DANCIN'

Greek life raises thousands for the Make-A-Wish foundation

By Erin Madore
Culinary Editor

On April 16, 2004, a sunshine drenched Friday, students could hear booming music coming from the Pepsi Forum where members of Johnson & Wales University's fraternities and sororities were dancing for a cause. The dance floor was full for many of the twelve hours required as many members of the nineteen fraternities and sororities participated in their Third Annual Dance Marathon, raising money and awareness for Make-A-Wish of Rhode Island.

From the beginning, when Providence Campus President Dr. Irving Schneider kicked off the event, each team of five representing their Greek organization had to have at least three members of the team on the dance floor. Then, when midnight struck and the money the organizations had raised prior to the event was tallied up, their donation of over $6500.00, which is more than double last year amount was announced.

This generous donation, fundraised through a fun and exciting dance marathon, will go to Make-A-Wish, the largest wish-granting organization in the world. The Foundations purpose is to be able to grant children under eighteen whom have been diagnosed by a doctor with a life-threatening medical condition their one deepest wish. Since, 1991 the Rhode Island chapter has successfully and charitably granted more than four hundred wishes.

Now, through the help of Johnson & Wales University's Student Activities and Greek Life, Make-A-Wish has $6500.00 towards making more children's dreams come true.
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B L O T T E R

• Monday, 4/5, 12:15 a.m.
  Male student assaulted in front of 89 Washington Avenue
(Description of suspects: Two black males, both about 5'9" tall, both had thin builds. A male student reported that he was sitting in his vehicle when he was approached by two men. He asked of the men were all set and they started yelling at him. The student exited his vehicle and was punched in the face. A struggle ensued and the student received a cut on his arm. Police were notified.)

• Wednesday, 4/7, 11:22 a.m.
  Light students robbed on Narragansett Boulevard
(Description of suspects: A commuter student reported that he had invited three males, described below, to his apartment on Narragansett Boulevard in Cranston, so that he and several other students could purchase marijuana. Prior to the purchase, the three male suspects pulled out handguns and ordered the students to lay face down on the floor. The suspects proceeded to rob the students, taking cash, jewelry, cell phones, and a laptop computer.

1. Light skinned Hispanic male, heavy set, clean shaven, about 20 years old wearing jean shorts, black aviator jacket
2. Light skinned Hispanic male, 5'7" tall, 150 lbs, 16-18 ears old, moustache, wearing blank hooded sweatshirt, blue jeans and a dark hat with "B" on the side
3. Hispanic male, 5'8" tall, medium build wearing dark jacket, jeans, red shirt and a red bandana.

All armed with black semi automatic handguns. (Suspects fled in a white Mitsubishi car.)

The suspects fled the apartment in a southerly direction on Narragansett Boulevard in a white vehicle, possibly a Mitsubishi Lancer. Cranston and Providence Police are investigating.

• Tuesday, 4/13, 4:09 a.m.
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Latino heritage month offers new perspective

By Dom Perez & Whitney Crichton
Herald Staff-Members

At the opening ceremony for this year's Latino Heritage Month celebration on April 7th, visitors were greeted with the lovely sounds of the bongos, trumpets, drums, symbols and guitars and even a little bit of freestyle singing. The crowd was small, but steadily grew as the night rolled on.

Participants were invited to enjoy some authentic Latino foods, and listen to performances of Latino poetry. After the commencement of the open mic, the Welfare Poets performed. This group of collective activists, educators and artists used musical poetry that incorporates Hip Hop, Bomba y Plena, Latin Jazz and other rhymes. "It was an inspirational start to the month's celebrations," said one student.

Most of the events this year were true to their promise to provide J&W with a new perspective on Latino culture. The committee has planned an outstanding job planning quality programs that promote discussion and breaking barriers that separate us all," said Assistant of Student Activities Scott Lyons.

Although students expressed concern about Greek Week falling on the same month, there was no lack of enthusiasm about the month's events.

"It was well put together [LHM], I just wish that some of the events hadn't been cancelled, and there was a conflict with Greek Week. Like this year I would like to see more education forums in the future," said Angela Nivar.

For those who missed the opportunity to participate in any of the month's past events, there are still two more events to come. Join the Multicultural center on Wednesday, April 28th in "Café Con Leche," where they will transform the center into a coffee house for an open-mic night. "Come grab a hot cup of coffee while enriching your soul with profound poetry," said the MCC.

