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Greetings my Lords and Ladies,

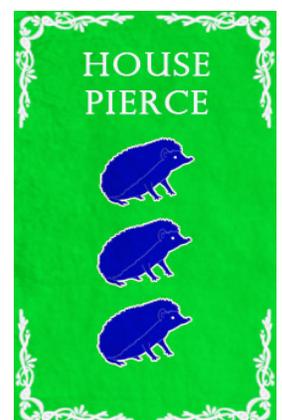
My small council, commissioned scribes and artisans have created this special edition of The Raven just for you, inspired by our appreciation and excitement for the fifth season of Game of Thrones premiering April 12. We bring news gathered from throughout the kingdoms of Mainos and Riverros. There are tidings of war, feasts and amusements from the far corners of these provinces, brought to you by the swiftest ravens we could find. The tidings are both joyous and sad, but never fear, for the gods (both the old and the new) watch over us.

The noble Houses who serve as scribes and artisans on The Raven have worked tirelessly to infiltrate the spidery network of secrets which plague this kingdom. With much hardship they found only the purest truths. But thankfully, there has been no talk of weddings.

I would like to thank my Hand of the Queen, Elaine, and my Master of Laws, Dani, most graciously for all of the suns and moons they've spent coordinating parchments and transcribing ravens' messages. It is no easy thing to do all of this by candlelight.

For those who have read my previous words closely, know that this most unique of writings is full of trickery and foolery. Be forewarned, for those who read with seriousness will be subject to ridicule and even sent to take the black at The Wall. Nothing is as it seems. Be merry on this most wonderful First of April.

-Catherine Saavedra
Raven Queen



Brew-niversity

Cougar Café to add draft beer selections to menu

Slappy Froosh

Staff Rebel

Photo: Elaine Lannister



Meals will feature beer, sausage, and rutabagas

Starting this fall, students who are 21 and older will be able to order beer in the Cougar Café on Main Campus. This development occurred after students expressed their desire for an on-campus drinking spot. Voicing his excitement for this new change, student Jacob Brown said, “I can’t wait for this to happen. Nothing sounds better than a refreshing Blue Moon after class.”

While the addition of beer to the Cougar Café’s menu might seem controversial, there will be restrictions on when and how often students can purchase alcoholic beverages on campus. Beer will only be served after 5:00 p.m., when the Cougar Café reopens for dinner time. To prevent students from abusing this new privilege

and to encourage responsible drinking, the Cougar Café will only allow each student to purchase two pints of beer per day.

Students will not be allowed to take alcohol out of the building. Although Muscogee County does permit the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sunday, the Cougar Café won’t be serving beer on Sunday nights. In order to purchase an alcoholic beverage on campus, students will be required to present their Columbus State University student ID card as well as a valid driver’s license or military ID card. These security measures are in place to ensure that only Columbus State University students and faculty can make use of this privilege.

A pint of beer will cost students \$4.50 in Cougar Cash, or \$5.25 otherwise. A 32oz draft will also be available for a charge of \$7.50 in Cougar Cash. Students will be able to choose from a wide selection of domestic brews including Budweiser, Bud Light, Coors Light, Michelob Ultra, Yuengling, Red’s Apple Ale, Shock Top, and Blue Moon. In addition to these domestic selections, the Cougar Café will also serve its own exclusive microbrew. Cool-Cat Cody’s Pale Ale will be the first official beer of Columbus State University.

This specialty beer will be priced slightly higher than domestic offerings, starting at \$6.00 for a pint. “I’m excited to try the school’s official beer, because pale ales are my favorite and six dollars sounds fair for a quality beer,” remarks Jonathan Huling, a sophomore computer science major. The Cool-Cat Cody’s Pale Ale won’t be the only university beer, however, as the Cougar Café plans to offer seasonal beers in the future. Seasonal offerings will include the University Hall Toasted Lager in the summer as well as the Mescon Oktoberfest and the Davidson Pumpkin Wheat in the fall.

The Wi-Fi Gods Bless Us

For CSU’s internet is feeble and full of outages

Noodl Soop

The Flash Fanatic

Illustration: Steve Rando

For months now the cries have fallen on deaf ears. Better Wi-Fi, better parking, better this or that. As with any establishment, there is room for improvement. Which is where the good news comes in. Mediacom, Columbus State University’s internet provider, recently held a small press conference informing students that they have been upgrading CSU’s internet for a couple of months now.

The turtle paced internet is a result of the university servers being overloaded. There are more students than the servers can handle at once. This is the reason that the students have been experiencing horribly slow internet connections for the past year.

Sadly, there is a catch. Mediacom’s upgrade to the internet severs cost CSU heavily, so to cover the price CSU has implemented a temporary program. The university is going to limit the amount of devices students can connect to Wi-Fi with

at once. Starting next semester, CSU will implement a program similar to the printer page system. CSU will provide students with 3.5 gigabytes of data.

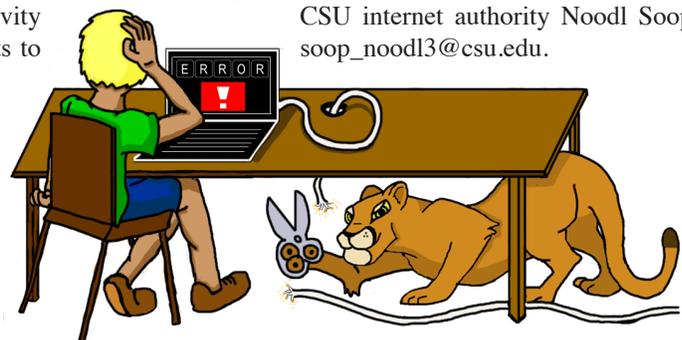
For those curious maverick types, going over this amount invokes a message that alerts you that you’ve run out of data and to continue using it you must pay \$50 for every additional gigabyte used after the cap. This system will only last for one semester and is just to cover the cost of fixing the connection. CSU also hopes it will better the habits of students regarding internet connectivity and inspire students to get some fresh air once in awhile. It is spring after all.

While students may believe this is not the most acceptable way to fix the internet lag, it is necessary. If

students wish to bypass this limit, there is a choice to get an unlimited data plan from the school for the extra cost of \$1000 on school fees.

