matches a substring of the binary walkway code within an error threshold of  $\log(\text{substring length})$ . Through repetition of this process, the algorithm generate a series of matches that can be identified within the initial string.

## RESULTS

Initial runs of the algorithm yielded  $>>1000$  distinct patterns in the binary string. After reducing the threshold and exceeding 1.4 million iterations, the algorithm's results narrowed to  $<10$  patterns.

### Most Common Strings

Several distinct substrings were identified at different points in the initial string

- The most common binary string approximated was identified as 0110100001100101011011000110110001101111. Converting the binary value to ASCII encoded text, the string translates to the letters H, E, L, L, and O.
- An approximate distinct string composed of digits from the end of the initial string was identified as 101010. Converting the binary value to a decimal value, the string translates to the real number 42.

## DISCUSSION

While other strings were approximated by the algorithm, the two identified in the results section were either the most common or the final distinct string identified. This may provide evidence to an intention to greet. Further time is necessary for the algorithm to approximate the remainder of the initial binary string. It is possible that the string is script for a function determining the question to life, the universe, and everything, which would logically be solved by the number 42. More research and funding are needed to further explore this hypothesis.

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Barnabas Brennan for getting coffee for the hard-working members of this research group.



# Local woman clearly doesn't understand emojis

**Jeremy Wall**

AKRON, OH—An area woman, who has asked to remain unnamed, uses emojis in every text she sends, but it has been discovered that she doesn't understand any of them. Family members, friends and co-workers have spoken out, saying that they are being "bombarded with a slew of unending smiles" and that "sometimes there aren't even any words, just a shaking head or a barking dog."

When asked to comment on her use of ideograms, she sent us a winky face, then a blushing emoji and ended it with a shocked emoji. Finding myself stuck at an uncrossable language barrier, I sought out her teenage daughter who had been the first to notice things going awry.

"She, like, doesn't get it," began Alyssa, age 14. "It's just, like, she thinks she knows what she's doing, but what she sends just doesn't make any sense." The disgruntled teen went on to describe how her mother's social deficiency has negatively affected her family's communication.

The woman's brother, Chris, agreed to an interview, and he shared his side of the story. "She has always been a little behind on the trends. I mean, she only recently stopped wearing a fanny pack. I figured this was only a phase she was going through, but it just didn't stop. It still hasn't." He went on to say that he thinks people are making a big deal out of nothing and that maybe it was the emojis that were the problem, not her.

Wanting to find out more, I had a chance to sit down with Dr. Italka Sogooda, author of New York Times Bestseller, "Everybody Emotes."

"Emojis are the pinnacle of free speech that transcends all language and culture," said Sogooda. "Emojis have created an easy, versatile way of writ-



ing emotionally without having to write at all. No longer do we need to try to express the capacities of human emotions using the stumbling block of our modern era: words. Instead, a small image, obviously following the simple equation that a picture is worth a thousand words, has now more than adequately replaced the use of written language in today's society. However this effort towards perfect human communication has recently hit a setback with this woman."

In light of her debilitating speech barrier, friends and family have encouraged the woman to attend sessions with Sogooda, in the hopes that she can one day join the online messaging community, not as a nuisance but as a nuance. If you want to find out more, Sogooda said that the woman's case will be in her next book, "Imoji, Umoji, WEmoji," due to be released sometime next year.

At press time our emoji-confused woman started her first session with Sogooda, centered on the eggplant emoji.

# I never expected to not be changed by studying abroad in Mexico

**Daniel Kessler**

I first learned about the exciting opportunity to study abroad in Mexico from a flier. With four years of high school Spanish to flex, I fell in love with the program at first sight. I envisioned myself down in Mexico learning to live as the Mexicans do. I would find a whole new perspective, and my life would never be the same.

I applied immediately and waited three painstaking weeks for the response. I was incredibly relieved when I was accepted. I had already researched the weather and bought some unreturnable study abroad clothing. Nothing would keep me from this experience, and I made sure to let everyone know that.

