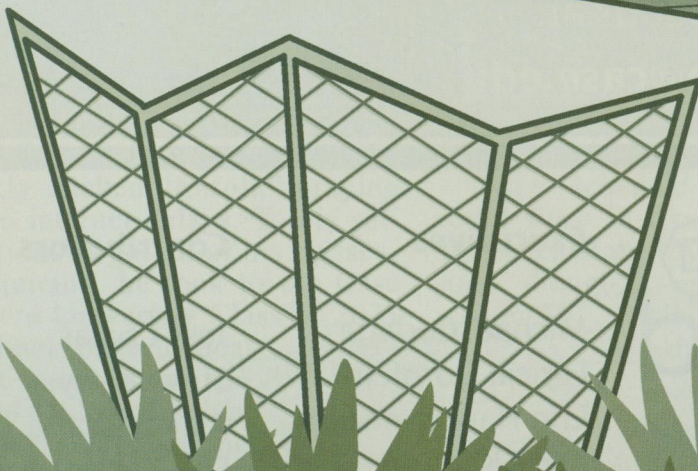
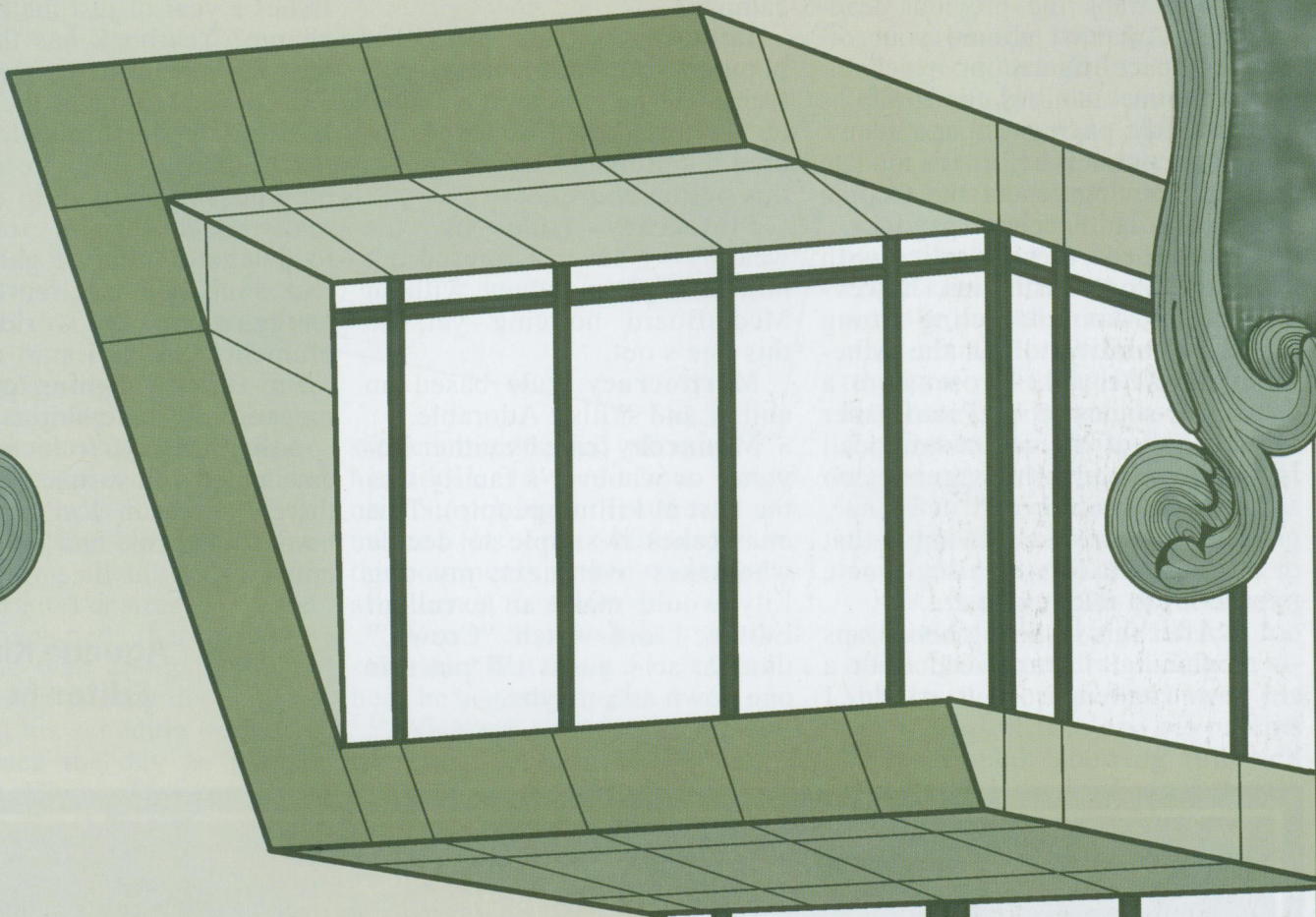
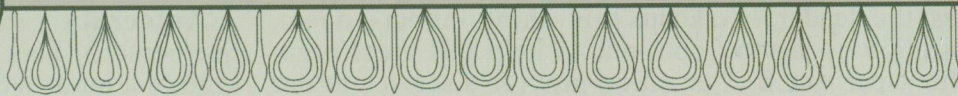


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THE NEED-AWARE ISSUE

# Editor's Note

Taking over as the leader of a student organization is never easy. You have to clear out the booby traps the previous leader has planted around your office space, figure out which local crime families the group is currently paying off and renew those contracts before it's too late and even figure out the Google Groups and Facebook page.