Now why wouldn’t CSU just simply give students free access to the increased service? Why shouldn’t you get your own hotspot and forget the school’s system? Because as an incentive the top 10 students with the least data usage will get an undisclosed, but still exciting amount of money.

For more information, please contact CSU internet authority Noodl Soop at soop_noodl3@csu.edu.



War Betwixt Mainos and Riverros Continues

The War of the Cougars hath raged on for many winters, yet no easy truce is in sight. The common folk of both nations cower as the two mighty strongholds prepare for another onslaught. Divided by distance and ideology, it seems as if no common ground can be found in time to prevent tragedy.

Those who hath followed the crusade cannot lightly speak of the many casualties which hath befallen the good people. Mainos suffered a great defeat when many of its soldiers defected to Riverros, caused in part by the political and geographical chaos which hath befallen Mainos in recent months. Soldiers who study Healing and the art of Free Speech joined Riverros in its campaign not many moons ago.

Likewise, many in Riverros hath found themselves seeking new strategies, transitioning from the study of the Arts and Bardship to that which they believe will serve them in their future endeavors, such as the high Sciences, or Mastery of Coin.

In the developing War, Mainos continues to seek a new commander to lead them. Numerous candidates hath stepped forward, but the search has been slow and summer is coming. Many accuse the spidery network of spies which span both nations as the cause of the delay.

When the High King of Riverros spoke of his prowess in combat and on victories and defeats thus far in the War of the Cougars, he noteth: "The people of Riverros are a merry lot. We enjoy giving pleasure, but we hesitate not to dispel it. The people of Mainos may be many, but we hath the best strategies and the most creative minds. We will not lose the war."

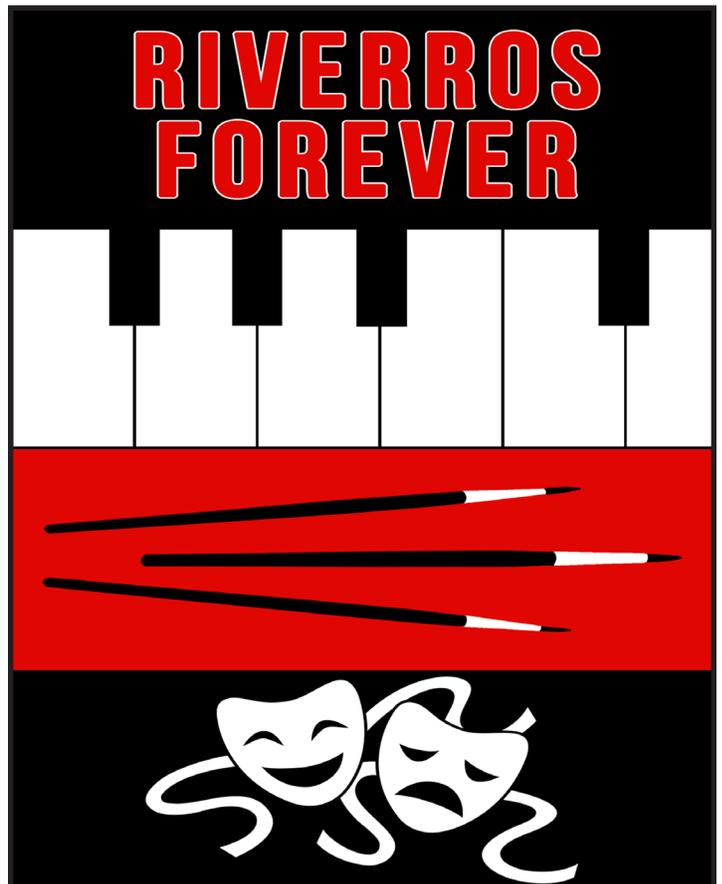
Many researched scholars believe the war erupted because of the long and arduous journey the people of Riverros hath to endure in order to reach Mainos and enjoy its spoils. It is a perilous journey of unpredictable delays and discomfort. Soldiers hath missed

important engagements in Mainos on numerous occasions, waiting for the horses they so desperately sought.

"I don't understand how this war began. The people of Riverros want naught to do with us," said a Mainos soldier as he dined on a dish of roasted rutabagas and kidney pie. "They are just a small group of bards and freemen at the bottom of the world. I don't even know why we fight anymore. We are supposed to be united as Cougarians."

No maester knows when the days of bloodshed and grief will end, when one soldier can be merry with another without fear of looking a fool. When the people of Riverros can dress in splendidous clothing freely and the inhabitants of Mainos can cheer their jousts with unabashedness. May the gods grant us a swift resolution.

-Elaine Lannister
Hand of the Queen



Battle for the Crown

Presidential candidates compete in trial by combat

Trevin Goatlyeller

Town Crier

Illustration: Damien Owens

As many of the students have seen over the course of the last few weeks, the Columbus State University presidential candidate search is nearly complete. After announcing the four finalists on March 19, preparations were immediately under way to begin the final step of the presidential selection process.

Unlike most schools, CSU decides their final president through the challenge of trial by combat, where perhaps in defiance of the idiom, the pen is not mightier than the sword (or whichever chosen weapon the combatants prefer). The tournament series between the four finalists will be filled with many traditional CSU ceremonies, presided over by current faculty member and chairman of the Presidential Search Committee.

Currently, the student body and faculty are in heated debate over the merits of the candidates and who they believe will win the contest and subsequent role as president.

Each candidate has a background of high merit in academics, but some believe that due to the nature of the final stage of selection, the winner will be decided by who can most creatively defeat the competition.

There is also a large amount of gambling being done on the results of this competition, with many students placing bets of textbooks, bookstore coupons, and cougar cash transfers, all of which are in jeopardy depending on the victory of their favorite candidates. Some professors are also getting in on the fun, offering extra credit on midterms and finals to winners of bets. Dining services is catering the event, hoping to draw in a heavy profit through the sheer amount of CSU's population attending the trial.

While the majority of candidates are male, there is a solid amount of support for the female candidate since she has chosen a claymore for her weapon of choice. To clarify, by claymore, the old English sword is meant, not the explosive.

The remaining candidates have picked the weapons of flail, stave, and dual-wielded axes, but have elected to conceal who has chosen which weapons to further the excitement leading up to the final combat stages. The master of ceremonies has also let the audience know that the match will be a free-for-all event, adding to the speed of the final selection process due to necessity, but that combatants can yield if they wish.