The Juarez family hosted me throughout the entire semester, though I didn't spend much time with them. Instead, I found myself spending most nights going to bars and parties thanks to the lower drinking age. It was a great time, since I found a group of American study abroad students to study with during the days and to drink with during the nights. Actually, when I realized that the classes were pass-fail, I spent a lot of the time drinking and cavorting with the other Americans. It felt like I was right at home!

One of my classes went on field trips to churches, museums and other landmarks in order to interact with the community. At first I planned to strike up deep conversations about life and its meaning with the pastor of one of the churches, but then I realized I hardly understood what he was saying. His accent was too heavy to understand, so I couldn't hold a conversation. I just nodded and said "okay" a lot. I decided trying to meet new people and hear their stories wouldn't be worth the time, so instead I stepped up my Instagram selfie game. The historic buildings were rife for artistic self-expression and served as perfect backgrounds. Everyone had to know how elegantly cultural I was.

After passing my classes and saying my goodbyes, I returned home to the United States, ready to show off how much I had changed during my stay in Mexico. I made sure to boast about my experience at every chance and correct everyone on the pronunciation of Latin American names. Despite this, I couldn't even remember what classes I took two weeks after returning. In fact, most of the abroad experience is lost in the haze of past semesters. I can't believe my life-changing journey to Mexico left me the same. Maybe it's finally time for a vision quest with an indigenous tribe.

## Recent polls show that CWRU is #2 in the nation for Athenian readers

**Erin Hartmann**

COLUMBUS, OH—A recent poll of college students in Ohio has revealed that, amongst the number of undergraduate students that read Case Western Reserve University's coveted Athenian magazine, the greatest number of readers are Ohio State University students and not, in fact, CWRU students. While it may seem reasonable for the school that produces the magazine to have the most readers, there are five illuminating reasons as to why OSU students are the publication's biggest fans. When discussing the appeal of The Athenian to non-CWRU students, OSU gender studies major Michael Black stated the following:

- We have more free time to read. We don't spend as much time studying; we just wing it and hope for the best.
- The teachers here like it when we incorporate satire

into our written essays and classroom discussions, so the articles really speak to us (our teachers need a laugh after their long days dealing with hundreds or thousands of students).

- Our campus newspaper regularly uses the ideas found in The Athenian as the basis for our own articles.
- Having the magazine out on our desks while we sit in class makes our professors think we aren't on our phones the whole time.
- It's actually the only academic journal the library has for us to check out.

A peer of Michael Black, who prefers to remain unnamed, said, "I use The Athenian issues for all research and resource needs required by the school. It's my go-to for accurate facts and current events in all fields of study."

# Need-aware policy shocks critics

**Steve Kerby**

In an astonishing turn of events, the controversial need-aware policy enacted by the administration of Case Western Reserve University has been met with widespread approval. Erstwhile critics of the policy stopped shouting at a press conference on Oct. 27, shocked as several new details of the policy were unveiled. During a presentation by Undergraduate Admissions, several administrators revealed mandatory plans for future classes. Even the most vocal opponents of the policy sat wide-eyed at the administration's astonishing pledges for several minutes, before the entire room broke into torrents of applause.

**"... include[s] work in heavy metal mines, indentured servitude and a debtor's prison in the derelict chemistry building."**

A common critique of the need-aware policy was that the 10 percent of spots with financial status considered would fall to wealthy students, decreasing economic diversity on campus. The administration promised at the press conference that all of the need-aware spots would go to low-income students; the budget would be kept in balance by introducing a new "Flexi-pay" plan for students who finish their careers in debt. Options in the new "Flexi-pay" plan include work in heavy metal mines, indentured servitude and a debtor's prison in the derelict chemistry building. The applause of former detractors of the policy died down before another whopper was delivered.

Opponents of the policy had also been fearful of a decrease in social and racial diversity, such as several other universities have experienced after going need-aware, but the next slide in the presentation quickly put their unease to rest. The administration revealed a massive computer that can track prospective students from birth with vaccine-riding microtracers that select desirable students in their infancy. The computer program will carefully balance the diversity of each class to create a "Microcosm of America." Each microtracer, no bigger than a few skin cells, can judge each prospie's age, gen-

der, economic wealth, race, religion, blood type and intelligence before determining whether to suggest that student for enrollment. Undergraduate Admissions was not done, though; one more surprise waited in the wings for the stunned crowd.

