

NEWS

“One of the top 27 moments in my life” — CWRU President Eric Kaler wins Olympic gold in mental gymnastics

Pomma LeHorse
Cognitive Contortionist

Most know him by his daytime role as president of Case Western Reserve University (CWRU), but Eric Kaler has become famous nationwide practically overnight after winning gold in mental gymnastics at the 2026 Milan Cortina Olympics. His win came as a shock to many, as he was considered an underdog coming into the competition, having never competed on the international stage before. Indeed, the reaction of many CWRU students upon learning that their president had won a medal at the Olympics was one of surprise that he had been competing in the first place.

Having put CWRU on the map (although he assures us it was already there), Kaler intends to keep it there by founding a collegiate-level mental gymnastics team. As the coach, he plans to mold the next generation of elite mental gymnasts and tie CWRU's name to the sport as a birthplace of legends.

With CWRU to become a nexus of mental gymnastics, many are wondering: what is mental gymnastics, and how did the previously unknown Eric Kaler end up taking home the gold?

What is Mental Gymnastics?

Despite having several popular amateur leagues (perhaps the best known being the Republican Party), the sport of mental gymnastics is not well known among the general U.S. population. Athletes compete in a series of events in which they must demonstrate their mental slipperiness and flexibility to avoid having to accept facts that challenge their worldview or taking a firm stand on a controversial issue. Despite having been practiced informally since humanity evolved the ability to talk, mental gymnastics only made its Olympic debut in 2014 at the Sochi Olympics.

Olympic Differences

New this year, Olympic-level competition in mental gymnastics was not segregated by gender, a status shared by only a few other events at the Winter Olympics. This decision was highly controversial, as national-level mental gymnastics still separates competition by gender in the majority of countries that were participating in the Games.

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President Eric W. Kaler and his new shiny medal!

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CWRU bicentennial leads to unsettling new discoveries

Wren Caroli
Bicentennialist

We have recently welcomed and quickly kicked out the Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) bicentennial, which strangely began in Fall 2025, 199.5 years after CWRU was established. In January, CWRU then proceeded to tout its 200th, then again a month later in February, then again a month later in March. Based on current trends, we expect the CWRU 200 celebration notifications to continue until June, given the observed accuracy of ± 0.5 years.

During this time period of supposed celebration, astonishing information has been revealed about CWRU's administration. Of the countless phishing emails CWRU sent to its alumni begging for donations, an astounding \$20 million has been raised. However, instead of reducing tuition costs or rebuilding the freshman dorms, you'd be shocked at where the money went instead!

Perhaps unsurprisingly, a \$5 million bonus was added to President Eric W. Kaler's cocaine and hookers fund, perhaps being the reason for the early celebrations. While President Kaler's wallet is indeed important, you'd think that the remaining \$15 million would be used to benefit the

students, right? WRONG.

In case you are somehow still unaware, the University Programming Board (UPB) gets half a million dollars a semester, so of these donations, a further million is spent to fund UPB. However, given the UPB's previous record of “losing” (read: embezzling) almost \$80,000 last year, this amount of funding allows for UPB embezzlement to increase. They may be able to reach \$100,000 this semester!

A further \$5 million is being spent to forgive debts. Not student debts, but the Student Activity Fair's gambling debts! The online Student Activity Fair, while completely ineffective, also bet it all on black, resulting in cuts to all student organization budgets, including well-known competition groups like CWRUbotix.

Where did the last \$4 million go? Following the renaming of Adelbert Gym (named after Amasa Stone's dead son), the remaining donations are going to fund the renaming of Amasa Stone Chapel, finally erasing the horrible, ancient vampire's impact upon our campus.

Did any of these locations surprise you? Did they not? Let us know if you know where President Kaler spends his bonuses at athenian-editors@case.edu

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University announces “Sauron” Flock partnership to improve grading

Paypal Mafioso
Lord of Gifts

On Saturday, President Eric W. Kaler held a press conference with Flock Safety CEO Garrett Langley, where he announced a new initiative to enhance student experience, lower the workload on professors and teaching assistants, and modernize the grading process. The initiative, which Langley calls “Sauron” after the legendary fictional character, aims to place Flock cameras in every campus location and grant them access to all student files and transcripts.

The goal, according to President Kaler, is to use mass surveillance to analyze students’ study habits and automatically grade work they submit based on perceived effort and predetermined intellectual capability. During the press conference, Langley assuaged worries of potential bias. “Don’t worry,” he said. “It’s only slightly racist.” Final grade decisions will be handled by a carefully chosen panel of old white men.

Regarding data security, Sauron is supported by a crack team of AI-minoring freshman interns led by cybersecurity vibe-coding prodigy Stephen Einstein Xenophon, whose IQ Sauron calculates in excess of 500. “When it comes to safety standards, Flock is at the front of the pack,” Xenophon informed us. “The big red button in our office that releases all student files to the dark web is protected by a whole tenth of a

centimeter of glass *and* an oversized Button Defense Hammer right next to it.”

“We hope that Sauron will bring efficiency, stability, and much-needed oversight to Middle- I mean to CWRU,” says Langley. “With Sauron, we’ll be able to raise an unstoppable horde of tens of thousands of Uruk- I mean engineering students.”

Since the press conference, Langley has been spotted wearing white wizard robes and muttering to himself while consulting a scrying orb provided by Peter Thiel. When attempting to approach him to ask why the Sauron system requires a giant flaming eye atop the Church of the Covenant on Euclid, our reporters were thrown back by an unseen mystical force.

The Eye. Remember kids, say no to rings of power.

