By John Ortzenio
Editor-in-Chief

Over eight thousand students will receive degrees this May, with 15 professionals chosen to receive honorary doctorates from the University. All Providence ceremonies will be held at the Dunkin' Donuts Center. The first ceremony, held on May 19 for the Graduate School will feature Gerald Lawless, the chief executive officer of Jimenez International, Dubai and the United Kingdom, who will receive an honorary Doctor of Business Administration in Hospitality Management. 634 Graduate degrees will be awarded.

On Saturday, May 21 Christopher Misano, the executive producer of "The West Wing" will receive an honorary Doctor of Letters degree as 3,995 students receive degrees. Also speaking at the ceremony, William J. Shaw, president/chief operating officer of Marriott International, Inc. will receive an honorary Doctor of Business Administration in Hospitality Management degree.

The final ceremony in Providence, the College of Culinary Arts, will take place after the Business, Technology and Hospitality School at 5:00 p.m. Edward G. Leonard, CMC, AAC, president of the American Culinary Federation (ACF), Augustine, Fla., executive chef, The Westchester Country Club, Rye, N.Y., president of the World Association of Cooks Societies and captain of ACF Culinary Team USA, will receive an honorary Doctor of Culinary Arts degree.

Kelli Waits, an International Business major and Roger Lee Harvey a Culinary Nutrition major were named student speakers in May. Waits, a native of Lampsappan, Texas was the valedictorian of her high school class. She is a dean’s list student, awarded the Golden Quill and several Key Awards while at J&W.

"My commencement speech is designed to be a tribute to our college years and the friends we have made along the way. Interests are in every aspect of college life that I wish I had known before I came to school and my role in the future of our class," Waits said.

"Waits claims the key to her success in life thus far has been to ‘never allow yourself to be scared of the unknown. That is the best place for adventure.’"

Roger Harvey will address the Culinary graduates. Harvey was a finalist in the ‘Next Food Network Star’ contest recently. Harvey, president of the J&W University Club of Culinary Excellence, treasurer of the Food Science Club and a member of the University Nutrition Society is a Dean’s List student who came to Johnson & Wales from Centennial, Colorado.

Harvey told The Herald the theme of his speech is to ‘live life to the fullest.’ I am very honored and excited to be selected as the student commencement speaker for the culinary ceremonies. My speech was written to inspire and touch the hearts of my classmates," Harvey said.

Harvey’s motto for life is “live life to live,” a slogan he created that means living life to the fullest.

"Living life like everyday is your last and not taking it too seriously.”

The Charleston, Denver, Norfolk and Miami campuses will graduate over 3,000 students.

Volleyball team wins over young fans

By Jed Greenberg and Daphne Frantinotch
Guest Writers

During the spring term the Women’s Volleyball team is spending their off-court time volunteering at Fortes Academy, a local public elementary school in Providence. The result has been a very positive experience for everyone involved.

The program runs every Wednesday from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm with each meeting being broken down into two sessions. The first hour is spent in the library completing math related games and exercises prepared by Julie Slater, a Fortes Academy teacher. In the second hour, the students bring their volleyball equipment, teach clinics and organize games for the eager learners.

Administrators at Fortes Academy are very pleased with the work being done by these J&W athletic teachers and staff at the school have praised the program for providing these young children with positive role models and offering quality academic support.

Sophomore Rebecca Berta explains, "I hope that we inspired a few students to want to learn more about the sport and maybe join a team. But most of all, I hope that we showed them what they can do if they work hard and make the right choices."

Fortes is located in South Providence, and is a K-6 elementary school serving a predominantly minority student body. 94% of the students are eligible for free or subsidized lunch programs, and only 45% of fourth graders achieved the standard state in math skills during the 2001-02 academic year.

Despite all the challenges that Fortes faces, it is a school that J&W is proud to be partnered with. The school is a place of hope and safety for its students. Through its curriculum, Fortes uses alternative teaching methods, by building its projects around students’ interests, fostering creativity, and emphasizing the arts.

The after school program has been considered a privilege for the fifth graders who have been involved. These students had to earn the opportunity to participate in the program by meeting high expectations of homework completion, consistent school attendance, and by making a serious effort in school throughout the day.

Members of the Volleyball team, like Julia Swarski, believe that the experience at Fortes has brought the team closer together. She says, "I think it was a great bonding experience for all of us who were working together off the court to help others.”

In return the Fortes Academy students are learning the importance of teamwork.

According to freshman Kelly Pfluder, the students are being taught that "being part of a team, the hard work that goes into it, appreciating each other, working together even if you aren’t best friends, and working hard in school will help you go far.”

May 11th will bring the program to a close when the Fortes Academy participants attend an exhibition scrimmage at the Recreation and Athletic Center put on by their J&W and J&W volleyball’s t-shirts have been ordered as a surprise gift to the Fortes students as a reminder of the special bond they have formed with the volunteers.
Dean of Students looks back on first year
Vice President discusses important aspects of school year

BY JOHN ORTENZIO
Editor-in-Chief

In the Fall of 2005, the Providence Campus faced administrative changes with the loss of a Director of Residential Life, Dean of Students, and Assistant Director of Student Conduct.

The position of Dean of Students was filled immediately by Dr. Ronald Martel, who came to J&W with over 28 years of experience in student affairs, particularly at Northeastern University where he spent 17 years.

After interviewing eight candidates, Veera Sarawgi, the Vice President of the Providence Campus knew from the moment her last interview concluded she had found her choice in Martel.

"He came with a wealth of experience. More importantly, he had the right attitude, he is laid back, has great sense of humor, he knows how to roll up the sleeves and get something done," Sarawgi said in the fall.

With his first completed school year under his belt, Martel claims that his first year as Dean of Students was an enlightening, learning experience.

"I found the students to be challenging but very focused in their perspective. With every change you make you are going to have to immerse yourself into a new culture. J&W has been a real learning experience," Martel said.

Martel expressed his gratitude for the support of the community, saying it's been very reassuring to have the assistance of those around him.

"Dr. Martel's first year has been better than my expectations. I have enjoyed watching him learn about J&W, interact with the other deans, faculty, departments, and students while leading the student affairs division through transition," said Sarawgi.

Dr. Martel has been extremely vocal in all arenas of the need for increased community on this campus and has begun the planning on many fronts to accomplish that, according to Sarawgi.

One of Martel's goals as Dean is to assist in creating a Student Center on the downtown campus after the relocation of route 195.

"The nice thing here is that everyone is in agreement (for a student center). The President was right up front with me; he said we need a student center here, just as we need more residence halls, as clear as day could be. I was happy to hear that," Martel exclaimed during the fall.

According to Sarawgi, Martel and student affairs made a significant impact on progress towards a student center.

"Under Dean Martel's leadership we have already refined several drafts of the justification and feasibility of a student center on campus. He has worked closely with our Advancement and Facilities teams and we hope to continue to move forward on this project over the summer and the year ahead," said Sarawgi.

Sarawgi also identified some of the positive and negative aspects of the year.

The positive being the Harborvillage apartment project, renewed emphasis on student life, U-connect, the collaboration between academic coaching and career coaching, and the diverse community that includes students, faculty and staff.

The negative aspects, which she stated were not necessarily problems, but opportunities for improvement were lack of a venue for students to gather, density at residence halls, student behavior and conduct issues, and the lack of students using U-connect and e-mail services.

When asked to give himself a report card for the year, Martel said that a very positive experience of his first year was being able to decrease turnover in the student life department, and that creating a sense of stability was important to him and his staff.

"My commitment was to observing and bringing back enjoyment to work there," he said.

Although Martel is proud of the exciting things done with Harborvillage, a 500 bed apartment complex and the future Student Center, he felt like a kid in a candy store when it came to addressing many other issues that had to be put on hold.

"I had every intention of establishing an advisory committee so I feel less unsuccessful and that took a back burner. Not having filled the student conduct position has been frustrating, that is still in the works. Retention was also a major issue Martel wanted to attack in the fall and it still remains a top priority, over time. "It's something we'll know more about after two, three or four years. If you can look for more long range it happens over an extended period of time."

The new Dean, who is mainly responsible for Student Activities, Residential Life, Student Conduct, Parent Relations, Student Counseling, Center for Health Services, and The Women's Center learned much about the typical Johnson & Wales student in his first year.

"Johnson & Wales students are first generation students who are very focused, especially on their careers. They are ambitious, energetic and creative," he said with enthusiasm.

On the other end of the spectrum, a concerned Dean said there are those students who don't know what to expect in coming to college, "It's their first time away from home, so they are influenced by their peers, in alcohol and sometimes even drugs."

"But overwhelmingly you see how productive students are," Martel said.

Martel and the University's main goal is to principally create quality of life and community at J&W. Martel hopes to achieve that once he has a full staff, but he has already begun taking major steps toward that goal. A new summer orientation program has taken shape and the announcement of a new apartment style residence hall have all been initiated this year.

"Harborvillage is still set to open in the summer of 2006 and it will have a major impact on life for students," Martel said. He countered, "The root of it is creativity, a sense of community and quality of life."

