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Relay for Life: Decade for a Cure

Carroll community comes together to unite against cancer for the 10th year in a row



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Just a few of the 380 participants doing Zumba instructed by Carroll student Casey McMahon at the 2014 Relay for Life event. At every Relay for Life event, Zumba brings all the participants to the floor.

By Linda Braus
Copy Editor

Carroll University's Relay for Life event is coming up on April 11-12, from 4pm-4am. Relay for Life is an annual fundraising event by the American Cancer Society put on in various communities across the country, including colleges and towns. Relay for Life is positive in the face of cancer, with fun going on throughout the night, such as games and performances. This year's Relay for Life at Carroll is Dr. Seuss themed and will feature numerous games and activities including a performance by the Funny Bone Mafia improv group. Throughout the night, there are three events, which every Relay for Life includes, to acknowledge and honor those whose lives have been touched by cancer. This begins with a "Survivor's Lap" where survivors of cancer walk the track and their winning battles against cancer are celebrated. There is also a "Luminaria Ceremony" where those who may have lost their battle are commemorated. Finally, every Relay for Life features a "Fight Back Ceremony" in which participants make personal commitments to fight against cancer in individual ways such as acting to increase awareness.

This year will be the 10 year that Carroll has held a Relay for Life event and it has met great success in the past. According to Christine Hazel, Senior Manager for the Midwest Division of Relay for Life, last year \$22,839.67 was raised by 34 teams and 380 participants. "I would say that Relay For Life is an amazing opportunity for students, faculty and staff to all come together for one common purpose – to truly make a difference in the

fight against cancer. The Carroll University Colleges Against Cancer Chapter (which plans and executes Relay For Life) has grown tremendously under the leadership of Katie Brito and Nicole Schuch," said Hazel.

Carroll students who have participated in the event previously are testimony to its importance. Erica Robinson, junior at Carroll, spoke about the significance of Relay for Life. "Most of our campus has been affected by cancer in some way. Almost everyone can think of someone whether it's a family member, friend, co-worker who currently has cancer, survived cancer, or passed away from cancer. We've all been touched by cancer and Relay for Life gives us a night to celebrate those who have survived cancer, honor those who didn't, and fight with those currently suffering," stated Robinson.

Nicole Schuch, junior at Carroll and president of Colleges Against Cancer (CAC), emphasized the reach and relevance of Relay for Life. "Relay for Life is a fun exciting event that has a purpose that is larger than any one person. Cancer does not care who you are, how old you are, how much money you have, or what your plans for the future are. Unfortunately, many of us have been affected by cancer directly or indirectly, so why not be a part of the movement to end cancer?" said Schuch.

Like most students at Carroll, Robinson has a personal reason to participate in Relay for Life. "My aunt passed away during my freshman year from brain cancer and that was a hard time for me, but I was able to honor her and heal because of Relay for Life," she explained.

Robinson continued to explain why students should consider attending Relay for Life if they have not al-

ready. "Staying up until 4am (which some of us do on a weekly basis) taking a stand and fighting back to end this deadly disease by participating in this event is something that us students can actually do. We can't donate thousands of dollars to the American Cancer Society right now, or find the cure on our own right now in college, but we can still make a difference."

"The most rewarding part is at the end of the event when CAC announces how much money we raised for this event. My freshmen year we raised over \$25,000. It's just an awesome feeling to know that I helped raise that and we're only college students. It just shows that we CAN make a difference," Robinson further elaborated on the rewarding experience Relay for Life offers. She did not forget the simple fun of previous years, either, adding that "the most fun was jumping on the velcro-wall that CAC has up in the gym and sumo wrestling in the gigantic sumo suits."

Schuch offered a different but equally power perspective on how rewarding Relay for Life is. "Being a part of the committee allows me to have a slightly different view of the event compared to a participant. For me, the most rewarding part is witnessing more than 2 semesters and countless hours of work to create this unbelievable 12 hour event," explained Schuch.

If you are interested in learning more about Relay for Life, along with signing up to participate or donating, you can visit <http://www.relayforlife.org/carrolluniversity>. The event is also open to the public, not only to the Carroll community.



European Anti-Islamization Movement

By Ben Thorpe
Staff Reporter

It seems that, in recent times, the progress of Islamization has proved controversial, encountering opposition and making many enemies from individuals to entire political parties. Given the recent acts of radical terrorism in Paris, committed in the name of Islam, it seems prudent to examine just how strong anti-Islamization attitudes are in Europe.

France itself has struggled with and sometimes against Islam for many years. According to NationMaster.com, France sat with a Muslim population of 3.55 million in 2009, explaining France's growing Islamization seen in recent years. As a result, opponents have risen to this social fluctuation, most specifically the National Front. According to The International Business Times, they are most recently known for a video produced by one of their advisors that was posted on Twitter, in which it is declared that France is 'at

war' with Islam. That same video is also said to have parallels drawn between the arrival of Islam in modern France and the arrival of Nazism in WWII-era France. The National Front has gathered a decent following as an affluent right-wing party with strong anti-immigration policies, including their slogan, "The French Come First". The incident in Paris has proven to be the perfect fuel for the National Front's climb to winning the 2017 election. According to RT News, party leader Marine Le Pen referred to Islam as an 'odious ideology' in a video posted on the National Front's Youtube channel shortly after the Paris attack. And also in the wake of Paris attack, Le Pen went on to Tweet about her plans to, in the event that she should win the upcoming election, call for the return of capital punishment to France, which has been outlawed since 1981.

We have seen a similar rise of anti-Islam attitudes in Germany, though much less official and certainly less focused strictly on Islam Fundamentalism. The presence

of the Patriotic Europeans Against the Islamization of the West (PEGIDA) has seen a recent rise in popularity in Europe, particularly in Germany. Founded from a simple Facebook group, PEGIDA has fast become the face of German anti-immigration and anti-Islamization doctrine. According to The Independent (UK), prior to the Paris incident, PEGIDA held an anti-Islam march 18,000 strong in Dresden. The organization is mostly known for the 19 point manifesto they published, outlining their most fundamental political beliefs and demands for the German government. In said manifesto, they outline a support of Germany's traditional Christian culture (point 13); an intolerance of religious or political doctrine that condones violence, but an acceptance of peaceful Muslims (point 10); and an attempt to establish a service within the European Union that equally distributes immigrants amongst its country members (point 4). Despite a seemingly well-organized set of principles, support for PEGI-

DA has been low. According to The Independent (UK), at PEGIDA's march in Cologne in January, the entire city, including the cathedral, dimmed their lights and plunged the city into darkness while counter-protesters held up pro-immigration signs, as a group sign of disapproval.

Through the eye-opening tragedy that occurred in Paris this year, America has become increasingly aware of European-Islamic tensions across the Atlantic. Examples like the ones given above in France and Germany show us that we are not the only ones who have witnessed and are responding to the arrival of radical Islam into the world's view. It also shows us that we must be careful that our opinions fall on the informed and moral side of the painfully confusing dialogue that is Islamization in Europe.

"American Sniper" Trial

Eddie Ray Routh Found Guilty of Capital Murder

By Rachael Meyer
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On February 2, 2013, Chris Kyle and Chad Littlefield were murdered, gunned down in the back by Eddie Ray Routh at a firing range in Texas. This is a fact that no one can dispute, but the question is: did Routh understand that what he did at that time was wrong? Or was he within the grips of psychosis, convinced the two other men were going to kill him if he did not kill them first? This is what the jury in Erath County, Texas had to decide.

Many people around the world know Kyle because of his best-selling autobiography "American Sniper" that was released in 2012, and many more know him because of the hit movie "American Sniper" that was released in 2014. Kyle was a former Navy SEAL who claimed to be the deadliest sniper in U.S. history with 160 confirmed kills overseas, according to CNN. Kyle was happily married and had two children, whom he enjoyed spending time with after he was honorably discharged from the military in 2009. Anyone who has seen the "American Sniper" movie know that this story ends in tragedy.

After being discharged, Kyle spent much of his time volunteering with other veterans and helped them recover from injuries sustained in combat and through post-traumatic stress disorder. Prior to February 2, Kyle was approached by Routh's mother, who asked Kyle to help her son, a former marine. Kyle agreed and arranged to take Routh to a shooting range as a type of therapy.

On that February day, Kyle had chosen a shooting range that was small, isolated, and surrounded by nothing but peaceful Texas landscape. Littlefield was Kyle's long time friend who came along for support. At the shooting range, Routh shot Kyle and Littlefield multiple times for seemingly no reason. According to NBC, evidence shows that the victims were taken by surprise. Both were shot in the back and did not have time to defend themselves, even though they both carried loaded pistols in holsters. After the killings, Routh took Kyle's truck, picked up tacos at a drive-through, and went home.