Here’s the actual map of Flock cameras on campus. Check out <https://deflock.org/>. We’re not even joking here. Shit’s crazy



Archeological dig under Juniper reveals ancient tomb

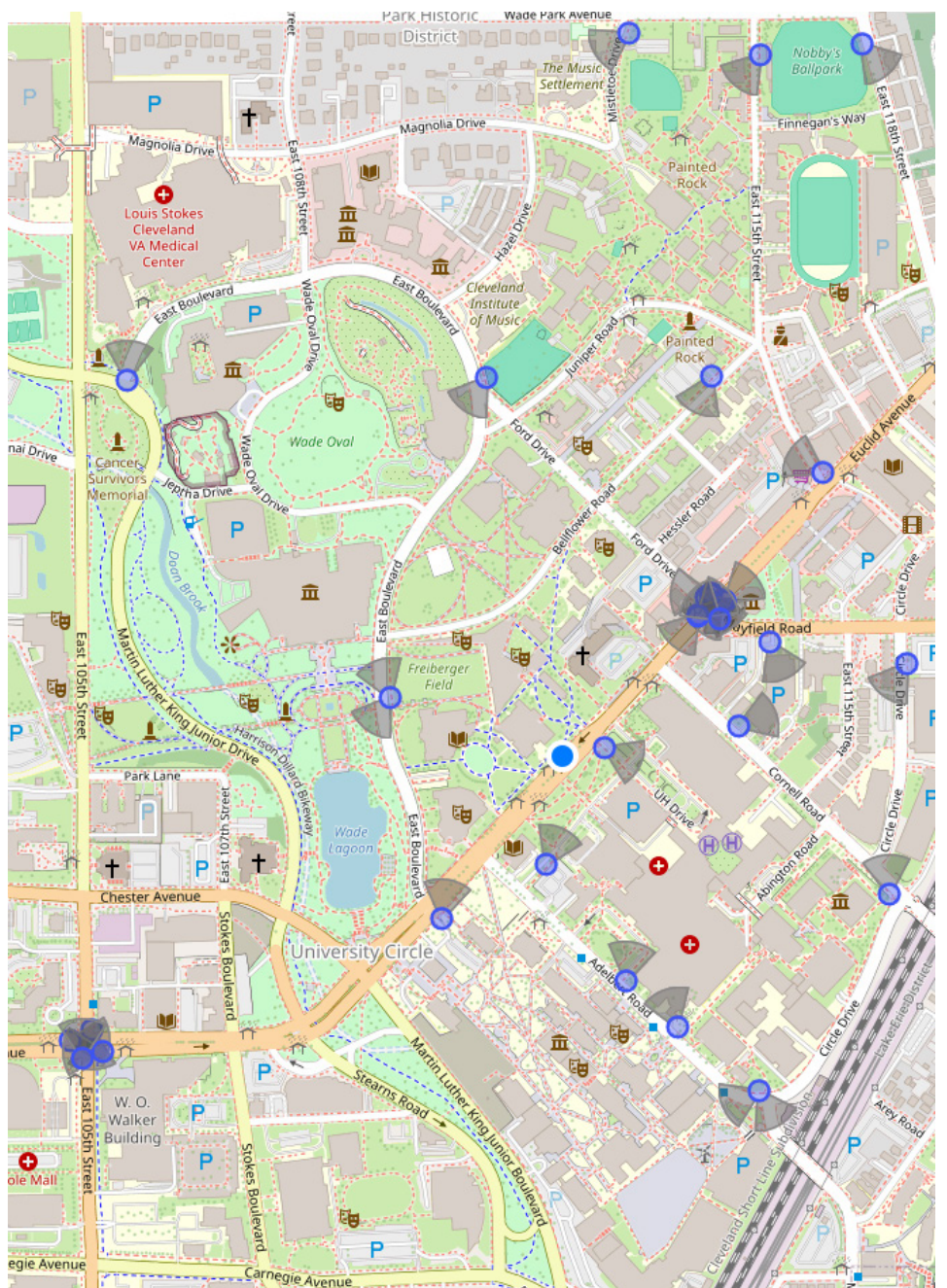
Howard Carter
British

A burial tomb containing records of the original Juniper dorms was discovered by archeologists last Tuesday. The renovations last year on the Juniper dorms unearthed the entrance to the tomb, but it was concealed with a false wall. After learning of the obfuscation of an important archaeological site, a brave team of archeologists sought out President Eric W. Kaler in hopes of gaining access. “It was pretty easy after we got rejected the first time,” says lead archeologist Robin Graves, “all it took was persistence, forged documents, and a sledgehammer.”

The tomb itself is small, measuring roughly 12 feet wide and 16 feet long, and it is divided into three sections. The first section is a large rectangular container that Graves theorizes was used to store ritual objects dedicated to the preservation of the entombed after their demise. The other two sections are identical and take up most of the tomb, leaving just enough space for the twelve archaeologists

to squeeze in. When asked if twelve archeologists in that space were a hazard, Graves remarked, “Everyone knows effective preservation is done in quantity, not quality.” The remaining sections consist of a hollow rectangular frame that would have suspended the wrapped dead and a desk and chair beneath. Graves believes these are a crucial connection, showing a method for a deceased to study even in the afterlife.

A lack of other artifacts remaining within the tomb prevented archeologists from obtaining a precise date, but current estimates, based on radiocarbon dating, place the room to be from somewhere between 20th and 18th century CE. When pressed on the lack of artifacts, Graves only muttered about great collectors’ value. *The Athenian* attempted to reach out to Graves’ colleagues, unfortunately getting no responses due to a sharp spike in paperwork and curse-related fatalities.



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In a press release explaining the decision to switch to mixed gender competition, the Department of Evasion and Negotiable reality in International Athletic Leagues (DENIAL) stated, “Well, we’ve been considering this decision for a while, and it’s been a hard decision because there are a lot of good arguments from both sides and we wanted to avoid offending anyone... [cut for brevity, the statement continues in this vein for a couple paragraphs] At the end of the day this is a mental sport and it’s just not politically acceptable to outright say that women are at a mental disadvantage to men anymore.”

Events

Mental gymnastics has four main events. Each athlete competes in all four events over the course of the competition, and their scores across the different events are weighted and added together to give an overall score. The events are as follows:

1. Question Vault:

Athletes must creatively avoid answering difficult questions posed by a judge. Scores are determined by a time component and a style component. Certain techniques, such as ad hominem attacks, are considered to be sloppy and result in a penalty.

2. Issue Position Balance Beam:

Athletes must take part in a debate with the judge for as long as possible without actually taking a firm position on the issue at hand. The event gets its name from the way athletes must

carefully balance to avoid leaning toward any one side of an issue while still appearing to take an active part in the debate. This is widely considered to be the most exhausting event of any mental gymnastics competition, as athletes are expected to go until failure. At the Olympic level, there is a practical cutoff after eight hours, but events have lasted over five years at other competitions.

3. Parallel Beliefs:

Athletes are required to simultaneously defend conflicting beliefs about an issue without being forced to admit that they are contradictory. This event is the hardest to do well, but when it’s done right, it’s beautiful to watch!