Finally, a new set of metrics for evaluating diversity on campus was unveiled, radically changing how the student body is judged. Starting in 2018, the financial assets of each family will be measured in 2004 Zimbabwe Dollars, meaning that even a poverty-line family will have a worth of several hundred million "Babs Dollars." Race will allow three options: "Human," "Lizard Person," and "Betelgeusian." Because the makeup of the United States is 99.99999977% Human (plus or minus one M. Shkreli), a near perfect match with national demographics is anticipated. Finally, the administration will set aside several hundred admissions spots for underrepresented minorities such as "Relatives of Administrators," "Descendants of the Veale Family" and "Progeny of Politicians."

The audience—largely consisting of white, cisgender affluent men—gave the speech a standing ovation. President Barbara R. Snyder closed the discussion by thanking all present for their time and consideration, noting that, "I can't wait to welcome the wealthy parents of all our potential students to a private dinner at my second mansion."

## How to get to Third Base

**Harald Gormsson**

1. Head northeast on Euclid Avenue towards Mayfield Road.
2. Make a U-Turn on Mayfield Road.
3. Turn right onto MLK Jr Drive.
4. Continue onto Chester Avenue.
5. Turn right to merge onto I-90 W towards I-77.
6. Use the right two lanes to take the Interstate 77 S exit towards Akron.
7. Continue onto I-77 South.
8. Turn right onto Lakeview Avenue NW.
9. Turn right onto 3rd Street NW.
10. Continue onto Earl Road NW.
11. Turn left onto Carmont Avenue NW.
12. Continue straight onto 17th Street NW.
13. Turn right onto Main Avenue West.
14. Destination will be on the left.

# Thank You CWRU!



The polls are in! President Snyder was re-elected once again in a landslide victory!

But our work isn't finished yet. We will continue to fight on your behalf for donations, more buildings and higher rankings!

Paid for by Snyder for America

## U.S. ranked best in world for subway system

**Tejas Joshi**

ANAHEIM, CA—For the fourth consecutive year in a row, the International Tourism Board (ITB) ranked the U.S. as the country with the greatest Subway system in the world.

The report cited metrics such as friendliness of employees and cleanliness as those in which the United States handily outperformed other nations.

**“... Charleston, New York, Chicago, even Cleveland ...”**

A Korean tourist to the U.S. who was randomly surveyed by the ITB explained his surprise and delight with America's Subways: “Back home, the Subways are dirty and crowded, but the Subways here are in much better condition from city to city. I've been in

Charleston, New York, Chicago, even Cleveland and in each case they've been clean and spacious.” While munching on a succulent Sweet Onion Chicken Teriyaki, he helpfully added, “The restrooms are actually useable here!”

Samika Krishnan, the ITB secretary-general, explained that a key factor in the board's decision was the accessibility of Subways across America. “You can go into practically any city across the country and find a Subway nearby, perfect for busy people on the go!”

She also mentioned that while legal challenges, such as increased taxation in Cuba, forced other Subways across the globe underground, the U.S. did not share these issues. The unique American success truly allows the consumer to “have it your way!”

At press time, Krishnan had ducked into the nearest Subway and was picking up a zesty Meatball Marinara footlong with just enough time to make her evening commute.



# CWRU deceives prospies

## Sabanrab Bocaj

Current students at Case Western Reserve University have probably noticed the influx of prospective students and the continual campus tours for them and their families. Every walkway is almost constantly filled with varying group sizes lead by a backwards-walking tour guide commenting on all the best places to eat on campus, while a parent in the group eventually points out the wooden block pavement on Hessler street.

Undergraduates have no doubt noticed that certain things around campus are slightly altered when prospies visit, supposedly to make CWRU look more appealing to potential applicants and their tuition-paying legal guardians. The dining halls are revamped and the regular staff mysteriously swapped out. The caged beasts are relocated to the South Residential Village, and the basilisk is moved down into the steam tunnels. These changes have come to be expected; however, it appears the administration has implemented several new measures to mislead prospies.