Routh was eventually taken in by the police, and he admitted to committing the crime. The trial took place in February of 2015. Routh pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity. Routh has a history of mental problems and may have been taking medicine for schizophrenia. The defense argued that Routh did not understand that killing Kyle and Littlefield was wrong because he was under a psychotic episode and believed they were going to kill him.

Text messages that Kyle sent to Littlefield on the way to the shooting range show that they knew something about Routh wasn't quite right. Kyle texted Littlefield on their drive to the shooting range, "This dude is straight-up nuts." Kyle's wife, Taya, knew something was off when Kyle seemed tense as he talked to her on the phone that day.

The prosecution worked to dispute Routh's insanity plea. According to Fox News, they argued that Routh had induced his own psychosis by drinking whiskey and smoking marijuana the morning of the killings. They also tried to argue that Routh knew that killing Kyle and Littlefield was wrong. They cited that Routh fled from police, showed remorse, and admitted to his sister and to police that he knew his actions were wrong.

On February 24, 2015, the Erath County jury of ten women and two men ruled Routh guilty of capital murder, and he is to receive life in prison without the possibility of parole. The crucial incriminating factor was a component of Texas law, which, according to ABC News, says that a person can be found guilty even if he or she is suffering from a mental illness at the time of the crime, as long as they understand that what they did was wrong..

Routh and his attorneys have appealed the ruling and hope to get a new trial. They say that Kyle's reputation as an American hero hurt their case, and they were not able to receive fair consideration in a small town environment.

For now, the families of Kyle and Littlefield rejoice in the decision. Before the trial took place, the governor of Texas declared February 2 to be "Chris Kyle Day" in honor of the brave man whose life was taken so carelessly and too soon.

Keystone's Veto

By Noah Johnson
Staff Reporter

Since its initial proposition in early 2010, the Keystone XL pipeline has been on every American politician's mind. On either side of the isle, politicians have different opinions on the pipeline's construction, ranging from violently opposed to zealously in favor. The bill that was proposed to the newly Republican-controlled Congress was for the construction of an oil pipeline starting in Canada and would cross the border in Montana and cut across the United States, ending in Texas. The bill to approve construction was passed through Congress, but was vetoed via executive command by President Barack Obama. After the veto was announced, several Republican Party members made statements on Capitol Hill saying that the battle was not over. The Republican opposition said that even if they could not override the veto in Senate, they would continue to try to tack the pipeline onto other bills.

Despite any one person's take on the issue, there are positives and negatives to this bill. The liberal side of the issue is one mostly driven by the pipeline's environmental impacts. The pipeline's origin in Hardisty, Alberta uses a controversial drilling method that is prone to polluting the surrounding surface environment as well as any nearby ground water. This drilling method uses dangerous chemicals and a special type of sand only found in the Midwest region of the United States.

Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker has been working closely with the construction of the pipeline, allowing destructive mining operations to ignore certain guidelines normally preventing mining companies from doing excessive damage to surrounding ecosystems. On top of that, the pipeline would encourage our already substantial reliance on fossil fuel, instead of shifting focus to renewable, alternative energy research.

On the conservative side of the issue, the pipeline is seen as the economic messiah this country desperately needs. The pipeline construction alone would create thousands of jobs for Americans across nine states.

One of the Republican Party's main focuses is job creation and domestic energy production. This pipeline would kill two birds with one stone, effectively creating a job boom as well as reducing our dependence on overseas oil. Our current oil supply that fills the reservoirs surrounding the Gulf of Mexico come from the Middle East and Venezuela, two less stable areas of the world. The pipeline would establish a new market with one of our more stable global partners in trade, Canada. On top of this, the introduction of so much domestic oil would drop gas prices and promote major economic stimulation. The pipeline's construction could possibly send America into a golden age of economic growth.

Each of these sides has a counterpoint, making this debate a hot topic in today's social and political landscape. Politicians wage a daily war on their opposition by trying to turn any weaker members of the opposition, turn any on-the-fence politicians, and prey on the ignorant masses to win their support in their respective field of political battle.

Briefs, Birdman and Budapest: The Oscars do not Disappoint



Lady Gaga performs a tribute to *The Sounds of Music* to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the film. She sang a medley that included her renditions of "My Favorite Things," "Edelweiss," "The Sound of Music" and "Climb Ev'ry Mountain."

By Sondra Erwin
Copy Editor

This year's Oscars, hosted by Neil Patrick Harris, was wild from start to finish. Harris brought his Broadway background to the Oscar stage this year, opening with a song accompanied by Anna Kendrick and Jack Black. In the opening song, Harris traveled through the history of cinema thanks to a projected background which added props and scenes to his choreography. Harris also meandered through, thanks to a little trick photography and editing, other moments in films; for instance, *The Wizard of Oz* and *The Avengers*.

With his witty one liners and satirical humor, Harris kept the celebrity audience engaged and the viewers at home entertained-especially when he spoofed *Birdman* by coming out on stage in nothing but underwear! *Birdman* and *The Grand Budapest Hotel* were the big winners on Oscar night, taking home four Oscars each. It has been a month since the red carpet was rolled up and the winners went home with their well-earned awards. Let's take a look at this year's Oscar winners.

Best Picture: *Birdman (or The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance)*

Reasoning: Despite only pulling \$37.8 million in ticket sales, *Birdman* was a favorite to win after winning almost every award banquet leading up the Oscars.

Best Actor: Eddie Redmayne-*The Theory of Everything*

Reasoning: Redmayne was a fan favorite for this award, as he transformed himself completely to play the role of Stephen Hawking. In addition to the Oscar, Redmayne won a BAFTA, a Golden Globe and a Screen Actors Guild Award.

Best Actress: Julianne Moore-*Still Alice*

Reasoning: Moore was able to portray an early-onset dementia sufferer quite accurately, critics and dementia patients claim. This role also earned Moore a BAFTA and a Golden Globe.

Actor in a Supporting Role: J.K. Simmons - *Whiplash*

Reasoning: Terence Fletcher, the character played by Simmons, had to be a balanced character who exhibited precise moments of anger. Because of Simmons' skills as an actor, he was able to make the character relatable yet intimidating, earning him an Oscar.

Actress in a Supporting Role: Patricia Arquette - *Boyhood*

Reasoning: 12 years of filming really does

pay off! Arquette won nearly every film award for her role as Olivia. But perhaps her most prolific moment was her push for women's wage equality during her acceptance speech, which had social media in an uproar for weeks after the show.

Animated Feature Film: *Big Hero 6*

Reasoning: Although *How to Train Your Dragon 2* was a frontrunner for this category, *Big Hero 6* was able to clinch this Oscar. For the second year, Disney has come out on top in this category and with more movies in the works; it will be exciting to see if Disney can keep up this streak.

Costume Design: Milena Canonero-*The Grand Budapest Hotel*

Reasoning: As predicted by multiple critics, *The Grand Budapest Hotel* won the Oscar for this category. The movie also took home a BAFTA, a Critics' Choice as well as the Costume Designer Guild Prize for Costume Design.

Visual Effects: Paul Franklin, Andrew Lockley, Ian Hunter and Scott Fisher-*Interstellar*

Reasoning: The special effects crew used a unique computer code in order to give *Interstellar* a realistic look. Because of this, the movie was able to beat out some of the top grossing movies of the past year.

While maybe not quite as over the top as in years past, the 2015 Oscars brought back a little movie magic with the help of Neil Patrick Harris and his charismatic hosting abilities.



Photo courtesy of Eonline

Eddie Redmayne accepting the Best Actor award for his role as Stephen Hawking in *The Theory of Everything*.

Education is the future: the future doctors, lawyers, teachers, police officers, nurses and politicians.

Personally, I think education is one of the most important systems the government can invest in because it is investing in the future. I do not know about everyone else, but I want a doctor who knows what he is doing, and for that to happen, he is going to need a quality education. This is an example where everyone is affected, not just young adults.

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Voting: It Does Affect You

By Cassidy Levenhagen
Reporter

The 26 amendment of the United States Constitution gives any citizen over the age of 18 the right to vote. In the 2014 midterm elections, only 13% of people that are 18-29 years old took advantage of that right. What I have been trying to figure out is why more young people do not vote.

When asking around, I received the same

response countless times: "it doesn't affect me." What these people are not stopping to realize is how dramatically their lives can actually be affected by the results of political elections.

For example, Governor Scott Walker is planning on cutting \$300 million dollars from the UW education system, which includes a \$114 million dollar cut to UW Madison alone. Do we, as citizens, want to take a backseat when it comes to the education system?

A Moment to Remember

By Cassandra Fawley
Reporter

At twenty-five, I can not remember the day my nephew was born, the day my brother got married, or my Aunt Paula's funeral after a five-year battle with breast cancer. I was not here. I missed more than one Christmas, six different Thanksgiving holidays, and seven years worth of birthdays. I do not recall what day I graduated from high school, my eighteenth birthday, or the first time I drank an alcoholic beverage. However, I clearly remember the day I left for boot camp, the day I graduated from boot camp, and the day my active duty service in the United States Marine Corps came to an end. I remember these things, because I chose to serve our nation in the United States Armed Forces.