His time away from Johnson & Wales is spent spending time with his two sons, who are heavily involved in scouting and co-curricular activities. He also officiates basketball at the collegiate level and is on the local school board in his Massachusetts hometown.

When asked to give advice to graduates and returning students, the Dean urged them to talk to Johnson & Wales "for all we're worth," quoting the old British Airlines commercial.

"Make the most of your undergraduate years. Look outside of academics, take hold of opportunities your university presents to you," he concluded.

School of Arts & Sciences Hosts 8th Annual Cassella Conference

BY GINA MORRIS
Staff Writer

The John Hazen White School of Arts & Sciences and the Freiman Study's department held its 8th annual Cassella Conference on Teaching Communication at the Harrisevick Academic Center. This year's theme was Adapting the Message: Codes, Culture and Communication.

Many months of planning were necessary to facilitate this conference, which was chaired by Professor Eileen Medeiros of the Freiman Studies department.

The featured keynote speaker was Dr. Sam Coale, a professor from Wheaton College. He teaches many courses including American Literature and English Romanticism. He is a world traveler and a noted author of eight books. His presentation, given to an audience of over 70 of his peers, focused on "adapting the message" to students. He focused on language and signs and how people can interpret things differently. Dr. Coale examined pop culture, using movies like The Matrix and The Passion of the Christ. There were also 14 "break out sessions," where other presentations were given by professors, students, and professionals that related to the Adapting the Message theme. Between sessions, lunch was held in the Cintas Dining Room, where J&W culinary students served up a buffet of chicken marsala and stuffed shells.

Guest and presenters of the conference hailed from more than ten colleges, universities, and high schools, including Gibbs College, Pitches State University, Marymount Manhattan College, CCRI and North Attleboro High School, along with several faculty members from J&W.

The Cassella Conference is held every year in memory of Irene Cassella, a dedicated professor who valued and taught communication among her peers and her students.

Please check the Providence Campus Update in the spring of 2006 for information about the next Cassella Conference. Students and employees of J&W are encouraged to attend.
IN THE SPOTLIGHT - Q&A with Alumni Council Vice President

By John Ortzenio
Editor-in-Chief

As students prepare to graduate this spring, many of them will begin to take advantage of the many services J&W offers its alumni. One of these services is the ability to be active with alumni services by way of the Alumni Association and Alumni Council.

The Herald recently sat down with the current Vice President of the Alumni Council, Mike Grosse in April after the Alumni Mentorship Program to discuss in detail the Alumni Council and Association. Grosse offered students advice and shared with The Herald plans for the future.

What is the primary purpose of the Alumni Council at Johnson & Wales? We work with the University, in conjunction with the Alumni Relations department and alumni managers at each campus to build alumni programs with the university. We also work in conjunction with departments at the University in developing the life long learning commitments and a commitment to building alumni relationships and working with the Admissions, Advancement and the academic areas because at one point we want to have life long engagement with alumni. That is really what the Alumni Council is here to do, engage alumni.

Can you give me a detailed description of the history of the Council? The Alumni Council has been around since the late 1960s, it has been an on and off council for a number of years. The original lasted until the early 1990s. It has always been known as the Alumni Association. In 2001 this was re-assembled as a task force to build an Alumni Council to start serving in 2002. This current council created the structure it currently has.

What is your role as Vice President? My role as VP is a little bit of everything. I mainly handle the planning and bylaws committee. We have had a total revamping of the Alumni Association bylaws. One of my charges this year was to put those bylaws into place. This meant working in conjunction with the alumni relations office to make sure the bylaws were appropriate and were in the best interest of the association.

It is my job to work in the best interest of the alumni in building a strategic plan for the next three to five years. My next charge will be president in July. The VP serves a term then becomes President then becomes past president.

How does one become a member of the Alumni Association or Alumni Council? One is automatically a member of the Alumni Association. There are no dues. The council serves the entire Alumni Association. The council is governing the body of the Alumni Association, which students are automatically entered into when they graduate. Students should start looking at the alumni website now, and not wait until they graduate. It’s not too late to start but you’ll be behind everybody else. Basically, if you look at it politically they (the Alumni Association) are our constituents. That’s who we are here to serve. We are here to work with mentoring; we are there to work with forming alumni chapters. I believe we have 16 chapters and running now, Metro-Philadelphia, New York City, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, San Diego to name a few as well as some online chapters.

What current programs and events does the Alumni Council have planned? We have the Wildcat Wednesday in the Providence area hosted by Toby Sanborn in conjunction with Rhode Island/Massachusetts alumni chapter. If you’re not hosted on the first Wednesday of the month as a networking opportunity for alumni to meet with each other. I encourage you to come, come, show up and meet alumni. That’s what this is all about. That’s one of the other big initiatives, alumni engagement.

For example, today we had the Alumni Mentoring Program at the Pepsi Forum. Professor Ken Rouke and Lori Zabatta put together today and after that we networked with all the students present. We do a lot with networking. We are doing Alumni Weekend with Battle of the Campus. We are having an alumni team come in. We’re working with that. We put a float in the homecoming parade every year. We organize the alumni reunion and the in-season weekends. We are starting to do a lot of things with admissions. We have members going out on admissions tours. We have the undergrad/graduate representatives coming into Career Development classes. We’re working on bringing them into the freshmen classroom as well. We have a commitment to serve the students and the council’s job is to work with that commitment to serve the university.

What can you tell me about past successful alumni? It depends on your definition of successful. All alumni in our opinion are successful upon graduation because you received a degree from this University, whether you were an Associates, Bachelors, Graduate, Doctorate, you’re successful for achieving that.

We have alumni in positions as presidents of corporations and in entry level positions; the definition of success is whatever people want it to be. It’s not about who is famous it’s about what makes them successful. Those are the traits students learn here at J&W and how they apply them and the fact that a lot of them come back and contribute to the University.

What advice would you give to students as a leader? Set goals and priorities in your life from the beginning when you start college. Secondly, uphold ethics, integrity and values. In today’s business world, we don’t promote what’s going on with improper accounting practices, do it the right way. Probably the most important message I could give alumni: Give back. Come back to the University, talk to students. If a student emails you, email them back, if your interviewing alumni, give them a chance.

The biggest issue that I found in walking around campus the past day and a half is professionalism. Students need to uphold a level of professionalism in the workplace. It’s expected. Your coming from a career university, uphold your goals, your professionalism and your integrity.

No matter where I am in a recruiting position I will come back to J&W and recruit because I’m proud of the education I received here and I use it everyday. There’s going to be a lot more to come from the Alumni Association and association.
Best/Worst list identifies key issues on-campus

200 students polled on strengths and weaknesses of University

BY GREG BARBEAU
Guest Writer

Every year Johnson & Wales does some soul searching and takes a look at its strengths and weaknesses with an exercise called the "Best/Worst List." According to Sue Aubin, executive assistant to the president, this is a university-wide undertaking that involves staff, faculty and students. In doing so, hundreds of J&W "insiders" are asked to name the 10 "best" things or accomplishments for the year and the 10 "worst" things that need to be remedied.

It is estimated that close to 200 students are polled each year on what they think are the University's strengths and weaknesses. These results are combined with the "best" and "worst" lists from staff and faculty and are presented to senior management for consideration. "Students tend to base their opinions on personal things that affect them," said Aubin. For example, for the past few years the top five "worsts" on the students' minds have consistently been lack of student parking, no student center, inadequate housing on campus, problems with u-connect, and congestion on campus.

According to Veera Sarawgi, Assistant Provost and Vice President of the University, parking has always been an issue among students at Johnson & Wales because of the University's location in downtown Providence. However, Sarawgi said that the Administration has plans for a parking garage that will be constructed on Weybosset Street. Working in conjunction with the City of Providence, this plan is an ongoing process that could take several years.

Sarawgi said that the types of improvements that Johnson & Wales are trying to make, such as student parking, additional residence halls, and a student center, are long-term benefits for the students. "It depends on your perception of the problem," she cautioned. "The money you need to stop the problem might put the school out of business."

However, the areas the list has improved on as of late are new software for students, improving career development, more "smart" classrooms, and better quality of life in residence halls. With u-connect becoming more popular university wide, it is easier for students to schedule classes or check degree progress without being on the phone forever or waiting in long lines at student academic services.

"We are trying to make a difference for students, making student life better is our number one priority" said Sarawgi. Addressing the issue of much-needed on-campus housing, the administration plans to build new apartments at Harbourside and have them ready for occupancy by 2006. These will be open for students but not incoming freshmen.

"It is like a regular off-campus apartment, with the assurance of Johnson & Wales security all day and night," said Sarawgi. "We're very excited about this development."

Graduating?
Then you need to pick up your Cap & Gown Form from Student Financial Services (SFS)

Monday, April 11 - Wednesday, May 18

BUSINESS / HOSPITALITY / TECHNOLOGY -- DAY SCHOOL
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Monday-Friday
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Financial Services
Monday-Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Friday
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Monday-Thursday
4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Caps and gowns will be available for pickup at the Downtown and Harbourside Bookstores from Monday, April 25 - Wednesday, May 18 during normal bookstore hours. Students will not be allowed to participate in the ceremonies without a cap and gown.