As the semester is drawing past the halfway point, the candidates will have the time from spring break through the end of April to train and make peace with each other before entering the field of combat.

For combat coverage, bet placing, and general discussion of the Presidential Trial by Combat, please contact Trevin Goatlyeller, official Town Crier at the nearest owlery, as he does not accept messages by conventional means.

There Can Only Be One

In preparation, Plant Operations has decided to turn the Intramural field into a gladiator-style death pit for the purposes of this special event. There is also a large possibility for live news coverage. The fight itself should be quite the spectacle, showcasing the best fit for CSU's campus leadership and cementing the position of president through the age-honored tradition of killing the competition.

Chicken Day becomes Chicken Week

Students rejoice over surprise decision

Damien Owens

Verb Specialist

Photo: Pokemon Trainer Red

By popular demand, Thursday's lunch menu, chicken day, will now be offered every day. With chicken products becoming cheaper on the market, the school has decided to make a practical choice and designate chicken as their primary meat.

The menu each day will consist of fried or baked chicken, macaroni and cheese, collard greens, corn, and corn bread for lunch and dinner. Beer will also be offered at the drink stations. The grill area will offer chicken sandwiches and chicken nuggets, with an occasional appearance of chicken burgers and chicken hot dogs. The salad and sandwich bar will stay the same, as well as the soup and ice cream stations.

Students have had a positive reaction to the changes. "Thursday's chicken day lunches are the only reason I go to the café. When I don't go to the café, I go to Chick-fil-A because I just want a good chicken based meal," said Robert Smith, senior sociology major.

Other students were more excited about news that entertainment will be returning to the Cougar Cafe. "I've really been missing all of the great music and the different organizations celebrating things in the café. Now that there will be something different every day, I have something to look forward to when I go to lunch," said

freshmen French major Gabriella Cirleroy. Newer students may not have experienced the days when the café was alive with music.

Mass amounts of students are looking forward to fried chicken day being every day. It will help every student get their freshmen 15 just that much faster.



Fried Chicken in its natural habitat

Cougar Controversy Continues

CSU houses two cougars in the Howard Hall construction site

Reek

Writer formerly known as Theon

Photo: Jazzyfayee and Buttson Price

Any CSU student enrolled last year will remember the infamous Cougar Incident of 2014, in which the university attempted to acquire funding to house two live cougars on campus in order to accomplish some goal that has yet to be determined. After facing protests from many students and faculty, CSU relented and announced that they would be tabling the decision for a later date. The two cougars were never actually purchased, or at least that is what the campus was led to believe.

Louis Friend, a construction worker currently working on Howard Hall who wishes to remain anonymous, says this is definitely not the case. According to Friend, the cougars are already on campus, and they're living in Howard Hall.

"The cougars have been living in the building since we started construction," said Friend. "We've been working on their habitat, and it should be ready by the fall semester. It's been difficult though, since sometimes the cougars would get loose and we had to catch them. That's why we built the fence around the construction site, so they couldn't run away."

The two cougars, named Mark and Mr. Pinkus respectively, were described by Friend as "loving, docile, and adorably vicious." They were imported from Canada a week after construction on Howard Hall began, with secrecy being paramount to the university. The cougars were reportedly moved into the building in broad daylight, being smuggled in the carts that are frequently transported by Einstein's employees.

In response to concerns about the cougar's potential danger to others, Friend promised that the cougars were incredibly safe.

"We've had the cougars for months now, and things have been running smoothly so far. Only two workers have been maimed,

and they recovered very quickly. It's amazing how much someone can do with only 7 fingers."

Howard will be ready to hold classes by the fall semester, and with it will come two surprise cougars. While also functioning as mascots for the school, the university claimed last semester that they intend for the cougars to serve an educational purpose as well. They will do such things as aid biology students in the study of animal physiology, pose as models for art majors, and help English majors develop their essays.

While this introduction of cougars on campus may come as a surprise to many students at CSU, it has yet to be seen whether or not it will be a cat-astrophe.



Cougars in their Howard Hall habitat

The Price of Admission

Metered parking to be added to parking garage for fall semester

Slappy Froosh

Chicken Connoisseur

Illustration: Radcliffe Long

Students complaining about the lack of parking on Main Campus have been heard. The parking garage will soon require students to pay for parking by implementing a paid parking system. The addition of parking meters is intended to encourage students to make use of the shuttles and other modes of transportation.

Students can expect for parking meters to be implemented by the beginning of the fall 2015 semester. When asked about this development, one student who preferred not to be named responded, "I think this is an excellent idea, and it will give me a chance to get rid of all of that pesky loose change I have in my car."

Instead of using individual parking meters, however, the parking garage will have a computerized parking meter machine at each exit. These machines are operated by typing in the number for the selected parking spot and then choosing the desired duration of time. These machines will accept coins, dollar bills, and cards as payment options. Parking will cost \$1.25 per hour.

All parking spots on the first three floors of the parking garage will require payment to use. Handicapped spots, however, will remain free of charge. Campus police will be monitoring the parking garage and officers will be writing tickets for vehicles that park in metered spots and don't pay the required fees. Students looking to save money should take note that parking lots around campus will continue to offer free parking, although parking permits will still be required to claim a spot in these parking lots.

Metered parking isn't the only intended change to the Main Campus parking garage. Fall of 2015 will also see valet parking as an option for students who are in a rush to make it to class. For a \$10 charge in cougar cash or \$12 in regular bills or credit card, students can have a valet park their car. The rooftop of the parking garage will now be reserved for vehicles parked by a valet.

Unlike the garage and parking lots, valet parking does not require students to have a university parking permit. Columbus State University also plans to add more speedbumps to the parking deck after students and faculty voiced their universal praise for the addition of speedbumps to the parking garage exits. "I'm glad they're adding some more speedbumps," offers up freshman Mary Harrell, who continued on to say that "people drive way too fast in there, and speedbumps might make the parking garage more fun."