I have met people who never returned home to see their parents and I have typed certificates for flags that have been flown over the United States Capital in their honor. I have met parents, spouses, children, and friends who would give anything to see their loved one walk through their front door. In some cases, I have waited for my own loved ones to return from six, nine, and twelve-month deployments when they went to places overseas that they are not guaranteed to come back from. I have woke up to my friends screaming out in their sleep in the middle of the night, dreaming of experiences that I, and most others, can not fathom.

When any individual signs a contract with the United States Military, they sign away their life. It is important to remember and respect every single person who signs the contract, knowing they may not return. They also acknowledge that they may be one of the few who never go over seas. When an individual signs that contract, they are playing Russian roulette with their pen. The enlisted recite the following oath, while the commissioned speak slightly different words:

"I, (state name of enlistee), do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God."

Since September 11, 2001, over six thousand military members have been lost in combat in the Middle East. However, this death count does not include military members who have passed away in training accidents or fatalities caused by Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Since the day our Spring Break began, at least twelve military members have passed away without entering a combat zone. On March 10, eleven military members were killed in a training accident off the coast of Florida. One of these military members was one of Wisconsin's finest, Staff Sergeant Kerry M. Kemp. Staff Sergeant Kemp graduated from Port Washington High School in 2005 and joined the United States Marine Corps. He lost his life during night training with the Marine Corps Special Operations Forces. He will never see his daughter age past one month old and his wife will never see her husband come home.

Less than a day later, twenty-three year old Lance Corporal Anthony T. DuBeau, of Kenosha, Wisconsin, lost his life while performing his daily duties. A civilian aircraft struck the government vehicle Lance Corporal DuBeau was operating while inspecting the airfield at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma in Arizona.

Staff Sergeant Kemp and Lance Corporal DuBeau were both originally from towns less than an hour away from the Carroll University campus. Please take a moment to



Photo courtesy of Cassandra Fawley

Corporal Cassandra A. Fawley, USMC is currently studying Professional Writing and Religious Studies at Carroll University.

thank both these gentlemen for taking an oath and agreeing to protect our constitution and our freedom against all enemies. During this moment, please remember the others who have been killed during training or due to combat.

Finally, please take a moment to thank all those who have served, whether they are sitting in your classroom or overseas, for they have also made sacrifices and missed moments they will never be able to relive. Although you may not agree with the war, recognize that they put their lives on the line every day so that you have the freedom to choose to condemn their actions.

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Every politician is elected to represent the people - all of the people - so it affects you. I am going off the assumption here that most people between the ages of 18 and 29, at best, fall into the middle class category because they attend college or have not been working very long. If more than 13 percent of us showed up to vote, we would not be misrepresented by elected officials who are only working for the wealthiest top 1 percent of the country and the rich corporations. As a middle class group, we should be voting for those who push for equal representation, that way we are affected positively.

Each part of the government will affect each citizen at some point in their life. For instance, parents with children will

probably want to send them to a trustworthy, affordable childcare center. The Obama administration is currently working on making child care affordable because lower and middle class families are struggling to afford good, quality care for their children. It is important to keep people who are looking out for all citizens in office. The influence that the government has on everyday life only becomes more noticeable with age. Take driving, for instance. Fifteen-year-olds probably do not notice how bad some roads are, but once they start driving, commuting to work or school, they will begin to notice pot holes and deteriorating roads far more. The roads are property of the government and it is their job to fix them, but before they can do that, we need to elect the candidates that have plans to put programs like this in effect.

Roads are not the only thing adults have to be

conscientious of - taxes are also important for citizens to consider. Nobody likes taxes, and the fact that they are continually increasing does not provide any comfort. As college students, it is difficult to afford taxes as it is, so representatives that continually vote for tax increases is not beneficial or practical for our age group. Making the decision to vote allows our age group to become equally represented.

So when I hear people say that they do not vote because the election outcomes do not affect them, I can not help but wonder what party they think is not affecting them. The voter turnout in the 2014 midterm was the lowest it has been since 1942 during World War II. Our generation is the next up to lead this country, and should start acting like it by becoming more involved in elections.

Unconventional Course: Literary Magazine

By Janezia Ketchel
Op-Ed Editor

Carroll University is now offering a new, unconventional course: WRI350: Literary Magazine Publishing. Created by B.J. Best, Assistant Professor of English at Carroll and Taylor Hamann, a senior at Carroll, the course allows students to be a part of the development of a literary magazine, titled Portage. "Portage came about for two reasons," stated Best. "The first is that we wanted students to be able to participate in the larger literary community while still under the guidance of a class. The second reason is that a well-respected regional magazine, Verse Wisconsin, was shutting down. In some ways, we're continuing on the good work begun by Verse Wisconsin. We borrowed much of our mission statement from them, for example. We also borrowed their focus: Portage focuses on arts and culture in the Upper Midwest." Hamann agreed, adding, "Portage began as a vision to bring the professional literary publishing world to Carroll and immerse students in it. It is also a push to expand the literary arts in the Midwest."

The idea for the course came about when Best and Hamann collaborated together last summer through a Pioneer Scholars project. The project allowed them to "lay the foundations for the journal," as Hamann stated. "We first had to establish where we wanted the journal to 'fit' within the literary community. We had to essentially find our niche and we chose to focus specifically on the upper Midwest. Then, we worked together to write the mission statement and all the web copy." As the co-editor and co-founder of the magazine, Hamann designed the website the course would utilize to showcase the magazine. She also aided in promoting Facebook and Twitter pages for Portage.

In relation to the new Professional Writing major, the course grants students the chance to envision what they want to do with their major after graduating Carroll. However, this unconventional course is not only geared to Writing majors or students with similar career interests. It is available for all students. "Publishing a literary journal allows students in many different disciplines to gain valuable experience," said Hamann. "There is



Photo courtesy of Amy Laufenberg

a need for genre editors, copy editors, designers, and a communications/marketing team. I hope that students will be able to build their résumés and develop skill sets specific to their interests and potential career paths."

The main goal of the course is "to give students the opportunity to take skills they've learned in their classes, such as evaluating good writing, or editing, or graphic design, and apply them in a real-world setting," said Best. "As the instructor, it's my job to make sure the magazine gets completed in an efficient way.

However, the course is flexible and can be adapted to students' talents and interests. For example, this semester we are also publishing a book of poems, as we have several Book Arts majors in the class. The course is student-directed, and in some ways I want students to learn whatever they, personally, want to learn."

As the semester has progressed, so has the literary magazine. After screening through works of nonfiction, fiction, poetry, art and photography, Portage is now in its final stage of accepting submissions and publishing them online. The poetry submissions for the printed book are also in their final stages for the book project. "So far, we've been making great progress," said Best. "We have a very talented and energetic team of students in the course. I'm excited to see the final product of the magazine and the book we're publishing. I'm hopeful that Portage will become more and more known in the regional literary and arts communities as we continue to publish good work and create appealing final products."

"Regarding the journal," said Hamann, "I would like to see Portage flourish and become a respected journal within the literary community. It can be tough to start a journal since thousands already exist, but my goal is for Portage to become relatively well-known within Midwestern literary circles. I would like to see it grow and eventually become a journal to which new, emerging, and established writers and artists want to submit their work."

In WRI350, students of all different majors, interests, and future goals have come together because of one common pursuit: a love of writing. In the end, the students are a part of something much bigger than just a class; they are building onto a literary entity that has excellent potential to become a well-known publisher for future writers and artists.

Humans of New York Comes to Carroll

How Brandon Stanton's "Humans of New York" blog inspired its own Carroll variant

By Jack Sherman
Entertainment Editor

Humans of New York was born by accident in 2010 when amateur photographer Brandon Stanton lost his job as a stock trader and decided against his mother's wishes that he was going to pack his bags, fly to Manhattan and take pictures of the people he met. His incredible gamble paid off - Humans of New York is now a blog with over 8 million followers on social media.

Five years later, "Humans of..." projects have been created in countless cities across America. As of 2014, Carroll University is home to its own: Humans of Carroll. Hannah Amodio, president of the photography organization at Carroll, gave some insight behind how the project was born. "Carroll Senior Alina Krone approached Photography Org and Century Magazine with an idea for a collaborative Humans of Carroll Project," stated Amodio.

The goal of the project is simple: find students on campus engaging in their regular, everyday routines - be it standing in line at Second Cup, studying in the furthest corner of the Learning Commons, or furiously editing a paper behind a computer screen in the basement of Newhall - and ask them a question or two. These questions are intended to strike an emotional chord with their respondents that elicit honest, human answers. The ability to divulge such personal information to a complete stranger sounds difficult in theory, but in practice, it creates a unique dynamic: the exchange is risk-free. People have no reason to lie to someone they do not know.