REMINDER: Students with loans are required to meet with SFS. Rhode Island Student Loan Authority representatives will be on campus to discuss consolidation and/or repayment options.

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What was your favorite moment of this year?

Tricia Dever - Fr. Hotel Mgmt.
"On my birthday we skipped classes and wandered around Thayer Street."

Lorie Vassallo - So. Culinary Arts
"I went clubbing with my friends and the sliding door of my mini-van fell off. I had to put it back on in stilettos and a mini-skirt."

Joyce Hendrciks Food Service
"Every year around Thanksgiving we feed the homeless. We all work together and I really look forward to that."

Kevin Cheverie - Fr. Marketing
"St. Patty’s Day! I woke up at 10 am and started drinking."

Steve Johnson - Sr. Food Service Mgmt.
"I went to the Circus last night, that was pretty awesome."

Charlie Bacon - Fr. Business Mgmt.
"The Red Sox winning the World Series."

Jordan Glueck - Fr. S.E.E.
"Receiving a 4.0 on my report card."

Jason Takas - Fr. S.E.E.
"The mayhem in Gaebe Commons after the Red Sox won the World Series."

Vin Massaro - So. Website Mgmt.
"Getting out of here for summer."

Jamie Grusmark - Fr. Hotel Mgmt.
"When my keys fell down the elevator shaft and I got them back $160 later."

Molly Sales - Fr. Fashion Merch.
"When we got pulled over in the Harborside parking lot for doing practice driving tests."

Marco Martins - So. Criminal Justice
"The Yankee vs. Red Sox riots."
End of the Year: “This Week in Greek”

During the academic year of 2004-2005 Order of Omega worked very hard to support Greek Life on a positive light and influence the Valley. We conducted numerous events in the hall where the chapter hosted a number of events, sponsored a campus wide Final Exam Night before Thanksgiving, held a scavenger hunt of Greek Life, and various other events that allowed our members to connect with one another.

The chapter is proud of the success it has had so far and is looking forward to more success in the future. The chapter is also proud of the contributions it has made to the Valley and the community.

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YEAR IN REVIEW - FALL

BY ALEXIS JUNODAH
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In September of 2004, Johnson & Wales University opened its doors to over 8,000 new and returning students. As if woken up from a deep sleep, the Providence Campus came to life to welcome everyone home for another year.

On September 3rd students from all 50 states and over 80 countries around the world attended welcome weekend and check in. Representatives from the Universities most prominent organizations were on hand to assist over 5,600 students move in to their dorms. Across campus, student groups took advantage of Student Activities Night to recruit new members to their organizations through tables set up in Gabe Commons and at the Harborside Campus.

After settling in, the campus buzzed to life in September marked the 3rd year anniversary of the September 11th attacks. Providence remembered the event with a ceremony at the state house, which was attended by thousands of Rhode Island residents.

By mid-September the annual part-time job fair made its way back to Pepsi Forum. On September 14, companies in the fields of hospitality, technology, and business stopped by to recruit students. The day gave students the opportunity to network for jobs, internships, and career advice. With an average of 600 students and 60 companies in attendance, the fair was beneficial for both.

The part-time job fair led the way for one of J&W’s biggest events of the year: The Career Conference, which hosted 135 different companies at the Rhode Island Convention Center. Big name companies like Marriott, AAA, CVS, Cox Communications, and Tyson foods were all on hand. The University did its best to prepare its graduates for the work force, representing it with the companies present.

By October students on the culinary campuses were prepping for the Culinary Olympics in Erfurt, Germany. After their first-place win at the American Culinary Federation’s national convention, then winning a gold, three silver, and six bronze medals at last year’s Olympic competition, the team had high goals to meet. Five students from J&W, ranging in age and location, represented the university in Europe.

Family Weekend took place in mid-October. Hundreds of families and friends visited campus to learn more about the University while participating in many fun-filled events sponsored by Student Activities.

The fall trimester also marked an important part of American history and modern culture. Leading up to the primary elections on November 2nd, United States citizens geared up to cast their ballot. J&W’s Student Government Association helped encourage students to vote through contests, parties, and giveaways.

In a nod matching that of the democrats and the republicans, the yearly Red Sox vs. Yankees rivalry hit the Providence campus full force again this year. The American League series which pitted the rivalry teams against each other left J&W students fighting, chanting, and punching. After the Red Sox victory at game six of the American League series over 150 students gathered in Gabe commons to celebrate the win.

The students became so rowdy that they had to be controlled by campus safety and security officers and Providence Police. Some disruptions and violations of the student code of conduct were committed, requiring officers to break up fights and make arrests. Arrests were made at other colleges throughout New England. The campus went on to watch the Red Sox win the World Series.

As November 2 rolled around, students filled out their absentee ballots and sent them in to cast their vote for the next President of the United States. For many students, the 2004 election was their first opportunity to vote. New Englanders were not shy in expressing their support for candidate John Kerry. Rhode Island went democratic in the elections. Regardless, after a long two days of tabulating the votes, President George Bush was reelected for four more years.

Further away from the Providence Campus, the country’s newswave was buzzing. In October, US healthcare faced a shortage of flu vaccinations, causing over 200,000 people to suffer from the effects of the virus. In politics, gay marriage and rights was debated as US troops continued their work in Iraq. Worldwide, Iraq faced its first democratic election in October while conflict in Sudan continued to worsen. Over 70,000 citizens were killed in violent clashes between the government and rebelling citizens.

The fall trimester was a busy one for J&W students. It’s big news stories and events pushed students out of the lack-admiral summer and prepared them for another brutal New England winter.

The community was charged in November as new President Bush begins his second term.

PHOTO BY BRIAN YOUNG

America’s Career University provided another opportunity for students to receive employment with the part-time job fair.
YEAR IN REVIEW - WINTER

BY APRIL PAVIS  Story Writer

Aside from the standard chours that go into effect every holiday season, Johnson & Wales students spent more time than usual in a hurry during the winter trimester. Some were relocated from one residence hall to another, while many were trudging through snow to attend the number of cultural events sponsored by various J&W clubs and organizations.

The doors to the Airport Center East residence hall (ACE) were closed over winter break for the remainder of the 2004-2005 school year, at least. The number of residents who moved out after the first trimester for co-ops, externships, and internships along with the number of complaints from students regarding the lack of internet and cable made the decision to close ACE very easy for J&W officials. Approximately 120 residents were given a choice as to which hall they preferred to live in, giving them the luxuries ACE could not.

Senior Mallory Chambers chose the White Apartments at the Harborside campus. "I feel like I'm finally getting the college experience for the first time, I'm not so segregated from everyone else now."

The mood since the relocations has been positive, yet plans for the building are still being discussed.

The Office of Campus Diversity had a great reason to celebrate over the winter term. On Tuesday, November 9 students, faculty, and special guests including mayor of Providence, the Honorable David N. Cicilline and former Dean Thomas Farrel, celebrated the positive changes the Office has made over their past five years on campus. Educational programs and social activities have made monthly appearances on J&W's calendar, with events such as the Winter Holidays Around the World as well as hosting guest speakers.

The Office's goal is to not only educate students on the importance of diversity on- and off-campus, but as well as in the workplace.

Activities celebrating Black History Month, held throughout February, took over the monthly calendar. This year's Black History Month committee chose the theme, "Reflections, Past, Present, and Future" to reflect on our past and where we have come from, as well as focusing on the present and looking forward to what the future will bring," said Sarah Ficette, interim assistant director of Student Activities.

The highlight of the month to many was undoubtedly the visit from Reverend Jesse Jackson for the month's opening ceremony. Regardless of how audience members felt towards Jackson's political and moral beliefs, his presence and dedication to African American history was a true inspiration to the community.

The month's highly anticipated events included guest speakers and plenty of culture-specific music and food. Whether it was enjoying the frigidly cold weather, attending one of the many cultural events, or finally getting cable, the winter term at J&W was a very active one for many students. One can only hope that next winter brings similar events and fewer record-breaking temperatures.
YEAR IN REVIEW - SPRING

By Mat Mederos
Staff Writer

The 2005 spring trimester brought much exciting news to the J&W community. In July of 2006, 576 beds will be available in the 144 four-bedroom apartment complex known as Haberside Village.

Spectrum Properties, a Charlotte based company who also worked on apartments for the new Charlotte campus, is currently constructing the new neighborhood. Every apartment will consist of a four bedroom, two bath layout, including a fully appliance kitchen, as well as a washer and dryer in each apartment. They will be fully furnished and parking will not be a problem for residents, although a small fee will be charged for their personal space.

There will be fantastic views of Narragansett Bay, stated John Gray, President of Spectrum Properties. Papa Roach and Common performed on May 7 at the Wildcat Wahoo.

The official end of the year celebration also consisted of free food, carnival rides, and many activities. The weather that day was horrible, but die hard fans still ventured out to see their favorite bands perform.

The Women's Fair opened up Women's History Month on March 11. In its second year, the expo featured "HerStory," a documentary about the female founders of J&W. Sorority stakeholders, women's groups, women's issues, as well as the histories of each Greek organization. They also honored Dr. Cheryl Almedia by naming her Woman of the Year.