The Haunting of the Carson McCullers House

Professor breaks long, suffering silence

Toni Stark

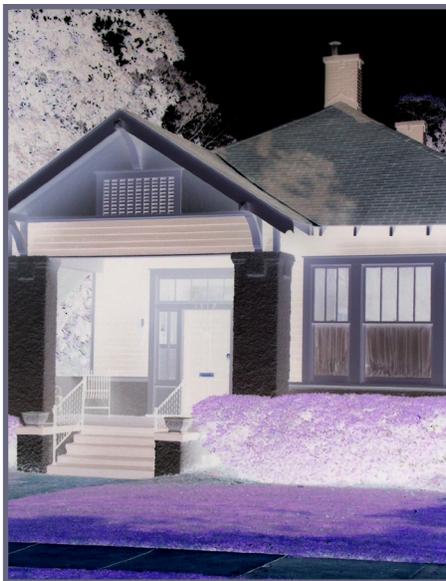
Investigating Instigator

Photo: Jazzyfayee

The 1920s bungalow style house, located at 1529 Stark in midtown Columbus, is on a quiet street lined with handsome homes and neatly manicured lawns. Home to the Carson McCullers Center, the house appears to be an ordinary home except for the historical marker out front, but the inside hides a terrible secret, which Courtney George, Ph.D. and director of the Carson McCullers Center since 2011, can no longer keep.

“It isn’t just that I didn’t think anyone would believe me,” George said. “I didn’t want to be thought of as a nut job. There is always that one crazy professor everyone talks about behind their back. I didn’t want to be that person. But the truth is, I just can’t take it anymore. The Carson McCullers house is haunted. There. I said it.” George exhaled, as if a heavy burden had been lifted from her shoulders. She leaned back and began recounting some of the ghostly incidents that have happened during her tenure at the house.

The first time she realized something might be amiss was when she smelled the strong odor of cigarette smoke in the front room. Alone and with the door locked, she frantically searched for the source of the smell, but couldn’t find anything. She has witnessed lights



Here lies The Lonely Ghost

turning on and off by themselves and items being mysteriously moved.

Occasionally George will find evidence of a spilled drink, a wet spot on the floor that smells of sherry. One day she even heard the sound of a typewriter, but when she went to look the sound stopped.

The last straw was the invisible dinner party. “I heard the murmuring of many voices,” George said. “And a clinking as of ice in a glass. I also felt a sense of sick unease and without warning someone slapped me hard on the ass. I ran out of

the house, locked the door and didn’t go back until the next day.”

George stated she has experienced other physical attacks by what she suspects is the irritable ghost of Carson McCullers. The reason for such hostility is unknown, but the attacks have left George feeling personally victimized.

There are also the many portraits of McCullers throughout the house, the eyes seeming to follow George wherever she goes and stare as if in harsh judgment. George admitted, “There are days when I turn away and shout at them to stop staring, that I am doing the best that I can.”

Recently, George sought help from the psychology department at Columbus State University. They have added a parapsychology major and plan to use a student-led investigative team in the fall to look into the haunting claim. “I hope they can help,” George said. “I really don’t know how much longer I can take this abuse.”

For more information about the Carson McCullers House, contact Courtney George at abusedgeorge@csu.edu. For more information about the new parapsychology major, contact Peter Venkman at venkman_peter@csu.edu. Ghost tours are not being conducted at this time.

Praise Xenu!

Scientologists take over biology classes on campus

Larry Bricher

Consulting Theologist

Photo: iCarly Pi



LeNoir Hall, future home of Scientology courses

Columbus State University is a school of progressive values and diverse learning dynamics. To properly convey this ideal in their faculty, the university’s administration has recently finalized contracts to hire several Scientologists to teach Biology.

According to one of the new hires, Jason L. Hubble, Ph.D. in Xenobiology, the opportunity for the new professors is “just a wonderful way to share the true knowledge with our future-

kindred spirits,” by imparting the power of Xenu (an advanced alien dictator and the acknowledged Higher power in Scientology) to the students of Columbus State University.

For those of you who don’t know much about Scientology, it is a religion that believes Earth was once colonized by a race of advanced aliens 75 million years ago, who were then paralyzed and frozen by Xenu as part of his revenge for a deposition of power.

After their apparent forced hibernation, their souls (called thetans) are used to begin accepting the belief system of scientology in order to achieve a state of “Clear.” “Clear” is a state of mind in which one has “freed oneself from the ‘reactive mind,’” meaning that you have achieved enlightenment of some sort.

The new professors wish to share their own stories of accepting thetans and how the forced hibernation of the ancient aliens altered the course of life on Earth, and therefore evolution’s path in biological history. Lesson plans from their forthcoming classes include practice in meditation, auditing, and instruction in the altered timeline of human evolution, as affected by Xenu.

Who Are the FUNK?

An exposé on Schwob's most exclusive group



One of the FUNK's secret entrances

In breaking news, an undercover representative of The Raven has returned from an infiltration of the Schwob School of Music's best kept secret. The school houses an elite secret society, open to devotees of "true unadulterated, unprecedented, and unintelligible musical arts." It was discovered that the group goes by the name of the Federation of Unified National Konzertmeisters (FUNK) and their purpose within the Schwob remains mysterious.

Rumored to have been started in 1965, FUNK welcomes musicians across the board, but is mostly comprised of students of strings and woodwinds, with the occasional brass sneaking in. The rituals, dress, and motto of "Practice until you

die" all suggest that this is an organization with purpose.

With at least six secret entrances in and out of the Schwob, including one through their clock tower and an entrance which is helicopter accessible on the roof, the members of FUNK have little difficulty in remaining exclusive to plebeians. A certain musical combination must be performed in order to access the entrance; reportedly, the melody is a snippet from a recent Daft Punk single.

"Illuminati," expressed one main campus student who was mystified by the affair.

Allegedly, FUNK meets beneath the Schwob Library, in an underground bunker stocked with bananas, Apple products, and at least 12 theremins. What they intend to do with such a sinister instrument cannot be fathomed. Our undercover representative found FUNK to have their hands in many of the goings on at Schwob, including running a black market for reeds and sheet music.

When asked about the role of singers in FUNK's activities, one representative commented, "Did you just call me a singer? A singer? I am a vocalist, not a singer you ritardando." It all adds an air of mystery to the affair.