4. Mental Floor Routine:

Athletes are given ten minutes to make a speech in which they attempt to say as much as possible without actually saying anything of substance. The more convoluted and logical the arguments are, the better. This event is a favorite among commentators and spectators alike, as it tends to have the most artistically impressive elements and is entertaining even to the casual viewer who lacks the technical knowledge to fully appreciate some of the other events.

Kaler’s Fight to the Top

Coming in as the underdog, Eric Kaler was always going to have to fight an uphill battle, and fight he did. In the qualification round, he faced a fearsome array of opponents: Victim “Tim” Complex from the UK, Strau Mann from Germany, Blayme

Shyfteur from Belgium, and Andy Nile from Egypt. Despite heavy odds against him, Kaler managed to emerge victorious from the qualification round in a stunning upset that shocked the mental gymnastics community.

His performance received heavy media attention going into the finals, as the public tried to figure out who he was and how he was doing so well. Seeming to crumble under the pressure, he had a disastrous performance in his first event, the Question Vault, finishing in a disappointing second-to-last place and leaving the world watching with bated breath. After that, he seemed to unlock a new level of competition heretofore unseen in the world of mental gymnastics, setting records in both of the next two events he competed in. This left him neck-and-neck with Will Phil Ignurence from Ethiopia going into his last event: the Issue Position Balance Beam. In the end, he managed to squeak out the win by just one point! The move that got him the gold? A masterful combo of the passive voice and empty platitudes.

When asked how he managed to train for such an intense and demanding sport while being the president of a prestigious university, Kaler replied that he actually had a lot of chances to practice the sport as part of his job. He said that was one of the main reasons he decided to become a university president, as most jobs wouldn’t have let him engage in mental gymnastics anywhere near as much.



UPB partners with Kalshi to launch Place your UPBets, several Allocations Committee, UPB members caught insider trading

John Balatro
UPBroker

The University Program Board (UPB) has launched an initiative to fund another spring comedian by partnering with Kalshi to launch Place your UPBets, a prediction market for all things Case Western Reserve University (CWRU). Popular bets include organic chemistry test averages, whether President Kaler will send an out-of-touch email before the end of the semester, or even over-unders on what day the Tomlinson Subway will run out of lettuce.

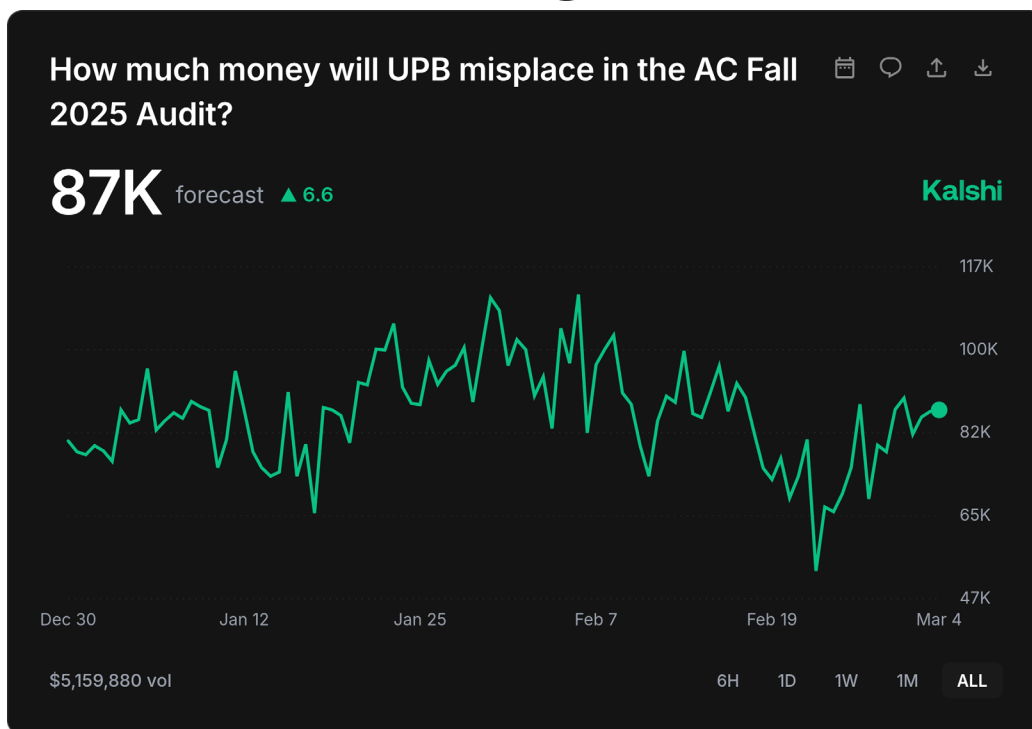
The initiative marks a new era for Kalshi, as they launch collegiate betting markets at select universities across the country. Staring at a negative bank account balance, third-year computer science and economics major Kyle Brewer said “this opens up so much more opportunity for me to win, bro. Instead of losing 100% of my money on sports, I can win 10,000% of my money on whether the Tinkham Veale University Center Dunkin’ will run out of straws before 8:30 a.m.”

In anticipation of the upcoming Allocations Committee (AC) audit release, CWRU community members have started to bet on how much money

the UPB will “misplace” during the Fall 2025 semester. Days before the audit’s release, several anonymous Kalshi accounts registered and bought thousands of dollars worth of bets for \$50,000-\$69,999. Two users in particular, “upballzluvr270” and “allocatedeez” were set to win hundreds of thousands of dollars; if

only Kalshi’s anti-fraud algorithm had not stepped in. A student-wide email announced the suspicious users’ accounts were refunded and banned from the platform, but with no mention of student conduct charges or reports to law enforcement.

“That’ll really show ‘em, a strongly worded announcement with no hard action taken, bro,” said Brewer. The AC and the UPB declined our request for comment, however, several members of their leadership had stepped down after the announcement.



Betting forecast for Fall 2025 audit as of March 2026

The Stark Truth: Binary Walkway's Secrets Revealed

Vox Binarius

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Ah, the Binary Walkway, who among us has not trodden upon that hallowed ground? Whether it be trudging back from your 8:25 a.m. calculus class, nearly empty Dunkin' iced coffee in hand, or basking in its luminous moonlit majesty as you return from a late night at the Sears think[box], the Binary Walkway is an inescapable part of campus life. But do those simple tiles hold deeper secrets? This is the story of my journey to uncover the truth.