A free self defense class took place on March 16 for female J&W students and staff. Instructors from a local karate school taught the attendees how to protect themselves in various situations. The festivities came to an end on Wednesday, March 1, when "Take Back the Night" by students and the Providence focused on Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Sexual Harassment, and Stalking.

The Spring Career Expo was held Thursday, March 24 at the Harborside Recreation Center, giving hundreds of Johnson & Wales students the opportunity to interact with over one hundred employers. Hospitality, culinary, and business companies set up exhibition booths throughout the Main and Delaney gymnasiums. Numerous representatives from each company were on hand, and did a great job of educating the 1,500 students that were estimated to have been in attendance.

Celeste Brantolino, Director of Career Development and Alumni Relations at J&W, declared, "This event is optional for students to attend, but we are pleased to see the large number of dedicated employment candidates who are eagerly seeking 'Best-Fit Employment' with our key industry partners." Greek Week "s annual Dance Marathon took place on Friday, April 15th starting at 12 PM and ending at 12 AM. Greeks from across campus met in the Pepsi Forum to support the Make-A-Wish Foundation and danced for twelve hours raising a total of $11,000.

In the weeks prior to the marathon the J&W Greek community raised the development of the Wahoo. Roger Williams Park was home to the J&W Battle of the Campus on Friday, May 6. An egg toss, a 3-legged race, human pyramid, and tug-of-war were only a few of the challenges each team of twenty will face.

With participants including Greek Life, residence halls, and a variety of student organizations, the contest is bound to get intense.

May 7 is not only the Wahoo, but at sunset the first WaterFire of the season begins. The weekly event brings together musicians, vendors, art, and the community for a night along the well-lit rivers of Providence.

Thanks to the much needed escape from a dismal winter, spring trimester is the most exciting. However it can be the most stressful as we wrap up another year. So get out as often as you can to enjoy the last few weeks and good luck on finals.

Island Fest featured food, culture and fun this Spring.

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Spring finally made its way to campus and students found it extremely difficult to leave Gaebe Commons to attend class.
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WILDCAT SPORTS

BY DAN BOOTH
Sports Information Director

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

The Wildcats had another successful campaign, garnering four top-five finishes in their nine meets this season. The team placed fifth at the Great Northeast Athletic Conference Championship, led by senior Aaron Daniels who earned All-GNAC honors with a sixth-place finish. The team also finished 30th at the ECAC Championship and wrapped up the campaign with a 37th-place finish at the NCAA Northeast Regional Championship.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Head coach Hollie Walton and the Wildcats notched three top-five finishes, including capturing the Southern Vermont Invitational before taking third-place at the Great Northeast Athletic Conference Championship. Senior Jenna Tinnelly continued her dominance, capturing GNAC runner of the Year honors after taking first place while freshman Sandra Koehler also earned All-GNAC honors after an eighth-place finish. The Wildcats notched a 35th-place finish at the NCAA Northeast Regional Championship.

GOLF

Head coach Mike Lurgio and the Wildcats posted a 2-2 record in the season, establishing several individual and team records along the way. Senior Kyle Morell set a new school mark with a 75 while the team's score of 317 in the win against Newbury at the Cranston Country Club also established a new school record. In addition to the 2-2 record in head-to-head competition, the Wildcats also placed fifth at the Elms Invitational to open the season and wrapped up the year with an eighth-place finish at the Nichols Invitational.

MEN'S SOCCER

The Wildcats made their third consecutive post-season appearance in 2004 under head coach Greg Miller, capturing the ECAC Championship. The team finished the season with a 12-9-1 record and earned the No. 2 seed in the Great Northeast Athletic Conference playoffs where they reached the championship game. Freshman Brian Sousa was named the Great Northeast Athletic Conference Rookie of the Year after leading the conference in scoring. Senior Mark Bleser and junior Bryan Supple were named first-team All-GNAC performers while senior Jason Stewart and junior Patrick Soderberg earned second-team all-conference accolades. Bleser played in the New England Intercollegiate Soccer League All-Star game, featuring the top players in NCAA Division I, II and III. He also participated in an invitation only tryout for the New England Revolution and earned National Soccer Coaches Association of America. All-New England accolades, the first JWU player in school history to accomplish that feat.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The Wildcats earned a bid to the ECAC Division III Championship, marking the first time in school history that the squad earned a post-season bid. JWU reached the finals of the Great Northeast Athletic Conference championships falling in five games. The Wildcats tied the school record with 25 victories and were the GNAC Regular Season Co-Champ. Seniors Annemarie Proto and Stephanie Cropper lead the way for the Wildcats during the season. Proto became the first JWU player in school history to record 1,500 kills and 1,500 digs and earned Great Northeast Player of the Year accolades while head coach Jamie Marcoux was named the GNAC Co-Coach of the Year. Proto also joined teammate freshman Andrea Vaccari as a first-team All-Great Northeast Athletic Conference performer while Cropper earned second-team All-GNAC honors.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The Wildcats posted a 12-16 overall record in 2005, finishing with an 8-10 mark in the North Eastern Collegiate Volleyball Association. The team played ten nationally-ranked opponents during the season and narrowly missed the conference playoffs with a fifth-place finish in league play. Junior James Collins led the team in hitting percentage at .293 and kills per game with 3.73 while freshman Albert Trevino made an immediate impact during his rookie campaign, leading the team with 8.2 set assists, 1.7 kills, 1.7 digs and 0.5 blocks per game for the Wildcats.

ICE HOCKEY

Head coach Erik Nuske, the 2005 ECAC Northeast Co-Coach of the Year, and the Wildcats made significant strides in the 2004-05 campaign, qualifying for the ECAC Northeast playoffs with an 8-7 record in league play, good for sixth-place. The Wildcats posted a 9-15-2 overall record, an eight-game improvement from the year before. Freshman Matt McGilvary, the 2005 ECAC Northeast Rookie of the Year, led the team in scoring with 12 goals and 19 assists for 31 points while fellow rookie Jakub Kubrak was named to the ECAC Northeast All-Rookie...
MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Wildcats are in the midst of a run that has seen the program become one of the elite teams in the Northeast region. Following a school-record 21 wins and the school's first-ever NCAA bid in 2003-04, this year's squad picked right up where last year's left off. First-year head coach Jamie Benton guided the Wildcats to a 15-12 record and the semifinals of the Great Northeast Athletic Conference Championship. Senior Brian Bannister was named a second-team All-GNAC performer after leading the team with 16.5 points, 4.8 rebounds and 2.6 assists per game while junior Conor Moran was named a third-team performer, adding 10.0 points and 5.7 boards per contest for the Wildcats.

2005 WRAP UP

BASEBALL

Head coach John LaRose and the baseball team picked up right where they left off after a record-setting campaign in 2004. This year, the Wildcats have posted a 25-15 overall record with a 10-4 record in the Great Northeast Athletic Conference, good for a third-place finish. The squad notched some impressive victories along the way, including a 16-10 victory over perennial national power Christopher Newport in Virginia. After the annual southern trip, the Wildcats return to the Northeast where they proceeded to win 13 straight and 17-0/20. The team received votes in the weekly New England Intercollegiate Baseball Association Coaches Poll for the first time in school history. Senior Dan Howard has proved to be one of the best pitchers in the Northeast region, posting a 5-2 record with a 1.48 ERA on the year while senior Brett Bodine leads the team with a .358 batting average, 36 runs and a team-high 42 RBI. With one week left to play in the regular season, the Wildcats are awaiting their post-season fate, hoping for the bid to the ECAC Championship which will be played the weekend of May 13-15.

SAILING

Head coach Alan Penney guided the four-year old athletic program to yet another successful campaign in 2004-05, including three top-five finishes during the fall and spring seasons. A highlight of the 2004-05 campaign was the Larchmont Regatta over Columbus Day weekend. The Wildcats notched a seventh-place finish, defeating Coast Guard while competing with some of the top teams in the nation, including Navy, Duke and Michigan. Adam Davis, a three-year captain and SAIL Alton will graduate this May. They are the first two four-year student-athletes to go through the program since it's inception in 2001. This fall, the team will move into a multi-million dollar facility at Save The Bay in Providence.

SOFTBALL

Head coach Lance Howlett guided the Wildcats to a 15-22 and a sixth-place finish in the Great Northeast Athletic Conference. Leading the way for JWU was junior Carly Wasner who batted .314 with 16 runs and a team-best 25 RBI while fellow junior Kaycea Grignon batted .230 with 17 runs, 14 RBI and 17 stolen bases. Sophomore Alison Winslow led the way for the pitching staff, posting an 11-15 record with a 4.49 ERA on the year.

MEN'S TENNIS

Head coach Adam Spring and the Wildcats reached the championship game of the Great Northeast Athletic Conference Championship, falling to Emerson by a score of 7-2. The Wildcats posted a 7-7 overall record, 3-2 in the GNAC. Freshman Stuart Fosdian made an immediate impact for JWU, playing at No. 1 singles the entire season, posting a 7-7 record while also recording a 7-6 mark at No. 1 doubles. Senior Arthur Carnegie led the team in victories, posting a 9-5 mark in singles play, primarily at No. 4 and recording a 6-5 mark at doubles, playing at No. 2.