Students have reported sometimes hearing the sound of muffled music in the distance when moving between classes or on their way to lunch. It transpires that FUNK practices in their secret headquarters at odd hours during the day

and night, and are currently working on a repertoire which includes famous pieces such as John Cage's "4'33" and anything involving their favorite genre, "Musique concrete."

It has been suggested that an invitation to the FUNK secret society is equivalent to never having to work on MacGAMUT music software ever again. Some of its alumni are rumored to control the modern world of music, working behind the scenes of every major avenue, and infiltrating elite locations like Carnegie Hall and Broadway.

"Never say that word to me," said one of the more responsive members, who wished to remain unnamed. "I refuse to believe funk was actual music that actually happened in actual history."

Our undercover operative underwent FUNK's initiation ceremony, which he could not divulge much of due to sworn oaths and various death threats. He could, however, tell us that it involved complicated musical theory questions, worship of the pipe organ in Legacy Hall, and something involving a French horn, a pineapple, and a rubber duck.

Several questions remain about this elusive group. Are they behind the apostrophe-related shenanigans at the Schwob, and is it true that FUNK once hijacked the weekly Convocation in order to protest the cost of Music History textbooks? Stay tuned as The Raven discovers more in the upcoming weeks.



Hollywood Returns to Columbus

Casting agency and directing team scouting for lead roles

Due to the wild success of "Need for Speed," Columbus will be adding another big production to its name. On Fri. 13 of next year, our very own Columbus Civic Center will become home to the DBD Casting Agency's call for auditions in the upcoming horror film project, "What Happens in the Dark," from winner of Best Director in a Scripted Series, Grant Mathews.

In addition to taking home that honor at the 2013 Moonjam Festival, Mathews had a number of other successful indie horror films including "When Darkness Falls" and "Beware of Hitchhikers." His lighter works include "A Woman's Love" and "Laugh Now, Cry Later."

"Delving into different genres allows me to fully express myself. I'm a complicated man," Mathews said. Auditions will be held on the infamous Fri. 13 from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. in

tribute to the horror genre. As of right now, there's no word on when callbacks would occur.

"I usually let my choice be known a week or two before filming starts. I like to keep my actors and actresses on their toes. It makes things exciting on set," Mathews said.

Assistant director Grace Evans reassured us at The Raven that callbacks will be no later than two weeks after auditions. "Grant's a little crazy sometimes. I'm the one who keeps the ship afloat," she said.

"I caution those wanting to work for Grant because he expects you to show up at all hours of the night and bring him homemade cookies," said Maya Watkins, an actress who worked on "Laugh Now, Cry Later."

So go forth young men and women. Make something out of yourselves and have your names put alongside the greats.

House Hoffmeister

Bleating Strong

Photo: Buttson Price

Duchess Dani

Queen of all things layout

Image: openclipart.org

Uptown Gentlemen's Club

A new night venue is slated to open on Broadway.

Super Fly Q

Chivalrous Guru

Illustration: Larry Bricher

In addition to the nightclubs and other attractions, Broadway, located in Downtown Columbus, will be receiving a new addition to its ever growing scene.

A new gentlemen's club, known as "The Foxy Cougar," is currently in the works to open on Broadway. It will be the first of its kind to be located on the street. Currently home to venues such as "The Mix," "Martini's," and many more, the presence of "The Foxy Cougar" is expected to bring in a bigger crowd.

In order to apply for employment, a woman must be at least 18 years of age and willing to sign a waiver that will not hold the club responsible for any slippage of clothing.

"The Foxy Cougar" management team is in the midst of taking applications. There are currently three ladies that have been hired, and are all excited to start their new jobs. The first hired, nicknamed Hunty Bunz, has even gone as far as calling this her lifelong passion. "This is the kind of stuff you dream about your entire life, it doesn't get any better than having the opportunity to become a stripper!"

Transferring from her current club in North Dakota is Chiken N Wafflez, who is here because of the expected revenue she will receive.

"So many people in my home town just would not support me at all," says Wafflez. "It just does not make any sense

to me how people can be so cruel as to throw quarters and pennies at me."

Also included in its debut will be the in-house restaurant. The dining area will be filled with many different menu items, most of which will be based off the names of the employees.

Hunty Bunz is a choice as well as Key Lime Splash. For those who are searching to go down a healthier route, there is also an option of Sugar-Free Susie's Squash. If purchased, a customer will not only receive the entire entree, but also a coupon to be a part of Sugar-Free Susie's happy hour on Friday nights.

"The Foxy Cougar" has already posted their rates and costs. All ladies 18 and over are allowed in free before midnight, while men are charged \$15 as the entry fee. This price, however, is discounted by 33% if the student has a proper Columbus State University ID card.

CSU students will also get the luxury of their forthcoming special, "Freaky Finals," in which an A on a final exam results in one free lap dance from one of the "foxy cougars."

"The Foxy Cougar" will open its doors on April 10, 2015.



Sex, Secrets and a Fine

How an afternoon quickie could cost you

Cookie Lyon, Jr.

The "I want my money on time" Extraordinaire

Illustration: Buttson Price



There is nothing like a good afternoon tumble in the sheets. Add that spontaneous romp to a dorm room and you have one hot extravaganza. Imagine it: Roommates are gone for the weekend, your RA is pretty chill, and the person of your affections is all alone with you. Oh yes, perfect.

That picturesque dream may soon be coming to an end when two brand new fines are introduced in the dormitories on campus. The lesser of the two evils is the "Co-ed visitation violation."

That one will cost you a hefty \$100 fee for each guest of the opposite gender visiting your apartment or standing within 20 ft of your front door!

"If you can see 'em you can pay for 'em," shrugged new Courtyard 1 Warden, actor Benedict Cumberbatch.

Worse still is the second fine put into place starting April 1, watch out for the "Romp Fine." That's right- if you're caught having sex in the dormitories you will be slapped with a fine.

The fine can range from \$50 to \$1000 depending on how risqué the sex position and how uncomfortable you make your neighbors. \$500 dollars means you have new bragging rights in the dormitories because you know how to get down. If you're having a full blown orgy in your room, you can expect to have the \$1000 fine plus one week of counseling, you little nasty.

"There are just too many kids engaging in sex on this property," said Cumberbatch. "You can literally see used condoms on the steps. This has to stop."