You may have heard that translating the ones and zeros on the Binary Walkway yields only nonsense, but this is just a cover for the real secrets. In truth, the Binary Walkway isn't in binary at all. It's actually a series of QR codes. I recently came across this cleverly hidden truth as I was taking a selfie from one of the medical helicopters flying to the Cleveland Clinic, and the QR prompt popped up.



As I leaned out to get a better focus, the doctors (who must have been in on the conspiracy) tried to keep me from finding the truth, dragging me back in. As I struggled, they yelled something about psychosis and possible drug use before jabbing me with something that caused me to black out.

When I awoke, I was in something called a "stress management room," wearing some sort of jacket that was way too tight and nearly impossible to untangle myself from. They had also confiscated my iPhone 17. After a daring escape involving a banana peel, a liter of vodka, a

raccoon jawbone, and the University Media Board (UMB) golf cart, I was back in the UMB office with my iPhone and a six-pack of energy drinks. Although some of the photos were too blurry to be read, I was able to recover two of the QR codes and find the websites they linked to, so here are my findings.

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Fribley Potato Salad

Soul Sucking Good Potato Salad

Ingredients

- 30 pounds potatoes, peeled
- 0.2 moles NaCl
- ¼ cup black pepper
- 3 cups mayonnaise
- 14 eggs
- 6 large onions, diced
- 2 cups raisins
- 5 grams Amanita phalloides extract
- 2 cups semisweet chocolate chips
- 3 tablespoons 1010 low-carbon steel shavings
- 2 grams powdered silver
- 5 tablespoons pumpkin spice

RECIPE DETAILS

Fribley Potato Salad

Prep	Cook	Total	Serves
78 mins	0 mins	78 mins	50 people

Boil potatoes for 15 minutes or until tender, yet firm. While potatoes are boiling, bring eggs to a boil from cold water in a cast iron pot coated with compound X-69-3. Remove from heat once boiling point is reached, and let stand in water for 10 minutes. Once potatoes are boiled, mash them to chunky paste. Sprinkle powdered silver, raisins, and Amanita phalloides extract over boiled eggs and recite the incantation as follows: "Begone Arbonesh, by the tears of the earth, by the scorching of the sun, by the poison of the liver, begone." Recite three times in any language except Ecclesiastical Latin. Take care to avoid reflective surfaces during this step. After reciting, cut the eggs into ¼ inch pieces with an iron knife with an oak wood handle. Discard any pieces with lumps of keratin or calcium by soaking for 20 minutes in a 10% by volume grape-derived acetic acid solution before discarding as normal. Mix the cleaned egg chunks and potatoes with the rest of the ingredients in a large bowl. Chill bowl in fridge for 30 minutes before serving. Enjoy!

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Website #2

I gave AI music a chance: Here's what you're missing out on

Dr. Richard "Rich" Schnobb,
Ph.D.
Chief of AI

Artificial intelligence is absolutely sweeping the nation. Its uses are nearly limitless, and it's hard to go anywhere in the world without running into its influence. Hell, I can't even write this article without some sort of AI trying to autofill my words before I even get the chance to type them! Now, I'll be the first person to admit that I was quite hesitant to bow down to the will of our AI overlords at first. In fact, I was staunchly anti-AI as soon as it came onto the scene. However, I recently came across an article discussing the use of generative AI to create art, and I became curious. Could AI truly capture the inherent soul and essence that pervades something as personal and human as the creation of art? I simply had to get to the bottom of this.

So, as any good researcher would do, I turned to my favorite search engine, yahoo.com, to begin my journey. But what to search? Surely I couldn't just start by searching for the best art that AI has to offer; that would just set my expectations way too high. As such, I decided that it would be best to look for some strange AI art to whet my appetite. And I have always been a big fan of musical oddities, so I decided that my search would be for "Weird AI music." Simple enough. But absolutely nothing could have prepared me for what a rabbit hole this simple search would lead me down.

The first search result was for a music video. Fair enough, music videos have been an essential part of the music listening experience for as long as video technology has been around, so why should AI music be any different? "Amish Paradise" was the name of the song. An interesting title to be sure, but I suppose that's what I get for seeking out "weird" AI music! So, I clicked on the video, and I was greeted by an eerily familiar sound. As the first few measures of the song played out, a realization hit me. This was just the music from "Gangsta's Paradise" by Grammy Award-winning artist Coolio! Are you kidding me? Is AI really incapable of coming up with its own music? But then I keep on listening to the song. Instead of being blessed by those iconic lyrics for which we all have come to appreciate the artistic prowess of Coolio ("As I walk through the valley of the shadow of death...") my ears were assaulted by a different set of words: "As I walk through the valley where I... harvest my grain!?" What??? Those aren't the words! I couldn't even believe my ears. AI had absolutely bastardized one of the greatest pieces of American history and claimed it as its own! It had created a parody of the beloved "Gangsta's Paradise" about Amish people! Absolutely outrageous.

Frustrated but determined, I decided to persevere and move on to another "Weird AI" song. But the further I plunged



into this nightmare, the more frustrated I became. Every single one of these "Weird AI" songs I came across was just a cheap parody of a beloved classic! "White & Nerdy" was a cretinous copy of the iconic Chamillionaire hit "Ridin'." "My Bologna" was a foolish facsimile of "My Sharona" by The Knack. And "Fat" was nothing but a dopeish duplication of the Michael Jackson classic "Bad." Every single song that AI came up with was just a reckless replica of a popular song that had already been created.

Don't get me wrong. I understand how generative AI works. It takes things that have already been created, and it uses these published works to frankenstein together something that it can call its own. But I at least expected a bit more nuance than this! I mean, to just blatantly steal some of the most popular songs from the past century, change the words, and call them your own is just completely unforgivable. Clearly generative AI still has a long way to go before it can compete with the splendors of a man-made piece of artwork.