WRESTLING

The 2004-05 Wildcats had the most successful season in school history, capturing the school's second-ever Pilgrim League Championship while shattering the school record with a 19-4 dual-meet record. The Wildcats, ranked in the top-10 nationally to end the season and captured second place at the New England Conference Wrestling Association Championships. The Wildcats had four wrestlers represent the school a the NCAA Division III National Championships with freshman Brandon McDonough at 125 pounds, junior Anthony Montes at 133 pounds, freshman Steve Martel at 157 pounds and senior Tim Ruberg at 174 pounds. Ruberg became the school's second NCAA Division III All-American, taking third place while helping the Wildcats finish in 19th-place as a team.

Senior Aaron Carnegie is 13-5 on the year for JWU

Women's Basketball

The Wildcats continue to strive to reach the upper echelon of Great Northeast Athletic Conference teams. Their rigorous 25-game schedule includes conference rivals, traditional rivals such as Rhode Island College and Roger Williams University, and some of New England's top Division III schools. In their nine years as an NCAA team, the Wildcats have already traveled to tournaments in Washington, D.C., Maine and western Massachusetts. The squad was led by junior Shatoya Greene who tallied 9.9 points, 3.7 rebounds and 2.0 assists while junior captain Dawn Knowles added 7.4 points and a team-best 6.8 rebounds per game for the Wildcats.

Second Team
All-GNAC Performer
Brian Bannister.
Reflections of Winning and Losing

The Herald concludes the year saying thanks

By John Ortendzo
Editor-in-Chief

This article is dedicated to all of the past members of The Campus Herald, who so willingly attempted to create a quality publication since the 1950s. To Ms. Johnson and Ms. Wales, and for others who sacrificed so much for the future of this institution. And to all of our supporters, who love being informed every two weeks by an intelligent group of young journalists.

Our purpose as a student newspaper is simple: deliver pertinent news and information to the community in a timely manner. When Senator John McCain shares his experiences as a prisoner of war during Vietnam, he talks about his inability to be informed and know what current events were taking place during his time spent serving our country. He talks about the importance and miserable feeling of not having the little things that we take for granted every day, like being able to watch the evening news. Sometimes, the importance of The Herald as a means of information can get lost in the shuffle at the Providence Campus. Sometimes, the importance of journalism can get lost in the shuffle of the world.

Over the past year The Herald has seen dramatic change inside and outside of our publication. The community has witnessed major improvements to the University, and we have tried our best to deliver every single happening that has taken place. Our goal to distribute timely news and information in a professional manner has been accomplished with the help and support of staff and outside resources. Now comes the time for our team to stop, breathe and take a look back on the marvelous changes and advances we have made over the last 15 issues of 2004-2005.

In November of 2004 four members of Student Publications attended the annual Associated Collegiate Press Conference in Nashville, TN, a lovely town. At this gathering of successful college journalists, awards are given out for Best of Show in General Excellence among College Newspapers. At the end of the weekend, members of The Herald sat in their seats in a large, oversized presentation room, leaders of the ACP began announcing the names for winners of the bi-weekly categories.

For the past few years we have sat in these conferences at the edge of our seats, eagerly waiting and hoping we would be called. After years of not being called, and years of telling ourselves we would be among the elite group of students who walk the 20 feet to except an award, it finally happened. We heard “The Campus Herald, Johnson & Wales University,” roar over the microphone. It was a joyous experience to fly home that night an award winning newspaper, representing JW proudly.

The story of this award and the transformation of The Herald is not one that can be told in one news article. There were too many obstacles faced in coming to this day. Much criticism at the hands of University members, much adversity within in our staff, and many dues were paid in order to see this day. I have many people realize the uphill-struggle creating a newspaper.

It started with telling ourselves from day one that The Herald is not just a piece of paper read and thrown out. It had to be so much more than that, and it has become more than that. It has become something with a heart, which has feelings. It’s become something to talk about, that lunch time, water cooler chat you only hear in offices. It’s becoming that opening statement the professor makes in class: “Pick up the new Herald” it’s got info about a student center, or about the new residence hall at Harborside. It’s an even better feeling to see a professor bring a Herald to class. “I’ve got the hometown pride here,” as he holds it up like a 5 year old holding up a soccer trophy. Or even hearing a professor take pride in his or her Campus Herald, stating how far it has come. That’s the kind of love it deserves.

Philosophically, it’s like a human being, receiving love and hate. It makes mistakes like you and I. It breaks people hearts, and rains people’s weeks. It enlightens people, and adds sunshine to their life with information. It shocks people, but makes them giggle. Incredibly, behind all of the articles, success and failures were a handful of unique, hard-working students who have grown with each article, with each newspaper. For the past two years of my life I’ve watched these very special students pour their hearts and souls into this “human being,” and come out of it with not only an understanding of journalism, but a better understanding of life, and its unrelenting hardships. I watched them evolve from young men and women into mature men and women. They have had a unique once in a lifetime opportunity to share with thousands their lives, personalities and work and I know they will tell you how grateful they are for that. Personally, as Editor I have lived out a dream of sharing my thoughts, beliefs and work with thousands. I lived out a dream of making my parents and family proud of me. I hope one day other people will have this opportunity that I and my comrades had. The experience I have gained is priceless and the friends and supervisors I have had are unforgettable.

From the moment I joined the Herald, working for past editor Michael Bonomo, I immediately fell in love with our mission. My year of experience as a regular staff writer showed me the lack of respect and commitment people had for us. Instead of letting it get us down, we used it as fuel for the fire. My how things have changed. When Russell Simmons came to campus last year in the winter, he said a few words that I will never forget. He said that when you’re facing adversity, god is testing you to see how bad you really want it. God has tested me and The Campus Herald more times than the Yankees have won the pennant.

While we are not satisfied with our product, we are content with where we are today considering what it took to get us here. The future of The Herald is bright.

Some American citizen’s sacrifice a period of their lives to serve their country in the military. To make our country safer and to ensure we have the freedoms given to us from our founding fathers. Members of The Campus Herald, much like many other organizations, clubs and officials at this school sacrifice their time and energy to ensure members of this community are informed on the recent events and happenings of the school. Although they are not risking their lives like soldiers, they are committing an unselfish act to better their surroundings, just like soldiers. No matter what the end results are, the fact that the effort was evident is due cause for them to be applauded. I know Joseph Pullitzer, and past editors are staring down at them proudly.

I’d like to thank the following people for making this newspaper what it is today and for inspiring myself and my teammates to strive to be the best at what we do, and for always believing in us. We owe you and our readers a debt of gratitude. Farewell.

• Our advisor
Michelle Delaney
and past advisor
Scott Lyons

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• Nancy Hardendorf
• Pam Cross
• Sarah Fioreto
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• The mail center
• Purchasing
• Dan Booth and Athletics

And to our avid readers: keep reading and we’ll keep producing
I've fallen in love with The Campus Herald

To commemorate our last issue and recognize our staff members, The Campus Herald asked our supporters, fans and staff to respond to the question, "When did you first fall in love with The Herald, and what impact has it had on your life?" Please enjoy reading their responses.

"I fell in love again and again with TCH every other Wednesday when the new issue hits the racks. I love that there are students so committed to producing the publication on a bi-weekly basis. I'm so proud of their dedication."

- Michelle Delaney, Advisor

"I fell in love with The Campus Herald the moment I walked through the newspaper doors. I realized then how much potential it had as a student publication. It is this newspaper that developed me into a man of discipline and passion. I will always and forever be in love with you. Thank you for bestowing so many priceless experiences, friends and knowledge upon me. I'll miss you dearly, Campus Herald."

- John Ortenzio, Editor-in-Chief

"I fell in love with TCH when I realized that newspaper dorks were welcome at college. I loved being around other kids who share a passion of producing something bigger than themselves and don't let any adversity stop them along the way."

- Alexej Jungahl, Assistant Editor-in-Chief

"I first fell in love with the campus herald when I met all of the awesome staff members."

- Bryan Young, Photography Editor

"When the Red Sox beat the Yankees."

- Matthew Medeiros, A&E

"I immediately fell in love with TCH. You guys are all hard working, inspirational young men and women. You're dedicated to the paper, and you've made it into the great student paper that it is. I'm sure that 2 years from now, the paper has made enormous leaps in design, content, and quality. Know this because I've overheard many an issue when Scott was working so hard. I wish you all luck and success. I'll miss you, John Ortenzio, the staff that is generating my gratifications."

- Nancy Herndon, Parent Relations Director

"I immediately fell in love with The Herald. I was impressed by the quality and design, by the time I met a full time student editor. I was impressed with the layout and design. Many schools struggle to put out a newsletter type paper, but J&W's Herald is a proper paper. I would like to present the Herald and universal topics, but I am confident that with proper love and guidance it will continue to mature. Cheers to the editor, John Ortenzio!"

- Tanya Rogers, Director, Women's Center

"I felt in love with the Herald after reading the first issue I had written. For I loved writing every word and loved that people were reading those words. And I loved that the staff was full of other people who also love to write. I love the Herald!"