While Humans of Carroll was not created by a jobless photographer betting on success, it was born with Stanton's search for honesty and intimacy in mind. "Any 'Humans of...' is about documenting a specific place's inhabitants. What comes out of this documentation is raw truth, human connection, and a sense of community," states Amodio. The members of Humans of Carroll are trying to find just that - the "raw truth" that students appear to hide so easily while

quietly studying or hustling off to their next class.

To that end, photographer Robert Colletta commented on what it was like to document other students through his pictures. "We tried to vary the spots we shot at. We wanted a truly representative cross-section of Carroll," he noted, bringing up an interesting point: Humans of Carroll gives each student an equal opportunity to share his or her own story. A physical therapy major entering grad school is just as likely to receive an interview as a first year undecided major taking general education courses - and that level of diversity is the beauty of a project like this.

In their search for an accurate representation of that diversity, pictures were taken as candidly as possible. "For

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- Hannah Amodio

Photo Club President at Carroll

most of the images we tried to capture natural moments or poses," Colletta said. "There was usually some basic direction from photographers, but we wanted to keep the heart of the images natural and spontaneous," he continued. To add to the anonymity, subjects were not aware that they were going to be interviewed or photographed prior to the very moment they were asked.

While it draws largely on Stanton's original concept, Humans of Carroll is unique in several distinct ways. "Instead of one guy, with one camera, and one personality, we had five or so different groups of two (one photographer, one interviewer or in some cases the photographer just worked alone) go out together and tag-team the project. I think that working in pairs and having multiple photographers may produce a dif-

ferent effect in the end presentation," said Amodio.

Another aspect that makes Humans of Carroll quite different than Humans of New York is the sheer difference in geographic size - Carroll University is no Big Apple. However, the small campus does not inherently make its inhabitants any closer than strangers in New York City. "As for Humans of Carroll, I think it is easy to get too comfortable in a place - especially one as small as Carroll - and forget that there are so many special and unique people around you. We can learn so much from stepping outside our comfort zone and engaging with a stranger," Amodio noted, and it seems as though the project is providing a vehicle for students to do exactly that.

However, Humans of Carroll was not formed without its own set of hardships. "This was the first year of this project, and, of course, like any first it had its bumps along the way," said Amodio. "We are very proud of how this first year turned out but have dreams to expand the project even further in the future." Currently, that expansion includes creating a signature Humans of Carroll blog that can be used to document, compile, and archive the stories of students for years to come. For now, the results of the Humans of Carroll project will be made physically available. "Humans of Carroll will be displayed in the Atrium Gallery (the long hallway with the skylight roof) in the Humphrey Art Center during World Wellness Week," Amodio said. There, pictures of students and their personal stories will be on exhibit all week. Members of Humans of Carroll have already been touched by their classmates' stories. Reflecting on his experiences, Colletta noted that "at times it seemed that people had been waiting for someone to ask them just that very [interview] question. There was often a moment's pause after they got done answering where I would just have to take a moment and collect myself." In only its first year, Humans of Carroll has found a way to connect with so many individuals on such an intimate level. As long as there are stories to tell and individuals brave enough to share them, it will continue to do so.

HOROSCOPES

Week of March 27th

By Jack Sherman aka Prince Entertainus IV

Aries: March 21 – April 19

After much deliberation, the stars have decided that this will not be your week. That goes for next week, too. In fact, the stars just aren't very fond of you at all.

Taurus: April 20 – May 20

The coming days will be a time of great uncertainty for you, but if one thing will be made clear, its that all the wishful thinking in the world isn't going to help you pass that exam next Tuesday.

Gemini: May 21 – June 21

There are times when you need to just sit back and let the actions of others play out. Unfortunately, you will realize that watching your professor attempt to turn on the overhead projector for 17 minutes is not one of them.

Cancer: June 22 – July 22

The planets have aligned in such a way that you will meet the romantic partner of your dreams in the following weeks. However, they will be transferring to another university for fiscal reasons before you ever have a chance to make your move.

Leo: July 23 – August 22

You will learn much about humility, pride, and self-esteem this week when your decision to eat in the Main Dining Room leads to an unforgettable experience in the bathroom.

Virgo: August 23 – September 22

In school you were taught one meaning of the Golden Rule, but this week, an unexpected encounter will teach you the real Golden Rule: never underestimate an angry pack of campus squirrels.

Libra: September 23 – October 23

The stars will shine brightly in your favor this week, but you will get sick of them very quickly when you discover that the blinding light of a thousand superheated balls of hydrogen gas renders you unable to sleep.

Scorpio: October 24 – November 21

There is nothing more satisfying than a job well done, which is why you will feel an all-too-familiar nauseating sensation as you present your group project in class this week.

Sagittarius: November 22 – December 21

Your decision to mark those pyramid-scheme emails as spam will ultimately save you from sifting through thousands of junk letters, but you'll never know if forwarding those messages to six friends could've earned you a free stay on the shores of Vacation Vista™ Island.

Capricorn: December 22 – January 19

If you're a Capricorn, then you must know that this week is going to bring you incredible luck and success. If you didn't, you don't deserve to call yourself a Capricorn. Go find another sign, jerk.

Aquarius: January 20 – February 18

Now is the time to finally work up the courage to talk to that special someone in the room across from you. Unfortunately, now is also the time to realize that there is no room across from you and your brain is merely creating the illusion of a college dorm while you sleep in a dreamlike stasis because unlike Neo, you chose the blue pill.

Pisces: February 19 – March 20

Did you know that Pisces is a fish? You feel sort of bad about that New Year's Resolution to turn pescetarian now, don't you?

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The New Perspective Staff

Carroll Disassociates with Embarrassing NFL Team

By Shelby Hearley aka MS Paint Expert



Carroll will no longer be sharing logos with the Chicago Bears

After a long decision process, Carroll has decided to disassociate themselves with the Chicago Bears NFL team. It has already been well established that the Chicago Bears pay Carroll University to use their logo on an annual basis. Despite the significant funding that comes from the use of the NFL teams logo, Carroll University has decided to withdraw their affiliation with the team due to their consistent habitual nature to lose.

Jay Cutler, quarterback of the Chicago Bears, has led the team with 18 interceptions, the worst in the NFL. He set a franchise record for sacks in a single season after being taken down 38 times, eighth overall in the NFL. With these

kinds of statistics, it is no surprise that the Bears were led to a 5-11 record this season, their worst in a decade. He has become well known to Wisconsin natives as “the best player on the Green Bay Packer's roster.” The Packers defense has made it clear that nobody seems happier to have Jay Cutler signed for a long-term contract than they do themselves.

Carroll's own student-athlete body expressed their opinions on the matter. “We want to be represented as winners at our school. It's difficult to achieve that while sharing a logo with such an awful NFL team,” stated Dean Parr, defensive tackle on Carroll University's football team.

Brandon Marshall, the former Bears wide receiver, now signed to the New York Jets, supported Carroll's decision to drop the affiliation. “I don't blame the University for cutting ties due to the horrendous play by the Bears this season. My decision to leave the organization was based on the same thing, I want to win.”

When we reached Virginia Halas McCaskey, owner of the Chicago Bears, for comment, she was distressed to say the least. “Carroll University was the only emblem we had in terms of hope for our team. At this point, our organization is at a loss of what to do from here on out.”

Carroll announced it will officially have a new logo in the fall of 2015. Details are to come about what the logo will specifically look like. It is still up for debate if Carroll will continue using the blue and orange colors, and how much they feel this associates them with the losing nature of Chicago.. Rest assured, the logo will not carry any resemblance to the notorious failing NFL team.



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New logos are in the making for Carroll's upcoming change

THE ALTERNATIVE PERSPECTIVE

AN APRIL FOOLS EDITION

Rub-a-dub Rankin

By Sarah Stock aka Official Fact Maker-Upper

Professors in Rankin have been advised to equip their students with precautionary floaties in response to the building's notorious flooding incident. On February 21, an unknown suspect, or suspects, activated the emergency shower station on Rankin's main level, leaving it to run unattended. The motives behind this caper were revealed in a recent posting to the popular social media app, Yik Yak. The Yak, “Tried to wash the rank out of Rankin #yolo,” received a whopping 147 upvotes. One comment managed to ask the question everyone had been wondering, “how did you forget the [censored] soap?”

Of course, our perpetrator is not the only one to find offense in Rankin's stench. Indeed, one whiff is enough to make even the strongest of biology majors struggle not to projectile vomit their ABP across the stairwell. According to Joanna Blake, a junior at Carroll, “bathing Rankin didn't work, but someone had to try it. I suffered through

every biology lab for two years until I finally invested in my first set of nose clips,”. Since then, she has accumulated five pairs of varying colors. To any nauseated students looking for a little relief, she suggests a neon green pair because “it's subtle, and it goes with anything.”