The big commencement to take place in the Hospitality Garden Room on Thursday, April 29th will be "La Extrapavagancia" presenting the theme of "Costumbres-Customs." This closing ceremony will be a collection of performances and foods that represent various nations. This closing event hosted by Sigma Lambda Beta will conclude with the announcement of the three winners of the campus-wide scavenger hunt.

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-Scott Lyons

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Campus discusses Brown. vs. BOE court ruling

BY DOM PEREZ
Assistant Editor-in-Chief

Superior Court Justice Edward Clifton joined J&W in the Multicultural center on April 16th

It has been fifty years since the Supreme Court's ruling in Brown v. Board of Education, declaring "separate but equal" schools unconstitutional. Superior Court Justice Edward Clifton joined J&W in the Multicultural Center on April 16th to discuss and reflect on the impact of this landmark decision. May 17, 1954 was just the beginning for what would lead to an all out frenzy. "Black Monday" it was referred to by some southern politicians. "It would end civilization in the South, as we know it," said South Carolina Governor James Byrnes.

It would take another three years for President Eisenhower to send National Guard troops to Little Rock High School to protect the first entering black students. "The Supreme Court was unclear, there was no definite time as to when segregation had to stop," said Justice Clifton.

Clifton referred to the supreme court decision in 1896, Plessy v. Ferguson decision of 1896, when the Supreme Court found that the doctrine of "separate but equal" as it relates to segregation of public facilities did not violate the constitution.

The Supreme Court's Brown v. Board of Education decision did not abolish segregation in other public areas, such as restrooms and bathrooms. It was a ruling that declared that Negro schools were inferior to that of whites, therefore it was unconstitutional to deny the children of the minority group the opportunity for equal education.

"This case transcends education, as it shows that separation solely on the basis of [skin] color is wrong," said Justice Clifton.

The story of this historic case is a well-known one Clifton explained in his presentation.

Linda Brown had to take the bus five miles from her home to attend school, while there was a school only four blocks away. In 1951, with the help of the NAACP Brown's father took his case to the U.S. District Court in Kansas.

The NAACP argued that separation of black children made them feel inferior to whites, and the schools were blatantly unequal. The Board of Education's defense was that segregation in schools and other places elsewhere prepared black children for a segregated life, therefore it was not adverse to the children's development.

Based on precedent from court decision in Plessy v. Ferguson, the District Court ruled in favor of the Board of Education.

Later that year, Brown would appeal to the Supreme Court along with similar cases from Delaware, South Carolina, and Virginia. The courts never reached a decision in the case-the 14th amendment granted equal protection under the law. Did the authors have desegregated schools in mind?

It wasn't until nearly two years later that the Supreme Court would reach a decision in favor of Brown. Chief Justice Earl Warren after the unanimous decision "We come to the question presented: Does segregation of children in public schools solely on the basis of race, even though the physical facilities and other "tangible" factors may be equal, deprive the children of the minority group of equal educational opportunities? We believe that it does...conclude that in the field of public education the doctrine of "separate but equal" has no place. Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal. Therefore, we hold that the plaintiffs and others similarly situated for whom the actions have been brought are, by reason of the segregation complained of, deprived of the equal protection of the laws guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment."

In Justice Clifton's conclusion he explains that this was just one the beginning of the struggle to end segregation. It took many years for people to catch on, because the court didn't provide a specific time. There were many who didn't want this integration [cities and town were in] direct defiance of the Supreme Court.

It would take nearly ten more years until more schools were integrated across America.

Director Campus Diversity Thomas Gaines explains, "This was a great victory for the civil rights movement as a whole, but we knew that was just the beginning. The fight has only begun."

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The jewels of Providence

BY ERIN MADORE
Culinary Editor

Being cooped up inside for the past few months due to the terrible weather conditions has been very hard on many students. However, ringing in spring just several weeks ago and the nice weather that has followed not only deserve a celebration, but a renewed spirit from the students of Johnson and Wales University. No longer is it necessary to hide indoors from the brutal winds, icy chills or arithmetic temptations. Instead, now is the time to travel outside and explore the wonderful city, new students have come home for the past eight months. Providence may not be close to New York City but it has its own student and tourist atmosphere. Providence is well known for its outstanding amount and variety of restaurants, bakeries, cafes, and diners. On that note, I also lay at your feet the jewels - restaurants, bakeries, and cafes - of Providence, RI, a city of many that has just as much to offer.