"Every year there is a new STD break out," said Alice Frigstein, CSU astrology student. "Those little nasties need to be fined. It's every year. Every year."

Well now, it seems like sex will have to be as secretive as the prohibition movement from now on. If you want to get physical with your partner, we suggest going to the nearest Holiday Inn. Since the fine starts in April, hotels in the Columbus area have agreed to give a 20% off "get freaky" discount exclusively to CSU students.

There is always a silver lining, right? Let's face it, those twin beds were not efficient for sex.

Pepsi-Cola Earth Science Center opens in 2018

Childhood education to be powered by Mountain Dew

Elaine Lannister

*Layout ruined my life
Illustration: Buttson Price*

In a forum earlier this month local developers confirmed that the newest addition to the city of Columbus will be the Pepsi-Cola Earth Science Center (PCESC), a facility for the research of geographic phenomena and learning what it means to be “rock solid.” Development will begin in the spring of 2018 amidst controversy.

“We want the Pepsi-Cola Earth Science Center to provide a more grounded approach to scientific learning,” said PepsiCo representative Asper Thame. “Children cannot keep their heads in the clouds all the time, that’s precisely what leads to the nebulous education they receive elsewhere.”

The facility is to be located near the Schwob School of Music next to the parking garage. The CSU staff parking lot will be closing as early as this summer in order to prepare for the construction, raising questions about the feasibility of this new establishment and whether the land could be used for a more profitable venture. The location was denied as being chosen simply because it is more prominent than that of its main competitor.

“Wait, what?” said local business owner George Hurstwood who will be impacted by the encroachment of the new center.

The real question is how the introduction of this facility will be taken by its local rival, the already established Coca-Cola Space



Science Center. PepsiCo and the Coca-Cola Company have a long standing rivalry and no one is sure how this will play out in the streets of Columbus. Experts fear tensions could break into violence or worse.

“Stars! We don’t give a black hole about these dwarves,” stated Coca-Cola representative John Pepper, Ph.D. “We beat Pepsi in sales, marketing, and taste every year. Our community outreach is out of this world.”

Exhibits at the Pepsi-Cola Earth Science Center will include displays on geology, geography, hydrology, glaciology, and ecology. There are also plans in motion

to put in a working volcano replica. A cantina will provide Pepsi-sponsored snacks including Frito-lay chips, Gatorade, Tropicana, and Quaker Oats.

“I think it rocks that the kids will have a nice place to dig around in the field,” said Professor Arthur Schist, a valued member of CSU’s geology department. “It’s a wonderful opportunity to shake things up around here.”

When asked whether Professor Schist prefers Pepsi over Coke he refused to comment.

After the initial surprise regarding the announcement for the construction of the PCESC wore off, Thame gave a statement about PepsiCo’s involvement in Columbus, and whether the city was in need of a second beverage sponsored educational facility.

“Unless you’re a professional geologist, you’re not really qualified to make a statement on the issue,” said Thame at the press conference when protests erupted about the effects of putting yet another museum downtown and the impact on local businesses.

Columbus State University has decided not to take sides on the Cola Wars issue and instead is in negotiations to have classes taught at both locations. Hopefully the rivalry will have no impact on students who are already known for their unity and school pride.

The Corgi of Corgis

The corgi who mounts the world

Consider the noble welsh corgi in all of his stubby legged glory. His is a simple life filled with adventures and treats, naps and squeaky toys... that is, until he stumbles upon a thick tome left discarded by his master. What’s this? A Game of Thrones?

And so he reads with thin rimmed glasses perched precariously on his furry snout and wonders at the words on each dusty page.

At night he dreams of Westeros and places himself in all of his favorite heroes’ shoes. Wouldn’t it be simpler, he thinks, if that world was filled with corgis instead of silly humans?

- “A corgi always pays his debts.”
-Tyrion Lannister
- “Corgis are coming.”
-Eddard Stark

- “A corgi is not a slave.”
- Daenerys Targaryen
- “Wise men do not make demands of corgis.”
-Catelyn Stark
- “What do we say to the God of corgis?”
-Syrio Forel
- “I won’t have my corgi questioned by an imp!”
- Janos Slynt
- “I’m not questioning your corgi, Lord Janos. I’m denying its existence.”
- Tyrion Lannister
- “Some battles are won with swords and spears, others with quills and corgis”
- Tywin Lannister
- “If you ever call me a corgi again I’ll have you strangled in your sleep.”
- Cersei Lannister

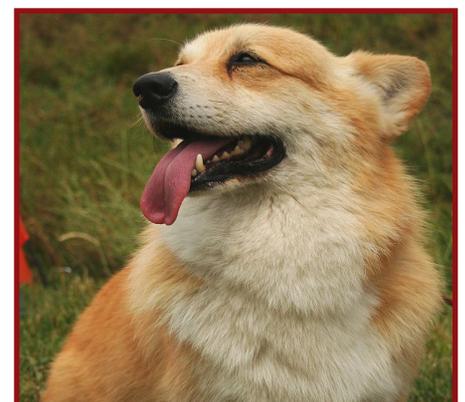
Welsh Pembroke

Corgi Lover

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- “Any man who must say, I am the corgi, is no true corgi.”
- Tywin Lannister

He awakens from his dream with a start mid-snore, glasses askew, and his favorite book covered in orangey-red fur. Yes, he concludes. It would be a much better world.