Student senate members, inspired by Blake, are considering providing free nose clips to students taking classes in Rankin next fall to prevent any future attempts at vigilante odor elimination. The university is also offering a \$1000 reward for any information leading to the arrest of the misguidedly valiant person(s) responsible for the current damage. The criminal sentence will most definitely include mandatory seminars in sanitation and its limitations, because while no one enjoys the aroma Carroll brochures describe as “ a delightful mixture of formaldehyde and armpit with subtle undertones of amphipod feces,” every possible solution has been explored and absolutely none of has worked, not even “[censored] soap.”



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Battle Royale to Replace Registration at Carroll - Carroll University Mail - Mozilla Firefox

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Battle Royale to Replace Registration at Carroll

UNDERGRAD By Elaina Barbieri aka Carroll's Rush Limbaugh

Good evening students and family of Carroll University,

We are pleased to announce an exciting new change in our registration tactics. Originally, we used computers and personal meetings with advisors to get our students ready for class selection but, despite our help, the divided registration times led for a tight race to seats in the most popular classes. These changes will revolutionize how students sign up for their upcoming classes. No longer will we allow our students to wait anxiously to see if their desired class is full, instead they will simply battle to the death.

The administration here at Carroll likes to believe that if you truly want something, then you will fight to the death for it. While it is not exactly our motto, it is scratched in numerous toilet stalls surrounding the campus. We understand that change can be uncomfortable and that some parents may be slightly concerned with this change of events, so we at Carroll have provided a few vital pieces of information that will follow these battles. Please feel free to peruse the given information as our students will be destroying their competition with their bare hands this upcoming fall of 2015.

- Do not fear for lack of variety in our weapons department. We pride ourselves in the creativity of our students so we have provided a wide range of killing utensils. Now, freshman dying to get into their future sophomore required ANP classes can choose to stab their opposing peers in the neck with a pencil, a spork, a shank made out of paperclips, and -- if they are lucky -- any type of blunt or assault weapon. We do offer a few AR-15's at our disposal for those who made it on the Dean's list as well as a generous assortment of knives for those willing to write a four paragraph essay on why their desired class matters.
- Some parents may have some concerns with their child's safety. We oblige these parents not to worry. We have an elite group of survivor PT students equipped with numerous band-aids for the occasional hatchet wound.
- We like to reward loyalty and hard work at Carroll, so we encourage those who have acquired senior status to use the incoming freshman as human shields. You can pick your freshman up at the MDR. They will most likely be alone and confused which makes for an easy capture.
- While we enjoy competition and the occasional stabbing, we do not condone upperclassmen flinging their feces into the pit of death while students are fighting. We respect the emotional impact of the situation, which is why we only allow the following from our outside observers: jaunts, jeers, bottles of tears, a limit of two disembodied limbs, food scrapings, and litter. Any student caught throwing his or her excrement at the lowerclassmen will be required to take the remedial class Respecting Battle and Death.
- Because of the high number of health science students fighting for a spot in their classes, the professors of the most popular physical therapy and nursing classes will sit over the pit and deem whether those hanging on to the threads of life are worthy of entering their class. It is also possible to win a professor's approval before the battle by showering them with an ungodly amount of Starbuck's and Target gift cards.

We hope this has answered any of the questions regarding the upcoming changes to our registration system. We can guarantee that safety and honor are our top priority and we will always put in all of our effort to make our student's experience as enjoyable as possible. Please understand how difficult it is to seat so many students into a limited classroom and why these changes have been made. Some of these students will simply have to go. We wish you all the best of luck with registration! The odds will, most likely, not be in your favor.

With warm regards,
The faculty of Carroll University



Effects of Sleep Deprivation on Health

Sleep deprivation can lead to health and mental illness if not adequate

By Sandra Rzeczyca
Feature Editor

Most people know that an average of 8 hours of sleep allows the body's mental and physical state to perform at a fully functioning level.

When the body does not get enough sleep, the body loses its ability to function properly during the day. While it is recommended to get 8 hours of sleep, many people fail to do

so. According to Healthline, if a person does not get the recommended amount of sleep he/she will have mood swings, experience fatigue, and simply want to crawl right back into bed.

College and high school students have a common habit of staying up late to study or hang out. According to the article, College Students: Getting Enough Sleep is Vital to Academic Success, college students should be getting 7 to 8 hours of sleep every night. Incorporating a nap mid-day makes up for the loss, but with the busy schedules college students endure, taking a nap is not always possible.

A couple of nights without the appropriate amount of sleep is nothing to be concerned about, but if the lack of sleep continues, it is a cause of concern. Studies have been conducted to show that sleeping less than five hours a night increases the chance of death by 15 percent.

A full night's rest is beneficial. When the body is well rested, it will be capable of performing its duties. With the proper amount of sleep, the synapses between neurons have the capability to grow and multiply by consuming fuel, but the bodies cannot handle unconventional growth and energy consumption without the appropriate amount of

sleep. This leads to a less excited state in the morning. Without the appropriate amount of sleep, the brain does not have enough recovery time to function the next day. This affects cognitive abilities and emotional state. If the latter continues, it leads to excessive sleepiness, yawning, and irritability along with hindering balance, coordination, and decision-making abilities.

-Sam Dittmer
Sophomore at Carroll

As long-term lack of sleep continues, we are left with impaired short-term and long-term memory deficits and likelihood of making irrational decisions. For people who are at an increased risk of having or developing a mental illness, the effects are even stronger. Risks can include: hallucinations in narcoleptics, trigger mania in the people who have manic depression, impulsive behavior, depression, paranoia, and suicidal thoughts.

Erin Nielsen, sophomore at Carroll University, states that people do not get enough sleep, they become delusional. "When you don't sleep enough, you can become delusional and start seeing things that actually aren't there" states Nielsen. While the brain is the primary target when it comes to effects of lack of sleep, other vital systems in the body are at risk as well such as the immune, respiratory, digestive and cardiovascular systems.

According to Heathline, "When you're sleeping, your immune system produces protective cyto-

kines and infection-fighting antibodies and cells. It uses these tools to fight off foreign substances like bacteria and viruses. These cytokines and other protective substances also help you sleep, giving the immune system more energy to defend against illness."

A study conducted by Mayo Clinic confirmed that sleep deprivation leads to a compromised immune system that does not have enough strength to build up antibodies to fight against incoming viral infections.

Based on several studies done by Harvard Medical School, a connection was made between weight gain and sleep deprivation. When the body is stressed it releases a stress hormone called cortisol, and lowers the levels of leptin that tells the brain you have had enough to eat. The body

also releases a chemical called ghrelin that is an appetite stimulant. The combination of these hormones results in a higher rate of consumption of foods.

-Mayo Clinic

Weight gain can result in an increase in blood pressure, heart disease, and strokes. According to Healthline, people who have hypertension, one night without sleep can cause an elevation of blood pressure the next day.

Getting enough sleep is a necessity to one's health. Especially for the working college student who spends late nights up prepping for school or having a good time with friends, It is always a good move to work around a busy schedule to get some rest. This includes incorporating a mid-day nap, but if that does not work, trying to go to bed an hour or two earlier can make the biggest difference.