I cleared these hurdles with only minor casualties, however, and was left feeling strong in my ability to run the Athenian. After all, I rose from a single-semester Proofreader to head of the organization all while shotgunning baguettes on my semester abroad in France. Not that I would ever imply that I stooped to less-than-legitimate tactics to rise to power...

After this inspiring bootstraps beginning, I was faced with a new challenge: how would I

keep this thing afloat—ahem, continue to help this great organization provide a service to our campus?

**Democracy** (rule by either popular vote or electoral college): Given where it's ended up for the United States, I figured it's probably safer to avoid this option entirely.

**Plutocracy** (rule by the wealthy): I haven't figured out how to siphon money without MediaBoard noticing yet, so this one's out.

**Meritocracy** (rule based on ability and skills): Adorable.

**Monarchy** (rule by either Beyoncé or whoever's family was the best at killing people): This one makes it simple to decide who takes over next; my dog Lily would make an excellent Editor. I did watch "Crown," though, so I guess I'll put this one down as a maybe.

**Autocracy** (absolute rule by one person): This one seems like kind of a lot of work. I mean, six issues a year of just me being in charge? Yearbook has the right idea with their one thing a year.

In the end, none of these really fit my leadership style.

I'm more of a "write it down on a post-it, and I'll do it eventually because I'm too lazy to delegate" kind of gal, and I just don't see that represented enough among the world's governments. So, as I start as Editor-in-Chief I'm going to implement a new leadership style.

**Atheniocracy** (rule by procrastinated Post-its): Because there's a reason I'm running a humor magazine and not a government.

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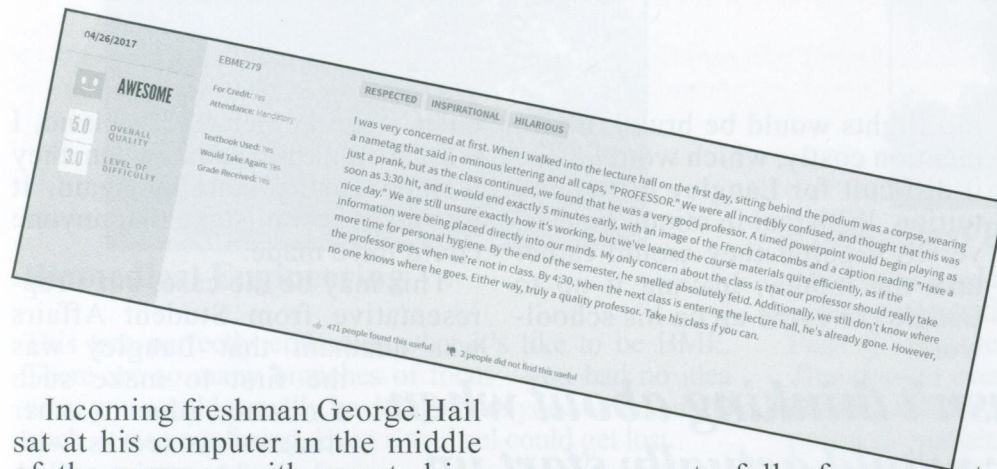
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# CWRU freshman signs up for classes without checking Rate My Professors

Erin Hartmann



Incoming freshman George Hail sat at his computer in the middle of the summer with sweat dripping down his face. His finger on the mouse, he was ready to click “Finish Enrolling” in SIS in the hope of getting all the classes he (and his parents) desired. With the ethernet connected, there was no way anyone was going to get in the way of him getting his classes. He had had his schedule perfectly planned since the day he gained SIS access. He would never have to wake up for 8:15 a.m. classes, and he’d have a clear block of time between classes for a long lunch.

With just one minute until enrollment time, he took deep breaths, meditating with his eyes closed and counting down in his head. The moment came, and he quickly clicked “Enroll,” praying for no internet delays. To his satisfaction, he got all of his classes.

Rejoicing, he took to the Case Western University Class of 2021 Facebook page to boast about his success. He posted his schedule on the page, encouraging fellow students to comment on his post. Notifications came flowing onto his phone and he rushed to check what others said, hoping to

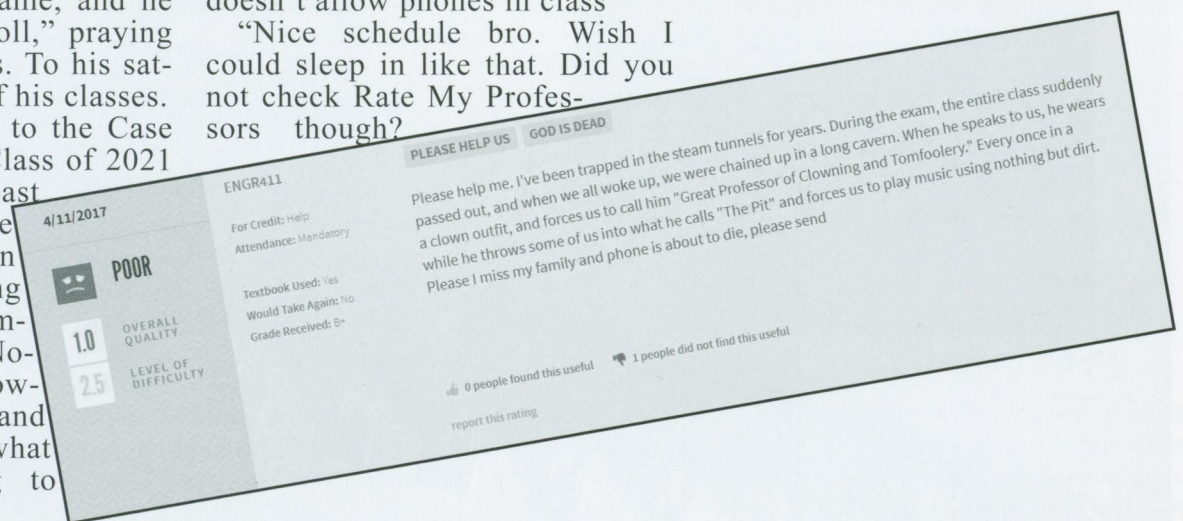
see comments full of envy at his ideal, 13-credit-hour schedule. Surprisingly, reactions were mixed. His eyes skimmed down the comments as his smile gradually turned to a frown.