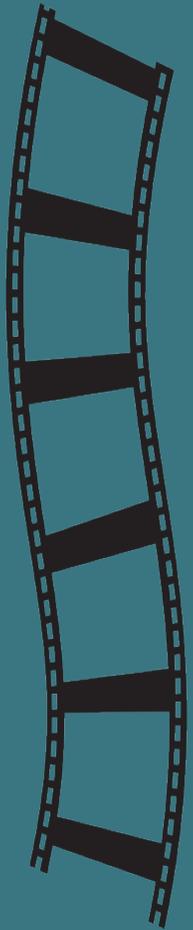


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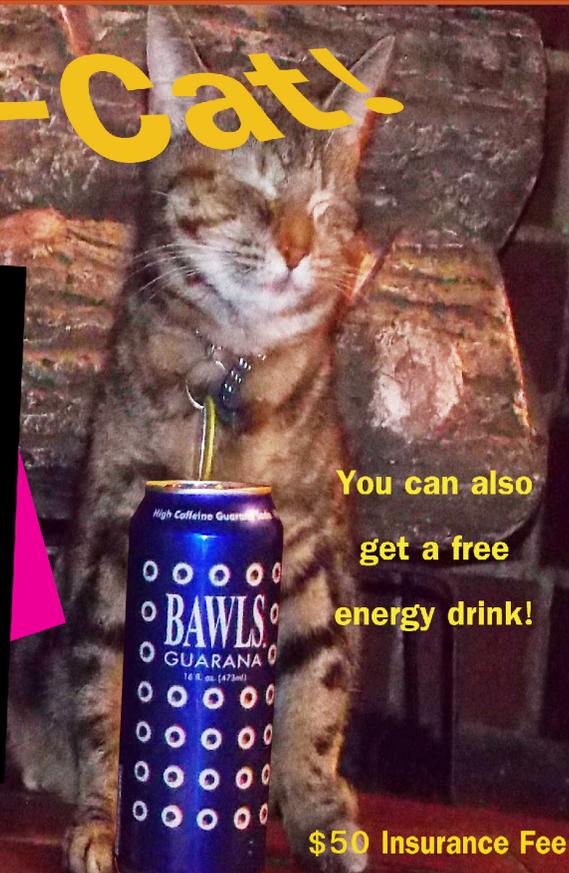


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Hoop Dreams for Columbus

City likely getting its own NBA team

There are 30 teams in the NBA right now, and the league has finally announced that it plans to add several new teams to that number. With this news, Columbus may very well be in the top list for its own new professional basketball team. It wasn't announced how many teams will be added or even when they will be added to the league, as Commissioner Adam Silver is reluctant to comment on the situation in specifics. But sources have shown that there are plans to turn Columbus' vacant 5000 seat Golden Park baseball stadium into a basketball stadium seating nearly twice that amount. Several anonymous workers have sent in tips to The Raven that they have already begun work on the renovations.

The addition of an NBA team in Columbus would benefit both the city and CSU. Scouts would look at CSU for players, as college talent is always in demand. CSU students would also likely get discounted tickets to games, as some other programs across the nation have shown. While reports show the city seems prepared to front 300 million towards the completion of the stadium (which would take up to two years to complete) it would almost surely pay off once a team is housed in the new stadium, with tourism and fans supporting businesses citywide.

It is unsure who will be the owner of the new team, but former NBA players Ervin "Magic" Johnson, Michael Jordan, Larry Bird, and even recently retired NFL player Tony Gonzalez are all in the top bidding spots for the team when it is officially announced. The owner would almost definitely start up a place

of residence near Fountain City Coffee, or even buy out the local business and construct a large, 10 story apartment to live in. This would surely add some colorful personality to Columbus.

All this news leads to questions waiting to be answered: "What would the team's name be?" "What would the team colors be?" "Where will they stand in the NBA draft?" "Why Fountain City Coffee?" So many burning queries and few satisfying answers. More developments will come as official announcements are made and the NBA moves forward with these plans.



The future home of Columbus' NBA team

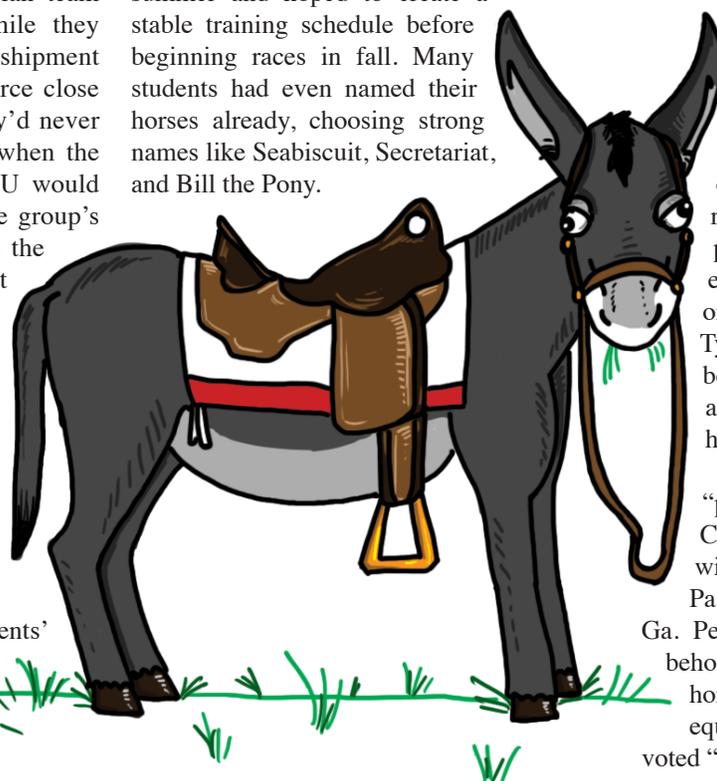
Horsing Around

CSU Equestrian Team receives mules instead of horses

Members of CSU's equestrian team were chomping at the bit while they awaited the arrival of the first shipment of horses for their team. A source close to the equestrian team said they'd never seen "such unbridled joy," as when the students were notified that CSU would be purchasing the horses on the group's behalf. It was a great relief to the students that they would not have to pony up money for their own horses.

Unfortunately, that joy was quickly reined in as the students opened the trailers to find mules not horses. The Raven caught up with Cal Caballo, the main advisor for the equestrian team, to ask, "why the long face," and get her comments on the mule mix up. Caballo said the students' "hearts were broken when they opened that trailer." The students were going to work with the horses over the

summer and hoped to create a stable training schedule before beginning races in fall. Many students had even named their horses already, choosing strong names like Seabiscuit, Secretariat, and Bill the Pony.



Inigo Montoya

Aka the "Crazy Horse Girl"

Illustration: Larry Bricher

The mules' racing days were over before they started as Caballo immediately called the farm owner who had sent the mules and caused quite a stir up for the team. Apparently, on the order, the team had requested "mares," but some poor handwriting and poorer eyesight at the farm lead to the order being placed for "mules." Typically, mares are chosen for beginning riders, because they are gentler and much easier to handle than stallions.