Bon Appétit has started serving new cuisine at Leutner and Fribley, sampling dishes from five-star restaurants, specifically for prospies. The menus in the dining halls clearly indicate that this food is served regularly. The dishes include Wagyu steaks, lobster, Armand de Brignac Brut wine and

gold leaf gelato, to name a few. Also, a large sheet completely covers up The Den by Denny's when prospies are near.

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions recently instructed student tour guides to play down the amount of work required for certain majors. Course instructors received a memo informing them that they should tell prospies and their parents that there will be little to no homework, especially not in physics. All questions should be answered with some allusion to everybody's favorite teacher, so that prospies get the impression that they will enjoy every class. Additionally, the number of course credits required for engineering and nursing degrees have been truncated for reference in discussion.

Perhaps the most notable deception is due to the construction of a large dome over campus, paid for with the recent increase in tuition. The dome's design makes it nearly transparent from the outside, while a controlled atmosphere is visible from within. On days with inclement weather or cloudy skies, artificial lights and heaters will simulate sunshine and warm temperatures, just like in "The Truman Show." Now, when anyone asks how the weather is on campus, current students can tell their prospie counterparts, "It's pretty much like this all the time." When asked about her soon-to-be-obsolete weather machine, President Barbara R. Snyder declined to comment.

Students have reported other minor cases of misleading prospies, including insisting that the Tinkham Veale University Center is actually Thwing and that Grab-It is a reasonable lunch option. The administration is sure to have many more tricks up its collective sleeve, so the intrepid reporters at The Athenian will continue to shed light on the misdirection and misinformation convincing people to come to CWRU.

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# Abbreviations you thought you knew

## Jessica Chalas

ARA (American Rental Association) - Association of Redundant Associations  
CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) - Confiscating Decidedly Contaminated things  
CIA (Central Intelligence Agency) - Clinically Insane Assassins  
CWRU (Case Western Reserve University) - Crying With Remorseless Unhappiness  
FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation) - Fattening Breakfast Initiative (an FDA initiative)  
FDA (Food and Drug Administration) - Fattening Diet Adopters  
GMA (Good Morning America) - Grizzly Marauding Aardvarks  
NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) - Neurotic Association of Superfluous Airheads  
PE (Physical Education) - Perpetual Exhaustion  
RA (Resident Assistant) - Regulatory Attention-seeker  
RHA (Residence Hall Association) - Required Housing Apprentices  
S (Satisfactory) - Sustainable  
USA (United States of America) - Uncensored State of Anarchy  
USG (Undergraduate Student Government) - the Under-qualified Suck-ups Gang



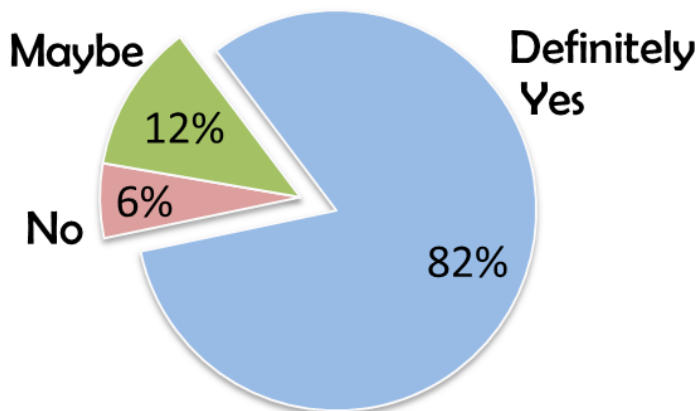
# Recent polls

Barnabas Brennan

## Athenian Approval Rating Skyrockets

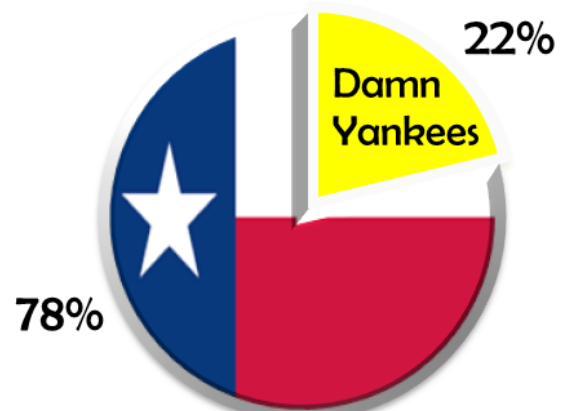


## People who believe 20% of women are witches



(data from 1692)