- Ginger Vieira, Staff Writer

"I’ve been keeping a keen – and sometimes critical – eye on the Herald for 15 years now and have watched its evolution. Not only has it improved dramatically over the last several years, but the paper has developed its own style and voice. I also can friend and appreciation that it’s done my heart good to see the newspaper tackle some tough issues while maintaining a positive balance. Staff the can be commended and John Ortenzio will also be missed as its editor.

- Professor Marian Gagnon, Arts & Sciences

"For me, the first time I realized I loved The Campus Herald was when it had faith in me beyond photography. It had faith that I could not only take pictures, but also write. The Campus Herald strengthened my writing skills and taught me a lot about the importance of journalism. I think that I would have never have been in debt to The Campus Herald."

- Rada Pirner, I&O Staff Writer

"I first fell in love with TCH the first time my editor assigned me to what I felt was a "big story." The excitement I felt while writing the piece made me realize that being a part of this newspaper would be something very special to me.

- April Pavis, Campus News Staff Writer

"I first 'fell in love' with the Herald when it covered The J&W fun situation. It showed that the editor and staff was not afraid to stand up and take on a very sensitive issue on campus. It shows that the Herald is a real newspaper...not just showcasing the good things on campus. I have gained a lot of lifelong friends through their comment and publications. It has also given me a chance to do some great networking!"

- Jonathan Arruda, Assistant Editor-in-Chief, Yearbook

"It gives me the opportunity to connect with what's happening at the University as well as reading articles with students who are interesting and creative. I also like the price of the Campus Herald - no 4 cent newspapers that I subscribe to. I found out, that it looks like we have another four years under Republican domination.

- Professor John Gounaris, College of Business

"I really became a fan of The Campus Herald after John Ortenzio told me that the class, with sincere humility, he was the Editor-in-Chief. I began to look forward to reading his comments in the paper and the guidance of the quality with his leadership style and how it has impacted The Campus Herald."

- Professor Walter Anthony, Arts & Sciences

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**Make certain to enjoy your J&W experience**

**By Pat Dyl**
Staff Writer

So it is May 1, and there are only nine
 more days till my first year of college
 comes to a close. If you had asked me exac-
tly one year ago whether or not I would be
 here at Johnson & Wales I would have said
 "no." J&W was not my first choice school,
 but now as I look back on it, I believe it is
 the right choice. Although Providence may
 be too close to home, it is definitely a great
 city to go to school and live in.

College is not only a place to learn, but a
time in all of our lives when we can brunch
out, figure out who we are, and what we
may want to do in this life. A chapter in all
of our lives is coming to a close, whether
you are a freshman, sophomore, junior or
senior, you will have experienced things
that will change your life, and help you out
in the future.

As I look back on the last eight months I
realize that the time passed much faster than
I thought it would have. The year began with
the impending presidential election that
seems to have torn our society into two
halves, the red and the blue. There were
many important issues to people. In this election,
the most highly talked about issues were the
war in Iraq, Same sex marriage, 'morals,'
and the fate of social security. Super Tues-
day came, and I was sitting on the edge
of my seat, CNN on one TV, FOX NEWS
on another, and the Daily Show's coverage
of the election on another and what hap-
pens? The fire alarm in my residence hall
goes off! I spend the next hour glare-
ing through windows, trying to see if anyone
left their TV on, to try and get some glimpse
of what was going on. Also, much to my
distress, I soon found out that I looked like
we have another four years under
Republican domination.

This winter seemed unusually harsh com-
pared to most, the bitter cold, snow storm
after snow storm covering the city in a
depressingly beautiful coat of white and
grey. The Blizzard of ’09 brought the entire
state to a screeching halt, I could not
even go to Dunkin Donut's to get my pre-
cyced Iced Coffee.

Slowly the snow started to melt away, and
then suddenly it was. Recently the world
weather has returned, brightening all of our
spirits, yet making class utterly unbearable
in this most important time of the trimester.
I find it hard to make it to class, then once
there, I find myself daydreaming out the
nearest window, making plans for this sum-
mer.

I am making my final plans for the fall
term that seems oh so far away. I have
nothing to interrupt my summer away from
J&W, yet I will miss it, my friends, and
some of my professors. This experience we
call college, what many of us treat as a
chore, is a once in a lifetime experience,
make the most of it, enjoy it. Because thirty
years from now, you want to be able to look
back on today, and say "I wish I was still there."
Random thoughts on ‘05 with Staff-Writer Jason Williams

I never want to be caught in the middle of another baseball riot for as long as I live. Police holster your riot baton with the subtlety of a 2x4 across the back of the head.

I will never understand the New England semantics of the word "wicked." Nor will I understand the big deal about popping your collar. We all laugh at the fact you didn't say "wicked," but follow today's trends religiously.

If I had a nickel for every time someone at this school asked me if I had a sailing team, or how I became one, even in the name of justice. He continued to fight for his cause, insisting that the military pur- takered all women, gays and minorities, and that military recruiters lie as a rug to get young potential signees to sign on the dotted line.

While he was telling me all of this, I thought back to a poem my father, a Vietnam Veteran had told me about during the start of the Iraqi war. The poem was written by Father Dennis Edward O'Brien of the United States Marine Core and it goes like this:

“It is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us the freedom of the press. It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech. It is the soldier, not the agitator, who has given us the freedom to protest. It is the soldier who says, ‘I am giving you the flag, who says it goes to the freedom to abuse and burn the flag.’

Those students, those who choose to attempt to remove military recruiters out of dining halls, and even protest the Iraq War should really be thanking them. I'm not here to argue about whether or not Iraq was a justified war. I'm here to contest these war protesters, who think they're living in the 60's and 70's, who follow in the footsteps of their predecessors who protested simply to protest.

For the record, these students who I men- tion in the article are currently circulating a petition to present to the University with the purpose of getting the recruiters removed, and the University is listening to their statements. They were also encour- aged to write an article on the subject and were told an article was going to be writ- ten on the subject.

Many of the friends I grew up with entered the military by choice, unlike my father who was drafted immediately after high school. The elite few who choose to fight for our country know what they are getting themselves into. My friends know that they may never come home again.

When they sign their final papers to serve this great country they accept the fact that they may lose their life in battle.

I can point the reasons my point makers, and realize that military recruiters have a job to do, and much like a sales man, they must sell their product. And actually, after I finished writing this, oddly enough, I turned on the TV to see a special on military life, performing disturbing routines in their searches for soldiers.

I've been approached by a military recruiter before, and know what they take when talking to a new candidate. Although the military is a rewarding ex- perience, what do you expect them to tell you? That you have a strong chance of dying or injuring yourself and that should be your incentive?

After doing research on the topic I did find that there are many illegal and unethical practices in the process of recruiting.

However, I did find that many superiors and leaders in the military are utterly disgraced by the few phony who dishonor every admirable quality the mili- tary stands for. Leaders are doing everything in their power to control their recruiters.

Every company or organization has bad apples that misrepresent themselves and embar- rass their organization honor and reputa- tion. Johnson & Wales has childhood, irres- sponsible students who do the same, akin to our military recruiters.

Anyone who thinks all problems can be solved by diplomacy is kidding them- selves. I do not encourage war. I know what war puts a man through. Not by hav- ing experienced it myself, but because I was raised by a Vietnam Veteran. I've heard the stories from the photos, visited the memorials, and witnessed what kind of stress it places on your spirit.

Quite simply, war is no good. This is obvious by the touching quote preceding this article. But, to stand outside of a mili- tary recruitment office with silly signs, chanting silly slogans because you think and says the military is a hypocrisy is absurd.

Those recruiters and soldiers inside of that office may have nothing to do with the undesirable actions that are taking place. They are seeking out soldiers who allow you to protest, who allow your asinine actions, and to use the Freedom of the 9-11. I didn’t see any protesters go to Afghanistan with signs to gather around Bin Laden’s caves.

A professor at Johnson & Wales once told me that anyone could point out a prob- lem, but it takes an intelligent mind to pro- vide a solution.

So what solutions are they providing? “Go to war, four don't you want our oil war?” Or “Give peace a chance?”

Not good enough.

These protesters seem like they just want to start a riot, they are walking around cities pushing their opin- ions on others because they have nothing better to do. Not because they want to change America are overseas fighting bat- tles, they are serving offices in politics, or they are providing a service to their commu- nity.

There may be a major difference between pushing and sharing your opinion. I write this article not to hurt anyone, but to try and make you think.

While I admire my friend and his buds- dies for wanting to change something that is wrong in a system that is bound for mis- sion or death, I respect their efforts in different ways.

Walking up to these men were in the dining hall, shaking their hand firmly and saying thank you for your efforts, but we need wider minds with us and we want to change it which is what should have been done.

Neil Cavuto, a Fox News anchor made interesting points after major fighting in Iraq was over.

He said, "If you're so convinced fight- ing for freedom, why aren't you worried about your sons and daughters dying, then tell them directly. Tell the young wife, who now is a mother, but who was once a wife and now is widowed, and we want to change it is what should have been done.