While this incident certainly "put the club off track," as Caballo said, the equestrian team will continue partnering with Pas de Cheval Farms in Cusseta, Ga. Perhaps, in the future, it would behoove them to check out the horses themselves. For now, the equestrian team has unanimously voted "nay" to keeping the mules.

Blades of Glory

CSU Rec Center to offer swordsmanship classes

Inigo Montoya

Avid lover of horses, swordfighting, and revenge

Illustration: Radcliffe Long



The Student Recreation Center offers a wide variety of fitness classes, including lessons on boxing, aerobic dance, and even cycling. Those classes are all well and good for students who like exercise, but what about those students who would rather workout while learning a great method of self-defense? Say something medieval?

Well, those students can breathe a sigh of relief and break out the armguards their mothers told them not to buy off eBay, because CSU is officially offering a swordfighting class in fall.

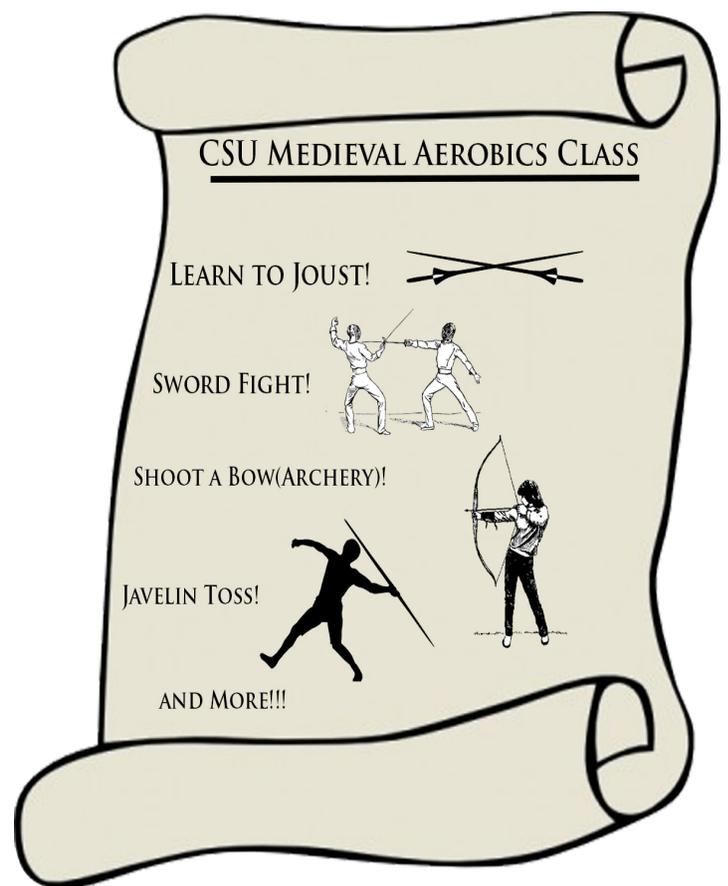
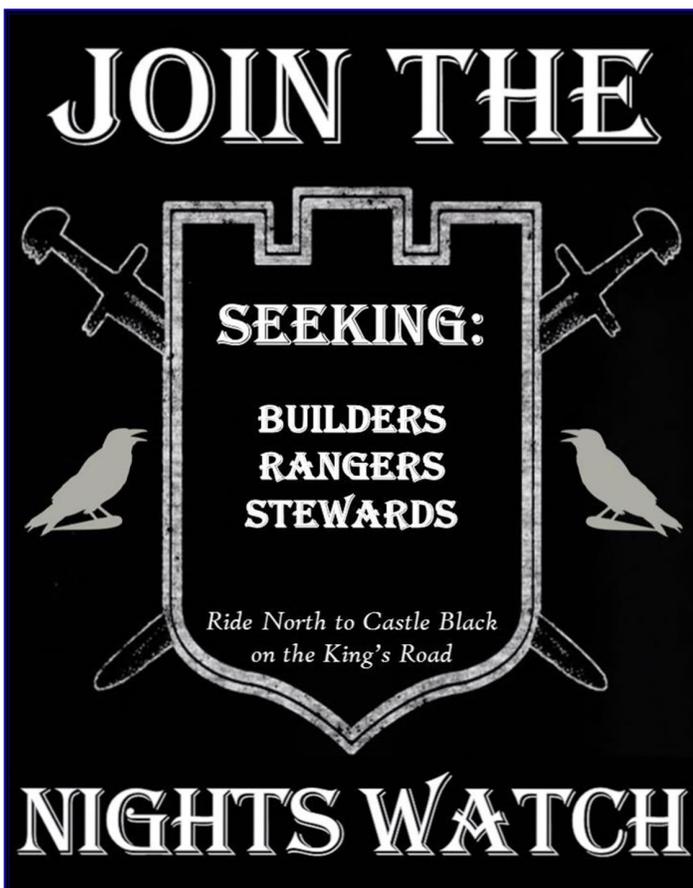
Rec Center staff were hesitant to put sword training on the schedule for fall semester. Many felt it would be a dangerous sport, causing more harm to the students than potential benefits. However, swordfighting is actually a great way to get into shape. Like martial arts, swordplay instills a sense of self-discipline and self-confidence in the student. Furthermore, because swordfighting is such a quick sport, the fighter has no time to recoil without running the risk of being struck. This makes the student develop a strong set of nerves, which carry into other high-pressure situations.

Finally, since sword training is such a high intensity sport, it requires a great deal of endurance. The sharp jabs and constant motion help promote cardiovascular health.

Of course, the swordfighting classes offered at the Rec Center will be using wooden swords, not actual metal swords. All the swords will be provided, and fees for the class are included in the regular student fees. A test trial of the classes will begin next Thursday at 1 p.m.

The Rec Center will also be hosting a tournament to bring attention to the new classes to be offered in the fall, which includes jousting, swordfighting, and a reboot of the twerking for fitness program. The tournament will be for students who wish to participate in the swordfighting classes. There is a \$10 fee to register, but the prize is well worth it: An exact replica of Jaime Lannister's sword "Oathbreaker" from the popular HBO series "Game of Thrones."

After receiving the sword, the winning student will then be allowed to participate in the selection of the fifth president of CSU via trial by combat. The final battle will take place May 1 at 5 p.m. on the sand volleyball court in Courtyard I.





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