“Parkour Civilization” is dystopia for this decade

Harold Bloom
Parkour Noob

The ‘30s had Huxley. The ‘40s had Orwell. The ‘00s had Collins. But if you’ve ever wondered where to find the iconic dystopia of the ‘20s, look no further. In his magnum opus, “Minecraft but I survive in PARKOUR CIVILIZATION [FULL MOVIE],” Evbo demonstrates skillful narrative structure, cutting blasé comedy, and biting social critique to shine light on the truth of social mobility in our

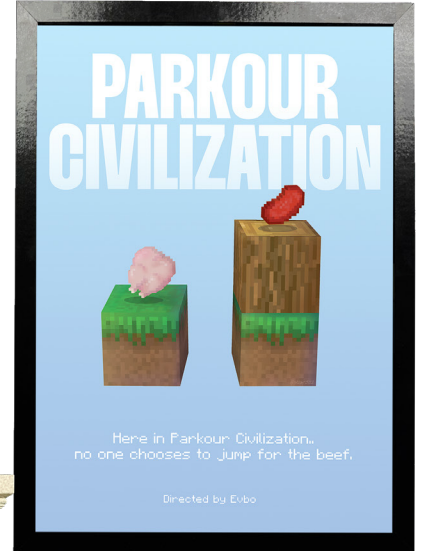
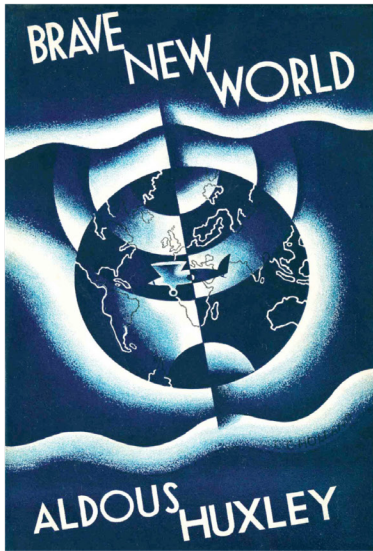
modern era, deconstruct the American myth of the “temporarily embarrassed millionaire,” and perform the power of collective action.

After inadvertently starting “Parkour Civilization” in a low-stakes game with his friend, Evbo is thrust into a world where he’s told that parkour noobs are unskilled, but in reality are held back by strictly enforced hunger which prevents them from sprinting. Evbo reminds us that, rather than simply being unskilled, noobs are inexperienced with more advanced jumps which as low-caste members of

society they have no possible means of encountering. Practice itself becomes a form of currency.

But Evbo does not pull himself up by his bootstraps. At every step, he bribes, cheats, and goes outside the rules of the system to move higher, and even still he only advances with help from above. And once he finally does, he learns the truth; he is not the one who founded “Parkour Civilization.” The false memory was planted into his head as a means of legitimizing “Parkour Civilization” in the minds of its people.

“Parkour Civilization,” with its expertly crafted metaphor, reminds us that no matter how high we climb in society, no matter how many hoops we’re forced to jump through, the system is rigged against us and we are never truly free until either we are the ones who make the rules, or the rules themselves are abolished. And as the conclusion cuts to a creditless void, we’re left with only one question: would we jump for the beef?



Footlighters’ Into the Woods: Too Many Trees, Not Enough Feet

Chet Chafer
Gay Son or Thot Daughter

Into the Woods is a hit musical about wishes, family, and the choices we make! The story follows a Baker and his wife as they search through the woods to break a witch’s curse to have children. Along the way, they encounter a variety of mystical characters. The Case Western Reserve University Footlighters recently had a production of this classic. I have some thoughts. Typically, people expect to see feet in their productions, but after the past few, I personally had given up hope. Anyway, I got a ticket, sat in a chair, and watched the show.

Immediately, I felt a sense that I was not welcome. So, I have a tree allergy, and their set was triggering me by the sheer amount of trees in the woods. I know it’s the name of the show, but have some decency. As a vibrant asthmatic, I should feel respected. Furthermore, this show seemed to taunt and mock me at every opportunity. So many offstage actions and mentions made everything feel so out of reach. Jack mentions a giant’s breast. Let me see it! The giants are also completely offstage. I was expecting a show! That same giant is even said to leave a 40 foot long footprint. Again, do we see it?! NO!!! Bears, dragons, manticores, giants, and griffins are

all mentioned, yet their feet remain completely off stage the entire time. I even noticed a person named Griffin was involved in the production. They could’ve at least shown his feet. I understand they haven’t really included feet in their productions, but this is insulting, abusive, outrageous, demoralizing, and a turn-off.

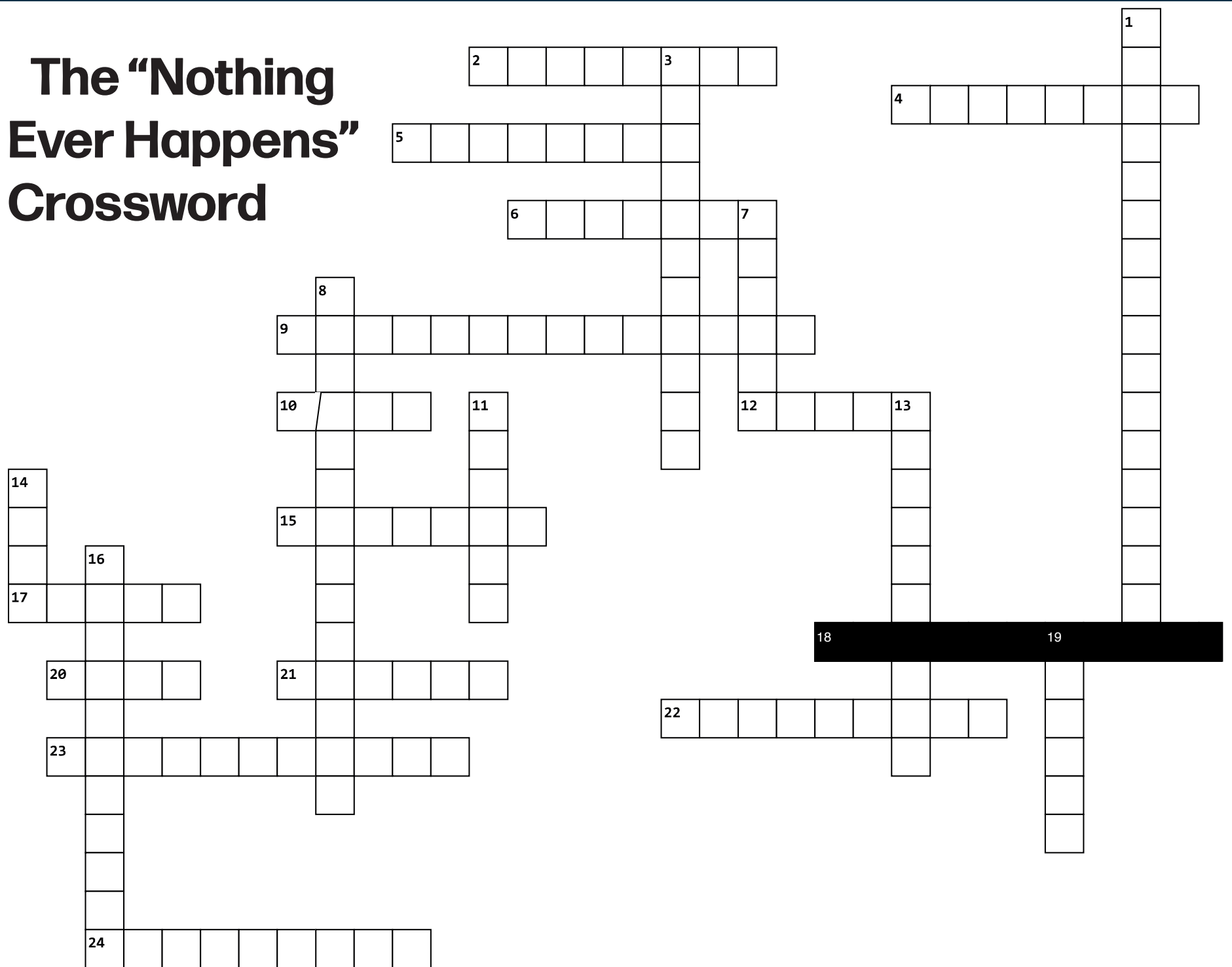
Now, a slipper was a big part of the show, but the only exciting moment was when the stepsisters’ toes and heels were cut off to fit the shoe. This may be exciting to some, but personally, I want them au naturel. Again, another example of teeing it up then failing the drive.