What The Mall Has To Offer

Starting with a restaurant that many have walked by while in the mall but have only been too shy to try is the Cheesecake Factory, located at Providence Place Mall at the far corner near the State House. They not only offer a unique selection of homemade cheesecakes, but a great food with quick service and a bright and airy atmosphere. Some of the meals to try are the Crispy Tacos and Evelyn’s Favorite pizza, with a meal for two not including dessert approximately $30.50.

A neighbor of the Cheesecake Factory is the new and exciting Fire and Ice, also located on the mall restaurant strip. The improvisational grill is considered one of the wildest and craziest restaurants as customers share the roll of chef picking out their own food from several bars with food ranging from chicken, corn on the cob, and sundaes. Patrons can watch on the sidelines as the cooks prepare their food on a large circular grill, but it costs about $18 for one person’s entire meal, however, it is a buffet so if you go on an empty stomach you can definitely get your money’s worth.

Another restaurant that is worth checking out is Dave and Buster’s on the fourth floor of the mall near the IMAX and movie theatre. Their meals are priced fairly with sandwiches about $7, with pastas, steaks, and specials that are only a few dollars more. However, their menu is not why many people flock to this hot spot on the weekends, but more so because of their amazing adult arcade games, and pool tables that can keep most students busy for hours. However, trying to stray from the popular mall restaurants, in the heart of downtown and closer to the Gare, one might find a number of restaurants to satisfy anyone’s hunger needs.

A Walk Into The City

Closest to the mall in Union Square, across from the ice skating rink, are RiRa, Capital Grille, and Brewed Awakening, all food establishments well known for different reasons. RiRa is not the best place for real Irish food ranging from Potato Cakes to Corned Beef Hash and Cabbage, all reasonably priced with excellent service, but also has events that have students from all over Providence coming too - Quiz nights and concerts.

Only a stone’s throw away is The Capital Grille, a classy and expensive restaurant where you can be rubbing shoulders with some of Providence’s most prominent citizens while enjoying exquisite meals. Known for their steaks and simple but elegant atmosphere, The Capital Grille is a great place for special occasions when spending a good chunk of cash, even an issue - usually $50-60 for two people.

Neighbors with The Capital Grille is Brewed Awakening, a second home to many, the small cafe is always a great place to escape the chaos of a normal day, study for a big test, or bring a special date. With a great selection of bakery items, toast, and pastry items it’s difficult to make up your mind, and with 14 different coffees, smoothies, and alcoholic beverages you definitely have to take your time deciding. On any given night Union Square is bustling with excitement and customers, and it is not hard to understand due to its great location and array of restaurants.

Moving closer to the downtown campus is Washington St. that houses the exceptional Cuban Revolution, where the sandwich is heated and pressed in a traditional Cuban sandwich press that makes them taste similar to a thick and gooey grilled cheese with meats and vegetables. The environment is just as funky as the menu with specials like the Fidel, and sweet guava milk shakes, and television blasting Cuban music or I Love Lucy reruns. So, as you move closer into the heart of the city there is more to find that can fit any budget, appetite, and atmosphere needed.

Take The Tunnel To Thayer

If you are a bit adventurous and have a little more time to travel further into the city Thayer St. is a great weekend spot. Your adventure starts by taking the trolley (the after the tunnel - this is Thayer St. The first hidden treasure is located on the first street to your right past Au Bon Pain, it is a very tiny building called Le Creperie, having the best crepes in all of the Providence area. They are a great breakfast or lunch spot since they have, fruit, meat and vegetarian crepes, and very well priced with the client only spending about $7 on the entire meal including a drink.

Moving further up the street is the quiet study cafe, Tea Luxe that houses dozens of teas and drinks along with a few pastries items and sandwiches to fill your hungry stomach. The menu is not as extensive but all the items are made well and quickly, and if you get a cup of tea to stay then it is free refill for your entire stay - great for the frugal student. If you keep walking up Thayer Street past the Brown Bookstore you will shortly come up Andreas, which with its extensive menu of Greek food, is an awesome place to grab a bite to eat while trying something new.

If you are still hungry and traveling on Thayer St., a great place to stop for dessert is Ben & Jerry’s located next door to Johnny Rockets on Meeting St. Not only is it the best ice cream parlor Providence has to offer, but it is also conveniently located, reasonably priced, and has a selection to please anyone’s tastes. So, with food ranging from crepes, to ice cream, Thayer St. is one of the hit spots for great food at convenient prices.