## Population of America supporting Texas succession



(data taken from outside KFC)

# New physics professor causes big buzz on campus

**Letty Dornfeld**

This semester, Case Western Reserve University welcomed Dr. Coleman Greg, a professor from New York City who specializes in gravitational waves. The Department of Physics was overjoyed to include an expert on gravitational waves in their team, and students got to know him for the first time when he taught the Introduction to Modern Physics class (PHYS 221).

In a survey based on the opinions of his students, some were mildly interested by how Dr. Greg taught, but many said they were quite annoyed. One junior said, "On our first day, he introduced us to Newton's Laws of Motion, but he did it with a PowerPoint that said, 'You Won't Believe The Rules This Guy Made!'"

The Athenian then decided to send an undercover reporter to one of his classes to see what all the fuss was about. Over the course of 35 minutes, the professor gave five lists of physics concepts (the third one would shock you!), each accompanied by a funny picture on the PowerPoint slide.

After the lecture, a quiz packet about the previous lecture was passed around. It was 15 questions long with only one question on each page, and the quiz was titled, "Can I Guess Your Grade with These 15 Physics Questions?"

None of the questions had anything to do with physics. One of the questions asked students to pick a fruit, and another question asked about the color of their hair.

As if this didn't make Greg look suspicious enough, The Athenian was approached by a graduate student named Sarah Hemingway who said that Greg stole her research on gravitational waves. Hemingway has always loved astrophysics and had once approached Greg asking to be one of his graduate students, sharing some data from research she conducted before. Greg rejected her application to be in his research group, forcing Hemingway to find luck elsewhere. However, Greg had kept the data

and used it in his award-winning discovery of gravitational waves last year.

By the time The Athenian brought this issue to the Dean, the Academic Integrity Board had already been investigating Greg's credibility. After looking through his Internet history, it was discovered that he had stolen half of his lectures from Reddit posts and all his photos from Twitter.

At press time, Greg had already cleaned out his office. When The Athenian approached Greg about his recent termination, all he said was, "Tell them that BuzzFeed will be paying me more than they did."

## "Free" items you're actually paying for

**Anastazia Vanisko**

*Shipping:* Seventy-two percent of the population spends \$32 more than they normally would to avoid paying \$7 for shipping.

*Clinton campaign stickers:* To receive a free sticker that will never actually arrive, supporters must donate \$5. On the plus side, the lack of a sticker means you won't be stuck with a visual reminder of your country's failure.

*UPBeats:* Your CWRU tuition paid for this free event, so you might as well go and take advantage of it.

*Ice cream:* As a meal replacement, what you save in money you gain in pounds.

*Conversation:* Bad conversation costs you entire minutes of your life. You'll never get those back.

*Samples at Costco:* You lose a little bit of your pride when you go up for your fifth sample of a burrito and the employee gives you the "I know this is your lunch" look.

# The Deceitful Tradition:

## Sources recommend parents take extra measures to keep new generation of kids believing in Santa Claus

**Justo Karell**

It's getting close to the most wonderful time of the year again. The time of wonderful, joyous sensations—spicy scents of nutmeg, clove and a fresh pine Christmas tree, the warmth of an open fire, kissing beneath some forsaken plant. The bliss of Christmas time is unmatched by any other holiday. However, the most wonderful time of the year would be nothing without the most wonderful crime of the year.

That is, brainwashing Christian children into believing there exists a Finnish drunkard from Lapland who domesticates reindeer and enslaves proletariat members with growth deficiencies in order to send material goods to seemingly pious households across the globe, all while dressed as a Canadian Supreme Court Justice. A recent Pew Poll has reported that parents across the globe are finding it increasingly difficult to continue deceiving their kids into believing in Santa. Other studies agree, showing an increase in the number of Google searches asking, "Does Santa Claus Exist?" by Google accounts of users less than nine years old.