“Wow! So jealous of your schedule! But Professor Baker... I hear he’s super tough...”

“Wish my schedule could look like this...#pre-med life. Looks like we have SAGES first seminar together though. Professor Malley assigns super long essays and grades really hard, but his class was the only one I was able to fit in my schedule. RIP to our first semester GPAs lol”

“Bio with Gates, yikes. She doesn’t allow phones in class”

“Nice schedule bro. Wish I could sleep in like that. Did you not check Rate My Professors though?”



You have like the worst teachers....good luck dude.”

Upon reading the last comment, his eyes grew wide and he sunk down in his chair. Tears welled up in his eyes as he realized his future classmate was right. How could he have forgotten to check Rate My Professors after all of the hard work he put into his freshman year class plan? His excitement turned to regret. With half the summer left, how was he supposed to look forward to going to college knowing he made such a monumental mistake that could cost him his happiness? A huge cloud hung over him as he sulked upstairs to his room. He told his parents what happened, wondering if it was too late to switch and attend the University of Florida. He buried his head in his pillow, and his parents slyly grinned, knowing full well that he had received tough teachers.

“Aren’t you glad we checked Rate My Professors when we helped him fill his schedule?” whispered his father as he followed his wife back downstairs, leaving their child in angst.

# Incoming senior books vacation through first days of classes

Jess Chalas

After 3 full years of normal college attendance, incoming senior Richard Langley has done what no CWRU student has done before: he overlooked the first day of classes and booked a vacation instead.

Langley was enjoying his third week in Peru when he received a phone call from a friend who had slowly begun to notice Langley's pattern of absence (how good of a "friend" this caller was could not be ascertained, but they did wish to remain anonymous).

Despite the shock, Langley decided he would wait until his vacation was complete before heading back to Cleveland. After some conversations with various teachers and the Office of Student Affairs, administrative staff agreed to permit Langley's absence, as he had booked an all-inclusive resort, including airfare, from the beginning of August until mid-October. Chang-

ing flights would be brutal, not to mention costly, which would make it difficult for Langley to pay fall tuition. With that in mind, the University figured they would rather take the money, leaving it up to Langley to catch up on his schoolwork.

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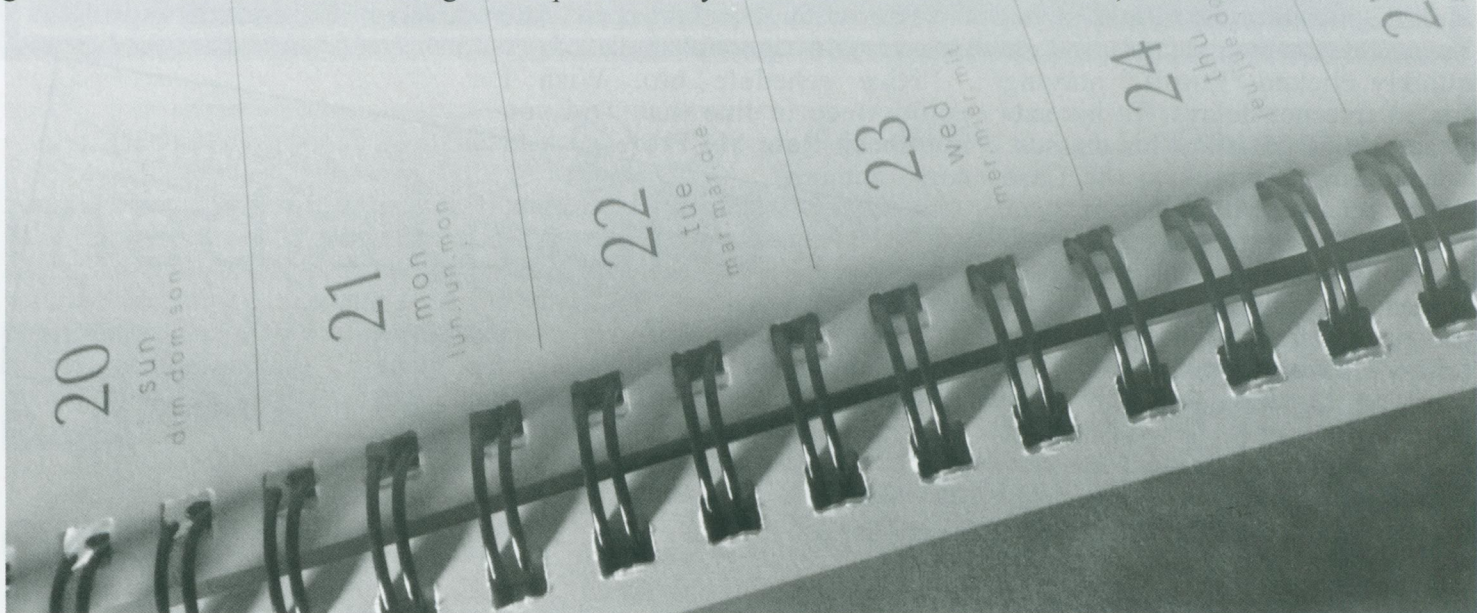
A brief Skype call with Langley—whose phone was getting four gigabytes even on the beach—revealed that Langley had simply been too excited about his plans to consider when classes were scheduled to start.