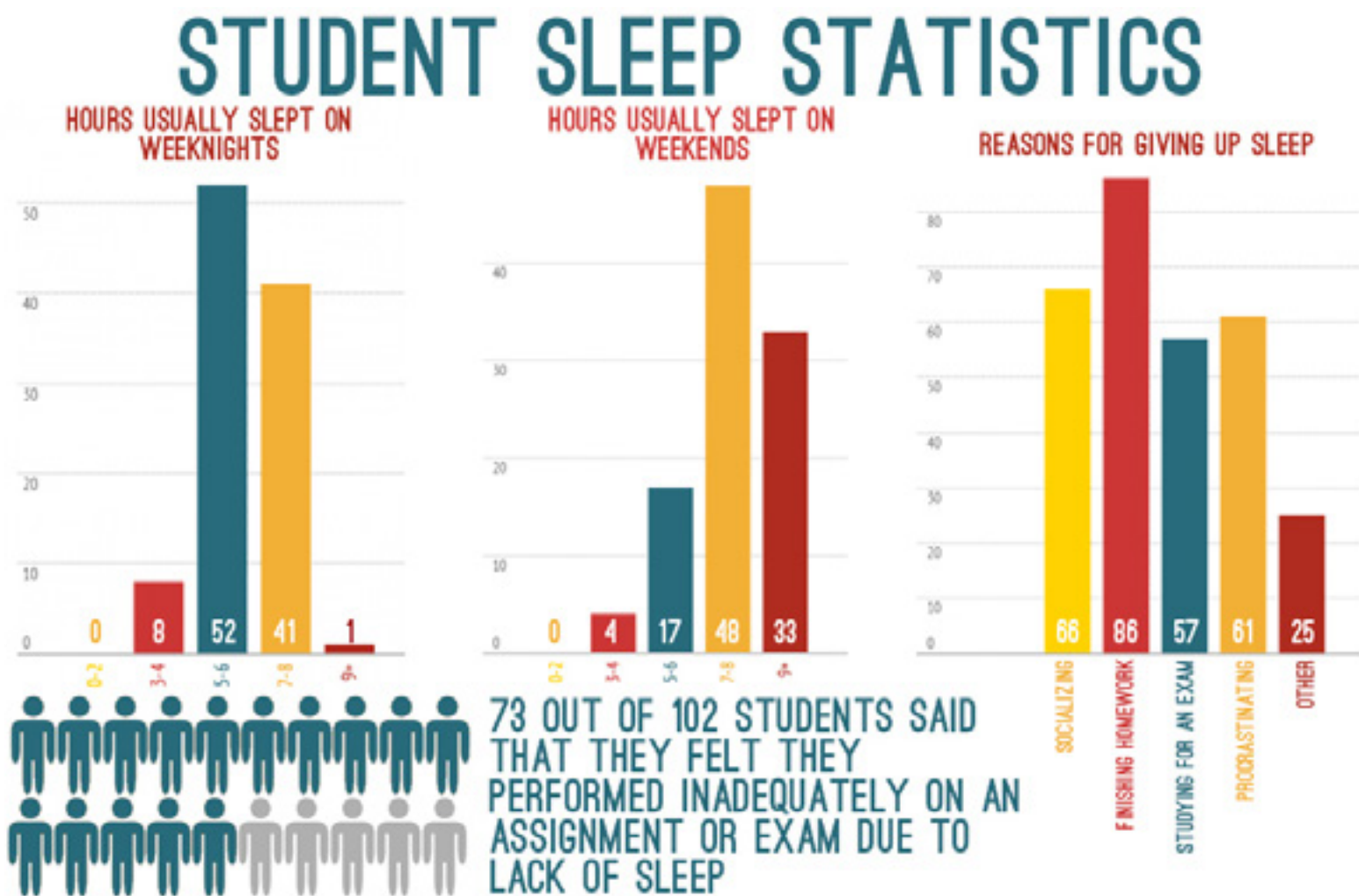


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The Art of Being a Cheapskate



By Khorye Huffman
Staff Reporter

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With the price of products constantly skyrocketing, how does one keep money in their pocket? Two words: discounts and savings. The first step to saving money is spending the least amount for a larger quantity of products. With a bit of effort, finding low priced products with high quality benefits is not hard, it just requires an awareness of local discounts and sales.

Carroll University students are very lucky. There are multiple businesses in-

downtown Waukesha that offer a 10 percent discount on product purchases to students. Some businesses that are part of the discount program include Allo Chocolat, Mia's, and Steaming Cup.

Fuzzy's pub and grill has a sale of their own with large tacos on Monday for 75 cents per taco.

For college students, sometimes it is hard to afford to go out, but there are deals at some local theaters that make it possible.

The Marcus Majestic has \$5 admissions on Tuesdays for the public, and \$5 admissions on Thursdays for students. On

Mondays there is also \$5 admission for selected movies as a ladies night. Silver Cinemas budget South theatre in West Allis has an even cheaper option; their day-to-day ticket price is \$2. However, on Tuesdays, the theatre lowers its admission price to \$1.

Movies are not the only cheap form of entertainment. Fracar's lanes provides a low price for bowling in Waukesha for \$2 per game and \$1 for shoe rentals.

Macklemore has the right idea when it comes to thrift shops -- they are a great place to go to find good deals on clothing and other useful trinkets. Goodwill and St. Vincent De Paul, aka "Vinnie's", have a great variety of items available for low prices. Goodwill has discounts on different colored stickered items, daily. They also have a Goodwill member card which keeps track of points a shopper earns and sends coupons to the customer's email address. In this way, it is possible to earn even more discounts while "popping some tags". Thrift shops have all sorts of things for sale from jeans and shirts to shoes and "broken keyboards", all for an affordable price. On Saturdays at Goodwill, students get an extra discount when they bring their ID in. St. Vincent De Paul also has low and affordable prices.

It save people money and helps the community. Buying from these stores chan-

nels local money into the local economy. This makes it easier for smaller businesses to hire more employees and fund themselves for investments that can help the community become more economically stable.

The internet is another source for discounts and savings. There are various apps and websites available that sort out nearby sales. For example, Perk TV is an app that gives rewards for watching videos, ads, and trailers. Reward points can be used to purchase Amazon gift cards, send donations to charities, purchase tablets and more. The app is free and easy to sign up for. Users need to input an email and come up with a password, and then they can begin watching videos and getting rewards points. Amazonlocal also provides great deals on local products from 50-75 percent off upfront purchases on beauty products, entertainment, restaurants, etc. Groupon is another example of a website that features discounted gift certificates and deals for businesses locally and nationally owned. There is an endless combination of discounts available with Groupon.

The world of savings is endless as long as one has the proper knowledge about local discounts and sales. It is like a box of coupons: there are always more surprises to look forward to.

Movie Reviews: College Student Edition

Movie reviews for several must-see films on Netflix and from Carroll University's DVD collection

By John Bischke
Staff Reporter

The following are several movie reviews of some off-beat films that are easy access through Netflix or from the library here at Carroll University. These movies may not always come highly recommended, but they are imperative to watch, know, and understand because they address noteworthy issues.

Dr. Strangelove or: How I learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb (Library DVD): This film is up to date even though it was made in the 1960's because it satirizes a timeless concept over powerful governments overstepping their boundaries. The film pokes fun at the war mongers of national governments while putting propaganda and the Red Scare in check. No, the Red Scare is not a thing of today but there is a national disposition in America

towards anyone wearing a turban because of the wars in the middle east, therefore this is a close cousin. This film being in black and white however makes it hard to keep today's modern and saturated attention so watch it intently. I give this movie a 3.8 out of 5.

Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon (Netflix): Normally karate movies are viewed as campy and poorly written. However, this movie has all the elements of a cinematic masterpiece. Its well written characters and amazing story are brought to life by the casting and directing decisions. This movie combines elements of love stories, politics, and social class conflicts. As a foreign film, it is on par with most Hollywood classics, but there are moments where the subtitles quickly disappear making it difficult to keep up. Being able to quickly read subtitles helps to better understand the plot of this film. This film

is a hidden gem of Netflix and I give it a 4.4 out of 5.

Do the Right Thing (Library DVD): This movie is exciting, confusing, and emotionally charged thanks to the acting and directing. Its modern take and modern culture aspects also make it relatable.

However, after thinking about the title of the film several times and realizing the title itself is ironic it all made sense. This film's title is a pseudo warning to those in a diverse environment that all humans have the capacity to be bad, and morality is a choice. Once the film is looked at with special attention paid to the symbolism this film takes life and style as a moral teacher but addressing the duality of man. I give film the highest ranking and I highly recommended with a 4.8 out of 5.

Groundhog Day (Library DVD and Netflix): Starring the iconic comedic general, Bill Murray, this film is a classic and one

that is sadly not very well known. This film focuses on developing a character with the interesting concept of repeating the same day over and over again. Bill Murray makes his character relatable while staying iconic. This movie in all its memorable scenes. I give it a 4.4 out of 5.

Lars and the Real Girl (Library DVD): This film starts off as cute and awkward and sadly stays that way. This film has an interesting story which is muddled by average acting and strange cinematographic choices. This, however, is not because of the actors or directors, it is because the concept is difficult to bring to life. The monotone feel of the film begins to drag on when there should be changes in its mood and presentation, making parts feel often misplaced. Therefore, because of its continuously cheesy awkward nature, I give this film the lowest rating - a 3.5 out of 5.

NETFLIX

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Piece by Piece Kelly Released Something New

Clarkson manages to stay relevant through a pregnancy as she begins a new chapter in life

By Nico Ibanez
Staff Reporter

This album has Clarkson writing less than she did for her previous albums - only writing five of its sixteen tracks because most of her time was spent focusing on her pregnancy during studio time. She took a step back and had songs given to her by other songwriters and artist., but instead of just taking tracks at random to put a quick album together, she focused more on lyrics and what she wanted to say and represent. Despite this listeners should not expect any tracks to be like Since U Been Gone or Stronger (What Doesn't Kill You). Clarkson is a happily married mother now, and this album reflects that she is content with that.

The album opens with her lead single Heartbeat Song. The song is very sweet and has a catchy chorus that is easy to remember. Not the strongest lead single but not the worst, there were other songs that might have been a better choice. Her vocals along with its production make this song a success.