Restaurants are one of the most diverse and exciting entertainments Providence has to offer, it is no wonder with over three hundred restaurants in the surrounding area. Therefore, it is profoundly easy to find a restaurant that will satisfy your hunger needs, with an atmosphere and price that you desire. So, as the weather permits and the sun shines upon us all, I suggest exploring the great city of Providence and taking advantage of the many jewels and treasures the beautiful city has to offer.

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Karla: I'm just a needy student. What can I do to create change?
Well for starters you can vote in the upcoming election. Not a lot of students are active voters but what they don't realize is how important the positions are.
What do they really do anyway?
The SGA represents the J&W student body to the administration and to the community. They also plan events and help budget for school clubs. These things affect us all! This is our school and we should have a say in things.
Does my vote really count in this huge school?
L: Actually Karla, it does. Last year only 3% of J&W students voted. That's about 500 out of 8,000. More people should cast their vote so we can get strong leadership representing us.
Okay but I don't even know who's running? Why don't they advertise more so students understand how important the election is?
L: That's a good point. Students need to be educated before they can get involved.
Not enough parking, bad classroom quality, and broken bathrooms. Everyone complains but no one ever does anything about it, except the members of the student government. But who is running? Do you even know? An alarming survey showed that more than 50 percent of students did not vote in past student government elections. Is it college, who cares?
Well maybe we should start to. Did you know the SGA president and vice president receive a $5,000 stipend each year?
Just like the president of our country, the elected officials of the student government have responsibility and power. Elections for the 2004-2005 school year are coming up and it's time for J&W students to know their rights.
The statistics lead people to believe students don't vote because they don't care. But maybe J&W students do care who represents them when dealing with the administration and community. It seems that the problem isn't lack of interest, but communication between the SGA and the student body. The average student does not know who is running, when the elections are taking place, or anything about the events or debates surrounding it.
Students around campus expressed frustrations with the SGA election process.
"They don't make themselves known and when they do approach you, they attack you with SGA stuff," said freshmen Jason Berger, Stephanie Kumorek, a sports/entertainment management major didn't have a clue about the process, "I don't even know where to go to vote!" Both students expressed interest in the elections and wanted to know more about the candidates.
This fall, steps were made to reach more students through online voting, causing voting totals to rise to 7 percent. Online polls seem like a step in the right direction for a technology savvy generation but obviously, this isn't enough. Paper stuffing and unadvertised web polls barely scratch the surface of communication. If SGA wants to raise voting percentages and involvement they need to reach out to the students at their level.
The average student takes class and works full or part-time. Planning events or making candidates available during breaks of the school day may help spread awareness. By raising awareness students can become more involved with deciding what will happen in the rest of our college career. Part of the student's job toward change is to make the effort and the other part is from the SGA. They must put in the effort to receive the type of results they want. So this means, students cannot complain when they do not like how the university works until they make a difference and

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Joshua Hamacici- So. Culinary
"Incubus at the Electric Factory. They played their old stuff and it was a small venue."

Kelvin Diaz- Fr. Culinary
"Missy Elliot because it was cool to see someone who lived in Virginia. She threw it down for where she lived and the crowd was enthusiastic."

Michelle Garneau- Fr. Culinary
"Dave Matthews, Santana, and The Roots because it was the craziest night I’ve ever had."

Christopher Wood- Fr. Culinary
"Greatful Dead. It was my first concert and my favorite group."
Arts & Entertainment

Hidden beauty: RISD art museum

By Tyrone Hall
Staff Writer

Providence has more to offer than just foul smelling air, bad driving, and Boston fans. The dim winds of winter and sweltering summers live a thriving art scene that is very influential. There are plenty of local bands and comedians that have a lot of talent to appreciate. The diamond in the rough is Providence's art scene. There are galleries on every little street. There are paintings adorning the walls and the photos sitting on the shelf. The artistic talent can be viewed as nothing short of astounding in this city.

Providence is also the home to the state school specializing in the artistic talents of local students and from students from all over the world, the Rhode Island School of Design. A week after, the Rhode Island School of Design's Art Museum is a multi floor experience that takes visitors on an unthinkable journey. They are open on Tuesday through Sunday at $5.00 for adults and $3.00 for students with a college ID. The museum is free on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the second Thursday of the month.