"I knew classes weren't going on when I left for Peru," said Langley before pausing to take a sip of the icy drink in his lawn

chair's cup holder. "So heck no, I wasn't thinking about when they would actually start up again. It was an honest mistake that anyone could have made."

This may be the case, but a representative from Student Affairs was adamant that Langley was the first to make such a mistake (due to other students' concerns with relatively strict GPA requirements) and that the University certainly does not recommend that others follow in his footsteps.

To avoid this mistake, a new CWRU app is set to come out in early December to remind students when to come back from their holidays. It will be equipped with mandatory alarms as far as one week in advance to allow time for travel and will include functionality for all breaks throughout the school year. More information on the app, "Come Back to CWRU!," to follow.



# The majors as campus trees

Sabanrab Bocaj



## Biomedical Engineering

This tree perfectly embodies what it's like to be BME. There are so many branches of focus—you had no idea what you would actually be doing when you started on the track. It's so confusing. Even a squirrel could get lost.



## Undeclared Majors

Look at this frickin' tree in the middle of the sidewalk/road. What does it think it's doing? It isn't a pedestrian or a bicycle or a car. This tree is completely clueless, much like undeclared majors in their freshman or sophomore year (or, God forbid, junior year).



## Nursing

Just like a CWRU Nursing student, this tree is totally toppled over. Having been worked to its limit doing coursework and clinicals, this tree no longer finds respite in drinking coffee. It has seen enough bodily fluids to remain unfazed by even the goriest of horror flicks.



## Mechanical Engineering

This tree is used to bending over backwards, just like marketing students do every semester. Just getting to class in Peter B. Lewis requires some fantastic contortion abilities. That doesn't even account for crunching numbers in economics and convincing others—and yourself—that your potential product is worth the cost.



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## Art

This tree is surrounded by a beautiful flower garden. It has a great aesthetic, but it's overshadowed by all the bigger trees around it. Some people might contend that it's just a bush, while others aren't even aware of its existence. CWRU art students, similarly, get lost in the forest of STEM majors.

# Study reveals the true cause of rising college costs

Jess Chalas

College freshmen are notorious for unknowingly buying much more than is necessary for their first year. The rest of the student body just buys way too much on principle. Either way, CWRU students are anxiously awaiting those Wal-Mart deals—from books to lamps to alarm clocks (on which the snooze button must work properly). Despite the fact that Wal-Mart and other such supermarkets cater to students in grades K through 12, the main consumers are, year after year, college students.

“It’s the nostalgia, I think,” says senior Layla Cito. “I just love the little notebooks and pencil cases and sharpeners and glue sticks!”

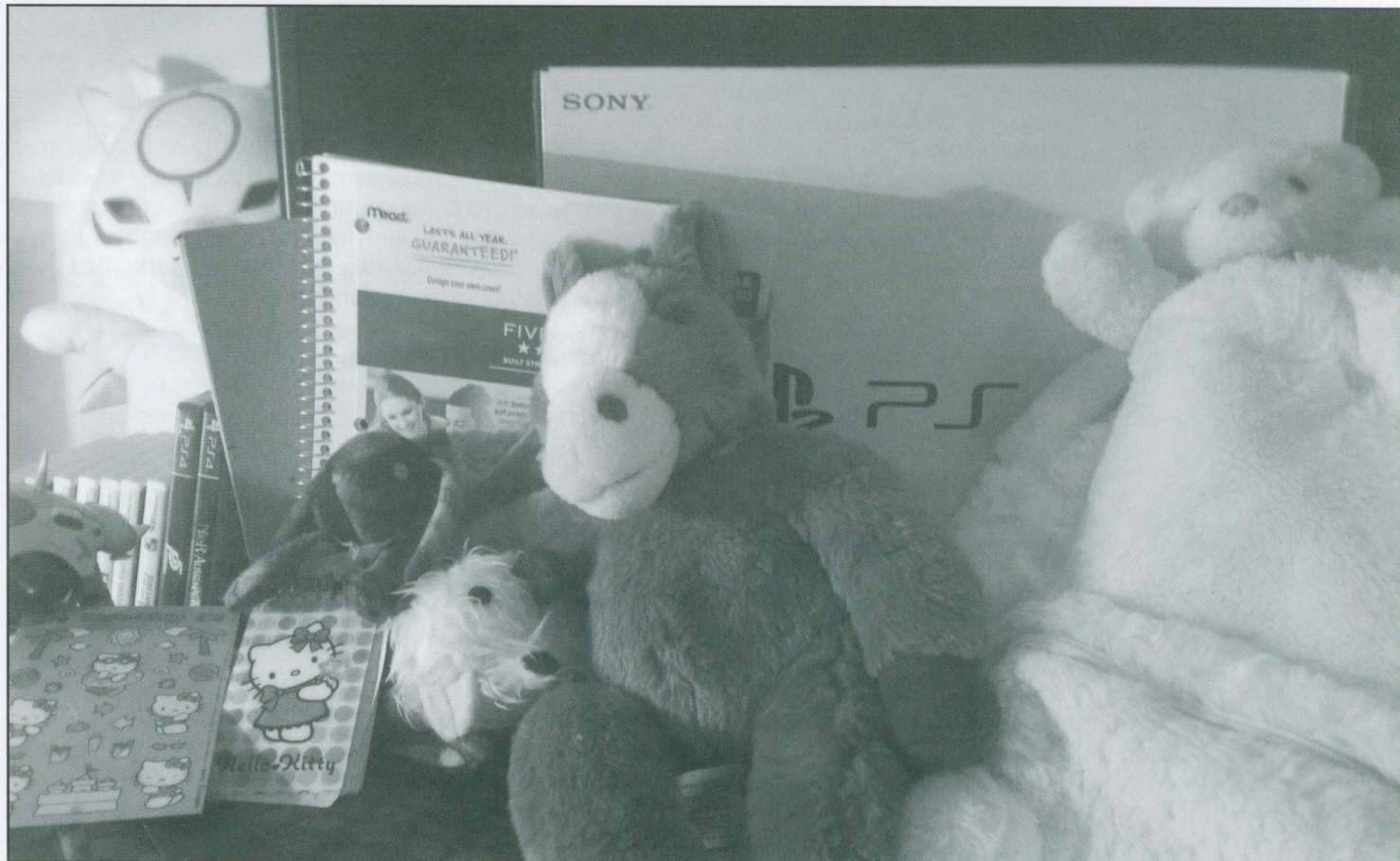
Longing to relive their younger years with the addition of their newfound freedom, college students can’t