Overall, the show had beautiful acting and music straight from the mind of Stephen Sondheim, but I have a feeling the lack of skin below the ankle was not his vision. Maybe one day, the Footlighters will show a musical with metatarsals. Maybe one day I can see a feature with feet.

I wish.



The “Nothing Ever Happens” Crossword



Across

2. Crude oil product whose price has skyrocketed after the U.S. bombed 20-across.
3. The deliberate, often fatal, targeting of superior officers by their own troops, first popularized during the Vietnam War due to a growing anti-war sentiment among many soldiers.
4. In July 2025, 18-across announced the construction of a _____ that would cost \$300 to \$400 billion.
5. AI large language model that millions of students *definitely* didn't use to write their final papers for them.
9. New York financier and co-conspirator of 18-across who did not kill himself.
10. Elon Musk's new toy that kept having to be reprogrammed for being too liberal.
12. Cameras that are DEFINITELY constitutional and not at all reminiscent of something from 14-down.
13. The far-right authoritarian political ideology that is characterized by dictatorial power and forcible suppression of opposition.
14. The highly influential anonymous messaging board that is known for its chaotic and unmoderated content, making it responsible for countless internet memes, hacker groups, and conspiracy theories.
15. Famous coconspirator and close friend of 9-across turned two-time president of the United States.
20. On February 28th, 2026, the United States and Israel bombed this nation, killing their supreme leader and a number of other officials.
21. The American multinational technology corporation that maintains a 15% stake in TikTok and definitely isn't watching you right now.
22. The nation that the United States bombed on January 3rd, 2026, for the completely altruistic motive of removing President Maduro from power, only for this country to miraculously become a major U.S. oil supplier only months later.
23. The man with the nickname of “Bubba” who definitely didn't get blown by 18-across.
24. Current Director of the FBI and unofficial member of the 2026 U.S. Olympic Men's Hockey team.

Down

1. Israel's glorious leader, let's send him another \$20 trillion!
2. The *completely legal* action of coming to live permanently in a foreign country.
3. A tax levied on imported goods that, despite contradictory information, is paid by the domestic countries, not foreign countries. This ultimately results in heavy markups and more expensive products for the citizens.
4. The manipulation of electoral districts to give certain political parties *wink* an unfair advantage.
11. The “web-based prediction market” that is taking the nation by storm. On it, users can bet on anything from sports results to whether or not pop culture or political figures will say certain words.
12. The first ever Homeland Security Secretary to be fired. Also, she shot her dog.
13. The 1949 novel by George Orwell that depicts a totalitarian superstate led by the omnipresent “Big Brother,” which I am including in this crossword for no reason in particular...
16. “We are _____, we carry the flame.”
17. At least it's at 50,000.

WORD SEARCH

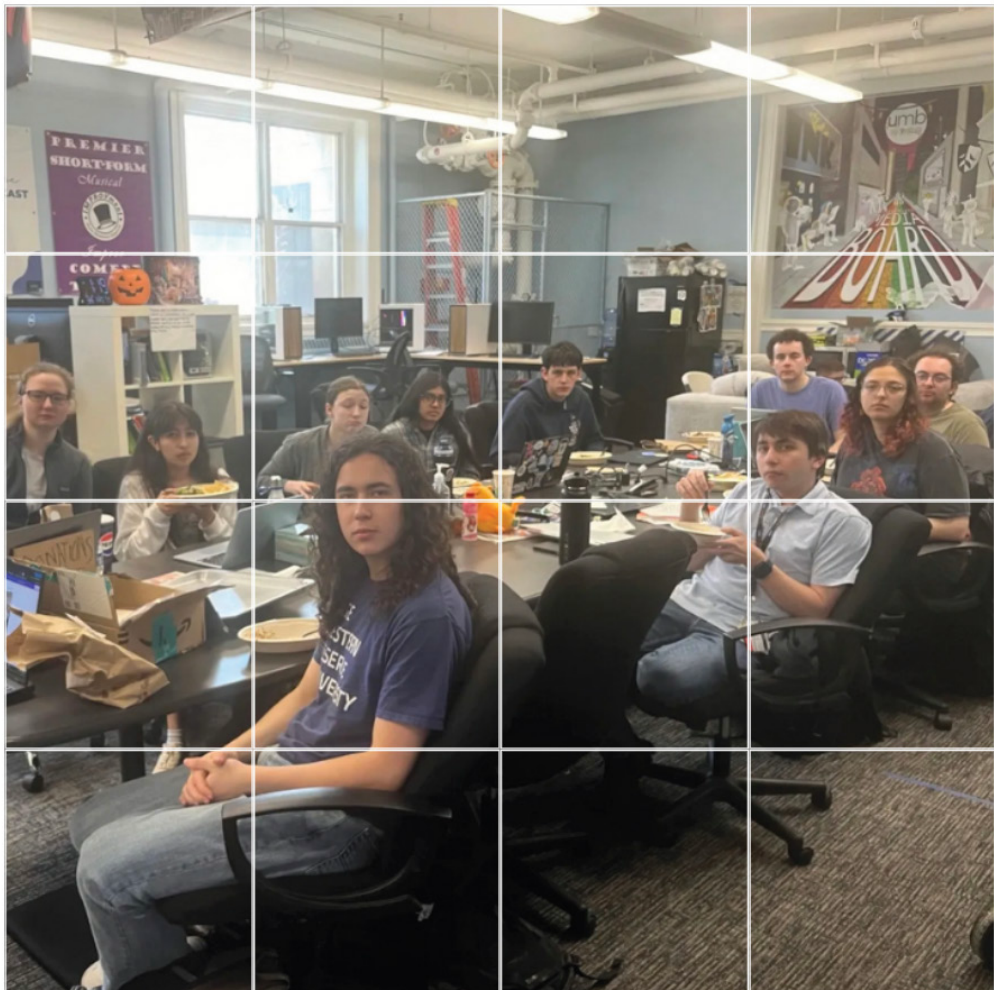
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EDITORIAL