The only real place to start in the museum is the information desk. There are so many sections, that you can only choose the one you want to see them in and hope your feet don't get tired. At the front desk you receive a clip to let the staff know that you are a visitor in the building. Be nice to the staff. They are very helpful when you get lost or you want to know more about a particular piece of work.

One of the museum's special exhibits is right upstairs from the entrance, a display on furniture. The pieces in the museum are a range from run of the mill armoire to chairs that push the limits of creativity. The first floor also leads to the section of works on paper, which include photographs. Some of the most powerful pieces are by Annu Palakunnathu Matthew who pair photos of the 20th century Native Americans with pieces of porcelain whose detail and attention to real life similarities is amazing. There are woven, glass panels from famous architect Frank Lloyd Wright, displaying his passion to display the "rhythmic structure of nature."

The second floor has plenty of Renaissance art, including an extremely realistic wooden representation of Jesus on the cross. A large collection of European and modern art including pieces from Monet to Picasso. The Egyptian and Asian exhibit on the third floor might be one of the most interesting sections. With a foot with golden Buddha and the mummys of the priest Nesbit.

The museum is a host to centuries of creativity. The exhibits are constantly changing to accommodate new pieces as time passes by expansions to the building are planned. The Rhode Island School of Design's Art Museum is perfect for the curious as well as the experienced critic. Check it out and go support the museum.

By NEKESHA MUMBII MOODY
AP Music Writer

NEW YORK (AP)- Hip-hop pioneers will be celebrated with a new awards show to air later this year on VH1, the network's president told The Associated Press.

Though it has recently changed its focus to pop culture and has profiled performers such as Snoop Dogg and Tupac Shakur, VH1 has hardly been synonymous with hip-hop over the years.

But network president Christina Norman says VH1 is the perfect venue for such an awards show, which will be an annual event. "The people who grew up listening to the Sugar Hill Gang and Run-DMC, Norman said, "those are our viewers."

"VH1 Hip-Hop Honors," scheduled for Oct. 8, will honor groundbreaking artists with a show that mixes old-school and current rap performers.

Although other awards shows that celebrate rap, including the Source Awards and the BET Awards, Norman says VH1's show will provide an opportunity to laud veteran rappers who may not have gotten accolades in the past.

She noted that the first rap Grammy wasn't given out until 1989, though hip-hop had been around for at least a decade before that.

"This is a way for us to acknowledge the unseen heroes of hip-hop," she told the AP on Thursday.

No honorees have been determined yet, she said. The show will coincide with a five-part documentary on the history of hip-hop that will air on network that week.

"When you think of all of the influence hip-hop has had on our culture, it's a hugely impactful art form," she said. "Hip-hop definitely needs to get its due."

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By Matthew J. Medeiros
Arts & Entertainment Editor

The lights go down and the crowd screams for a band they don't even know or are sure they'll even like. Funeral for a Friend (FFAF) takes the stage and the thunderous sound of the power chord rings out through the venue. As the lights come up the crowd gets a glimpse of a band they have heard about only a little about. These mysterious musicians proceed to rock the roof off of venue and the crowd goes wild to one of the most recent new bands by a quintet fresh out of the UK. Without even being familiar with any of the songs the kids were jumping off the railings and slamming dancing to grueling double bass, melodic vocals, and shredding guitars.

The "FFAF tour", as Darren called it, formed two years ago with a love for music, and Funeral for a Friend doesn't plan on slowing down any time soon. "The hard part of this is to just keep rocking while respecting our roots," said bandmembers Chris and Darren on the future of FFAF. This band is best described as five individual entities clashing differentiated musical influences to form the unified sound that is Funeral for a Friend. With the exception of Darren, these Welsh boys are no strangers in this strange land. In addition to an impressive resume of playing with metal heroes Iron Maiden, Funeral for a Friend have also played with the Fire. "I can't complain about not being home in over three months. After finishing up a European tour we went over to Japan and then immediately to here," said both bandmembers. There was even a talk of a headlining tour in the future, so be sure to look out for that in the months to come. After playing Providence Place mall, both on their bus and on stage, I'm sure they'll visit the Providence area again.