get enough of the My Little Pony folders and Superman lunchboxes. Moreover, with dorm room living comes the reappearance of polka dot pajamas, giant beanbag chairs and stuffed animals—from puppies to dolphins to penguins, oh my.

In fact, employees over at the Office of University Financial Aid have noticed the increase in spending on these “luxury” items and have, accordingly, increased the estimated allowance for the “Other” category of the college cost breakdown. Discussion on this topic arose after the recent release of a four-year study on college spending. The researchers discovered that over 80 percent of college costs were geared toward school supplies (predominantly book bags, computers, notebooks/planners

and multi-colored pens). Follow-up surveys showed that—although the computers were put to good use—the backpacks had been replaced by purses and/or pockets, the notebooks had been recycled and the pens had disappeared altogether.

It is a common myth that college costs go up every year due to increases in tuition. Recent studies have put this theory to rest, showing that nearly all increases are due to students’ rising demand for supplies they likely don’t need and often won’t use. Financial aid officials across the country are now urging company suppliers to “eliminate the cute characters, choose blander colors and incorporate duller designs,” to decrease spending (and complaint emails from students regarding college costs).



# National Spelling Bee adopts inclusivity guidelines

Steve Kirby

Following complaints by concerned parents, participants and activist groups, the E. W. Scripps Company has accepted revisions to the National Spelling Bee rulebook to expand the correct spellings of any given word by a startling amount. In a statement, Scripps president Kenneth M. Lowe relayed that the new rules “ensure that all participants feel included in the fun and that all possible spellings are accepted.”

Last year, controversy erupted during a regional bee when Annabelle Maples of Virginia was disqualified for misspelling the word “maneuver.” Hundreds of gasps rang out when Maples shouted “MANEUVER! M-A-N-O-E-U-V-R-E! MANEUVER!” The panel of judges unanimously decided that the British spelling was not accept-

able, and immediately fistfights broke out between Maples, other contestants and Maples’ parents.

An ambassador from the UK, Sir David Curron, lodged an official complaint with Scripps, beginning the long amendment process.

“The language is called English, after all,” he quipped.

During special committee proceedings, several independent experts pointed out that the proper spellings of many words do not exist on a strict binary, and that dividing all spellings into American and English variations is oppressive to Canadians, New Zealanders and Liberians. After some deliberation, the judges accepted the experts’ suggestions, noting that “the individuality and rights of each participant, and each culture, must be preserved.”

The final amendment reads that “Each speller may, upon delivering their spelling, request that their submission be judged on the Appleton Spelling Spectrum.” All judges in the Spelling Arbiter’s Society for Spelling were asked to pledge to uphold the new amendment, prompting several judges to resign in protest.

“It is simply ludicrous that M-A-N-O-O-V-R-E and M-U-N-E-U-V-E-R will be accepted as correct spellings,” confided Jay Soren, former associate chief judge. “This is the antithesis of all the Bee stands for.”

Representatives from the Bee were invaluable for comment, but said that further complaints, suggestions and threats should be sent to 180 West Boulevard, Columbus, MN.

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## Have low textbook costs? Don’t talk about it.

Sarah Parr

Sometimes deep regret can stem from is a seemingly innocent, yet braggadocious, Facebook post.

That is one of the things Charity Hope, a rising sophomore who recently declared a triple major in English, Art and History, learned over this summer.

Caught up in the moment of shopping for novels, paints and sourcebooks, Hope couldn’t help but post along with a screenshot of her Amazon “recently purchased” list, “Love my majors, and love these PRICES! #blessed #lovemy-life #bringitonCWRU.”

This status update probably pleased Hope’s parents (maybe in

some ways more than others) but definitely did not go over well with the STEM students on Hope’s Facebook friend list. Some say that “jealousy” is what plagued them while others hypothesize that what they really felt was a “sense of superiority and entitled accomplishment that actually hurts them deep inside.”

Hope has been receiving lots of hate emails and threatening messages calling her out on her “impulsive,” “privileged” and “insensitive” Facebook post.

Joe Greene, rising senior biochemical engineering major (and former friend to Hope), was one of

the students who sent her a threatening message.

“Look, I don’t care what humanities majors study, but they will never understand my wallet’s pain from paying \$2000 for one semester’s worth of organic chemistry, calculus and engineering textbooks,” Greene said.

“I just want these people to know that shopping for my majors’ semester’s materials is not as easy as they think,” Hope said. “Sometimes the novels we need to buy aren’t on Amazon and we have to pay full price at the bookstore.”

# The Athenian found the Reddit user behind the microscope meme

Leticia Dornfeld

The Reddit user “LukeShitwalker” first shared the meme last week of a woman looking at a copy of The Athenian under a microscope to find derogatory phrases such as “pointless MadLibs” and “Babs.”