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To all whom it may concern:

It has come to the attention of *The Athenian's* legal department that *The Observer* has recently published numerous articles that are considered "satire" by the Bureau of Satire (hereafter "BS").

Offending articles include:

- "Catherine Stein is appointed to RFK Jr.'s vaccine board"
- "The move toward AI literacy at CWRU with new applied AI minor"
- "Former CWRU professor Krauss appears in Epstein files"
- "Meet Smartan.ai, an AI coach that helps us understand fitness"
- "President Trump links acetaminophen to autism"
- "Two Mistletoe community dorms experience emergency maintenance"

These headlines describe activities that are too outrageous to possibly be real. Under 25 BS Code § 67.41(a)(f).2(a), writing that exaggerates or misrepresents events to such a humorous degree (as defined in 12 BS Code § 93.1(b)(~~11~~).4) where a reasonable person would be certain beyond a reasonable doubt that the described situation did not occur is considered "satire".

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With this letter we hereby request that *The Observer* **CEASE** and **DESIST** all publication of satirical articles or face immediate legal recourse under the fullest extent of the law.

You will not receive another warning letter. If you do not confirm in writing by March 31st, 2026, that you will cease all publication of all satire in compliance with the CUM, a lawsuit will be commenced immediately.

Worst regards,

John S. Waddling, Attorney at Law, *The Athenian* Chief Counsel

How we can defeat fascism (by having sex with me)

Centrist Man

Center-left, self-identified

Like many well-educated Centrists and Liberals, I believe there is a middle ground between fascism and socialism and that victory can be achieved with incremental change that does NOT abolish the oppressive system put in place by our forefathers. Instead of making childcare more affordable for young families through tax breaks, mandatory work leave, and free daycare, I think the reader, who is female, should have sex with me, a brilliant, enlightened centrist who is male, to own those horrible, terrible Nazis.

The left needs its own Jeffrey Epstein — someone who farms babies, but for progressive (some might even say woke) reasons. I believe we can vote fascism out of power. In fact, I'm shocked that strongly verbally condoning their actions hasn't yet done anything. This is why we need baby farms, so in 18 years we can vote the fascists out of office. This way, democracy will be saved in a relatively short period of time, geologically speaking.

Poor people have children all the time. This is because they are stupid. My baby farms will be different from birth. The children will be educated with my enlightened liberal point of view. They will know how valuable they are as future voting bodies. They will be raised on synthetic meat slop and wear fake leather to understand

the performative level of action they are required to take later in life. This will ensure that change happens so slowly and incrementally that nothing ever actually happens. They will not participate in barbaric things that might actually cause change, like shooting guns, organizing, or caring for their community around them to make it more robust and more trustworthy. Instead, I will put them in entrepreneurial classes so they can 1. learn the tactics of the elite, and 2. become equipped with the language of the left. The end result? The perfect liberal drone who only has *thoughts* of improving, but never takes action.

On the off chance that one of my children goes rogue and dares to think that the baby farm is a bad thing, I will utilize Jeffrey Epstein's tactics to neutralize this child. This way, we can redeem Jeffrey Epstein back to the good side — the side that wants you to make children who will eventually vote progressive. The problem isn't the system — it's the people running the system. Once my children are old enough to vote, they will solve all of our problems. All of our democratic systems definitely will not have deteriorated by then.

As long as we can control the environment in which children are raised, we can ensure that any hunger for radical and rapid change is immediately neutered. Any



Call me <3

information even close to describing successful revolutionary tactics in France or China, socialist parties like the Black Panthers who were silenced by the CIA, or the American imperialism that exploits the global South, will be aggressively ignored — same as it currently is. America is already perfect — or it would be perfect, if it was run by good people.

And of course, this change of power should happen with the least possible

disturbance to me. I should not be expected to sacrifice any comforts to make positive change possible. Like, what do you mean I can't upgrade my phone this year? I don't give a shit about the children in the Congo who die in the cobalt mines!

For all these reasons, you should let me have my woke child farm. Please, dear God. Please, someone, have sex with me.

Editor's Note

Evan Durkee

HIV negative but still trying

Hello everyone! It is that time of the year. We print our shit to look like someone else's shit. Maybe you caught on. Hopefully you did. We do this every single year. One big joy for me is that Admitted Students' Day is always right after this is distributed around campus, so it's nice to see some confused faces from people. Anyway, this one is always a fun one. It takes some more work and effort to get it made, but we at *The Athenian* have a good time with the change of pace in format and design. Well, I do at least. Maybe everyone else secretly hates it. The world will never know, unless you tell me. If you tell me, I probably won't stop though.