Call the metal, call it punk, call it emo, or (even the more popular word these days) post-hardcore, but FFAF guitarist Chris and Darren call it "...music that we love to play. It seems to be catching on these days." With bands like Thursday and Thrice breaking down the candy-coat barriers of the music industry, its no wonder these Welsh boys are making a noise in the US. The fans definitely seem to be responding well to this post-hardcore, "rock revolution" with records flying off the shelves and not into someone's hard drive.

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'Pirates of the Caribbean' top MTV Movie Award nominees

BY ANTHONY BREZNICKI
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LOS ANGELES (AP) — There's no argument: "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl" collected a leading six nominations for the MTV Movie Awards on Wednesday, including best movie and best on-screen team for co-stars Johnny Depp and Orlando Bloom.

Depp was also chosen for best male performance and comedic performance, while Geoffrey Rush's performance as a skeletal buccaneer earned him a mention for best villain. Keira Knightley, the star-faring movie's damsels in distress, was recognized among the breakthrough female nominees.

One surprise in the male performance category: Jim Carrey, nominated a nomination for his role as Jesus in Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ," the film's only MTV bid. Other nominees: Bill Murray for "Lost in Translation," Tom Cruise for "The Last Samurai" and Adam Sandler for "50 First Dates."

Four of the nominees each went to the Sandler and Drew Barrymore comedy "50 First Dates" and the superhero sequel "X2: X-Men United." Along with "Pirates," both will compete with "Finding Nemo" and "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" for best movie.

Although the third installment of the blockbuster "Rings" trilogy swept the Oscars this year with 11 awards, it had only two MTV nominations — including best action sequence for the climactic Battle at Gondor scene.

The 13th annual MTV Movie Awards will be taped June 5 and broadcast on the music channel June 10.

The show is known for its mockery and parody of the movie industry, featuring satiric clips of top movies edited with jokes and irreverent categories such as best kiss, best villain and best fight sequence — although most of the contenders in those categories were relatively straightforward this year.

The "best digital character" award, which Guillermo from "The Lord of the Rings" collected last year, was dropped this year.

Producers added a new category, best dance sequence: Ben Stiller and Jennifer Aniston's hot salsa dance from "Along Came Polly" and Seann William Scott's disco dance-off from "American Wedding" will compete against Steve Martin's hip-hop moves from "Bringing Down the House," the sexy burlesque revue of Drew Barrymore, Cameron Diaz and Lucy Liu from "Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle" and the street dancing of Omari Hardwick, Marques Houston and the Lil' Saints Dance Crew from "You Got Served."

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Long-standing U.S.-Saudi relations a new focus in presidential race

WASHINGTON (AP) It is no secret that President Bush, like his father, has deep personal ties with Saudi officials. The real question is whether those loyalties will cost the president at the ballot box this year.

Bush's Democratic opponent on Thursday accused him of being too cozy with Saudi Ambassador Prince Bandar bin Sultan to insist that the oil-rich Saudis do more to help lower the cost of gasoline in America.

The Bush camp and Bandar himself deny any undue influence. Bandar said he has talked about oil with Bush just as he has with Bush's predecessor, Bill Clinton, and other U.S. presidents going back to Jimmy Carter.

The U.S. dependency on foreign oil and the fact that Saudi Arabia has more crude than anyone else ... has compelled all presidents to befriend the Middle Eastern country, As Bandar told CNN earlier this week, "The past presidents and Saudi Arabia and American politics are intertwined."

That precisely, is why Kerry's gambit could prove effective, said Saudi Institute analyst Ali al-Ahmed.

"Any association between the Bush family and the Saudi royal family is going to undermine the credibility of the president," al-Ahmed said. "I think Bush either has to distance himself somehow, or join Kerry in his rhetoric... especially if Kerry is going to receive support from many people in the United States who do not like Saudi Arabia very well."

U.S. to relax ban on former members of Saddam's political party

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - U.S. administrators are easing the purge of members of Saddam Hussein's disbanded party, allowing thousands of former Baathist army officers and teachers back in their jobs, officials said Friday.

Some Iraqi leaders welcomed the change, saying the policy of strict de-Baathification was a mistake from the start that fueled the anti-U.S. insurgency. The move, however, is likely to face opposition, especially among Kurds and Shiites who were brutally suppressed by Saddam's Baath Party and welcomed the purge.

L. Paul Bremer, the top U.S. administrator in Iraq, is expected to announce the new policy in a national address Friday night in al-Iraqia, a U.S.-funded television station.