As a university-sponsored magazine that has built a sizeable audience over seventeen years, we know exactly how much of a threat an anonymous person on the Internet making a silly joke can pose to us. Because we treat mean words and criticism as if they are acts of violence against us, we decided to find the identity of the poster based on his other Reddit posts.

We attempted to contact LukeShitwalker through email and phone, but he did not respond. The next day, LukeShitwalker posted his apology onto /r/CWRU and deleted all of his other posts.

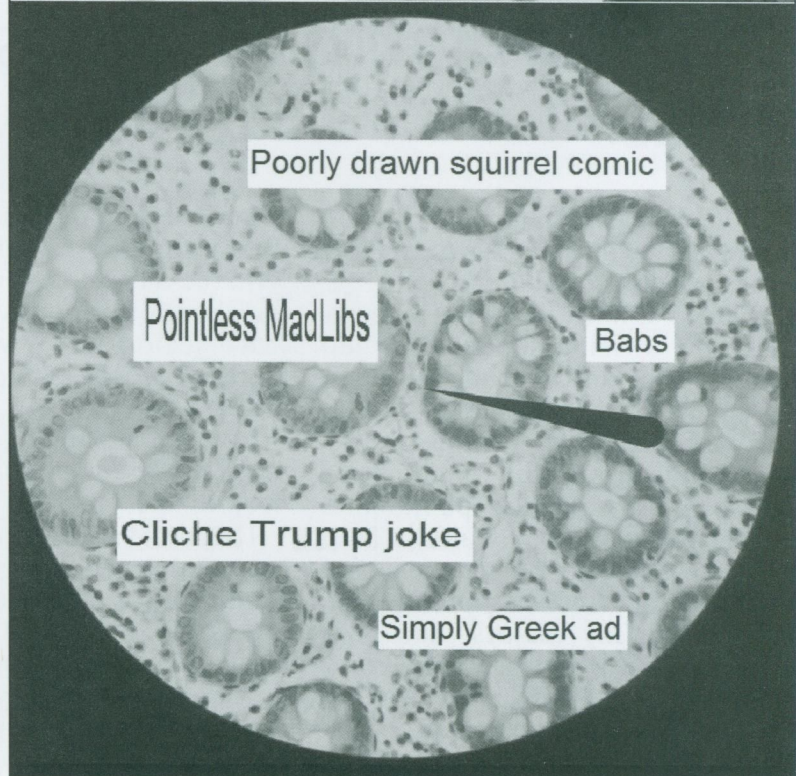
He then called The Athenian and confirmed his identity. In the interview, LukeShitwalker sounded nervous about his identity being revealed and asked not to be named out of fear for his safety and that of his family.

The Athenian chose not to post his name on the conditions that he would issue an extensive statement of apology, take down all of his posts that hurt our precious feelings and promise that he would not post any opinions that are against those of The Athenian ever again.

The Athenian reserves the right to publish his identity should any of that change.

In his apology on Reddit, LukeShitwalker sent a message to his fellow anonymous posters:

“to people wHo troll on the intErnet for fun, pLease consider your words and actions conveyed in your Posts and who it Might upsEt or anger,” he wrote. “puT yourself in tHEir shoes before You post iT. if you Have a pRoBlEm with trolling it is An addicTion just likE aNy othEr aDdicTiOn someone can have to something and don’t be embarrassed to asK for help. trolling is nothing more than buLLying a Massive audience. don’t feed Your own self-worth based upon inflicting suFFering upon Another Man or woman onlIne just because you are behind a Lot of keYboards.”





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# Student orgs follow university's lead, become need-aware

Nita Ware

Leticia Dornfeld

After the implementation of Case Western Reserve University's controversial "Meet Full Greed" policy, many students expressed disappointment with the institution. Public opinion has shifted over the summer, as student organization leaders had time to process the policy and dig into their own families' financial situations.

On July 10, representative leaders from many campus organizations met over Google Hangouts to discuss the change to CWRU's admissions policy. Despite early judgements of the new policy, all present agreed that it would actually increase diversity on campus considerably: The number of students with diversified stock portfolios is expected to rise immensely.

"Plus, current students are already in, so why worry about whether we would have been admitted under the new policy?" a USG officer noted.

However, leaders are concerned that the change in campus popula-

tion may not translate to student group budgets. Thus, they voted unanimously to adopt a need-aware policy for student organizations to mirror that of the university. Unfortunately, the University Diversity Collaborative representative was unable to vote on this due to not being invited to the meeting.

Implementation of the decision will vary based on organization. Some groups plan to increase membership fees, while others simply want to choose wealthier members to eliminate all those awkward conversations when poor members object to expensive activities. According to the captain of one of CWRU's intramural sports teams, making this change will allow organizations to do "so much more cool stuff."

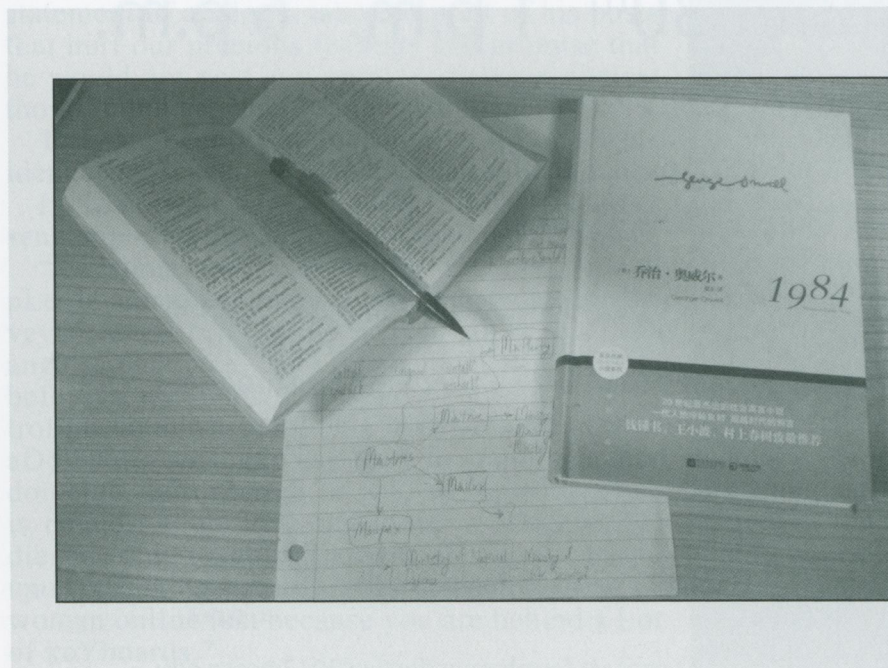
Following this meeting, USG has revised its previous referendum on the "Meet Full Greed" policy. Where it originally demanded the release of statistics on each admit-