Invincible, the second track (hinted to be the second single, but nothing has been confirmed yet) is a track that was penned by Sia Furler, the artist who wrote the popular song Chandelier. She also gave Clarkson another track: Let Your Tears Fall - another perfect song for Clarkson. This track definitely has Sia written all over it, but Clarkson leaves her own mark on it with her soothing yet somber vocals.

The title track Piece by Piece is a great example of how Clarkson was still able to make this album personal despite writing less for it. This song could easily be a single; it has lyrics that are helpful and relatable to people who come from a broken home. Clarkson opens up more about her parent's relationship very much like she did in 2005 with Because Of You, only this song has a happier ending. Her

father left her and her mother when she was only 6 years old. This track gives her a new perspective and she tells the listener that her husband (Brandon Blackstock) has really fixed everything her father ru-

songs about the music industry and has made her stance on how it is a difficult industry to be a part of in You Can't Win from her 2011 album, Stronger. However, with this album she takes a bit more of a

for her husband which, in the cheesiest way, is adorable. It talks about how the two of them are still figuring out how they want their relationship to work and how they do not want it to be impacted by her fame.

War Paint is the strongest track - and perhaps the best song to be released as a single. Mixing it up a bit with a touch of EDM production, Clarkson showcases that she can mix genres up and have it work in her favor. Depending on how you listen to it, it could be about a relationship - or it could simply be about a community in general and members of society learning to accept one another: "We can beautiful without our war paint, our war paint/ and we could have it all once we let our walls break, our walls break".

After this track the album shifts in tone, becoming disorganized both thematically and lyrically. Dance With Me is light and somewhat bubbly, a "feel good song" - which makes for some great dancing. Nostalgic is probably a song she might consider releasing as a single because it is such a unique track production wise. It has a good beat and a very catchy chorus. Bad Reputation and Second Wind are two bonus tracks that Clarkson lets loose and just has fun with. Bad Reputation is somewhat reminiscent of 2003's Miss Independent only she has more fun with this track, poking fun at how everyone around her knew she was falling in love with Brandon.

Overall, this album has its ups and downs. Some tracks are stronger than others, but Clarkson's vocals make every song one you could just listen to with the windows down or rock out with a hairbrush in your room. Clarkson might not have reached the level of popularity in this album that she did with Stronger, but the varied topics she chose to explore make up for that. 13 years in the game shows that she still has staying power.



Photo courtesy of thehudsucker.com

ined. She ends the song by singing about her daughter and how she sees her relationship lasting with Blackstock. She reinforced that thought with the last non chorus line: "piece by piece he'll restore my faith/that a man could be kind and a father should be great".

The next track is the only collaborative track Clarkson has on the album. Run Run Run, featuring John Legend, is a standout track.

I Had A Dream is not what you might expect. Clarkson has previously written

feminist standpoint. Clarkson makes note of how show business is far from what it seems, and her lyrics reflect that: "everything you do is gonna add up/it's what you ask for so/don't get mad when it's not what you thought". The production is also great on this track - the backing vocals really help Clarkson show that even when pregnant she still has a set of pipes.

The next two tracks are very different. Tightrope is most definitely her love song

Video Games: Watching, Not Playing

By Alejandro Merlan
Staff Reporter

The defining characteristic of video games is that they are interactive. As with all mediums, as the years have progressed video games have evolved and expanded. The evolution of videogames has even breached the boundary of interaction. Now, a growing majority of people are starting to choose watching video games as one would watch a football game, a television episode or a feature film.

Just as there are multiple ways of interacting with video games, there are a myriad ways of watching them as well. Video Game YouTube channels serve as guides, provide background for stories or discuss the principles of a game. Popular streamers like Rooster Teeth, Pewdiepie, Markiplier, Jontron and the Angry Video Game Nerd have channels that are entertainment driven - known as "Let's Plays".

Knowing how Let's Plays work is crucial in order to understand why people are drawn to watching them.

Let's Plays in general have a similar style

to that of sports broadcasts - and the communication strategy is the same. In both, the viewer is watching action develop on screen while a commentator relays relevant information. In Sports broadcasting there are usually two commentators: one person for play by play commentary and one person for what is called 'color commentary'. The play-by-play commentator describes exactly what's going on while the color commentator livens the situation with his own opinion and his emotions.

The Birth of Rooster Teeth:

As a company that was started by three individuals for fun, Rooster Teeth now consists of over 90 full-time employees. The company has expanded past just making Red vs Blue. The company also produces RWBY, and video series such as Immersion, The Slow Mo Guys, and Fails of the Week.

"When the Xbox 360 first came out, Burnie and I would have these achievement races all the time, as we were obsessed with collecting - I don't know what it was, but we were having these races, try-

ing to outdo each other all the time, and help on the internet just sucked. You were lucky if you managed to find a text guide on GameFAQs, so as we were doing it, we started to film us getting achievements to show each other, as we already had all the equipment together from Red vs Blue." Said Geoff Ramsey in an interview with Redbull.

With more than 800 videos and three million subscribers The Let's Plays now feature six regulars; Geoff Ramsey, Michael Jones, Gavin Free, Ray, Jack and Ryan with occasional guest appearances. This team effort gives the videos a very laid back and casual feel. Almost as if you are right there with them. Each person is a character, each bringing a different style of humor to the table. For example in their video

"It takes the mindset of picking up the controller and the game telling you to move forward, so the first thing you think of is, 'Oh cool, I'm going to go backwards', just to see what's behind me or to do the exact thing I'm not supposed to do."

Jontron:

Now that Let's Plays have become very common on Youtube, one of the more notable channels is Jontron. Jon Jafari began making videos with the Channel Game Grumps but has since moved onto his own. His style of videos are one of the more edited versions of a Let's Play. This is done on purpose because, as opposed to simply playing the game, Jontron does a semi-review of the game. These are not real reviews because most of the games he plays are supposed to be bad, so it is done for comedic effect. It's a style similar to Mystery Science Theater.

games such as Atari, Nes, commodore etc.

The Angry Video Game Nerd:

Another person who reviews the game as he plays is James Rolfe - better known as the Angry Video Game Nerd (AVGN). Rolfe started off playing his review videos far before Let's Plays as he started in May 16, 2004. His focus is on old school games such as Atari, Nes, commodore etc.

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Video Games: Watching, Not Playing

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"I have many reasons for reviewing only older games. I relate to them better since they are from my generation." said Rolfe on his website Cinemassacre.

James Rolfe started making these videos not only for his childhood love of videogames, but his true passion of cinema.. In his psychoanalytic video of The Dragon In my Dreams James Rolfe states that his passion had always been film and by making these videos along with the other content of cinemassacre he achieves that.

His career in playing video games took off while attending, a university in Sweden. PewdiePie comes from the original YouTube account PewDie- pew from a laser gun and die for death but when he lost the password he added Pie in the new account. But the origins of when his videos started and what his Youtube channel account name means, are insufficient in explaining how he attracted so much attention.

To explain why Felix brings in so many people, one need only look at his videos. To begin, Felix, or PewdiePie, starts his videos by introducing himself in a signature high pitch voice: a shrill "Peeewdiepie". While markedly odd, it is a strange recognition symbol - his fans become



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All of these people led to a single man who would magnetize the entirety of YouTube. **PewdiePie:**

It doesn't make sense. It just doesn't. His competitors and critics describe his videos as nonsensical - just a man screaming into the microphone, spouting gibberish, with some occasional awkward dancing. How could a single man have more than 35,000,000 subscribers on Youtube? That makes his channel the third most subscribed behind only #Music and #Gaming. To put that in perspective, the closest independent channels are HolaSoyGerman and Smosh at 21 and 19 million subscribers, respectively. Rihanna, One Direction, Katy Perry, Eminem and Jenna Marbles average less than half that, at 15 million subscribers.

PewdiePie's brand earned \$4 million in ad sales a year ago. He even attracts attention from the games he plays. His video "Flappy Bird-Don't Play This Game" launched the then unknown game Flappy Bird and its Vietnamese developer to a worldwide sensation.

So how did 25 year old Felix Kjellberg do it?

accustomed to, and in turn, expect it. One of the most important things he does is how he addresses the viewers and subscribers as "bros". What he is doing is keying everyone into a comradery for watching his videos. It is as if you are part of a special group for watching a PewdiePie video. During the videos he comes across as sincere and charming. He ends his videos by saying "brofist" with his fist to the camera. This is a very unique strategy as this signals to the viewer to do likewise, reinforcing the group mentality while simultaneously giving the viewer "physical" contact, leaving a lasting imprint on the viewer as they go about their day.

As PewdiePie explained in an interview with Icon magazine "We're gaming" together, and many people see me as a friend they can chill with for 15 minutes a day. The loneliness in front of the computer screens brings us together. I just want to invite them to come over to my place."