**"... spicy scents of nutmeg,  
clove and a fresh pine  
Christmas tree ..."**

Hiding gifts in the closet and making secret trips to the mall are no longer enough to maintain this seasonal tradition of deceit. Children nowadays are gaining access to the internet at earlier ages. As a result, families all across the nation are seeing drastic losses in faith, both in humanity and in their religion. They are now forced to adopt more advanced methods of hiding gifts and reality.

Many parents are enrolling in online Software Development courses on websites like Coursera. HTML 5 has now become a staple for any parent who wants

to pay the owner of a website to temporarily change texts that reveal Santa Claus' inexistence. Others are storing their gifts in local storage units. Many parenting magazines suggest that parents block Q&A websites, such as Quora, Yahoo! Answers and Stack Exchange.

WebMD suggests that those parents with scientifically inclined children should temporarily hide textbooks that teach them to think critically, so that they do not come to any conclusions about Santa on their own. For example, if every Christian household leaves cookies out for Santa, and Santa takes one bite of each cookie, then he should be either much fatter or constantly excreting. Germanic and Scandinavian folklore do not include anything about a toilet in his sleigh.

Children are beginning to think critically and make their own decisions about what they believe. As a result, nobody can say what dangers lie ahead for parents of seemingly devout children.





# Hidden surveillance rectifies the vagueness of CWRU security alerts

**Riddhi Patel**

It's a normal Wednesday; classes have ended and I'm on my way back from the Quad heading home. Suddenly my phone beeps, a notification. What could it be? An email. From CWRU Alert. What happened this early on a regular hump day?

My eyes scan the email looking specifically at the location—the most important aspect of the email. I need to figure out how quickly I should evacuate my current location. First line of the email says something that makes my heart calm—location of incident: off campus. I breathe. However my eyes scan the page, going down the email and seeing the actual given address of the location. It's Euclid Avenue and Ford. That sounds on-campus to me.

The email has some pretty vague situational factors and descriptions. After the location of the event, the time of the event was given: 4:07 p.m. Just 23 minutes ago—a recent situation. Next comes the description of the incident. The typical robber after a cell phone. Except it was an incident that resulted in the student getting injured—tripping while trying to get away. After that was the description of the suspects. Juveniles in their late teens wearing hoods. Maybe brandishing a handgun or some other weapon. How come it always says maybe? Suspects fled on foot. The usual.

Who are these culprits, and what is the truth?

I decided to take matters into my own hands and set up undercover surveillance at these security alert hotspots. This is a necessary evil in order to determine what is not being reported in these alerts.

The first day of surveillance was quiet. Just a few people walking around in suspect attire (hoodies). Maybe the campus should ban them in order to prevent students from mistaking other students for people who will rob them. Maybe all students should be required to wear backpacks to prevent that same mistake.

The second day was a little more successful. Some suspicious people without backpacks were spotted around Constantino's. They were also wearing hoodies. However it turns out they were just kids buying candy from the store. Why they would pick Constantino's to buy 20 pieces of candy for \$6 I cannot fathom. But to each their own.

The next few days were again quiet. The real prize footage was found on Friday. A student was spotted walking by Constantino's when, across the street, two juveniles in hoodies without backpacks were also spotted. They crossed the

street and soon were next to the student, who began to walk faster. Their paths crossed, and the juveniles reached into their pockets and pulled out not a handgun, but a speaker. One of the juveniles started to dab, but before he could commence his dance the student booked it. All he wanted to do was dance. Just a couple of kids trying to show off their smooth moves to the younger generation.

The corresponding security alert for this innocent event came 27 minutes later. Location of the incident said, again, off campus—but it was not. The incident description stated that a student was almost robbed by two juveniles—one who may have been brandishing a handgun. They were described as being 15-27 years of age and 5'5 and 6'2. Also, they weighed between 120-180 lbs.

How many other security alerts were actually neighborhood kids trying to teach CWRU students how to dance? By my estimation, 100 percent.

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## Food marketing finds ways to increase product prices

**Jessica Chalas**

The FDA recently approved the introduction of gluten-free apples, broccoli florets, turkey slices and rice puffs in grocery stores near you. They report their continued dedication to the production of gluten-free items, as well as their goal to have all fruits, vegetables, nuts and meats labeled gluten-free by 2017.