ted class, it now demands the release of statistics on each member of the admitted class.

While the University will only consider need for 10% of each admitted class (that 10% being chosen Hunger Games-style by President Barbara Snyder in an Effie Trinket costume), USG is collecting information on all accepted students. University Admissions staff have expressed excitement over this development. Student organizations scurrying to recruit the wealthiest students through any means necessary will considerably bolster university outreach, they feel.

Throughout the meeting of student leaders, Greek Life representatives had largely remained silent.

"Honestly it's about time the rest of the orgs caught on," says an Interfraternity Congress official. "Greek Life is literally so far ahead in this, we have a 'legacy' category just for kids whose families we already know have dough."



## Leticia Dornfeld

The first prize in the Athenian Summer of 2017 Photo Contest goes to Bob Johnson, who spent his summer studying a Chinese translation of George Orwell's "1984" that was bought in mainland China. As he started learning written Chinese last semester, his goal was to compare the Chinese version to the English version to see if any significant revisions had been made. Unfortunately, Johnson had started suffering from studying-related migraines halfway through June and had to give up, but we still commend his effort.

# CWRU socialite attends two parties in one month

Campus marvels at how impressive and social this student is

Paul Palumbo

They said it couldn't be done. They said nobody could have the time, nobody could have the stamina, nobody had the determination. This week, Jackson Jason proved them wrong. Jason has made CWRU history by being the only student to ever attend two parties in one month. He participated in his second party of the month yesterday, proving once and for all who is the most social person on campus.

"Well first, I just want to thank all the people who supported me," said Jason, returning from his legendary second social event of the month. "My friends, my roommates, the people who kept inviting me to parties without actual-

ly expecting me to attend. This wouldn't be possible without any of you. This was a team effort."

When asked why he felt compelled to be so extraordinarily social, Jackson was at a loss for answers.

"I don't really know, you know?" he said. "Like, I was looking out the window yesterday and just thought, 'I'm gonna do it.' And then I did it. It was, like, just an impulse thing, you know? I can't say I love parties, but I guess I gotta like them more than other people probably."

"Here's one thing I know for sure," stated Jason with an uncharacteristic intensity as he grabbed the microphone and put it right up to his mouth. "This title is mine, and I will

do everything that I need to defend it. If anybody thinks they're going to three parties in a month, or, dare I say, four, they'd better be prepared, because I'm not going down without a fight." He then proceeded to drop the expensive, fragile microphone on the floor. "It's, like, it's just a thing, man, you know?" he added.

Only time will tell whether any student can surpass the social butterfly that Jackson Jason has become after years of cocooning up in his room. Several students have already made statements announcing their intention to beat this new record, though whether the CWRU party scene can sustain such action remains to be seen.

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## CWRU wants you to put the "I" in "iClicker"

Sarah Parr

The mark of a dedicated student whose eyes are set on success is the amount of money they are willing to invest in their education. Faculty and employees at Case Western Reserve University know this well. For this reason, the University Bookstore decided to raise the price of iClickers to \$3500 per unit for this upcoming school year.

Angel Henderson, Director of Bookstore Operations, says that iClickers are an important investment, and CWRU students typically use them "so much that those little multiple-choice boxes end up paying for themselves, by the time graduation rolls around." Henderson attributes that heavy iClicker usage

to the "40 or more credit hours that some students take every semester."

"One of the goals of this new price is to really encourage our students to take proud ownership of their college experiences, especially academic ones," said Henderson. "We want CWRU students to put the 'I' in 'iClicker.'"

Every year, more CWRU faculty decide to use iClickers in their classes, so you'd best buy one as soon as you can before the price increases again ever so slightly for the 2018-2019 school year.

Billium Taesich, U.S. Department of Education representative, thinks that iClickers are changing the education game and should be treated

accordingly.

Taesich pointed out that whether a student is studying engineering, psychology or business, there is a good chance that they will take a few lectures that require an iClicker. This is just another great part of becoming an iClicker user: students majoring in different fields find common ground.

"iClickers enhance the classroom experience: they enable hundreds of students to contribute their thoughts at once and earn participation credit without taking more than a couple of minutes," Taesich gushed. "Besides, how else are your professors going to trust that you aren't skipping their classes?"

# CONSTRUCTION

## Shocking! CWRU announces delays in Clarke Hall construction

Paul Palumbo

Last month, CWRU made the announcement that construction outside of Clarke Hall would be completed by August 27. Students would no longer have to dodge fences or walk on dirt, as they have been forced to do for so long. It would usher in a new age, one of slightly more convenient walking paths and fewer eyesores ruining a walk to class.