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Something to look forward to this summer

By Amy Ward
Staff Writer

As summer draws closer, many may wonder what they can do to keep themselves occupied. Lucky for them, Summer 2005 will be filled with an exciting array of new albums, movies and books. Below is a handy guide to some new releases for this summer.

Music:
The White Stripes have a new album coming out June 7 entitled “Get Behind Me Satan.” This album features guitar, drums, piano, and marimba. This is their fifth album, and fear not loyal fans, The Stripes have certainly not gone soft. Oasis’ new album is set to debut May 30. It is entitled Don’t Believe The Truth. It contains 11 tracks and will be promoted on a UK and Ireland tour this summer.

In another June 7 release, Coldplay will come out with their newest CD entitled “X&Y.” Keep an eye out for a single from the new album in May.

Movies:
“Charlie and the Chocolate Factory” comes out July 15. Directed by Tim Burton, this new version stars Johnny Depp as Willy Wonka and Finding Neverland co-star Freddie Highmore as Charlie Bucket. The movie will supposedly be a truer adaptation of Roald Dahl’s novel than that of the 1971 film.

“Batman Begins” stars Christian Bale and Morgan Freeman. Directed by Christopher Nolan, it will tell the story of the Dark Knight’s younger days and comes out June 15. Directed by Steven Spielberg and starring Tom Cruise, War of the Worlds will be an on-screen adaptation of H.G. Wells’ classic sci-fi novel. It is set to come out June 29.

Books:
The long awaited 6th book in J.K. Rowling’s bestselling series is set to come out this summer. Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince will debut July 16.

Eldes, the next book in break out author Christopher Paolini’s Inheritance series is set to come out August 30. This one is the sequel to best selling book, Eragon.

Drunken lullabies at Lupo’s

By Amy Ward
Staff Writer

On April 15, a few hundred Irish punk fans moshed to the distinctly remarkable band, Flogging Molly in Lupo’s at the Strand, in downtown Providence.

There’s something eternally beautiful about being squashed into a gate, when a screaming throng of hundreds of people are pressing into you and a bald bassist is onstage swiggin’ a Guinness. Claustrophobia has no place here. One minute 100 of your new closest friends envelop you in a “hug,” the next you may find yourself trapped as they scramble to grab various bits of instrumental paraphernalia thrown into the crowd by rather tipsy band members.

Though this could be nearly any show, in this particular instance the onstage shamanisms were due to Flogging Molly. An almost insanely cool Irish inspired band out of LA, Flogging Molly’s plethora of interesting instruments lends to their success onstage and on their albums.

Heritage pours into Dublin born lead singer Dave King’s lyrics as he sings about alcohol, his sweet Roisin Dubh (black rose, traditional name for Ireland), and even the dreaded Oliver Cromwell. One of the most powerful songs was “Queen Anne’s Revenge,” which was sung by bassist, Nathanmwell.

The only bight of their appearance was the absence of the lone female member of the 7-person band. Fiddler Bridget Regan has apparently received 10 stitches in one of her hands. Robert Schmidt on mandolin and Matt Hensley on accordion did an excellent job of performing her part, as well as their own.

Among the many instruments used in the set were an acoustic guitar, mandolin, accordion, electric guitar, bass guitar, banjo, drums, and various other percussion devices. All of these and more are present on their three albums: Swagger,” “Drunken Lullabies,” and their newest, “Within a Mile of Home”.

Opening for Flogging Molly were The Ducky Boys and ska band called Catch 22. Both did well, though the Ducky Boys tended to rely on heavy distortion, while Catch 22 had minor issues with tempo changes.

Flogging Molly will continue their world tour with stops in England during the month of April, and will return to the U.S. hitting The Bamboozle in Asbury Park, NJ on May 1.

Sum 41 tries to be perfect with chuck

By Matthew Medeiros
A&E Editor

Lupo’s at the Strand will feature Sum 41 as the “Go Chuck Yourself” tour hits Providence on May 25. Unwritten Law, who is no stranger to the punk audience, will open the show.

Their third Island records release, Chuck, shows a positive direction for the band. From guitarist Dave Baksh’s thrash riffs to singer Deryck Whibley’s power punk anthems, Sum 41’s sound is becoming their own. The first track, No Reason, kicks off with a powerful “Hey” in a fist pumping chant.

Although the video for the first single, We’re All to Blame, is a mockery of the solid gold dancers, Whibley’s lyrics are clearly serious. “How can we still succeed taking what we don’t need,” sings Whibley on the first line of the song. 88, the last track, ends with some hardcore double bass accompanied by a thrash riff on Whibley’s guitar and an in-your-face tap solo by Baksh.

The album was released in October of 2004 and the second single, Pieces, has been gaining popularity among modern rock and pop radio formats. Chuck debuted at number 10 on Billboard 200 chart and Rolling Stone raved it was their best album yet.

“I tried to be perfect, but it just wasn’t worth it,” sings Whibley on the chorus to pieces.

Sum 41 jammed along side Ludacris on his single “Get Back” on Saturday Night Live back in January. They teamed up the next day in a New York studio to record a rock remix of the song which was featured on iTunes for a month as a bonus track.

Chuck was named after Chuck Pelletier, the United Nations worker who rescued them from bombs and gunfire during the filming of a documentary in the Congo with the nonprofit group called War Child Canada.

It was clear on the second album, Does This Look Infected, that Sum 41 was showing a more mature side to their music. Now that Chuck harmoniously blends metal and punk, the marriage they created will be here to stay.
Two suicide car bombs explode in Iraq, bodies found buried at Baghdad garbage dump

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Insurgent car bombs struck a market and a police bus Friday, killing at least 25 people, and a dozen bodies were uncovered in a garbage dump on the outskirts of Baghdad, some victims bludgeoned and shot execution-style.

Also Friday, Iraqi militants holding an Australian engineer hostage issued a 72-hour ultimatum for Australia to start pulling its troops out of Iraq.

The latest insurgent attacks were part of a surge in violence that has killed more than 270 people - many of them Iraqi soldiers and police - since Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari announced his new government April 28.

Representatives of al-Jaafari's Shiite-dominated alliance met Wednesday with Sunni Arab leaders Saturday to discuss candidates for defense minister and six other unfilled posts.

Al-Jaafari hopes to win over the Sunni minority, which is believed to be driving the insurgency, by increasing their participation in his government.

Blair shuffles Cabinet, signaling confidence in long-term allies

LONDON (AP) Prime Minister Tony Blair unveiled his Cabinet on Friday,-changing leadership in defense and health but keeping mostly familiar faces as he put his Labour government back in business after its victory dampened by a reduced majority in Parliament caused by the anti-war vote.

As expected, Blair kept his powerful Treasury chief Gordon Brown by his side as Chancellor of the Exchequer. Brown's strong stewardship of the economy played a key role in securing the government's re-election, but Blair's health minister, and as Blair's likely successor should the prime minister not serve the full term.

Foreign Secretary Jack Straw, a steadfast ally who has repeatedly defended the government's decision to back the U.S.-led offensive in Iraq, also kept his job.

Satellites see what may be preparations for North Korean nuclear test, official says

WASHINGTON (AP) - U.S. spy satellites have detected what may be preparations for North Korea's first test of a nuclear weapon, although analysts believe it could be a calculated ruse on Pyongyang's part, a U.S. defense official said Friday.

The satellite images released by North Korea have dug and refilled a significant hole at a suspected test site in Gilju in the northeastern part of the country, said the official, discussing intelligence only on the condition of anonymity. The hole was dug in a manner consistent with preparations for an underground nuclear test, although it is not known whether the North Koreans deposited a weapon inside, the official said.

In addition, the official said, they have built some bluffs a sufficient distance from the hole, presumably for viewing any test.

Officials elsewhere in the U.S. government played down the remarks.

One who spoke on condition of anonymity said activity at the site could be consistent with preparations for a nuclear test, but other explanations are also possible.

Bush opens European trip amid tensions over former Soviet occupation

RIGA, Latvia (AP) President Bush, ignoring Moscow's objections about his trip to former Soviet republics, said Friday that Russia should treat its neighbors with respect and not fear the rise of new democracies among its borders.

Bush opened a fast-paced, four-country journey to mark the 60th anniversary of the defeat of Nazi Germany. He will meet on Saturday with the leaders of Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia.

For these Baltic countries, the end of World War II did not bring liberation. Instead, they traded Nazi oppression for nearly five decades of Soviet occupation.

Bush said he has reminded Russian President Vladimir Putin about that history, ahead of the victory celebrations.

"Frankly, it's the beginning of a difficult period, and I can understand why some leaders of countries aren't going and some others are," the president said of the anniversary events. He spoke in a series of pre-trip interviews with television outlets in countries he will visit.

Employers step up hiring, adding 274,000 jobs as unemployment rate holds at 5.2 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) - Hiring around the country picked up briskly in April, with employers boosting payrolls by 274,000 and raising hopes of better days ahead for jobseekers and the economy as a whole.

The unemployment rate held steady at 5.2 percent.

The latest snapshot of the nation's employment climate, released by the Labor Department on Friday, eased fears about the economy getting stuck in the soggy spot it hit in March.