Sadly though, *The Athenian* is coming to a close. We have one more issue of the year and then it's kaput. 158 issues will be the final tally. It's quite strange to say. It would have been nice to end on a more round number like 160 or 169 for the 69 joke and the fact it's a square number, but alas, this is the end. It has truly been a tremendous joy being editor-in-chief for the past academic year. I wish I could keep doing this, but they got us. They finally got fed up with our penis jokes, pussy jokes, and jokes about administration. Our budget was slashed so low that we no longer have the money to print and hold meetings, so the only course of action is to shut the whole thing down.

As per our constitution, our doom will start with an 8 and half

day tournament of gun baseball while we also watch the movie, "8 1/2." The coach of the winning team will have gallons of milk dumped on their head before getting shot in a non-vital organ. The coach won't die, but they'll be thinking about their life choices while in horrendous pain. From there, it's really up to interpretation. The wording of our governing document is ambiguous. I either get to dutch oven someone's mom, or I have to bowl a perfect game of 300 points. If I fail to achieve a perfect game of bowling, I lose toilet paper privileges. After that, the closing ceremony becomes more and more vague. I'm still deciphering some information.

Anyway, I've been trying to cope with the loss of this club. I'm not sure what any of us will do in the future, but I can say that we will always find a way to make another joke about reproductive organs. That is all for me. I hope you will read our final issue.

Sometimes you mope, sometimes you cope, sometimes, you are just a dope,

Evan Durkee

P.S. Our elections for next year's Core Four are on April 3rd. Pull up.

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Ski Jumping “Enlargement” at Milan-Cortina Games

Chet A. Nuttington
Well-Endowed

Ski jumping has a long and storied history of athletes and coaches trying anything and everything to get people to jump even longer and even harder. This requires refining the jumping form and making the suit better and better at gliding.

Since the International Olympic Committee (IOC) has banned squirrel suits so athletes couldn't just keep gliding through the air, teams have had to start getting creative. Since these suits, and squirrels, for that matter, are banned, athletes had to figure out some way to increase the surface area of their suits and give them something to act like a flying squirrel's glider. The surface area of these suits is precisely determined for each athlete in an official measurement, so if an athlete decided to strategically increase their size at specific locations beforehand, they could become a little bit more like a flying squirrel.

As a result, male ski jumpers injected hyaluronic acid (lip filler) into their dicks. This “strategic enhancement” increased the surface area of the suits in the genital region, giving the athletes a crotch wing with which they could glide longer and harder, just as intended. Of course, they would still be beaten by a flying squirrel.

At these past games, men's gold medalist, Fly N. Skurell, set a new men's world record for distance

on the ski jump. Despite facing accusations of pre-game doping to gain an aerodynamic advantage, no supporting evidence has come to light, and as such, Skurell's record will stand, as will his gold medal.



Skurell in action.

CWRU to host the *Athenian* Olympics

Mai Graine
Ball Knower

The 2026 Winter Olympics in Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy, marked several sports' debuts at this year's games. The International Olympic Committee said the event changes made the 2026 Winter Games the most skill-balanced Olympics in history.

Following the Milan-Cortina games, *The Athenian* has partnered with the International Olympic Committee to bring you the *Athenian* Games, hosted right here in University Circle at the Tinkham Veale University Center (Tink), Wade Lagoon, the Euclid and Adelbert crossing, and Fribley Commons.

The *Athenian* Games will feature all of the events present at the Milan-Cortina Olympics, with a few new additions.

Here's a look at the sports:

Multiple luge events.

The *Athenian* Games will feature double luge, triple luge, and new tracks to be added to the multiple courses athletes ride through. Lugers will now traverse added loop-de-

loops through the course, as the International Olympic Committee seeks to increase the intensity of the tracks by requiring Lugers to endure negative G-forces while staying on track.

“The concept of the added loop-de-loops is fairly simple — competitors now must aim to control their sleighs like they're in a Mario Kart course as the new routes test the limits of the human ability to not fly,” Team USA wrote in a description.

The new luge route will span the entirety of the South Residential Village, with the last few hundred meters having the lugers riding down the roof of the Elephant Steps, ending with a “bang” in the Fribley Commons common room.

Wing suits added to skiing and snowboarding events

Skiers and boarders are now required to wear wingsuits with a piece of fabric stretched between their arms and legs during each of their events.

The wings aid in the new “artistry” category for the judges. Judges at the Winter Olympics increasingly valued interpretive movement, and increased aerial mobility allows athletes to

engage in more complex maneuvers. A well-timed wingflap during a cork 1440 signals emotional depth, personal growth, and possibly mild panic.

Critics initially questioned the innovation, asking whether wingflaps were scientifically necessary. Officials clarified that necessity was never the point. Instead, the wingflaps were introduced after extensive research revealed that sports become 37% more Olympic if participants resemble migrating waterfowl.

The extended skiing events will be held on the roof of Tink. Spectators inside the center will now be able to watch the skiers and boarders as they fly off the roof into a soft landing on Freiberger Field.

New Medals

The new events featured will include pewter medals to be awarded to the athletes who dare to brave the obtuse angles of the tracks they are faced with. With more than 1000 athletes and 87 sets of medals to be awarded, the *Athenian* Games will feature a record number of athletes and medals. Spartie will be the torchbearer for the closing ceremonies. Watch the games live on Peacock and NBC Olympics.

The Athenian's Weekly Workout Split

Day 1 (Leg day)

- 5x10 Bulgarian split squats
- 5x50 Romanian dick-lifts (flaccid)
- 5x50 Romanian dick-lifts (hard)
- Plank until failure (with mic)
- Plank until failure (moan louder this time)

Day 2 (Crunch day)

- 1x10 Pico-crunches
- 1x10 Nano-crunches
- 1x10 Micro-crunches
- 1x10 Milli-crunches
- 1x10 Centi-crunches
- 1x5 Kilo-crunches
- Giga crunches until failure

Day 3 (Lock in day)

- 11x Multiplication tables
- 2min Elevated stanky leg
- 5min Heavy breathing
- 8min Flex in mirror
- 3x100m Demon crawl (spooky!)

Day 4 (Performative day)

- 50min Sit at weight machine on phone

Day 5 (Social day)

- 1x10 Catfish strangers on the internet
- 3x5 Heartfelt apology

Day 6 (Puzzle day)

- 3x10 Pull-up (no hands)
- 4x3 Legless squat
- 5x5 5cm Levitation

Day 7 (“Rest” day)

- 2x5 Super brain hemorrhage
- 1x1 Heart-stoppage (until failure)
- 1 push-up