Restaurant chains across the nation are now serving small, medium and large pizzas cut into 16 slices, a 100 percent increase over the usual eight.

Bottled air collected from the purified valleys of Colorado is being sold at a price of 120 yuan (or 20 U.S. dollars) across China. Weight-loss programs are urging dieters to substitute one daily meal with this zero-calorie health food, now available at your local Chinese market.

Nutrient-dense foods of just one ingredient—primarily known as “organic” fruits, vegetables and nuts—are often cited as “most likely to break the bank.” Case Western Reserve University's economics department heralded a decade-long study investigating this correlation between an “organic” label and a higher price with full-proof logic assessments. Their findings, released last month, support recent price increases on all one-ingredient foods, including dry rice, beans and oats.

# Quick and easy college recipes

Amanda Lawrence

## Sweet and Sour Chicken

Add sour gummi worms to chicken. Microwave if you want it to be extra gooey.



## Beer Bread

Stick a piece of bread over a bottle with the word "beer" on it. It doesn't even have to be open!

## Mite Cheese

This French delicacy—cheese aged with maggots—is easy to replicate on a college budget! Insert gummi worms into a cheese of your choice, then let sit for several months.



## Last-Minute Lasagna

Meant for the absolute last minute. Grab whatever you have in terms of pasta, cheese and tomato sauce and throw it on a plate. Then, voila! It's done!



# Five activities that officially confer adult status

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## 1. Cook actual food

Judging by how many times you get woken up at 2 o'clock in the goddamn morning because some cheese wedge down the hall forgot to put water in his literally already-made noodles, it's clear that cooking is a domain best left to proper adults. I don't mean reheated leftovers or frozen waffles, either. If you've successfully managed to cook an actual meal that included confusing instructions like non-exact cooking times and "spice to taste," all without sending your entire building into the cold, unforgiving Cleveland morning/afternoon/evening/always, then you're more adult than most.

## 2. Talk about investing

Truly, things like "saving money" and "bankrupting the country with unsustainable investing practices" cannot be trusted to mere students. If you can manage to have a conversation about retirement planning or investing in various IPO, you won't be an adult, but you will have

people think you're an adult. Once people think you're an adult, just invest in whatever they tell you to and that investing will bestow upon you the adulthood you so crave. Nobody actually knows what's going on in the stock market; they just listen to the people who are brave enough to lie about it to their faces.

## 3. Learn the humor

Sorry ladies and gents, but potty humor isn't going to get you through your 40s. If you really want to be an adult, you need to learn how to make truly awful jokes. You know, Dad Jokes. Things like "Hi Thirsty, I'm Dad!" or "It won't sprout legs and walk itself to the dishwasher." Simply tell one of these jokes, and you're officially an adult. Go build a deck and have fun not telling jokes about butts, you contributing member of society, you.

## 4. Drink alcohol "for the taste"

For those non-adults over 21, you probably put all sorts of nonsense in your drinks to avoid actually tasting the alcohol. Have you ever been to a winery? Of course not, because they don't let you add grape Kool-aid to help wash it down. Adults, however, apparently like how it tastes and drink alcohol because it offers a "different kind of flavor experience than anything else." If you can understand that, you gain adult status. You lose, however, the ability to add Coca-Cola to vodka or whatever nasty thing you do to convince yourself that you totally like alcohol.

## 5. Stop caring about what stupid college students tell you about being an adult

Like in high school, the best way to show your status is to not care about what other people think. By even reading this article, you have proven beyond the shadow of doubt that you aren't ready. So go enjoy your responsibility-free lifestyle and full-time loafing, but when you're ready to hate your job and make Mac and Cheese that isn't Easy Mac, you'll know where to go. Not here, obviously, but you'll know.

## Corrections: Student Life

We apologize for an article on Friday about the recently departed sorority Kappa Alpha Sigma, which stated that their house would be closed on Dec. 2, after which they would be dearly missed. Our sources confirmed they would not be missed.

We also apologize for our correction in the previous issue which was, on review, incorrect. Provost William A. "Bud" Baeslack III is, in fact, a vital member of the administrative team (and a generous donor to student publications).



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