Instead of finally being finished, however, the construction has seemingly grown like a moss. It now extends across Bellflower, right up to the doors of the Peter B. Lewis building. The entire area is fenced off, forcing students to walk around PBL in order to get to class. More workers, more machines and more dirt now fill the space where students had hoped to walk while weather was still bearable enough to do so.

As expected, students are concerned by what this new development could mean.

“Did something go wrong?

Will it keep spreading? Is it a newly discovered bacterium?” asked freshman Jessica Jess. “I’m worried it might grow even more and take over the rest of Mather Quad. The whole area is going to turn into one big

changed, plans need to be modified. The ghost of Peter B. Lewis told us he wants antlers on his building now, and who am I to argue? I don’t want to get haunted.” The woman then paused for a brief moment before

continuing. “Not that I believe in ghosts, obviously. I’m just as clueless as everybody else. That’s, uh, just what I heard.”

Students have begun crowdfunding the creation of several underground tunnels that would lead directly from dorms to class

buildings, and the project has already reached an astonishing \$17.28. From college students, this is a staggering sum, and shows just how *seriously sick of this construction* all of us are.

***“The ghost of Peter B. Lewis told us he wants antlers on his building now, and who am I to argue? I don’t want to get haunted.”***

quarantine zone!”

“It’s not like that at all,” said an anonymous representative from the construction company, who had oddly chosen to wear a lab coat rather than the standard construction garb. “This is all just standard practice for maintaining such a large collection of buildings. Things need to be



# Recent survey shows majority of Webkinz users are college students

Erin Hartmann

A new study done by toy company Ganz—creator of the famous and overpriced stuffed animal toys that unlock an online world—recently revealed that 64 percent of users are 10 years older than the target audience. To come to their conclusion, website coordinators updated the weekly survey, providing users an opportunity to select an option from a range of ages. After submitting their responses, users received a reward of 50 KinzCash and a boost of Happiness (an in-game metric) as compensation. To the dismay of the executives, well over half of the responses fell within the 18-24 age category.

An Athenian member took to the streets of the quad to get to the bottom of this revived Webkinz craze. Here's what CWRU had to say:

“This stuff was popular when we were kids. It reminds us of a simpler time without organic chemistry standing in the way of a relaxing weekend.” -Junior Emily L.

“It gives us a way to compete with each other in a safe, sportsmanlike manner. It keeps us off the streets.” -Senior football player Mike P.

“What's more thrilling than spinning the Wheel of Wow?” -Junior Blake G.

“We just, like, look for things to do in class on our computers since we can have them out” -Sophomore Mikayla C.

“I set weekly goals of collecting more kinzcash than my friends and collecting all gems in the Curio Shop mine. It's extremely satisfying.” -A young faculty member who wishes to remain anonymous

“It took me a while to remember my password but once I did, it was like re-entering the gates of my favorite childhood candy shop.” -Sophomore Jessica K.

Executives have reasoned that the massive decline in Webkinz plush sales is due to this overwhelming amount of older users, who are in it for the online grind, not the plush animals.

“College students don't have money to spend on new Webkinz animals,” said the Webkinz design manager. “They log in for the first time in years and do what they can on the website. We are just glad there are still kids out there keeping the Webkinz legacy alive.”



# Four Tupperware lids lost in soccer mom stampede on new Container Store

Alaina Lisanti

When esteemed retailer The Container Store opened its latest Cleveland area location this past Saturday morning, excitement buzzed throughout the whole neighborhood.

Opening day brought in many customers looking to find the perfect containers for everything from art supplies to kitchen utensils to the collections of VHS tapes kept in their basements without seeing the light of day. Store manager Doug Parker oversaw the ceremony, where he promised the first 50 customers a free extra-small Tupperware container made with extra-strength plastic.

"I know this day will go down in history as an important day for container enthusiasts everywhere," Parker addressed the crowd of over a hundred as he stood on a podium, while his assistant manager prepared to cut the ribbon signifying the opening of the store.

As soon as the scissors snipped the ribbon in two, the entrance was overrun with a swarm of middle-aged women, many of whom had dragged along their husbands. These suburb-dwelling mothers were relentless in their pursuit of the best deals the store had to offer, knocking containers right off of the shelves as they rummaged.

Witnesses reported seeing two women play tug of war for ownership of a spice rack, while another knocked over an entire shelving unit. The fracas lasted nearly twenty minutes, until the last of the soccer moms had left the store. Some were content with their free tupperware container while others left in disappointment.

Immediately after, employees of the store tallied the damage

and discovered that four tupperware lids were missing from the shelves, unaccounted for.

When asked to comment about the lids, Parker said, "It's a disappointment. The cost of the stolen lids will have to come from the cashier's paycheck," to which the teenage cashier

replied with an audible groan.

In an effort to keep order in the Container Store, new employees have already been hired to keep the peace with disorderly customers overcome by the rows upon rows of airtight, microwavable temptation.



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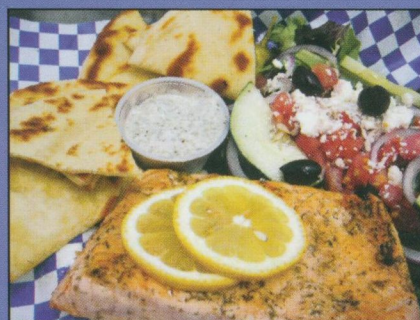
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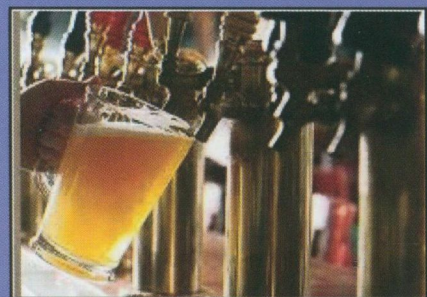
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