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Title IX

By Alejandro Merlan
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A quote once said by the high school swimming coach of Notre Dame College prep used to say “being a good athlete means much more than being physically adept. It means being a well-rounded individual with a drive for excellence, not just in sports, but in life.” Being involved on a sports team is not just about playing. It is about the camaraderie, the bonds made, the friendships that last a lifetime. About the life lessons, the challenges faced, the goals set. Sports develop character and charisma far beyond the playing field. It has been 43 years since Title IX was passed, and there is now a generation of female athletes and coaches who have never experienced life without athletics. I interviewed three individuals willing to share their stories with me.

Sophomore Guard Miranda Goen started playing basketball in second grade, and became involved further by playing in little with organizations like YMCA. For Goen, her father was instrumental in developing her love of sports.

“He would always try to get me to be more involved with sports,” stated Goen, “he was always more interested because he had no boys and my older sister was not interested in playing.”

Goen describes herself as more of a Tomboy. “In high school I was a Triathlete. I played softball, volleyball and basketball.”

Goen points to her parents was inspiration as both were athletes. “My father is the guy figure in my life. He was always motivating me. Now I motivate others.” This selflessness plays a huge role in who Goen is now. Goen sees herself as a team player. “My teammates are extremely important to me. I’m motivated because I’m close to them. I see them everyday and it allows me to grow connections with them. Sports allows me to bond with my teammates.” states Goen.

The importance of her teammates is evident on her decision to play in col-

lege. “I know if I didn’t play I would be devastated,” stated Goen. She also attributed her uncertainty to play in college to intimidation. “In high school I was the star. I was afraid I would not be [at Carroll] and because basketball was a winter sport I would not be able to go home for Christmas break.”

Despite this, Goen says that sports are the reason she can connect well with friends and keep out of trouble. For Goen, being an athlete allows her how to be more outgoing, and helps her to speak up and take charge in projects.

Freshman Gianna Molinaro started running in the sixth grade. “It was one of the few sports that I could do. I felt like I was good at it. I liked it so much that I couldn’t get through school work without running” says Molinaro.

The central reason on her decision to run is because of the team aspect. Making the decision to run in college was because of the crucial bond with her teammates. “I love the family aspect of the team. That means supporting one another, and being there for each other,” states Molinaro. For Molinaro, being there for teammates, en-

couraging them, pulling them off to the side and talking to them is what being a teammate is all about.

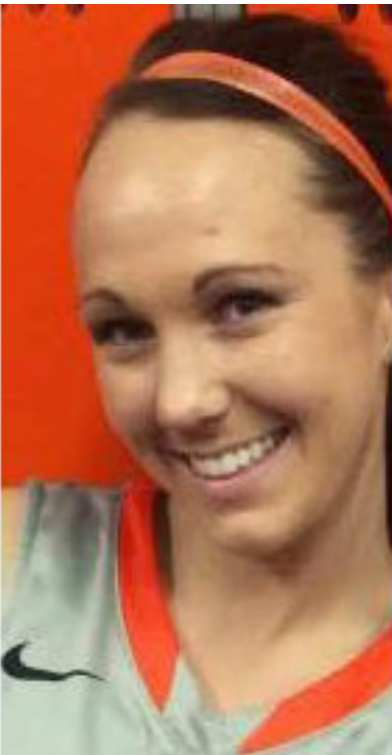
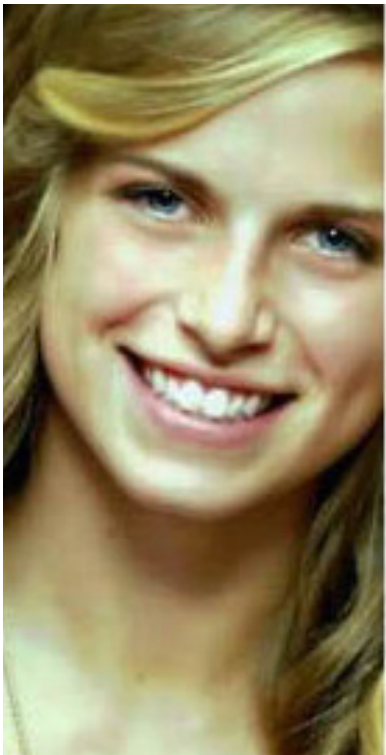
She remarks that making the decision to run in track was one of the best decisions she ever made. Molinaro appreciates every moment, every meet, every teammate, and even every practice. “Even just being an athlete make me feel good. I got to conference as a freshman, not every freshman got that chance and that means a lot to me,” states Molinaro. The appreciation Molinaro has truly made her a humble athlete and a humble person.

Freshman Kaitlin Loomis is not a typical athlete; at least she was not raised as such. “The reason I started playing was because my family was big on volleyball,” stated Loomis. Her parents met in a recreation league playing in volleyball. The sacredness of the game was elevated when her father proposed to her mother on a volleyball court. Loomis even has a newborn baby picture with a volleyball.

“In high school I ran track, but I loved volleyball. I love the intensity, and the super competitive atmosphere,” states Loomis. Her competitive spirit comes

from her admiration for the sport. “My motivation was to stay strong and become stronger. My height gives me my motivation, I’m not tall for a volleyball player,” states Loomis. This setback gives Loomis the motivation to persevere in the face of this unavoidable obstacle.

In Loomis’s sophomore year of high school, she made the sacrifice from being an outside hitter, a position she enjoyed to a defensive specialist. In this way, she contributed to the team, and the defense improved. Contributing to the team on defense led her to help in other ways as well. Loomis now sees herself as a motivator. she makes sure she is a team player first and foremost and makes sure heads are up. “That is something I take pride in. I’m helping them get better because they are extremely important to me,” states Loomis. This is a mutualistic relationship within the team. “The support of my teammates was a reason I continued playing,” states Loomis. What she has taken out of sports is that an individual can get through anything. Sports helps individuals to fight self-doubt and help push through any life struggle.



Photos courtesy of Gianna Molinaro, Kaitlin Loomis, and Miranda Goen
Carroll athletes Kaitlin Loomis (left), volleyball player; Miranda Goen (middle), basketball player; and Gianna Molinaro (right), track runner.

Carroll Softball Prepares for Spring

The softball team prepares for the Upcoming Season with trips to the Dome and Florida

By Alejandro Merlan
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With Head coach Amy Gradecki returning for her sixth season, the Carroll University softball team opened the season at The Dome in Marquette, Michigan on February 28 and March 1.

The team has four returning starters and eight returning players total, including sophomore All-MWC Performer Infielder Kelly Strasser. In the preseason poll Carroll University was picked to finish second, tied with Lawrence University with 10 points. St. Norbert’s was picked to finish first with 16. “The game we are looking forward to the most is against St. Norbert’s. They kept us out of the MWC tournament last year” said sophomore Hannah Miller.

The Pioneers recently participated in a tournament hosted by Finlandia University. The team went 2-2, splitting doubleheaders on Saturday and Sunday. On opening day, the Pioneers beat Marian University 2-0 but lost to Finlandia 7-3. The next day began with a 7-0

loss against Simpson College, but they ended the tournament with a 7-3 victory over Lakeland College.

During spring break, the pioneers traveled to Winter Haven Florida for the Rebel Spring games. The Pioneers took on teams from all over the country. “The trip was awesome. It was successful, everyone played well, so our outlook is pretty good.” said sophomore Laura-Lynn Schenk.

On the first day, the team split games, beating Mitchell College 13-2 in five innings but losing to Westminster College 2-5. On the second day they once again split games, overtaking Defiance College 3-0 but falling to College 0-8.

“One of the things we want to improve is not losing energy for doubleheaders,” said Schenk. “We would go all out for the first game but not have any energy for the second.”

The Softball Pioneers would improve in that regard on the third day of their competition, beating both Hiram College 5-3 and College of Mount St. Joseph 6-5. On day four, they beat Mitchell College but fell in the re-

match against Mount St. Joseph 1-4. The Pioneers ended the tournament on a high note, beating Catholic University 9-8 and Albion College 9-0. “We grew a lot on and off the field. The chemistry is there,” says Miller. “It was nice to play in a real field.”

The bonding and chemistry forged between players during spring break will be key as the MWC crossover looms near. The MWC crossover is a weekend when the entire northern division and southern division each come together to play against one another. This year the northern division (Carroll University’s division) will travel to Janesville, Wisconsin on April 10 through the 12. The Pioneers will play in doubleheaders each day.

“Our goal is to win conference.” Says Schenk. “I want us to beat out the base record.” Hannah Miller’s goal was slightly more personal: “I want to help pitch the team’s way to conference.” The Softball team will get their chance when the Pioneers take on their first MWC opponent against Ripon College on Thursday, April 2 on Kilgour field at 3 pm.