The U.S. decision to disband the military and the Baath after Saddam's fall was at first popular. But it led to widespread unemployment, especially among the Sunni minority that formed the core of Saddam's regime, some of whom joined the ranks of the anti-U.S. insurgency, Iraqis and U.S. commanders say.

The new change comes during the bloodiest month since the U.S. occupation began, with U.S. forces fighting Sunni Muslim insurgents in the center of the country and Shiite militias in the south.

Moussaoui can be prosecuted in civilian court, appeals court says

WASHINGTON (AP) The nation's only Sept. 11 defendant and the government are claiming partial victories in an appeals court ruling, but the judges' ultimate message is clear: The Justice Department can prosecute Zacarias Moussaoui in a civilian courtroom and seek to kill him.

The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals panel in Richmond, Va., ruled Thursday that Moussaoui could have access to information from three al-Qaida prisoners who may be able to exonerate him. This was a defeat for prosecutors, who argued that Moussaoui had no right of access to the captives.

Moussaoui's victory was limited, however. The court majority said he could only receive written statements from the prisoners in a form that will have to be turned out by a trial judge.

The three-judge panel threw out the trial court's order to allow the defense access to the witnesses by a remote video hookup.

Red Cross: At least 54 dead, 1,249 injured in North Korean train collision

DANDONG, China (AP) - The collision of two trains carrying explosives in North Korea killed at least 54 people and injured 1,249, the Red Cross said Friday, while Chinese hospitals along the border with North Korea prepared for a possible influx of wounded.

The explosion occurred Thursday after the trains, which were carrying explosives similar to those used in mining, collided in the bustling town of Ryanggang, said John Sparrow, a Red Cross spokesman in Beijing. He said he expected the death toll to rise.

The secretive North Korean government has remained silent on the disaster despite confirmation of the blast by the governments in Seoul and Beijing.

Snow says economy has improved as U.S. prepares for international meeting

WASHINGTON (AP) The soaring U.S. budget deficit is not a threat to the global economy, Treasury Secretary John Snow said as finance ministers and central bankers from the major industrialized nations gathered for weekend meetings.

Speaking an optimistic note before he and Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan hosted a meeting of the Group of Seven major industrial nations, Snow said Thursday that the U.S. economy is in far better shape than it was last spring. Analysts then were worried that anemic growth would plunge the United States into another recession.

The International Monetary Fund has criticized U.S. budget policies and wants to see quicker action to deal with the deficit so that interest rates don't rise too rapidly and put a brake on the global economic growth.

The IMF also is worried about America's rising current account trade deficit, the broadest measure of foreign trade measure of foreign trade, which hit a record $541.8 billion last year.

The concern is that if overseas investors lose confidence in leaving the United States money, the dollar's value could sink, investors would flee, stocks would plunge and interest rates would soar.

Supreme Court blocks Maurice Clarett's effort to enter NFL draft

WASHINGTON (AP) - Running back Maurice Clarett won't be in this weekend's NFL draft after losing a pair of legal bids to keep his name in the mix.

Clarett of Ohio State University was placed on a new emergency appeals list last summer that includes Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Justice John Paul Stevens. But both were rejected Thursday and the athlete's lawyer said he will make a third try.

But the justices refused to consider lower court decision that put the lawsuit on hold, leaving Clarett's name out of the NFL draft that will be held Saturday.

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The Accounting Department and Career Development are co-sponsoring the Accounting Career Night, held on April 29, 2004 from 4-7pm in the Pepsi Forum.

All of these events provide the opportunity to network with industry professionals and establish future business contacts. Come network, make new contacts, bring copies of your resume, dress professionally, ask questions and be ready to create your own success.

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Scorpio (October 23 to November 21) A surprise move of support from a colleague who has never been part of your circle of admirers helps influence others to take a new look at what you've put on the table.

Sagittarius (November 22 to December 21) While a bold decision to take an "I know what I'm doing" approach impresses some colleagues, it also raises the risk of causing resentment among others.

Capricorn (December 22 to January 19) A misunderstanding 'twixt you and a friend might not be your fault at all, despite what he or she suggests. Talk it out to see at what point the confusion might have started.

Aquarius (January 20 to February 18) Entering into a community operation fulfills the Aquarian's need to help people. It can also lead to new contacts that might one day help you with a project.

Pisces (February 19 to March 20) A minor problem could delay the start of a long-anticipated trip for two. Use the time to recheck your travel plans. You might find a better way to get where you're going.

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