April's payroll growth marked an improvement from the 146,000 new jobs created in March. Economists also were heartened to see that revised figures showed employers added 93,000 more jobs in February and March combined than the government previously estimated.

"The economy appears to be rolling back and the soft patch has probably evaporated," said Lynn Reaser, chief economist at Bank of America Capital Management. "Jobseekers can now look forward to a more receptive climate. We are seeing jobs open up over a wide swath of industries."

Tipster tricked 'Precious Doe' suspect into providing hair sample

MUSKOGEE, Okla. (AP) - The tipster who helped crack the case of a beheaded 4-year-old girl went to police with his suspicion nearly a year ago and recently tricked the child's mother into providing a hair sample that he taped to a photograph and mailed to Kansas City, a community activist said Friday.

Police would not comment on what role the hair sample may have played in the arrest of Michelle M. Johnson, 30, and Harrel Johnson, 25, the girl's stepfather.

The two agreed Friday to be returned to Kansas City to face murder charges.

Some of the hair came from the mother's brush, and she gave some of it to the tipster after he told her he would put it in a Bible under the 23rd Psalm to bring her good luck, said Amazono Washington, a Kansas City community activist who has long championed efforts to identify the girl.

Washington said the tipster, who does not want his name released, first contacted police nearly a year ago and gave them all the pertinent details about the case, but investigators did not believe him.

Big bellies, relatedills have big costs in dollars and deaths

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) - Americans with metabolic syndrome, a condition marked by high HDL cholesterol, high blood pressure and cholesterol problems, account for $4 of every $10 spent on prescription drugs for adults, according to a study.

The report by Medco Health Solutions, shows that adult use of medication for the syndrome jumped 36 percent between 2002 and 2004.

Annual prescription costs for people 20 and older with metabolic syndrome averaged $4,116 last year, 4.2 times the average amount spent on drugs for that age group, according to New Jersey-based Medco, which released the data exclusively to The Associated Press.

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Stocks mixed on jobs report as inflation fears rise

NEW YORK (AP) - Wall Street limped to a mixed finish Friday as a surprisingly strong employment report raised fears that a surge in economic growth could cause inflation and prompt the Federal Reserve to aggressively raise interest rates. The major indexes finished the week higher.

The Dow Jones industrial average jumped 374 points, or 1.78 percent, to close at 21,745.04 Friday, more than the 175,000 Wall Street expected. With job gains for February and March revised upward, investors felt a bit more confident in the strength of the job market and economic growth.

However, with more money in the marketplace and higher demand, the newly employed could force prices higher. That intensified Wall Street's inflation fears, which had receded somewhat as questions arose about the health of the economy in March and April.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 5.02, or 0.05 percent, to 10,345.40, after being up as much as 57 points in morning trading.

Boss, Bellamy Road set for Derby run

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) - The day before the Kentucky Derby, everybody was curious about George. That would be George Steinbrenner, the New York Yankees boss and owner of the Derby's 5-2 favorite, Bellamy Road.

All eyes will surely be on Steinbrenner come Saturday when he takes his place alongside other horsemen at Churchill Downs to watch his strapping colt take on 19 others in the world's most famous race.

Will his horse win, something only two favorites have managed in the last 25 years?

Will that ease the pain of watching his AL East-cellaring-dwelling team?

How will he act if he loses?

The second most-watched man? That would be trainer Nick Zito, the two-time Derby winner who will send off a record-setting five horses, a quarter of the field, including the Boss's baby.
Best salaries since 2001 for new college grads

By KELLY PAIK
The Tuscaloosa News

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) Patsy Taylor and her daughter, Tonya, who are studying nursing together at the University of West Alabama, found jobs quickly. Both will go to St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in Arizona as nurses after graduating this spring.

"They're very eager to have us," Patsy Taylor said. "We could have walked into any position that we wanted."

Not only did the hospital offer them jobs, it agreed to pay their student loans and for the cost of relocating. Not every college graduate can expect an offer that includes such incentives, but the outlook is better in fields across the board as graduates prepare for the working world.

"In general, students are much more optimistic about the job market than they were for the past three years," said Jerry Paschal, executive director of the University of Alabama's Career Center.

"Almost all recruiters interviewing on campus indicate that the market is getting better, though still not back to where it was pre-2001," he said.

Graduating from UA with a chemical engineering degree in May, Sharon Cody said she was nervous about finding a job first.

That nervousness quickly faded when she received two offers, ultimately accepting a position as a process engineer at ChevronTexaco.

"It wasn't like I just took the only one that was available," Cody said. "It was nice.

Nationwide, employers are expected to increase hiring of college grads by 13.1 percent compared to last year, according to a survey by the National Association of Colleges and Employers. The organization also found that average starting salaries are rising. Students graduating with business degrees will receive an average starting salary of $39,448, an increase of 3.2 percent over last year.

Liberal arts graduates can expect offers averaging $30,337, a 4.2 percent increase.

"We're seeing more increases overall," said Andrea Koncz, employment information manager at NACE.

With unemployment rates low throughout most of the South, the prospect for graduating students is looking better than it has for the past few years, said Bob Allbrook, chief economist for AmSouth Bank in Birmingham.

"Most states in the South have excellent unemployment numbers and need people," he said.

In Alabama... where the March jobless rate of 4.7 percent was the state's lowest in four years... the strongest growing job fields are those related to technology and in the auto industry, Allbrook said.

Within these industries, many employers look for graduates to fill managerial positions, Allbrook said.

In the business disciplines, the outlook is exceptionally high, Koncz said, with employers showing more interest in hiring college graduates.

Vickie Baughman, human resources manager at AmSouth, noted that pending graduates have applied for positions at the bank earlier than in previous academic years, an indication that they are planning their careers earlier.

"We've hired more undergrads this past year than we did the year before," Baughman said.

Undergraduates and graduate students in education have seen more demand for teachers and education-related jobs this year, said Tammy White, director of career services at the University of West Alabama.

"Just in talking with these employers, I heard a lot of opportunities that they're expecting to hire," White said.

But the outlook is better in some areas of the education field than others, she said, with many counties especially in need of math, science and special education teachers.

Tiffany Moore, a graduating senior at Stillman College, is interested in becoming an English teacher. She hasn't found a position yet, but she has interviews lined up and is optimistic she will get a job in the field. A trend White has seen over the past few years is that students are more willing to relocate further away.

"We've seen students branching out more and going to the northern part of the state or out of state," she said.

Stephen Scholz, a graduating senior in collaborative special education at UWA, will move to a small town, Nashville, Ga., for his first job out of college.

"If you're willing to relocate and move, you have a better chance of getting an offer," he said.

Originally from a small town himself, Livingston Scholz said he looks forward to going to a new location.

"I went over there," Scholz said. "It's a small town out in the country, just like my house."

Of course, not all seniors will enter the work force immediately after graduating. During economic downturns, some students choose to delay the job hunt by getting higher degrees.

Yet, even though the job outlook has improved, graduate school enrollment might not show much of a drop-off, said Patti Harrison, associate dean of the UA Graduates School.

With more careers requiring higher degrees, graduate degrees are becoming promising investments no matter the economy, Harrison said.

"More and more, we see most types of jobs are enhanced with graduate degrees," she said. "So we don't see ups and downs in enrollment as we once did."

That's what one senior biology student at Stillman College, Joshua Lee, was thinking when he applied to the McWhorter School of Pharmacy at Samford University. Interning at CVS Pharmacy, Lee, who was accepted at McWhorter, witnessed the high demand for pharmacists firsthand. He made the decision to apply to pharmacy school as a junior, but knew throughout college he would pursue a higher degree because he didn't think a bachelor's degree in biology would be enough to succeed in the field.

"I knew I probably could have gotten a job," Lee said. "But this way I'm not struggling to do what I wanted."

Once in the working world, some students may find the transition from the more freelance college life to a 9-to-5 job somewhat jarring.

While previous experience in the field always helps, what employers want to see in new graduates is dependability, said Shirley Johnson, coordinator at Shelton State Community Colleges Job Placement Center.

"They want people who really want a job, who really want to work for them," she said.

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VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Expectations run especially high this week, and you should feel confident in your abilities to take advantage of what might be offered. A colleague has some advice you might find helpful.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A recent flurry of activity leaves you in need of a little breathing space, and you’d be wise to take it. Close family members should have an explanation about an emergency situation that just passed.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) An insensitive act makes a difficult situation more so. But try not to waste either your physical or emotional energies on moving on and let others fill the void in the facts of life.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) It’s a good time to look into that training program or college course you’ve been considering. You might have a good place to use those sharpened skills sooner rather than later.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Education dominates much of your aspect during this week. You might want to start checking out those summer session courses that could help advance your career plans.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Progress often comes in fits and starts. But at least you’re moving straight ahead with no backsliding. You should soon be able to pick up the pace and reach your goals in due time.

PILES (February 19 to March 20) Beware of a deal that gives confusing answers to your questions. Remember: It’s always risky swimming in unknown waters, so you need all the help you can get to stay on course.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of bringing people together and creating close friendships wherever you go.

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